

# IAC CRVS REPORT: SUBNATIONAL INITIATIVES OF THE REGIONAL STATISTICAL SERVICES OFFICE CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION FOCUSING ON THE SEVEN ACTION AREAS OF THE REGIONAL ACTION FRAMEWORK ON CRVS

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#### **Report Limitations**

- Only presents the initiatives and/or activities done by the PSA-RSSO CAR and the Subnational Inter-agency Committee on CRVS of the Cordillera Administrative Region.
- Does not claim comprehensive and exhaustive coverage of activities, events and accomplishments that may have been done within the scope of the CRVS Decade by other offices in the Cordilleras.

#### The CRVS Decade

- Part of the outcome of the Ministerial Conference on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, which was held in Bangkok in November 2014
- To realize the shared vision that, by 2024, all people in the Asia and the Pacific will benefit from universal and responsive civil registration and vital statistics systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development (United Nations, 2015).

Decade, 2015 - 2024

# PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION NO. 1106 Declares 2015-2024 as CRVS DECADE "MAKIISA... MAKISALI SA DEKADANG CRVS." SUPPORT CRVS Decade Programs and Activities Spearheaded by: PRILIPPINE STATISTICS AUTHORITY

#### Philippine Commitment to the CRVS Decade

- Among the first countries to formalize its commitment to this declaration through Presidential Proclamation 1106.
- The proclamation enjoins "all agencies and instrumentalities of the National Government and local government units, including government-owned or -controlled corporations, in consultation with the private sector, development partners and the citizenry" to actively support all activities and programs relevant to "Get Every Pinoy and Pinay in the Picture"



#### The National Interagency Committee on CRVS

- Established through PSA Board Memorandum Order No. 01 s. 2015 in March 2015.
- One of its functions is to recommend to "the Board the targets for the CRVS goals aligned with the eight outcomes of the Regional Strategic Plan for the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific"

#### The Sub-national Interagency Committee on CRVS

- Established with the issuance of PSA Office Memorandum 2020 11.
- Main function is to "evaluate and identify the remaining key gaps and issues and what plans are in place and are still needed to improve the CRVS at the local level to achieve the national targets of the [Regional Action Framework]"
- Proposed composition of the members is the same as but not limited to those in the national level.

#### The Cordillera Sub-national Interagency Committee on CRVS

- Preliminary convening in August 2019.
- Formally convened as a Sub-committee of the Regional Statistics Committee – CAR on 21 November 2019.







# ABRA SAUNCE ROUBITAN PROVINCE FUGAO BENGUET

#### The Cordillera Sub-national Interagency Committee on CRVS

 Main intent is to serve as a venue for CRVS concerns at the local level, for elevation to the national IACCRVS whenever necessary.

 Prompted by observation that procedures in obtaining Civil Registry documents and registering Vital Events are impacting other agencies' mandates, primarily due to the requirements for Civil

Registry documents in their se



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#### The Cordillera Sub-national Interagency Committee on CRVS

 Formally convened as a fully separate committee on 20 February 2020

 Approved Resolution No. 1 s. 2020, constituting the Sub-national Interagency Committee on CRVS for the Cordillera Administrative Region

and its function





#### The Regional Action Framework (RAF) on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

Aims to accelerate efforts of Governments and development partners to realize the vision that:

"By 2024, all people in Asia and the Pacific benefit from universal and responsive CRVS systems that facilitate the realization of their rights and support good governance, health and development"











The Regional Action Framework (RAF) on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

 Developed through a consultative process under the leadership of the Regional Steering Group on CRVS



Left photo: Ms. Bersales joins UNESCAP Executive Secretary Ms. Shamshad Akhtar (right) and Mr. Anisuzzaman (Anis) Chowdhury (left), Director of Statistics Division of UNESCAP during the Opening Session of the Senior Officials Segment. (Right photo): Ms. Bersales addresses some challenges faced by the Philippines in generating quality vital statistics and the role of national statistical system in promoting statistical use for governance during the Panel Discussion on "Leave no data behind: CRVS and the data revolution".

