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BRIDGING THE LAST MILE IN AKLAN

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Archipelago of Challenges

Over 7,000 islands, rugged terrain, and vulnerable to disasters

These make delivering healthcare in the Philippines uniquely difficult





Unserved and Underserved Areas (UUA) in the Philippines

7,193 barangays

Source: Department of Health. DM 2024-0459





PROVINCE OF AKLAN

Land Area $-1,818 \text{ km}^2$ Population -629,786

2 Congressional Districts

17 Municipalities

6 District Health Systems

13 hospitals (8 Government, 6 Private)

18 Primary Care Facilities

133 Barangay Health Stations

327 Barangays (66 Unserved and Underserved Areas)



Health Systems Strengthening in Unserved and Underserved Areas (UUA)

Governance

Ensure that the health agenda of Indigenous People & Underserved Areas are prioritized

Health Service Delivery

Establishment of Referral Systems and Health Care Provider Network

Human Resources

Prioritization in deployment of healthcare workers

Financing

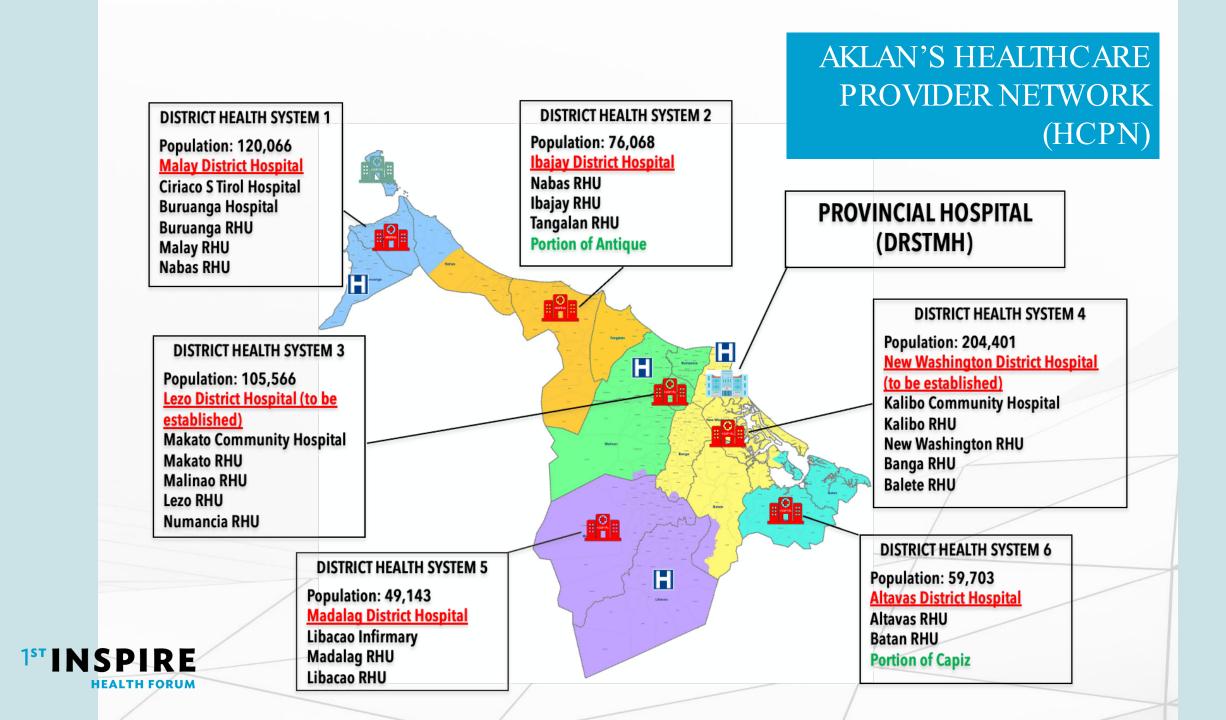
Equitable allocation of funds to UUAspecific to the health needs of the community

