

AURA C. CORPUZ, MD, MPH, PHSAE

13 Ronaldo Isidro Street,
Marietta-Romeo Village,
Sta. Lucia, Pasig City, Philippines
Tel: Res. (+63-02) 9154410, Cell (+960) 7676489: Maldives
Email: aura_corpuz@yahoo.com



EDUCATION

Fellowship on Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP), Philippines, 2000-2002, National Epidemiology Center, Department of Health

Master of Public Health (MPH), 1997-1998, **University of the Philippines**, Manila, Philippines.

Recipient of Certificate of Merit as College Scholar

Doctor of Medicine, 1985-1990, **Manila Central University-Filemon D. Tanchoco Medical Foundation**, Kalookan City, Philippines.

Bachelor of Science Major in Zoology, 1981-1985, **University of Santo Tomas**, Espana, Manila, Philippines.

Dean's List (1981-1982)

Secondary, 1977-1981, **Rizal High School**, Pasig City, Philippines

Consistent Pilot Student

Elementary, 1971-1977, **De Castro Elementary School**, Pasig City, Philippines

Consistent Outstanding Student, Gold medalist, 6th Grade Commencement Exercise

Licensure Examinations Passed

Career Service (Sub-professional), 80%, 1985, Civil Service

Career Service (Professional), 82%, 1987, Civil Service

Doctor of Medicine, 81%, 1991

STRENGTHS AND SKILLS

- ◆ **Actively involved in the establishment of the National Monitoring and Evaluation System on HIV/AIDS (from conception to manual development)** in the Philippines.
- ◆ **Strength in the conduct of the second generation surveillance system on HIV.** Have assisted in the evaluation of the old methodology and went through rigorous training by the Family Health International through the LEAD for Health Project of the USAID in 2004-2005. Prepared and supervised the teams who conducted the 2005 Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serologic Surveillance (IHBSS) for the Injecting Drug Users in Metro Cebu and the 2007 IHBSS in all the most-at-risk population in the ten sentinel sites in the Philippines.
- ◆ **Strength in mapping the most-at-risk population**
- ◆ **Strength in establishing surveillance system on STI.**
- ◆ **Primary and secondary data collection, management, synthesis, and analysis;** and ability to communicate information in technical and non-technical terms. Involved in the conduct of Baseline Survey for the Round 5 Global Fund project for HIV/AIDS in the Philippines.
- ◆ **Strength in questionnaire development and training in the use of tools for research.**

- ◆ **Capable project/program management, organizational, and interpersonal skills.** Actively involved in the Rounds 3 and 5 of the Global Fund project on HIV/AIDS in the Philippines as member of the Technical Working Group (TWG)
- ◆ **Efficient at meeting deadlines and can produce under pressure.**
- ◆ **Excellent communication, writing, and editing abilities in English,** with a record of **grant proposal (Round 6 GFATM for HIV/AIDS, approved for the Philippines)** and scientific research.
- ◆ **Computer-literate** in Word, Excel and skilled in the use of PowerPoint for advocacy.
- ◆ **Experience in organizing academic workshops, training sessions.**
- ◆ **Experience in estimating the most-at-risk population**
- ◆ **Experience in synthesizing data and writing the final report of the 2007 Estimates of Adults Living with HIV in the Philippines**
- ◆ **Actively involved in welfare work for local church particularly on the health service delivery.**

WORK EXPERIENCE

TSF Consultant

March 2008-November 4, 2008: Biological and Behavioral Survey (BBS) Consultant for the GFATM, Republic of Maldives

- : reviewed available data on the most-at-risk population in the country and identified gaps
- : facilitated stakeholders' meetings during the design and implementation of the BBS (established the Surveillance Coordinating Body)
- : Assisted the Surveillance Coordinating Body to identify and prioritized sentinel sites and groups for the BBS
- : Assisted Department of Public Health established the "Quick Response System" (multi-sectoral body) which facilitated the conduct of BBS
- : Designed and developed study protocols for approval
- : Drafted and finalized budget proposal for the BBS
- : Assisted Department of Public Health (DPH) identify appropriate quantity of laboratory supplies and test kits needed for the BBS
- : Assisted DPH established partnership with the National Reference Laboratory for the BBS
- : Assisted DPH solicit funding from other agencies by proposal writing and proposal presentation
- : Developed mapping tools and survey tools
- : Trained appropriate enumerators on the use of study tools (mapping and survey)
- : On-site coaching of mapping techniques and questionnaire administration
- : Oversee the overall implementation of the BBS in all the sentinel sites
- : Supervised encoding and cleaning of data
- : Analysis of the study
- : Writing of the technical report
- : Preparation of slides for presentation to the National and Local Dissemination Fora
- : Drafted budget proposal for the National and Local Dissemination Fora

