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## 1. Introduction

EPCALM is a Christ-centered, non-stock, non-profit organization called to reach out and help victims of leukemia and their families.

EPCALM is the acronym for Erwin Piedad Cabanag Adult Leukemia Ministries. Atty. Erwin P. Cabanag was City Fiscal of Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines when he succumbed to leukemia on May 12, 2005 at the age of 45. At this time, the vision to build the first adult leukemia foundation in the Philippines was born, now known as the EPCALM Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. It is the first and only leukemia foundation of its kind in the country.

### A. MISSION

Acknowledging that God is the Hope, the Healer, and the Provider, EPCALM aims to be a vehicle through which patients afflicted with leukemia will experience God's love and faithfulness.

### B. VISION

To establish and be an internationally recognized center of excellence for spiritual, physical and emotional nourishment of leukemia patients as they journey towards wholeness.

### C. ARMS OF SERVICE

- **SPIRITUAL ARM** – Believing that God is the only Hope of every Leukemia victim and their families, this arm's main thrust is for victims and their families to be strengthened in their journey through the disease, recognizing that in all things God works for the good. This arm aims to provide hope and renewed vigor through EPCALM partners who would provide prayer, counseling and visitations of cheer and love and to extend a helping hand.
- **MEDICAL ARM** – This arm upholds God as the Sovereign Healer and rests not on man but on HIM as the blessed assurance for total healing according to His purpose. Through this arm, victims of leukemia will be given guided options for the best medical care and directed to appropriate centers for treatment locally, nationally or internationally, i.e. Eligible patients could be recommended to the National Institute of Health / National Cancer Institute (NIH/NCI) in Bethesda, Maryland, USA.
- **FINANCIAL ARM** – The arm of the Foundation that truly believes and stands that God is the Provider. This arm will be the financial life of the Foundation. Programs and projects



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will be set to help patients and their families raise funds for their medical needs. A website is set up specifically to provide information and guidelines for “would-be” and existing beneficiaries of funding, and provide patients with worldwide opportunities for aid, to fund the victims’ requirements. This arm will develop connections with charitable institutions like the PCSO, Pagcor or private sectors in the Philippines as well as global Organizations and Foundations to aid in the growing needs of the Foundation.

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## 2. Patient Information

### A. PATIENT STATISTICS

Per the latest 2020 Global Cancer Statistics released in March 2021 by The Global Cancer Observatory (GLOBOCAN)<sup>1</sup>, leukemia is the 5th cancer killer site in the Philippines. GLOBOCAN is an online database providing estimates of incidence and mortality in 185 countries for 36 types of cancer, and for all cancer sites combined<sup>2</sup>. The data is part of the International Agency for Research on Cancer's (IARC) Global Cancer Observatory, in coordination with the World Health Organization (WHO).

Per the GLOBOCAN 2020 report<sup>3</sup>, recorded new cases for leukemia in the Philippines is 5,795 (9<sup>th</sup> Cancer Site), while the recorded number of deaths for the same year is 4,370 (5<sup>th</sup> Cancer Site). 2020 Philippine Mortality Rates (New Cases/ Deaths) for leukemia has decreased from is 89% to 75%.

Since 2008, the EPCALM Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines, Inc. (EPCALM) started to service Adult Leukemia patients and their families through its three (3) arms of services - Spiritual, Medical and Financial Ministries. From the year 2008 up to October 2022, EPCALM has serviced a total of Three-Hundred Forty-Four (344) adult leukemia Filipino patients in the country and abroad. For the Fiscal Year (FY)<sup>4</sup> 2022, EPCALM currently is servicing 75 patients and their families.

Due to the lack of updated information on the number of leukemia cases, we will base our metrics on the average number of recorded new leukemia cases per annum (5,795) as per the GLOBOCAN 2020 report<sup>5</sup>. Based on this metric, around 0.28% of these patients (19) were serviced by EPCALM in 2022.