#### The Regional Action Framework (RAF) on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific

- Aims to facilitates collaborative action at local, provincial, national and international levels by enabling multiple stakeholders to align and prioritize their efforts, as well as to monitor progress towards achieving shared results, and
- offer a practical means for implementing the Regional Strategic Plan for the Improvement of Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific.

#### The Regional Action Framework

#### **Main Components**

- 3 Goals
- 15 targets set individually by countries
- 6 key principles
- 7 action areas
- 8 Implementation Steps



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#### The Regional Action Framework

#### Goals



Universal civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events;



All individuals are provided with legal documentation of civil registration of births, deaths and other vital events, as necessary, to claim identity, civil status and ensuing rights



Accurate, complete and timely vital statistics (including causes of death) are produced based on registration records and are disseminated

#### The Regional Action Framework

#### The Seven Action Areas

- Political Commitment
- Public engagement, participation and generating demand
- Coordination
- Policies, legislation and implementation of regulations
- Infrastructure and resources
- Operational procedures, practices and innovations
- Production, dissemination and use of vital statistics

#### **Political Commitment**

 All levels of government are engaged in the process of establishing political commitment to the CRVS Decade



#### **Political Commitment**

 Issuance of Memorandum 2019 – 06, requiring the provincial heads to attend the Inter-agency preliminary meeting in August 2019.



Ref. No. 19CAR00-989

#### OFFICE MEMORANDUM 2019 - 06

To: SOCD Chief, Chief Statistical Specialists, and concerned CRASD staff

Subject: Accords Satisfa reporting Child Resistation and Vital Statistics (CRVC) Dece

Date: 06 August 201

In consonance with Presidential Proclamation No. 1106 declaring the years 2015-2024 as CRVS Decade signed on August 20, 2015, you are hereby required to attend the preliminary inter-agency conference on this matter that will be held on 13 August 2019 at the Regional Office Conference Room from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

The meeting aims to set the possible activities, inter-agency coordination, focal persons and roles of partner agencies and stakeholders regarding Civil Registration and Vital Statistics, among others.

For your guidance and compliance.

VILLAFE P. ALYBUYOO Regional Director

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#### **Political Commitment**

 Issuance of Memorandum 2020-05, enjoining all concerned officials to sustain the CRVS Decade Celebration and adopt the UNESCAP Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific



#### REGIONAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM 2020 - 0

TO: CSS, CRASD Chief, OlCs and all CAR Personnel

SUBJECT: Sustaining the CRVS Decade Celebration and Adoption of the

UNESCAP Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital

Statistics in Asia and the Pacific

DATE: 24 September 2020

In consonance with the intent of Office Memorandum 2020 – 11, all Chiefs of Offices and PSA - CAR employees are enjoined to sustain initiatives and/or support of activities related to the CRVS Decade celebration as per Presidential Proclamation No. 1106

In addition, all concerned are directed to be oriented and guided in their activities by the Seven Action Areas stated in Section III of UNESCAP's Regional Action Framework on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics in Asia and the Pacific, wherein the Philippines is a member country.

For compliance.

VILLAFE P. ALIBUYOG Regional Director

Attached: OM 2020 - 11 UNESCAP RAF on CRVS in Asia and the Pacific











#### Public Engagement, Participation and Generating Demand

• involves enhancing public awareness of the importance of declaring vital events and the value of vital statistics.



# Public Engagement, Participation and Generating Demand

• Informed the participants of the DOH-CAR Regional Implementation and Coordination Team about the importance of the CRVS in the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 3 (Good Health and Well Being).



#### Public Engagement, Participation and Generating Demand

 Weekly radio program "Usapang PSA", directly engaging the public on Civil Registration matters and procedures since 2016 up to the

present.



#### Public Engagement, Participation and Generating Demand

• Familiarity on Civil Registry documents by IACCRVS members generate data requests on vital statistics.