Surveys, Risk Assessment and Evaluation Division, National Epidemiology Center, Department of Health, Philippines:

2003-February
2008

National HIV/AIDS/STI Surveillance System Program Manager

- : Handles the AIDS WATCH in the Department of Health
- Oversees the operationalization of the National HIV/AIDS Surveillance System
 - supervises the conduct of the Serologic Surveillance and the Behavioral Surveillance; collates and analyzes data and come up with Annual Technical Report)
 - handles the HIV/AIDS Registry (come up with Monthly HIV/AIDS Registry Publication)
- Provides technical support to Partners (GO, NGOs, bilateral, multilateral agencies and the local government units)
- Collaborates with Partners as regards HIV situation in the country
- : Oversees operationalization of the Sentinel STI Etiologic Surveillance System and its expansion (handled the setting up of the system initially in 13 sentinel sites in 2002)

As Medical Specialist for the Surveys, Risk Assessment and Evaluation

- : Designs, Conducts special studies and surveys

- : Provides Technical Support to the Regions and Provinces
- : Evaluates different Programs of the Department of Health
- : Provides technical assistance for the Philippine Health Statistics
- : Others

- *Analyzed the data on HIV/AIDS and wrote the chapter on HIV/AIDS for the 2003 National Demographic Health Survey in the Philippines*

- *Handled the data management of the National Drug Resistance Surveillance in anti-TB Drugs*

Dec 1998-
December 1999

Communicable Disease Control Service, Department of Health

December 1998- ***National Rabies Coordinator***
December 1999

: handled the rabies elimination project in the Visayas region

- conceptualized the framework and wrote the proposal
- collaborated with the different Local Government Executives and Non-Government Agencies
- coordinated with the different Government agencies (Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Animal Industry, Department of Education, Culture and Sports, Department of Interior and Local Government, Department of National Defense)
- provided technical support to all the Regional, Provincial, City, Municipal and Village Rabies Coordinators

-managed the administrative and technical aspects of the project

JAKA Company, Makati City, Philippines:

1997-1998

Company Physician

Attended to out-patient clinical cases of the company's employees

Medical Center Paranaque, Sucat, Paranaque, Philippines:

1992-1993

Emergency Room Resident Physician

Attended to emergency cases in the emergency room of the hospital

Referred cases to consultants for admission

Coordinated with Intensive Care Unit (ICU) regarding admission of patients to the ICU

L.O. Cezar Polyclinic, Pasig City, Philippines:

1991-1997

Resident Physician

Attended to emergency and out-patient cases.

Attended to delivery cases and minor surgical procedures

National Epidemiology Center, Department of Health, Philippines:
2000-2002 *Field Epidemiology Training Program Fellow*

Two years on the job training as field epidemiologist

- : conducted several outbreak investigations
- : responded to big disasters like the Mayon Eruption in 2000 and the Payatas incident in 2000
- : rotated in the National Sentinel Hospital for the National Epidemic Sentinel Surveillance System (NESSS)
- : wrote memoranda, surveillance reports, advisories and briefers
- : gave lectures on Basic Epidemiology Course for doctors and nurses
- : answered media inquiries (TV, Radio, Print)

Anthrax Scare

Hand-Foot and Mouth Disease

Payatas (Trash Slide) Tragedy

Meningococemia

Measles

Dengue Cases in Cagayan de Oro City

- : took charge of the Anthrax Surveillance during the Anthrax Scare in 2002
- : conducted National Surveys
- : evaluated programs for the Department of Health

International Experience: World Health Organization, Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO)

21 July-05 **Short Term Consultant (Epidemiologist) for SARS Project in Communicable Disease**
November 2003 **Surveillance and Response (CSR)**

Rumour Surveillance

- a. daily monitoring of SARS rumours through the internet
- b. verification from national focal point
- c. updating and reporting of the status of rumours
- d. participation in teleconferences to sort out issues
- e. answering of inquiries from the different WPRO countries