Nineteen (19) new patients were processed in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 (November 2021 to October 2022) as compared to nine (9) in FY 2021 (See Table 2.A.1 below). The total cumulative number of patients - Three Forty-Four (344) is a 6.5% increase as compared to 2021 (323), and a 9.2% increase from 2020 (315).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.uicc.org/news/globocan-2020-new-global-cancer-data>

<sup>3</sup> <http://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

<sup>4</sup> EPCALM statistics tracking is based on the Foundation's Fiscal Year, starting November up to October of the next year.

<sup>5</sup> <http://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

Note: Corrected previous years' patient contacts and deaths/discharged numbers in this year's report. X shows

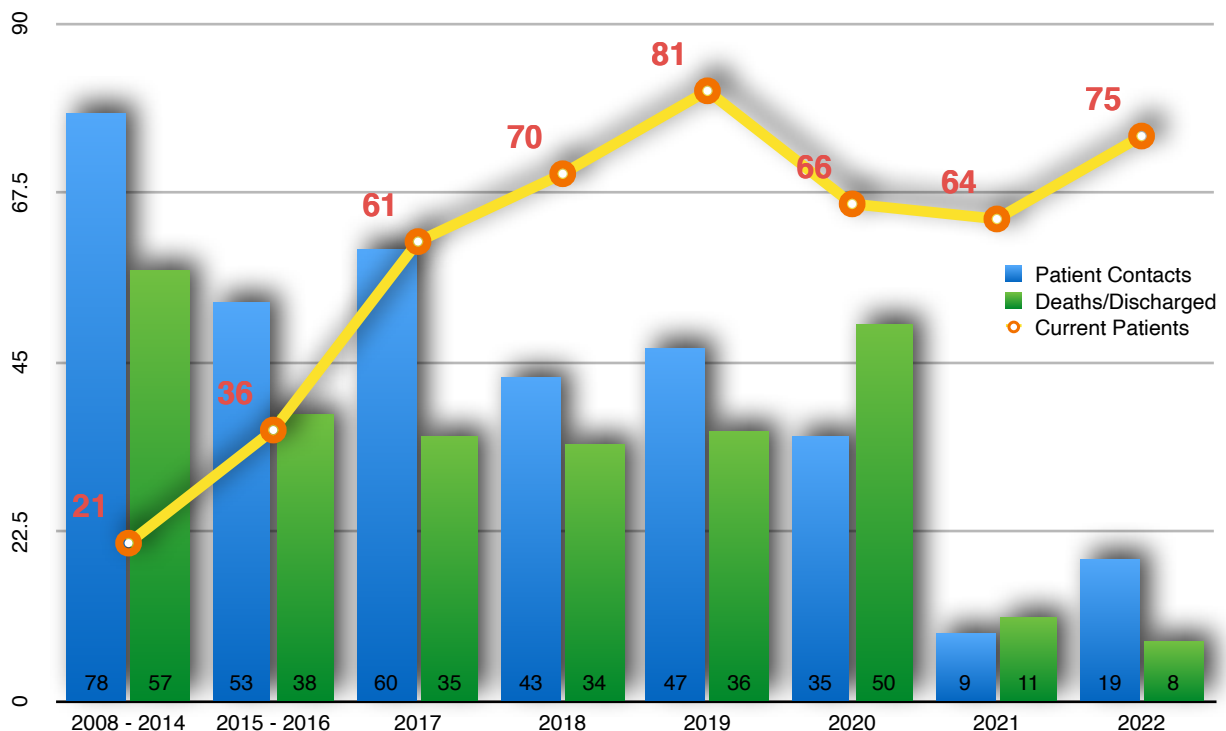
Table 2.A.1 - EPCALM Patient Statistics

| Year         | Patient Contacts | Deaths/<br>Discharged | Current<br>Number of<br>Patients |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2008 - 2014  | 78               | 57                    | 21                               |
| 2015 - 2016  | 53               | 38                    | 36                               |
| 2017         | 60               | 35                    | 61                               |
| 2018         | 43               | 34                    | 70                               |
| 2019         | 47               | 36                    | 81                               |
| 2020         | 35               | 50                    | 66                               |
| 2021         | 9                | 11                    | 64                               |
| 2022         | 19               | 8                     | 75                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>344</b>       | <b>269</b>            | <b>75</b>                        |

decrease and Y shows increase from previous years' reports.