Facilities & Medical Products

Provision of medicines, essential health commodities in functional BHS with birthing stations

Information System

Upgrade health information system to be fully interoperable with good network connectivity





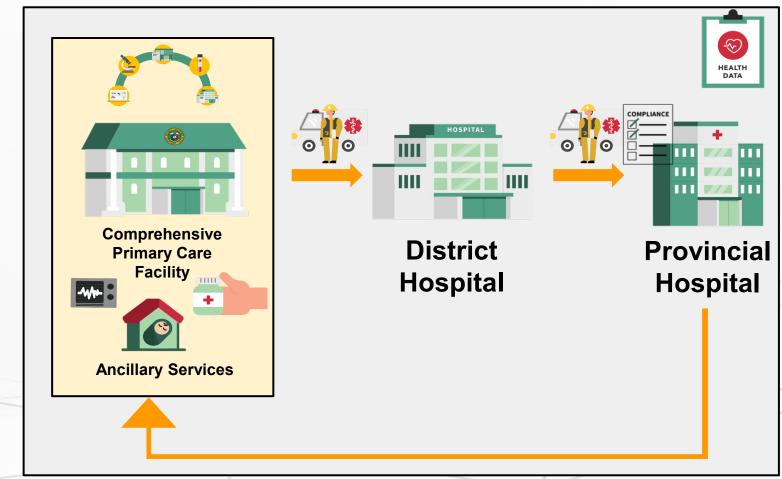
Licensed Primary Care Facility
Philhealth Accredited

Licensed Level 1 Hospital
Philhealth Accredited

Licensed Level 2 Hospital
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Every Aklanon is linked to a Primary Care Provider



Comprehensive Primary Care Facility



Outpatient Care w/ Minor OR, 8AM-5PM Monday-Friday 24hr Functional Licensed Birthing Facility Pharmacy with No stockout of medicines Clinical Laboratory (Secondary) Diagnostic Radiologic Services Ambulance, Dental Services Functional Interoperable Electronic Medical Record and HIS with Telemedicine Services