Epidemiology

- a. participation in teleconferences with Geneva Headquarters, China, Cambodia
- b. participation in Epidemiology teleconferences
- c. participation in Clinical teleconferences
- d. collaboration with point persons from headquarters and from other countries regarding Surveillance and Epidemiology issues
- e. drafting and updating of the Risk Assessment and Preparedness framework
- f. updating of the Interim Guidelines
- g. updating of Guidelines for Countries with No Reported Cases
- h. updating of Assessment Protocol

Potpourri

- a. updating the team leader of issues that involve surveillance and Epidemiology and other issues within the team's scope of work
- b. updating of WPRO's website
- c. collation and summary of Regional Response during the previous outbreak
- d. analysis of member states' responses during the outbreak
- e. preparation of presentation for the Regional Committee Meeting
- f. presentation during the Healthy City Initiative workshop
- g. making comments on documents from China

International Experience: World Health Organization, South East Asia Regional Office (SEARO)-Western Pacific Regional Office (WPRO): New Delhi, India

01-03 June 2005 **WHO Temporary Adviser on the Biregional (SEARO and WPRO) Consultation on HIV Testing and Counselling Policies, the Use of HIV Rapid Tests and HIV/AIDS Clinical Staging and Surveillance**

International Experience: UNAIDS, Bangkok, Thailand :

2005 **Presenter: Monitoring and Evaluation on HIV/AIDS for the Global Fund Project in the Philippines**

TRAINING/SHORT COURSE

13-17 February 2006 **Designing Effective Second Generation HIV Surveillance Systems and Interpreting the Data for Use in HIV and AIDS Policy and Planning**
(Family Health International, The Future's group)
Vientiane, Lao PDR

August 2004-December 2005 **Strengthening the National HIV/AIDS Surveillance System**
Family Health International for LEAD for Health Project of the USAID (Elizabeth Pisani, Sara Hersey, Jane Bruce-Mentors)

August 2004 **Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation**

SEAMEO-Tropmed
Bangkok, Thailand

- May 2004 ***Workshop on Project Management***
SEAMEO-Tropmed
Bangkok, Thailand
- May 2004 ***Course in Monitoring and Evaluation of Public Health Programs***
University of the Philippines
- 1994-1995 ***Residency Training in Internal Medicine***
Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Philippines
- 1990-1991 ***Post-Graduate Internship –***
Veterans Memorial Medical Center, Philippines

International Presentations

First Asian Scientific Conference in Field Epidemiology

Taipei, Taiwan, August 2001

Oral: *Health Insurance Coverage Survey in South Cotabato, Philippines*

Poster: *A Cluster of Hand-Foot-and Mouth Disease in Metro Manila, Philippines*

51st Epidemic Intelligence Conference (EIS)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Atlanta, Georgia, May 2002

EIS Night – Oral Presentation

A Pesticide Poisoning in a Rural Village in Quezon Province, Philippines

2nd International Training in Epidemiology and Public Health Intervention Network (TEPHINET) Convention

Madrid, Spain, June 2002

Oral Presentation –

A pesticide Poisoning In a Rural Village in Quezon Province, Philippines

Non-Communicable Diseases in the Philippines, A Country Report

Other Studies Investigated

Study of HIV Positive Among Blood Donors (2000-2004) and Evaluation of the National Voluntary Blood Services Program (2005)

A Case Report on Food Poisoning in Quezon City, Philippines

Measles Outbreak in Sapa 2, Rosario, Cavite, Philippines

Rapid Assessment During Mayon Volcano Eruption in 2000
Rapid Health Assessment Following Trash Slide in Payatas, Quezon City,
Philippines
Injury Surveillance in Claveria, Misamis Oriental, Philippines (analyzed primary data on injury of the Claveria
Municipal Health Unit)
A Case Report on Diphtheria in Plaridel, Misamis Occidental, Philippines

Other Studies Assisted

Food Poisoning Outbreak in a Pizza Restaurant in Quezon City, Philippines
Scombroid Fish Poisoning
Measles Outbreak in Antipolo City
Payatas Disaster Surveillance
Typhoid Pseudo-Outbreak in Bataraza, Palawan, Philippines
Hepatitis A Outbreak in Colegio de San Agustin, Binan, Laguna, Philippines
Fireworks-Related and Stray Bullet Injury Surveillance
Hepatitis A Outbreak in Bago City, Negros Occidental, Philippines
EPI Vaccination Coverage in Barangay Lapasan, Cagayan de Oro City, Philippines
Injury Surveillance Secondary to Civil Disturbance
Rapid Assessment Survey of All Government Hospitals in Cavite Province
Influenza Surveillance in Schools in Metro Manila, Philippines
Anthrax Surveillance in Mail