Based on averages (See Chart 2.A.2 below), for the first six years (2008 - 2014) since

Chart 2.A.2 - Yearly Patient Contacts



EPCALM started receiving patients, an average of around 13 new patients were processed and serviced yearly. This number of new patients being processed has increased threefold in the succeeding six-year period (from 2014 – 2020), where an average of 40 patients were being serviced yearly. For 2021, the number of new patients has decreased (9) mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where EPCALM activities and personnel have been impacted

because of the travel restrictions, and staff turn-over. This trend has continued in 2022, although the number of new patients have increased (19), plus several new inquiries/under process. With the relaxation of the COVID-19 restrictions during the 2nd and 3rd quarters of 2022, we expect to see an uptick of the number of patients that EPCALM can service in 2023.

## B. DISTRIBUTION BY CURRENT STATUS OF PATIENTS

Of the 344 serviced patients to date, 269 of these patients are already deceased (245) or have been discharged (24). These discharged patients are those whom EPCALM do not have contact anymore for a period of three (3) years, or those who do not wish to be serviced anymore by EPCALM. Aside from deceased and discharged patients, EPCALM also monitors patients undergoing Chemo; under maintenance medications; those who have relapsed; or those in remission. Patients who undergo chemotherapy and/or Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) who survive after 5 years of treatment are considered cured (except for chronic patients - CML and CLL).

The current patients that EPCALM are servicing are in the following stages of their healing journey:

- Deceased patients
- Discharged patients
- Patients undergoing Chemo
- Patients under Maintenance
- Relapsed patients
- Patients in Remission
- Patients who have undergone Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT)
- Out-Patient (Under Oral Chemo Medications) - **New Category**

**Table 2.B.1 - Patient Journey Status Statistics**

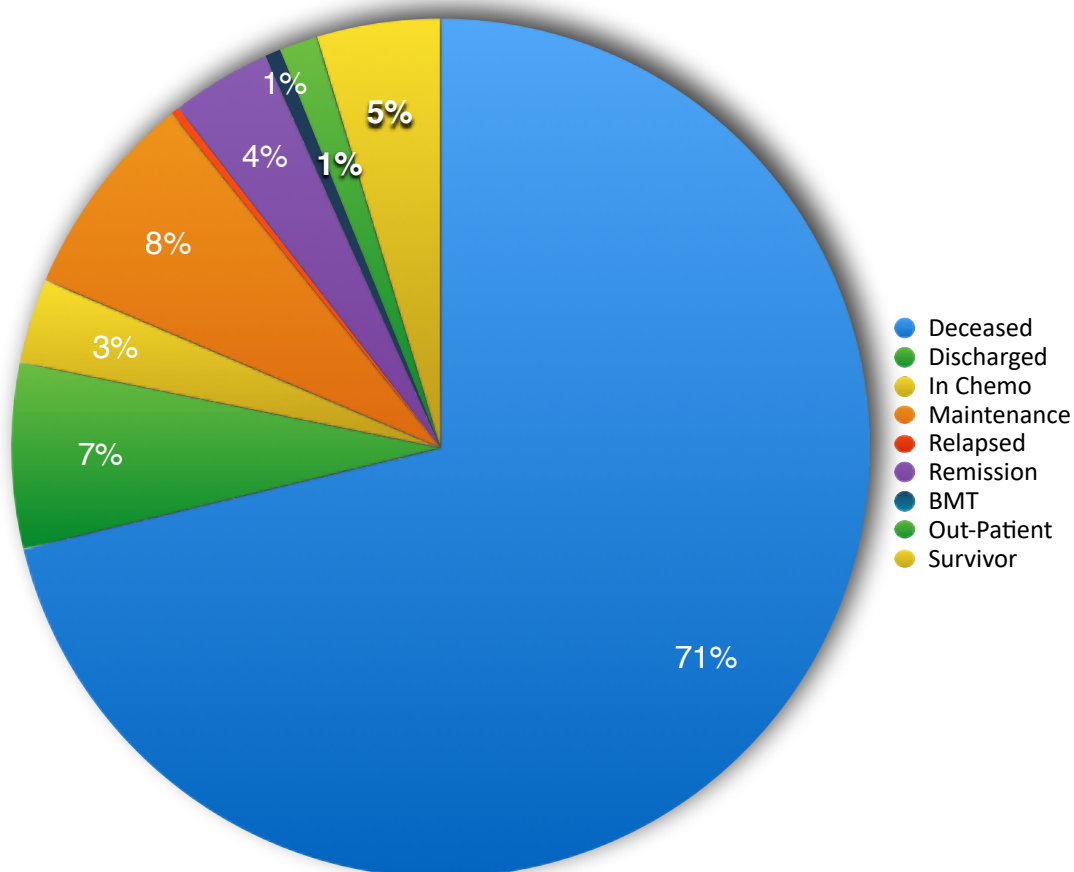
| Status of Patients | 2022<br>No. of Patients | 2021<br>No. of Patients |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Deceased           | 245                     | 232                     |
| Discharged         | 24                      | 22                      |
| In Chemo           | 11                      | 8                       |
| Maintenance        | 27                      | 29                      |
| Relapsed           | 1                       | 1                       |
| Remission          | 13                      | 16                      |
| BMT                | 2                       | 3                       |
| Out-Patient (Oral) | 5                       | -                       |
| Survivor           | 16                      | 12                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>344</b>              | <b>323</b>              |