#### TEEN PREGNANCY DATA THRU REGISTERED BIRTHS IN CORDILLERA BY AGE AND PLACE OF REGISTRATION: 2019

MOTHER'S AGE	ABRA	APAYAO	BENGUET	<b>IFUGAO</b>	KALINGA	MT. PROVINCE	<b>Grand Total</b>
11	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
12	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
13	1	0	1	2	0	<i>-</i> 1	5
14	2	0	18	2	6	1	29
15	9	11	52	9	18	12	111
16	12	33	183	19	30	36	313
17	45	78	297	47	54	95	616
18	70	87	429	82	109	95	872
19	94	96	575	90	115	177	1147
Grand Total	233	307	1555	251	332	417	3095

Source: 2015-2019 Public Use File on Births, Vital Statistics Divison, PSA

#### **Coordination**

- To be universal and responsive, effective coordination is necessary since there are so many institutions involved in and benefiting from CRVS.
- It must take place among all relevant responsible stakeholders at all levels of government, among development partners and between Governments and development partners

#### Coordination

 The Cordillera IACCRVS invited other stakeholders outside of those named in the National IACCRVS were invited, such as the President of the Cordillera Federation of Civil Registrars (CFCR), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)



From left to right: Mr. Pio D. Ecuan (DepEd), Ms. Sheryl Marie A. Belagan (NCIP), Mr. William Apioten (CFCR), Ms. Ma. Emelie Daquipil (NEDA), and the author (with mic)

#### Coordination

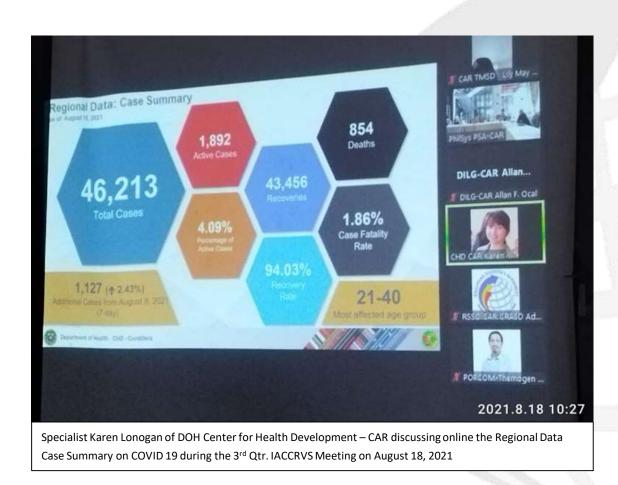
 Meetings are sustained. The Cordillera IACCRVS, since its initiation in 2019, were able to consistently meet quarterly, except for the second quarter of 2020 with the imposition of Modified Enhanced Community Quarantine due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

#### Cordillera IACCRVS Meetings, 2019-2021

	Date	Venue	Mode of Conduct
1.	18 August 2021	Fortune Restaurant, Baguio City	
2.	26 May 2021	Prince Plaza Hotel, Baguio City	
3.	11 February 2021	Prince Plaza Hotel, Baguio City	Online & Personal
4.	11 November	Prince Plaza Hotel, Baguio City	attendance
	2020		
5.	29 September	RSSO CAR Conference Hall	
	2020		
6.	20 February 2020	NEDA-RDC Hall, Baguio City	Personal attendance
7.	21 November	NEDA-RDC Hall, Baguio City	Personal attendance
	2019		
8.	13 August 2019	RSSO CAR Conference Room	Personal attendance

#### Coordination

- Effort to make the agenda relevant.
- DOH CAR's situational report on the status of COVID19 in Cordillera and its provinces became a regular part of the IACCRVS agenda.
- Also for the Philippine National ID System, with PSA-RSSO CAR's regional PhilSys Team delivering a status report on Step 1 and Step 2 registration every meeting.



#### Policies, legislation and implementation of regulations

- This action area mainly requires the review and evaluation of relevant legislation, regulations and policies to make sure that the system is sound, functioning, and compliant to new legislations that affects CRVS implementation.
- It also states the concern about maintaining personal data confidentiality in the process of data sharing.

