

TB In Children Rally in Guagua and Mabalacat Pampanga 2014

The Philippine Ambulatory Pediatric Association, Inc (PAPA, Inc.) - TB In Children Project entitled, "Scaling Up of TB In Children Project In Three Local Government Units of Pampanga As A Model For Enhancing The TB In Children Program of the NTP" in collaboration with the Local Government Units (PHOs, MHOs and RHUs) and National Government Units (DSWD and DepEd) and Innovations and Multisectoral Partnerships to Achieve Control of Tuberculosis (IMPACT) by Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) convened simultaneous rallies in Guagua and Mabalacat Pampanga on March 27, 2014. This activity was part of the celebration of the World TB Day.



The events were fitting in the celebration of World TB Day with its theme, "*Bata, Matanda Sama-Sama. Tuberculosis Tuldukan Na!*"

which were spearheaded by PAPA TB In Children Committee with Mayors Hon. Dante D. Torres of Guagua and Hon. Marino P. Morales of Mabalacat City.



The TB Rally in Guagua was also graced by Ms. Beth Ortiz of MSWD and Dr. Jocelyn Fernando from the local Medical Association, Barangay Chairmen and Kagawad from different barangays. The TB Rally in Mabalacat

was graced by Vice Mayor Christian Halili, CHO Dr. Ma. Clara Aquino, Dr. Jojo Canga and Erma Libao of IMPACT.



The TB rally program aims to increase TB awareness in children thru slogan-making, story-telling, art and drawing contests, parades and film showing. These programs and activities were organized by Dr. Ma. Clara Aquino (Mabalacat CHO), Dr. Ma. Isabel Calilung, (Guagua MHO), Dr. Remedios Noble (Guagua Rural Health Physician) and Dr. Ann Tolentino (Mabalacat Rural Health Physician) with the participation of Barangay Health Workers, Barangay Officials, Day Care staff, parents and students.

Also present from PAPA were Dr. Florianne Valdes (President); Dr. Liza Santos (Vice President), Dr. Rose Buzon (TB Committee Chair); Dr. Amelia Fernandez, Dr. Olga Formoso, Dr. Benjamin P. Sablan, Jr, Ms. Myrah Joan Lelis, Ms. Geraldine Tolentino and Mr. Norman Marquez.

