

# ABC'S FOR GLOBAL HEALTH NEWSLETTER

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## Top News

ABC's for Global Health's Two  
Researches presented in CUGH  
2024

Summer Global Health  
Immersion Program 2024

## Welcome Message

As we embark on the journey through 2024, we are excited to share the incredible strides ABC's for Global Health has made in the first half of the year. Our commitment to improving global health outcomes remains stronger than ever, and this newsletter highlights the progress, partnerships, and projects that are making a difference in communities around the world.

From innovative health programs to impactful research, we are thrilled to bring you stories of hope, resilience, and transformation. Thank you for being an essential part of our mission. Together, we are creating a healthier future for all.



Julieta M. Gabiola, MD FACP  
Founder and CEO

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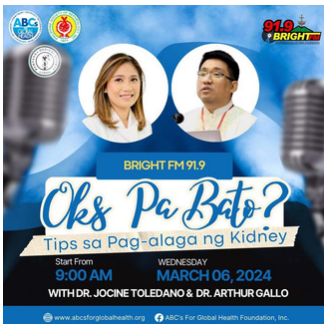


## Public Health Education Service

ABC's for Global Health, in partnership with Bright FM 91.9 Radio Station, has been providing regular education on common illnesses and trending public health concerns to empower the people with knowledge for better health outcomes

The program is committed in bringing health education to the communities and promoting primary care to the public.

## Health Topics



## Partnerships with Specialist Doctors to provide Health Education



Doctors from the Pampanga Medical Society have been regularly participating in the Public Health Service of Bright FM 91.9. The give valuable insights on prevention and initial management of relevant public health diseases.

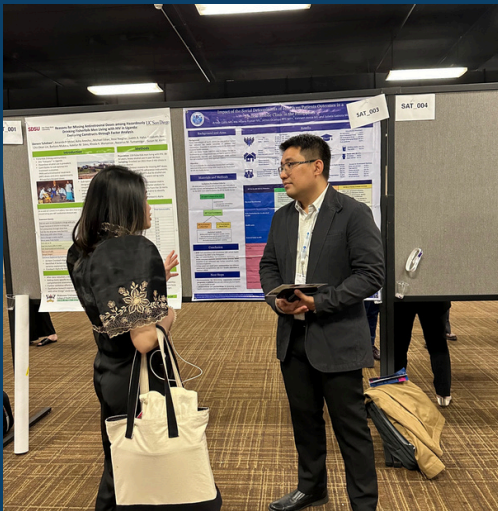
## Consortium of Universities for Global Health 2024

The Consortium of Universities for Global Health (CUGH) 2024 is an annual conference that brings together global health professionals, academics, and students from around the world to discuss pressing global health challenges.

The conference was held last March 7-10, 2024 in Westin Bonaventure Hotel, Los Angeles, California. ABC's for Global Health, represented by Dr. Arthur Gallo, was able to participate in this event.



## ABC's for Global Health Expanding Global Health Solutions



The conference provides a platform for collaboration, networking, and the exchange of ideas, with the goal of advancing global health and addressing critical issues such as infectious diseases, health systems strengthening, climate change, and more.

## CUGH 2024 Presentations

Dr. Gallo presented two research projects in the conference using the clinical data of the patients being served by the medical mobile clinic.

**Poster:** Impacts of the Social Determinants of Health on Patient Outcomes of a Medical Mobile Clinic in the Philippines

**Oral:** Improving BP Control Using Remote Monitoring Devices with Medical Mobile Clinic in Low Resource Areas of the Philippines.



## Private–Public Partnership in IP Child Health

ABC's for Global Health reaffirms its dedication to improving Indigenous People's Child Health in Floridablanca, Pampanga through a strategic Public-Private Partnership, working together to create lasting health impacts for the community's children.

Quarterly meetings are needed as a venue to provide updates on the current status of the provide.