#### Policies, legislation and implementation of regulations

• In CAR, the provisions of the Data Privacy Act and its IRR was disseminated to the regional office staff, Unisys Associates, and LCRs and DOH personnel of Apayao in various dates starting 2019

List of Information Dissemination on R.A. 10173: 2019-2020

	Date	Venue	Participants
1.	11 November	Prince Plaza Hotel, Baguio City	Cordillera IACCRVS
	2020		members
2.	19 August 2019	Luna Municipal Conference	Apayao LCRO staff, DOH
		Hall	personnel
3.	12 July 2019	RSSO CAR Conference Room	Unisys Associates
4.	07, February	RSSO CAR Conference Room	Office Staff
	2019		

# Policies, legislation and implementation of regulations

• Included in the agenda of the 4th Quarter Meeting of the Cordillera IACCRVS, where the important points of the law and its IRR was presented and discussed.



#### Policies, legislation and implementation of regulations

- Provision of Subnational Resolutions for National IACCRVS consideration.
  - 1. Forwarding to the National Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (IACCRVS) The Concern on the Lack of Awareness of Filipinos Abroad in the Reporting of Vital Events with the Concerned Philippine Foreign Service Post (PSFP)
  - 2. Forwarding to the National Inter-Agency Committee on Civil Registration and Vital Statistics (IACCRVS) the issue on the seeming inconsistency of data generated from the Field Health Services Information System (FHSIS) of the Department of Health (DOH) with the official data from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) [concerning Birth and Death Events]

#### Infrastructure and Resources

- Manpower resource capacity building.
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#### List of Trainings conducted by the RSSO CAR regarding CRVS: 2019-2021

	Date	Training	Venue	Participants
1.	22-23 June 2021	Refresher Course on A.O. 1 s. 2007 and Marriage Laws	Online	PSA Region and Province Staff
2.	27 February 2021	CRVS 101 For Unisys Associates	Baguio City CRS Outlet	CRS Unisys Associates
3.	19-21 October 2020	Virtual Training on CRVS 101 for Provincial and Regional DeCAP Processors	Online	Region and Province DeCAP Processors and selected staff
4.	21 September 2020	Refresher Information Cascade on MC 2019-15 & 16	RSSO CAR Conference Room	Regional Office Staff
5.	29-30 January 2020	AnaCoNDA v. 4.1.0 Training- Cascade	Prince Hotel, Baguio City	Selected Region and Province Personnel
6.	22 July 2019	Guidelines on the Issuance of CR Documents/Certifications including Authentication	RSSO CAR Conference Room	Regional Office Staff
7.	12 July 2019	Training on Procedural Updates on DVSS and CRASM, Administrative, and RA 10173	RSSO CAR Conference Room	Selected Region and Province Personnel
8.	13 June 2019	1	Church of Resurrection	Anglican S.O.s
9.	08 March 2019	Solemnizing Officers (S.O.)  Training on CRASM, Marriage	Saved by Grace in the Love of Christ Ministry	Sect S.O.s and personnel
10.	28 February 2019	Laws, and Filling up of Marriage Forms	Sanctuary of Zion Church	Sect S.O.s and personnel
11.	26 February 2019		UCCP Church	Protestant S.O.s and personnel

Date

#### Infrastructure and Resources

- Manpower resource capacity building.
  - 2. Through the initiatives of the provincial offices, RSSO staff and these authors serve as resource persons for trainings conducted at the provincial level.

List of Trainings coordinated/conducted by Provincial Offices regarding CRVS, with RSSO CAR Personnel assisting as Resource Persons: 2019-2021

**Participants** 

**Training** 

	Date	Hallillig	veriue	Participants
1.	09 July 2021	Solemnizing Officers (S.O.) Training on CRASM,	Juniper Bldg., Baguio City	Sect S.O.s and
2.	27 May 2021	Marriage Laws, and Filling up of Marriage Forms	Life in Jesus Ministry Assembly of God	personnel
3.	21 – 22 April 2021	Provincial Level Training on the Simulated Birth Registration Act	Prince Hotel, Baguio City	Benguet LCRO and OCSWDO & MSWDO staff
4.	02 March 2020		Liberty Bible Baptist Church	
5.	25 February 2020		Brentwood Village, Baguio City	
6.	03 February 2020		Jesus the Good Shepherd Church Global Ministries	
7.	27 January 2020	Solemnizing Officers (S.O.)  Training on CRASM,	Bethel Mission Center Church	Sect S.O.s and
8.	24 January 2020	Marriage Laws, and Filling up of Marriage Forms	Altogether in Christ Mission Church	personnel
9.	18 November 2019		Association of Irisan Ministries	
10.	08 November 2019		Quezon Hill Group of Pastors	
11.	08 October 2019		Federation of Buguias Religious Sector	

