

Export of Hazards: The Global Dimensions of
Mercury in Health Care.
Cleanmed 2009, Chicago

**THE PHILIPPINE ON THE ROAD
TO MERCURY PHASE-OUT**

The road to PHASE-OUT

- Southeast Asia Mercury in Health Care Conference (2006)
- Mercury Assessment for the Philippines Using UNEP Inventory Toolkit (2008)
- Philippine Department of Health Administrative Order 2008-0021 (2008)
- Partnerships with various Professional Organizations, Nursing schools and Health Care Facilities

Wastes as source of mercury pollution

Mercury Assessment for the Philippines Using
UNEP Inventory Toolkit (2008)

“One major source of mercury emissions, 20% of total, in the Philippines come in the form of wastes from products and processes, e.g. discarded thermometers, batteries and other mercury containing devices. “

6th month compliance A0 21

Survey of forty (40) tertiary hospitals in Metro Manila


- 77.50% have immediately discontinued the distribution of mercury thermometers from their admission or discharge kits.
- 55% have conducted Mercury Audits.
- 45% have Mercury Minimization Programs in place.



Moving Forward

A0 21 First Year

More hospitals in two regions to be included

- Region 7, Cebu province
 - Region 12, South Cotabato Province
 - More Metro Manila hospitals
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HCWH SEA Partnership with various groups

HCWH SEA and its partners during the launch of AO 21 in 2008. (St. Paul Hospital, Philippine Nurses Association (PNA), Philippine Heart Center (PHC), San Juan de Dios Hospital (SJDH))



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MERCURY FREE SCHOOLS

Partner hospitals with nursing schools have partnered with HCWH SEA in promoting Mercury Free Schools



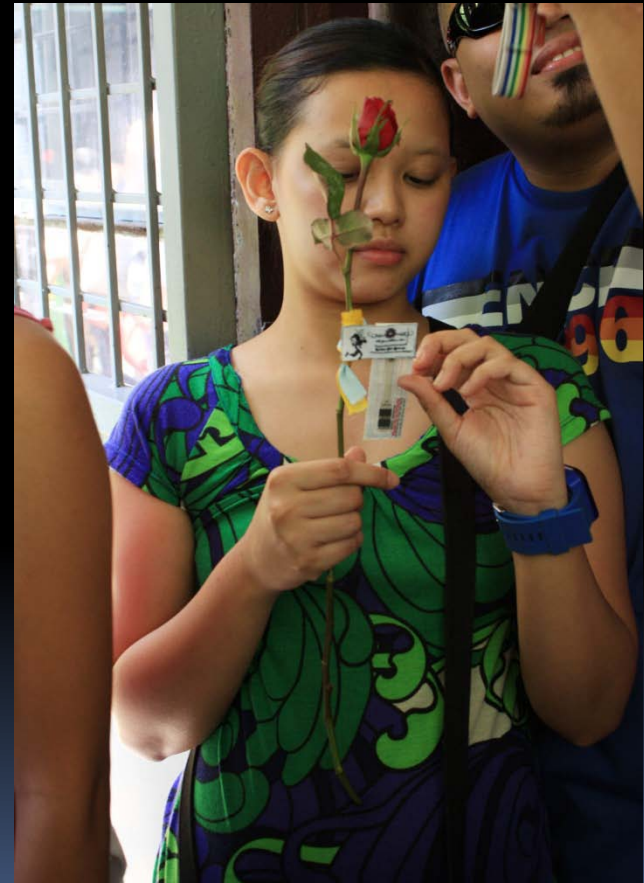
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- Philippine College of Physicians
- Phil Chest Society
- Maternal and Child Nurses Association (MCNAP)
- Philippine Pharmacists Association, etc

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HCWH-WHO Global Initiative

Philippine Nurses Association (PNA)
joins the WHO-HCWH Global Initiative




More are joining!





Local movement Global advocacy

- Solidarity to stop dumping/transfer of discarded mercury devices and equipments from north to southern countries
 - Alternative solutions to address permanent storage of mercury wastes.
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The call is clear!



Thank you!
Maraming salamat