## PPP in IP Child Health

The partnership aims to improve access to essential healthcare services, including maternal and child health, nutrition, immunization, and health education. ABC's for Global Health plays a crucial role in providing technical expertise, capacity-building, and advocacy support, ensuring that interventions are culturally sensitive and tailored to the specific needs of the IP population.

Community engagement is at the heart of this initiative. Regular health outreach activities, training for local health workers, and collaboration with indigenous leaders ensure that the programs are sustainable and have a lasting impact. The partnership also focuses on empowering the community by promoting health literacy and encouraging active participation in health-related decision-making.

## ABC's for Global Health and Partners in IP Child Health

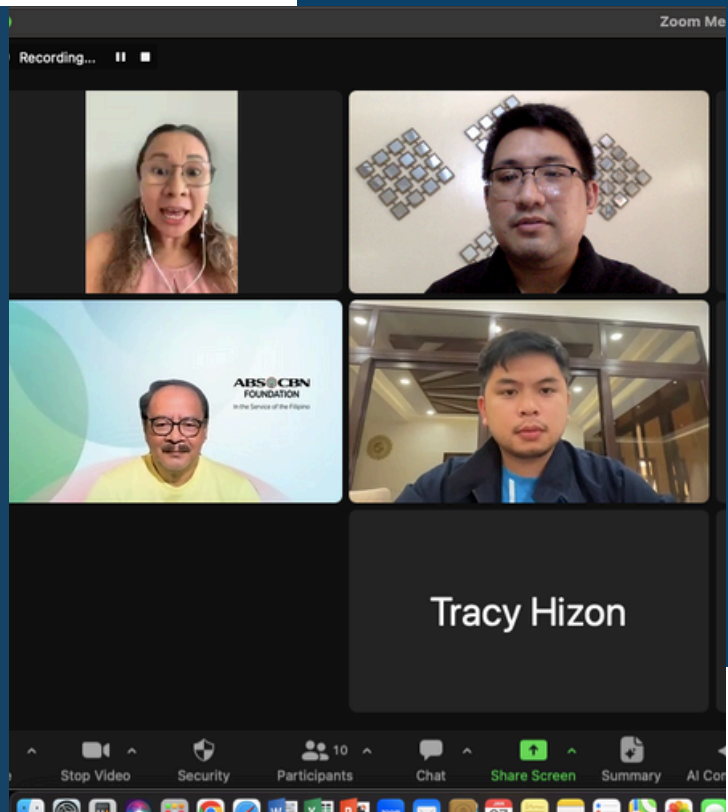


ABC's for Global Health is committed in the health and welfare of the school-aged IP children, thus providing medical supplies for basic wound care to the Camachile Elementary School.

## ABC's for Global Health & ABSCBN Foundation Inc.

ABC's for Global Health has partnered with ABSCBN Foundation Inc. (AFI) in a proposition to create a Healthy Community. The chosen community to be the pilot of the program would be the barangays Balibago and Sagrada, Masantol, Pampanga.

A meeting was held with the incumbent mayor, Jose Antonio Bustos, to discuss and promote the program in partnership with the local government.



### Building a Health Community in Masantol, Pampanga



By selecting Masantol as the pilot site, both organizations aimed to address these critical health concerns and develop a scalable model for community health improvement

## PROPOSITION

ABC's for Global Health and ABS-CBN Foundation Inc. chose Masantol, Pampanga as the pilot site for the "Building a Healthy Community" project due to the area's unique and pressing health challenges. Masantol is particularly vulnerable to frequent flooding and its coastal location, which contribute to widespread health issues such as waterborne diseases, malnutrition, and respiratory infections. The community's limited access to healthcare services, coupled with inadequate sanitation and infrastructure, further highlighted the need for targeted intervention.