# Operational Procedures, Practices and Innovations

• At the local level, implementation of guidelines and procedures emanating from the Office of the NSCRG as applicable. This necessitates information cascades on important guidelines concerning CRVS.



## Operational Procedures, Practices and Innovations

 Spurred on by the AnaCoNDA data, RSSO-CAR, in coordination with DOH-CAR, conducted training-seminars on the proper filling up of Certificates of Live Birth and Deaths were conducted for Municipal Health Officers and other DOH personnel at the provinces.



The author discussing the historical evolution of the Cause of Death to Ifugao MHOs, Provincial DOH & Hospital administrative staff during the Training-Seminar on Proper Filling Up of Certificates of Live Birth and Deaths at Banaue, Ifugao on April 18-19, 2018

# Operational Procedures, Practices and Innovations

• With the aim of reducing percentage of unusable codes due to inaccurate underlying cause of death, the training-seminars on the proper filling up of Certificates of Live Birth and Deaths were done in five provinces from February to April 2018

Conduct of Training-Seminars on the Proper Filling Up of Certificates of Live Birth and Deaths for MHO and Medical Personnel, by Province: 2018

	Date	Venue	Participants	
1.	18-19 April 2018	Banaue, Ifugao	Ifugao MHOs, Provincial DOH &	
			Hospital administrative staff	
2.	11-12 April 2018	Tabuk, Kalinga	Tabuk MHOs, Provincial DOH &	
			Hospital administrative staff	
3.	14-15 March 2018	Bontoc, Mt.	Mt. Province MHOs, Provincial DOH	
		Province	& Hospital administrative staff	
4.	7-8 March 2018	Luna, Apayao	Apayao MHOs, Provincial DOH &	
			Hospital administrative staff	
5.	8-9 February 2018	La Trinidad, Benguet	Benguet MHOs, Provincial DOH &	
		1	Hospital administrative staff	

## Production, Dissemination and Use of Vital Statistics

- Advantage of lower level disaggregation of vital statistics from administrative data
- Data request by POPCOMDEV down to Municipality Level.

Teen Pregnancy Data thru Registered Births in Cordillera by Age-group and Place of Registration (Municipality): 2019

