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The Philippines reaffirms its commitment to the Global Road Map to Defeat Meningitis by 2030 through strategic leadership, advocacy, research, and capacity-building initiatives. We have integrated meningitis prevention and management into our national practice guidelines, and enhanced surveillance through the Epidemic - Prone Disease Case Surveillance System.

The Philippines is committed to adopting evidence-based best practices by continuously reviewing policies and clinical pathways for meningitis management and welcomes opportunities to strengthen laboratory capacity for rapid diagnostics, as well as shorten turnaround times for confirmatory testing.

To support equitable care, discussions can focus on expanding access to WHO-prequalified vaccines in underserved areas, through pooled procurement or subsidies. The Philippines recognizes the significance of public awareness and is open for regionally coordinated campaigns or school-based initiatives promoting meningitis prevention and care.

Through integrated, people-centered approaches, the Philippines commits to eliminating meningitis by 2030 and safeguarding the health and well-being of every Filipino.