#### WHAT IF proposition: A Healthy Community where

Advocacy	Intervention	Implementing Lead
Healthcare	Primary care for non-communicable cardio-vascular diseases	ABC's of Global Health
Child Welfare	Tulong Pangkalusugan	AFI - Bantay Bata
Disaster resilience	Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Training (Community Approach)	AFI - Sagip Kapamilya
Education	Alternative Learning Education	AFI - Programa Genio
Environment	Solid Waste Mgt and environment as a healing agent	AFI - Bantay Kalikasan
Livelihood	Building the capacity of communities as social enterprises	AFI - GaLing Pamayanan



## ABC's for Global Health Donates to JBLMGH

ABC's for Global Health aims to address inequities in healthcare access. In light of this, ABCGH donated more than 100 pairs of crutches, Lofstrand crutches and walking canes to the Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy Outpatient Department of Jose B. Lingad Memorial General Hospital.

The donations would provide access to assistive devices to charity patients with disabilities of the regional hospital.

## COLLABORATION

### Improving Maternal and Child Health with HIV and Syphilis Screening for Pregnant Women in Angeles City

HIV trends in the Philippines have shown a concerning rise in the recent years, with the Philippines experiencing one of the fastest growing rates in Asia-Pacific region. The growing prevalence has been attributed to several factors: limited condom use, limited access to HIV testing and treatment, and the stigma surrounding the disease.

Mother to Child Transmission (MTCT), though a smaller subset of overall cases, has also been steadily increasing. The project aims to identify pregnant women who are exposed to the virus and reduce numbers of MTCT.

## Partnership with Angeles City



In this photo (from left to right): Mayor Carmelo G. Lazatin, Jr. and Dr. Verona Guevarra (City Health Officer) of Angeles City, Dr. Karren Sta. Maria (pediatric infectious disease specialist, and Dr. Arthur Gallo (ABC's for Global Health)

## UNILAB Foundation's Continued Support

UNILAB Foundation has continued its support to ABC's for Global Health in providing access to medicines to the patients of the medical mobile clinic.

The medicines provided include drugs for hypertension, diabetes, analgesics, vitamin supplements, antibacterials and creams to treat a variety of acute and chronic diseases.



## 10th Year Anniversary of Amicare Philippines



The plaque of appreciation was presented to ABC's for Global Health for its continued partnership with Amicare Philippines. The event was held last May 15, 2024 at Rizal Park Hotel, Manila, Philippines.

## PARTNERSHIP

Americares Philippines and ABC's for Global Health have formed a strategic partnership focused on improving healthcare access and addressing the impacts on climate change on health. Their collaboration primarily revolves around two key initiatives: **Access to Medicine** and **Climate Change Toolkit**.

The Access to Medicine Program aims to ensure that the underserved communities in the Philippines have access to essential medicines. Through this program, both organizations have work closely to distribute medications to vulnerable populations.

ABC's for Global Health is serving as one of the technical consultants in the creation of toolkits in the health effects of Climate Change. Along with government and private organizations, this collaboration aims to provide toolkits that will provide guidelines in addressing climate change related diseases..



## Summer Global Health Immersion Program 2024

ABC's for Global Health welcomed the largest student volunteer group this year. There were 15 US high school students, 10 US college students, 11 Filipino medical students, and 5 Filipino college students.

The program aims to immerse the students in the communities of Pampanga being served by the medical mobile clinic of ABC's for Global Health.

## PROJECTS

There were eight student-projects that have been completed during this SGHIP 2024.

- **Telemedicine** (headed by Gideon Srinivasan)
- **Improving Water Quality through Water Filter Installation** (headed by Harshil Ahuja)
- **Mini-Library Set-up** (headed by Robert Yu)
- **Health Education in Diabetes Mellitus** (headed by Maegan Agustin)
- **Eye Health** (headed by Chris Basco)
- **Herbal Medicine in the Aeta Communities** (headed by Ella Giguere)
- **Case Studies and Health Information** (headed by Kaylin Mahal Smith)
- **Malnutrition in the Aeta Communities** (headed by Sylvie Rosseau and Bianca Lou Tiglao)

## SGHIP 2024 Goes to UP Manila and PGH



The students were able to have a tour in the premier state university in the country, University of the Philippines, and the national hospital, Philippine General Hospital. They gained valuable insight on community-oriented and compassionate healthcare.