Long Term Study for the FETP Graduation Requirement:

Evaluation of Rabies Action Project in Ormoc City

Surveillance Rounds:

San Lazaro Hospital, Department of Health, Manila, Philippines
Cagayan de Oro City Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (Mindanao)
Claveria Municipal Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (Mindanao)

Projects Handled for the National Epidemiology Center:

A Study of HIV Positive Among Blood Donors and Evaluation of the National Voluntary Blood Services Program
– 2005

2005 HIV Estimates in the Philippines

Manual of Operations for the National HIV/AIDS Registry

Retrospective Analysis of HIV Patients Enrolled in Anti-Retroviral Therapy from 01 January 2004 to 01 November
2006 – Protocol and Questionnaire Development and Development of Early Warning Indicators for Drug
Resistance

Other Project Handled in Collaboration with the NCDPC

Survey of Injecting Drug Users in Rehabilitation Centers in the Philippines

Other Projects Handled

Study of Injecting Drug Use in General Santos and Zamboanga Cities, Philippines (Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serologic Surveillance): **Overall Team Leader** for the surveillance component, 2007 under PRIMEX for ADB, Philippines

2007 Integrated HIV Behavioral and Serologic Surveillance for the Round 5 GFATM, Philippines: **Overall Team Leader**

Proposals Written

Elimination of Rabies in the Visayas, Philippines, 1998

Strengthening of the National HIV/AIDS Surveillance System – which was funded by USAID

Round 6 GFATM for HIV/AIDS Country Proposal: **US18M grant approved and is being implemented**

Technical Report Written

2007 Estimates of Adults Living with HIV in the Philippines

Membership

Technical Working Group of the 2007 HIV Estimate in the Philippines

Technical Working Group: TB/HIV Collaboration for the GFATM, Philippines

Technical Working Group for the drug resistance surveillance on HIV anti-retroviral drugs, 2006: **chair**

Technical Working Group on the AIDS Medium Plan IV: 2005

Technical Working Group of the 2005 HIV Estimate in the Philippines-**chair**

Technical Working Group for GFATM on HIV/AIDS-2004-February 2008

National M&E Working Group: 2003-February 2008

Technical Working Group for the National Drug Resistance Surveillance on anti-TB drugs
-2003-February 2008

Technical Working Group for the **2003 National Demographic Health Survey (NDHS)**

Extra-Curricular Activities:

Health Care Ministry Council (Present) - Day by Day Christian Church

- conducts medical missions in depressed areas in the Philippines since 2000
- provides out-patient medical care to church goers every Sunday since 2000

Community Editor (1979-1981) - "Ang Rizalian"
(School Organ of the Rizal High School)

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of Birth: 23 August 1964 (Manila, Philippines)
Nationality: Filipino
Marital Status: Single
Personal Interests: Reading, Writing, Travel, and Church Ministry work.

REFERENCES:

Ms. Ruthy Libatique: TSF Consultant;; librut2mla@yahoo.com
Dr. Marlyn Borromeo: UNAIDS Country Representative in Nepal; borromeom@unaids.org
Dr. Dorothy May Agdamag: previous Program Manager of the round 5 GFATM in the Philippines; agdamag04@yahoo.com
Dr. Elizabeth Telan: OIC, STD/AIDS Cooperative Central Laboratory (SACCL), Philippines; betelan@yahoo.com
Dr. Rosario Tactacan-Abrenica: Head, HIV Unit, San Lazaro Hospital, Philippines, rtactacanabrenica@yahoo.com
Ms. Gladys Malayang: HDII Executive Director; +639209252857
Aminath Nawal: Finance Associate, GFATM, UNDP Maldives; aminath.nawal@undp.org
David Bridger: Country Coordinator, UNAIDS Sri Lanka and Maldives; bridgerd@unaids.org
Ms. Aminath Rasheeda: Executive Director, Department of Public Health, Republic of Maldives; rasheeda@dph.gov.mv