



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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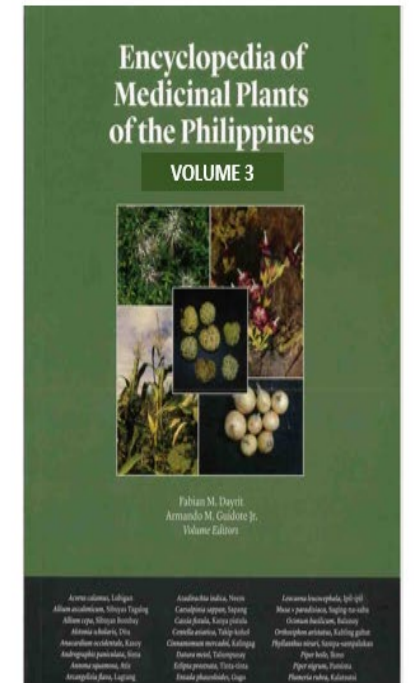
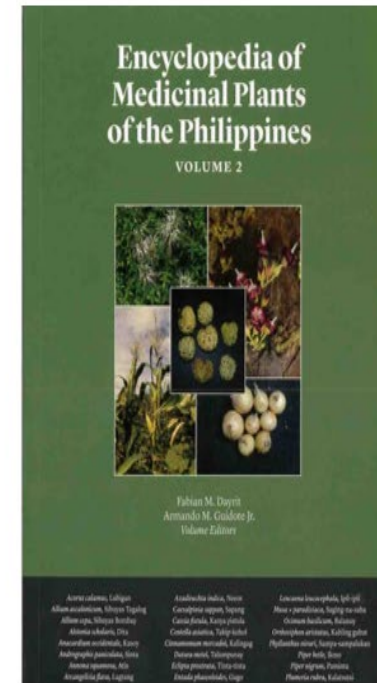
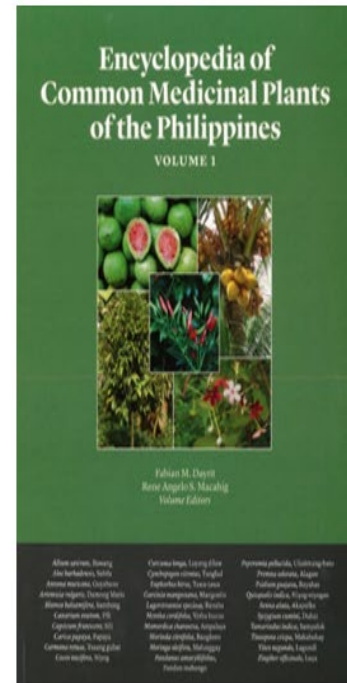
PITAHC's Major Outputs in R&D

- ❖ 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

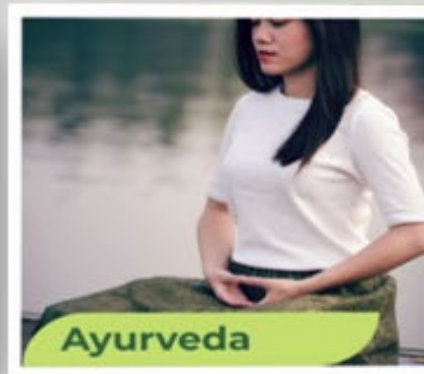
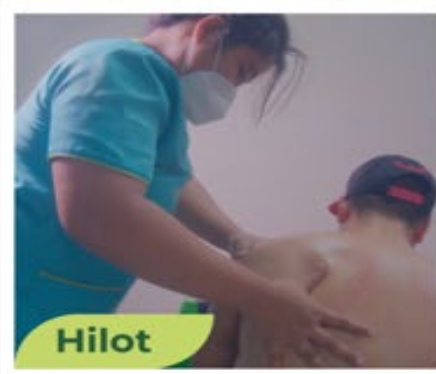
Food and Drug Administration Act (FDA,2009)



- ❖ 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

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T&CM Modalities Certified and Accredited by PITAHC



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Units	Types	Numbers Certified/ Accredited (August 2022)
Practitioners	Acupuncturist	1,158
	Naturopaths	219
	Chiropractor	82
	Homotoxicologists/Homeopathy	39
	Hilot	24
	Traditional Chinese Medicine	12
	Osteopaths	2
	Tuina Massage	3
	TOTAL	1,539
Training Institutions	Acupuncture, Homeopathy & Naturopathy	20
Facilities/Clinics	-do-	65
Organizations	-do-	9



