

PHILIPPINE SOCIETY FOR RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD, INC INTRODUCTORY BRIEF

The Philippine Society for Responsible Parenthood, Inc. (PSRP), was incorporated in January 2013 by the principals of the *Family Planning Consortium (FPC)* core group---the UP-Philippine General Hospital (Ortoll Primary Reproductive Health Care Center), Dr. Jose Fabella Memorial Hospital, Likhaan Center for Women's Health, Cooperative Movement for Encouraging No Scalpel Vasectomy (CMEN), and FriendlyCare Foundation, Inc. It is a national professional organization that aims primarily to establish and maintain the standards of training and service provision of modern family planning methods.

As backgrounder, the *Family Planning Consortium (FPC)* was formed in August 2010, an aggrupation of leading FP advocates, centers of excellence and reproductive health and family planning service providers in the Country (the same Core Group mentioned in the foregoing). It aimed to catalyze, harmonize and mobilize public and private sector efforts to push family planning to the forefront and contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals 5 and 1 to improve maternal health and eventually eradicate poverty. This was when advocates were still struggling to push for the RH Law to be passed. The FPC was engaged by the UNFPA as implementing partner with the following objective:

- ◆ To establish a well-coordinated mechanism in advocating to the government the importance of FP and RH Commodity security in achieving the MDGs as well as in formulating responsive strategies to expanding FP service delivery networks in the country
- To create a regular forum among national experts (institutions and individuals) and FP service providers to review current national standards for FP (including techniques) to align with internationally accepted standards.

The FPC worked closely with the UNFPA from 2011 to 2015 implementing RH and Humanitarian Response Projects, most significant of which, to name a few, were the conduct of operational research on the adaptability of Implants in Philippine setting with aim of having the method included in the Philippine National Formulary; training of health service providers on implant insertion and distribution of the implant rods for mass access to the method; training providers on Long acting and permanent FP methods; humanitarian response to the aftermath of Typhoon Yolanda—conducting RH missions, training on MISP, affording FP services and information, operationalization of 'hospitainer' in Palo, Leyte—a container van configured facility for CEMONC—that handled close to a hundred emergency caesarian section deliveries when the tertiary facilities were incapacitated in the wrath of Yolanda.

In order to transition the FPC into a going concern, PSRP was formally incorporated on January 2013 as non-stock, not for profit organization, formalizing the FPC structure. PSRP became full-pledged implementing partner of the UNFPA in 2017 after passing micro-assessment by third party consulting firm. When the Supreme Court issued the TRO on the public sector to procure,

promote, distribute and administer Implanon/Implanon NXT in 2015, PSRP picked up the slack left by the government sector by training and mobilizing private sector midwives and CSOs in affording service delivery of implants. Up to the end of 2017, only PSRP was the recognized trainer and certifier of health service providers on PSI for accreditation by both the DOH and Philhealth.

The following table summarizes the programme implementation of FPC/PSRP for the last ten years:

ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION	AS FPC (2011 - 2014)	AS PSRP (2015 - 2022)
Knowledge Base	OR on the suitability of Implants to Philippine Setting (2011-2012) Development and publication of Clinical Practice Guidelines on FP Updates on Training Manuals on LAPM—BTL-MLLA, NSV, IUD, PSI	OR on use of Lot Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) to establish/validate baseline CPR (2016-2018)
Capacity Building	4331 health service providers trained on BTL-MLLA, IUD, NSV, PSI insertion	42 Trainors on PSI Trained 566 Health Service Providers trained on PSI Strengthening and operationalization of CEMONC/Blood Bank in R12 (Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, North Cotabato
Service Delivery	No. of BTL Acceptors 7,933 No of IUD Acceptors 1,719 No. of PSI Acceptors 139,082 (through partner hospitals, LGUs, etc)	246,224 PSI acceptors (2015-2017) Fielding of Bike Patrol Teams to reach out to underserved GIDA and urban poor dwellers for information, counseling and FP services in Region 4A provinces of Rizal and Laguna (5 LGUs each). Initially provided 10 e-bikes; other LGUs interested to field own Bike Patrol teams were also supported with provision of one unit each to 10 expansion areas in Rizal and Laguna.
Humanitarian Response	Emergency Response/Recovery Typhoon Yolanda in Eastern Samar & Leyte—RH Missions, MISP Training, Hospitainer manning and operationalization, etc Emergency Response Typhoon Hagibis/Typhoon Ruby	

TA for Policy	Stage-setting for JMC on	Hospitals in Iloilo and 1 CHO in Bacolod City) – 3936 WRAs seen/1707 babies delivered via SVD. HELP-NOW.Info tracking (Health Emergency Locator [System] Platform Now developed RHFP Call Center referral system for Taal Emergency Response Costed Implementation Plan
Development	Minimum Initial Service Package in Emergency Disaster Situations	on FP Bottleneck Analysis on FP for Fisherfolks and Farm Workers
System Improvement		Operational Research on Barcode Track & Trace System for FP Commodities (2015-2022) – Supply chain tracker and accounting of end user consumption facilitated through use of android cell phones
Demand Generation/RHFP Information		Demand Generation among NHTS Poor using FDS-FP both in GIDA and Urban Poor Areas Develop Tri-Partite Guidelies (DOH-DSWD-POPCOM) on the Conduct of FDS-FP (2017) RH-CARE.Info Website and Social Media Platform for integrated RHFPMNCHN/GBV/HIV Info and Service Delivery referral center (15M unique individuals reached from 2020 to 2022) SRH WATCH online platform to track maternal mortality and output of high impact FP-CIP activities in select priority areas—Albay,Catanduanes and E. Samar (2022)

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