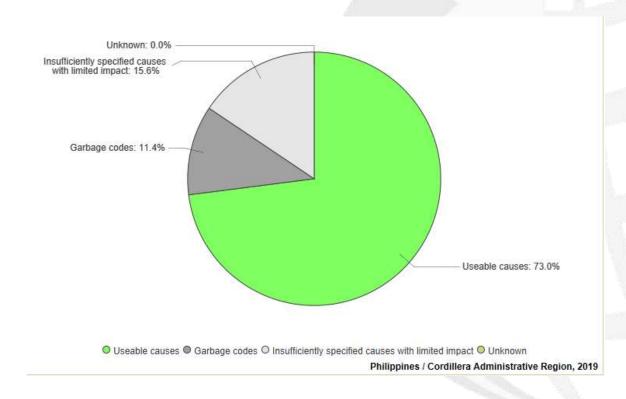
PROVINCE	MUNICIPALITY	10 to 14	15 to 1
ABRA	Bangued (Capital)	3	218
ABRA	Bucey	0	2
ABRA	Lagayan	0	2
ABRA	Manabo	0	2
ABRA	Dolores	0	1
ABRA	Lagangillang	0	1
ABRA	Lube	0	1
ABRA	Pilar	0	1
ABRA	Tuba	0	1
ABRA	Villaviciosa	0	1
APAYAO	Luna	2	228
APAYAO	Conner	O.	43
APAYAD	Santa Marcela	0	11
APAYAO	Calanasan (Bayag)	0	7
APAYAO	Flora	0	6
APAYAO	Pudtol	0	6
APAYAO	Kabugao (Capital)	0	4
BENGUET	City of Baguio	13	1023
BENGUET	La Trinidad (Capital)	6	384
BENGUET	Buguias	0	46
BENGUET	Atok	0	25
BENGUET	Bokod	0	21
BENGUET	Kapangan	0	14
BENGUET	Mankayan	0	10
BENGUET	Itagon	0	4
BENGUET	Bakun	0	3
BENGUET	Kibungan	0	2
BENGUET	Sablan	0	2
BENGUET	Tube	0	2
IFUGAD	Alfonso Lista (Potia)	3	59
IFUGAO	Aguineldo	1	11
IFUGAO	Lamut	0	119
IFUGAO	Banaue	0	8
IFUGAO	Mayoyao	0	8
IFUGAO	Aspulo	0	7
IFUGAO	Kiangan	0	6
IFUGAO	Hungduan	0	4
IFUGAO	Lagawe (Capital)	0	2
IFUGAO	Hingyon	0	- 1
KALINGA	City of Tabuk (Capital)	6	292
KALINGA	Rizat (Liwan)	0	20
KALINGA	Balbalan	0	6
KALINGA	Lubuagan	0	3
KALINGA	Pinukpuk	0	3
KALINGA	Pasil	0	1
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Source: 2019 Births Public Use File, Vital Statistics Division, Philippine Statistics Authority

## Production, Dissemination and Use of Vital Statistics

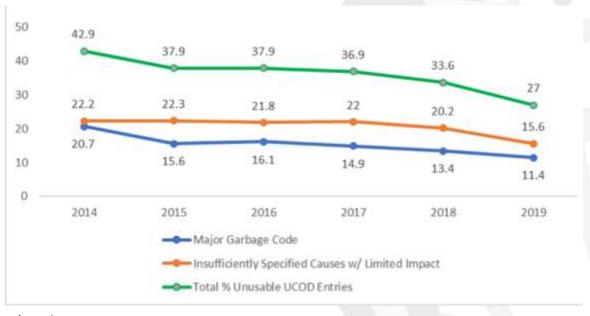
- The importance of the Public Use Files on Vital Statistics (Births, Marriage and Deaths)
- 2019 Analysis of Causes of National Death for Action (AnaCoNDA) output for CAR

#### Distribution of Deaths Usability of Underlying Cause of Death: 2019



# Production, Dissemination and Use of Vital Statistics

 Trend of Unusable ICD Codes as Underlying Cause of Death in CAR Percent of Unusable ICD Codes Used as Underlying Cause of Death in CAR: 2014 – 2019\*



<sup>\*</sup>Preliminary

#### Conclusion and Ways Forward

#### **Conclusion**

- With the appropriate drive and dedication, the Subnational IACCRVS can significantly contribute to the nation's commitment to the CRVS Decade.
- Equally important, it is hoped by the RSSO CAR that the Cordillera IACCRVS has provided valuable contribution to the region and the community through its member stakeholders
- As shown by the 2019 AnaCoNDA data, the authors hope to have presented the value of the RSSO CAR's activities in terms of effecting improvement of CRVS in the region through provision of relevant data to concerned agencies, and assisting in the appropriate interventions.

#### Conclusion and Ways Forward

#### **Ways Forward**

- With the current health situation, the responsiveness of the country's CRVS system is, now more than ever, of great consequence. The authors envision the Cordillera IACCRVS to continue its role of providing relevant information to its member-stakeholders for appropriate action independently when it is within their mandates, and collectively and cooperatively when collaboration is needed.
- More agenda inputs from the member-stakeholders will also be incorporated in the committee.
- Agency-wise, the details of the 2019 AnaCoNDA provincial results will be shared with the DOH-CAR Management, in the hopes that another round of collaborative effort will result in further improvement of Certificate of Death data, particularly with the current epidemic.

### A great day to everybody!



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