TM STRATEGY IMPLEMENTATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

WHO Philippines Country Office
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OUTLINE OF PRESENTATION

1. Philippine Situation Based on Strategic Objectives of the WHO TM Strategy 2014-2023
2. Country Office Support
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 1: BUILDING KNOWLEDGE BASE AND POLICIES FOR T&CM

Traditional and Alternative Medicine Act (TAMA, 1997)

- Lead in the research and development, promotion and advocacy, and development of standards on traditional and complementary medicine (T&CM); and ensure its accessibility, availability, sustainability and integration into the national health care system.
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PITAHC

- Provides funds, consultative and technical assistance to institutions/other agencies on matter pertaining to TAHC research and development

Major Outputs in R&D

- Technology Development
  - Discovery of herbal medicines indicated for/as diuretic, bronchial asthma and cough; anti-gout; and antispasmodic agent
  - Included in national essential medicines list
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PITAHC’s Major Outputs in R&D

- Established 3 herbal processing plants/centers
  - Productions and Marketing of herbal medicines and soaps;
  - Bio-assay and clinical trials on herbal products;
  - Rehabilitation and maintenance of the herbal plantation and in the production of raw materials;
  - Promotion of Traditional and Complementary Medicine
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PITAHC’s Major Outputs in R&D

❖ Development of 1st Herbal Pharmacopeia and have released encyclopedia of Philippine Medicinal Plant
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: STRENGTHENING REGULATIONS OF T&CM PRODUCTS, PRACTICES AND PRACTITIONERS

Food and Drug Administration Act (FDA, 2009)

- Regulates herbal medicines and traditionally-used herbal products
- ASEAN Agreement on Regulatory Framework for Traditional Medicines and Health Supplements
  - Healthcare integration
  - Harmonization and Mutual Recognition Arrangements
  - Elimination of technical barriers to trade without compromising public health and safety
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 2: STRENGTHENING REGULATIONS OF T&CM PRODUCTS, PRACTICES AND PRACTITIONERS

T&CM Modalities Certified and Accredited by PITAHC

- Acupuncture
- Tuina/ Tu-wi-na
- Naturopathy
- Chiropractic
- Homeopathy/ Homotoxicology
- Hilot
- Osteopathy
- Traditional Chinese Medicine
- Ayurveda
- Anthroposophic Medicine
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T&CM Modalities Certified and Accredited by PITAHC

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- Established certification and accreditation procedures
- Accredited clinics, training centers and practitioners are posted at PITAHC’s website
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- Trainings
  - Basic and Advance Acupuncture trainings in DOH – Retained Hospitals and LGU facilities
  - Integration of T&CM services in DOH-retained Hospitals
  - Preparations of herbal medicines in municipalities and barangays

- T&CM promotion and advocacies
  - Congresses: Annual TAHC celebration, Hospital, Regional Hilot
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3: INTEGRATING T&CM SERVICES INTO PHC AND UHC

Health Sector Strategy for 2023-2028

Philippine Medicines Policy 2022-2030
COUNTRY OFFICE SUPPORT

- Technical support and policy recommendation
- Regulatory and health systems strengthening
- Capacity building
- Facilitation of country cooperation and inter-regional sharing of information and best practices
Thank you.