ROLE OF HALFWAY HOMES IN UNDERSERVED AREAS



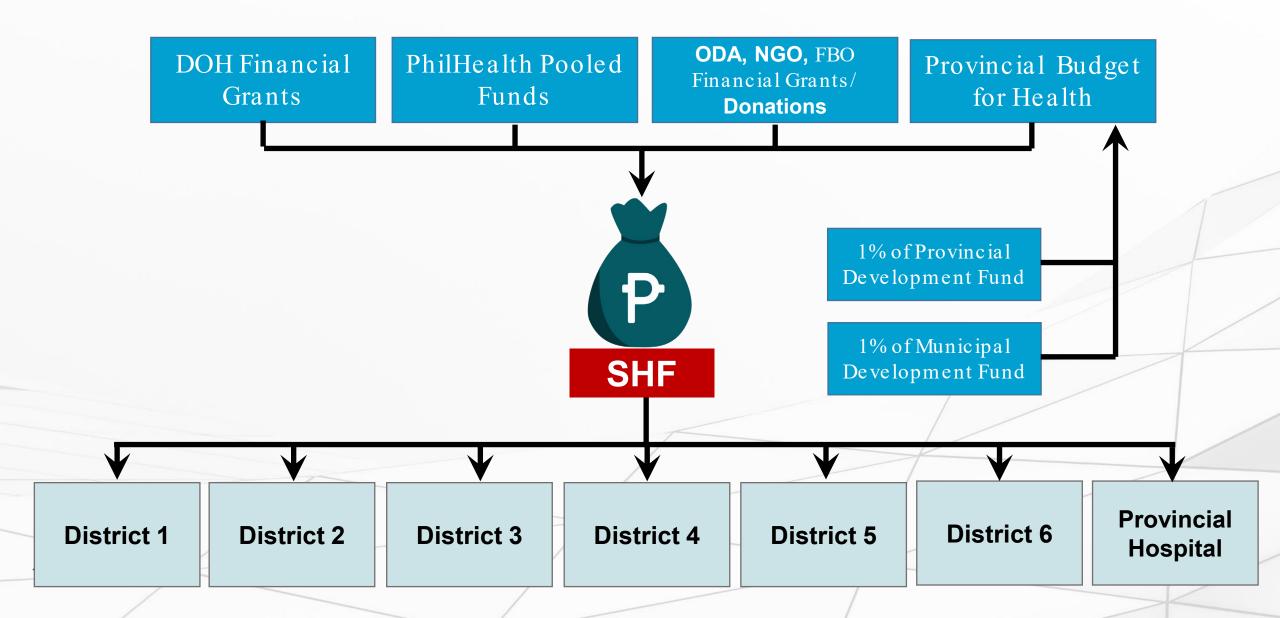


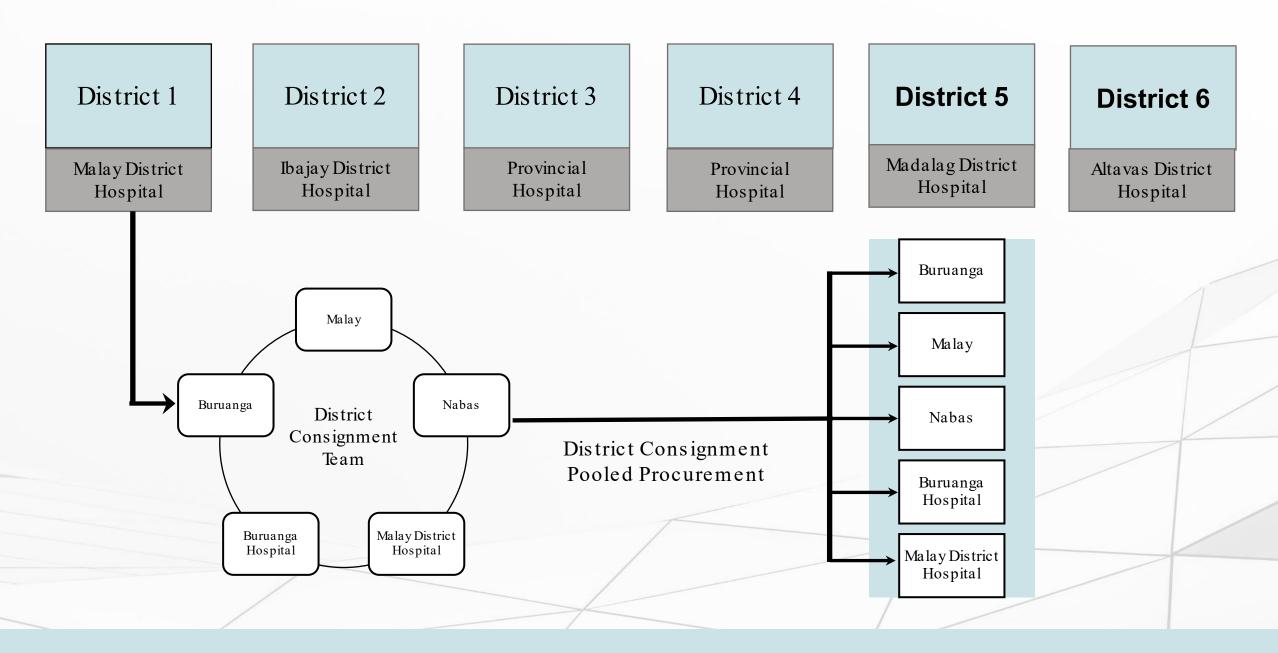
SOLAR AND WATER SUPPORT FOR RESILIENT HEALTH FACILITIES





FINANCING





ENSURING AVAILABILITY OF MEDICINES



"When we reach the last mile, we prove that HEALTH FOR ALL is possible"