

## MHO holds health summit

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The Braulio E. Dujali Municipal Health Office (MHO) held a Municipal Health Summit at Allesa Inland Resort, Tanglaw, Braulio E. Dujali, Davao del Norte on September 23, 2011.

*“Objectives of the health summit were to enhance and improve accessibility of health and nutrition services in the Municipality of Braulio E. Dujali. It was an avenue for the health workers to experience the spirit of oneness, unity and strengthened camaraderie through outdoor games and group activities. Mentally and physically fit means effective delivery of health services”,* Said Dr. Cherry T. Demaala, Municipal Health Officer.



The activity was attended in by Botica Ng Barangay (BNB) Operators, Barangay Nutrition Scholars (BNS), Barangay Health Workers (BHW), Barangay Sanitary Inspectors and all municipal health providers of the municipality.



Highlight of the activity were the lecture on Davao del Norte MNCHN Strategy on Aquino Health Agenda and Universal Health Care Concept, given Ms. Gloria Oclarit, Provincial Head Nurse Supervisor, and the performance accomplishment report of the health providers.

Aquino Health Agenda – Achieving Universal Health Care (UHC) for all Filipinos. Over all Goals – Better health outcome, sustained health financing and more responsive health system. General Objective – To improve, streamline and scale up reform strategies in HSRA and F1 to address inequities in health outcomes by ensuring that all Filipinos (especially those belonging to the lowest income quintiles) have equitable access to quality health care.

The Maternal, Newborn and Child Health and Nutrition (MNCHN) Strategy is all about:

Stage	Pre-pregnancy	Pregnancy	Delivery, postpartum & newborn	Child
Services	Family planning	Pre-natal, maternal nutrition	Safe delivery, postpartum care, newborn care	Child nutrition and health care
Health and socio-economic outcomes	Reduced unplanned & high risk pregnancies; achievement of couple's desired fertility; reduced population growth; socio-economic development	Maternal nutrition & care affecting delivery outcomes; future health of children	Reduced maternal mortality; neonatal mortality	Child nutrition and health affecting survival & future health and socio-economic outcomes

The bottom-line objectives of MNCHN are as following:

1. Appropriate pre-natal care and complete nutrition care program for the pregnant mother and the fetus.
2. Health program intervention on safe delivery ability of SBA and safe birthing facility.
3. Health program interventions on postpartum care and newborn care, and
4. Reduced maternal mortality and reduced infant mortality.

Ms. Oclarit was proud to congratulate Hon. Lolita A. Moral, Municipal Mayor and Dr. Cherry T. Demaala, Municipal Health Officer who obtained the Zero Maternal Death for two (2) consecutive years and rank Top 1 DOTS Performing Facility (Highest TB Cure Rate)