- 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

14th TAHC CONGRESS
Traditional and Alternative Health Care

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2022

THEME:
"Integration of Traditional and Complementary Medicine to the National Health Care Systems for the attainment of Universal Health-Care"

10 Continuing Education Units will be Applied

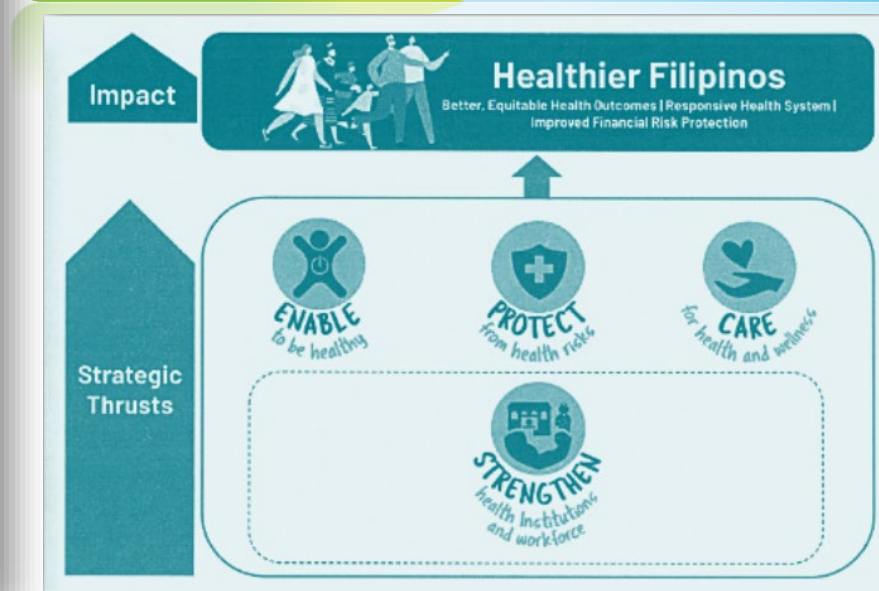
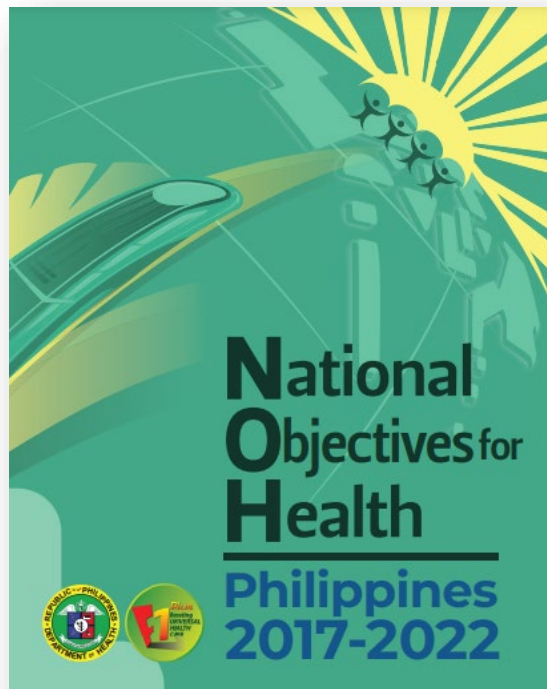
Registration Link for TAHC Practitioners
<https://bit.ly/3SRkRW3>

AVAIL THE EARLY REGISTRATION FEE until NOVEMBER 4, 2022	
REGULAR Registration Fee	EARLY Registration Fee
Online : 3,000 for 2 days	Online : 2,500 for 2 days (limited date only)
Onsite : 4,000 for 2 days	Onsite : 3,500 for 2 days

Registration Link for DOH Staff & DOH Retained Hospitals
<https://bit.ly/3MoGKc8>

<https://pitahc.gov.ph/> <https://www.facebook.com/pitahcofficial> (02) 8282 5193 - 94

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE 3 : INTEGRATING T&CM SERVICES INTO PHC AND UHC



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Assurance of Safety, Efficacy, and Quality	Collaboration on Availability and Affordability	Commitment to the Rational Use of Medicines	Effective Networking, Partnerships, and Good Governance	Sustainable Financing for Medicines	Strengthening Health Systems

Philippine Medicines Policy 2022-2030

Health Sector Strategy for 2023-2028

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.