- Patient Survivors

The percentage of the yearly cumulative number of deceased/discharged patients versus the previous year has increased a little in 2022 (See Table 2.B.1. above) at 5.9% (269/254). The percentage was 2.42% (254/248) in 2021, 14.28% (248/217) in 2020, and 17.93% (217/184) in 2019. This can still be seen as a declining trend since 2019. EPCALM will continue to monitor this trend.

Cumulatively over the years, 71% of EPCALM patients are deceased<sup>6</sup> versus total number of patients, as of October 2022 (See Chart 2.B.2 below). As compared to the cumulative total as of October 2021 (72%), there is a very slight improvement of the ratio. Comparing this to the 2020 GLOBOCAN annual statistics for Leukemia in the Philippines<sup>7</sup>, EPCALM statistics are 4.4% lower (75.4% - 4,370/5,795) for deaths versus new cases.

**Chart 2.B.2 - Distribution by Current Status of Patients**



<sup>6</sup> Discharged patients excluded, as current status is unknown.

<sup>7</sup> <https://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

### C. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY TYPE OF DISEASE

Distribution as to the type of leukemia or related disease of the 342 serviced patients<sup>8</sup> to date are as follows:

- Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML)
- Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL)
- Combined AML/ALL
- Amyloidosis (AA)
- Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia (APL)
- Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML)
- Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL)
- Myelodysplastic Syndromes (MDS)
- Lymphoma
- No Information

Per Table 2.C.1 below, there is a substantial increase in the number of new CML cases

**Table 2.C.1 - Patient Disease Statistics**

| <b>Patients by Type of Disease</b> | <b>2022<br/>No. of Patients</b> | <b>2021<br/>No. of Patients</b> |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>AML PATIENTS</b>                | 168                             | 161                             |
| <b>ALL PATIENTS</b>                | 89                              | 88                              |
| <b>AML/ALL PATIENTS</b>            | 2                               | 1                               |
| <b>AA PATIENTS</b>                 | 2                               | 2                               |
| <b>APL PATIENTS</b>                | 10                              | 9                               |
| <b>CML PATIENTS</b>                | 47                              | 38                              |
| <b>CLL PATIENTS</b>                | 2                               | 2                               |
| <b>MDS</b>                         | 3                               | 3                               |
| <b>LYMPHOMA</b>                    | 4                               | 4                               |
| <b>NO INFO</b>                     | 17                              | 15                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                       | <b>344</b>                      | <b>323</b>                      |

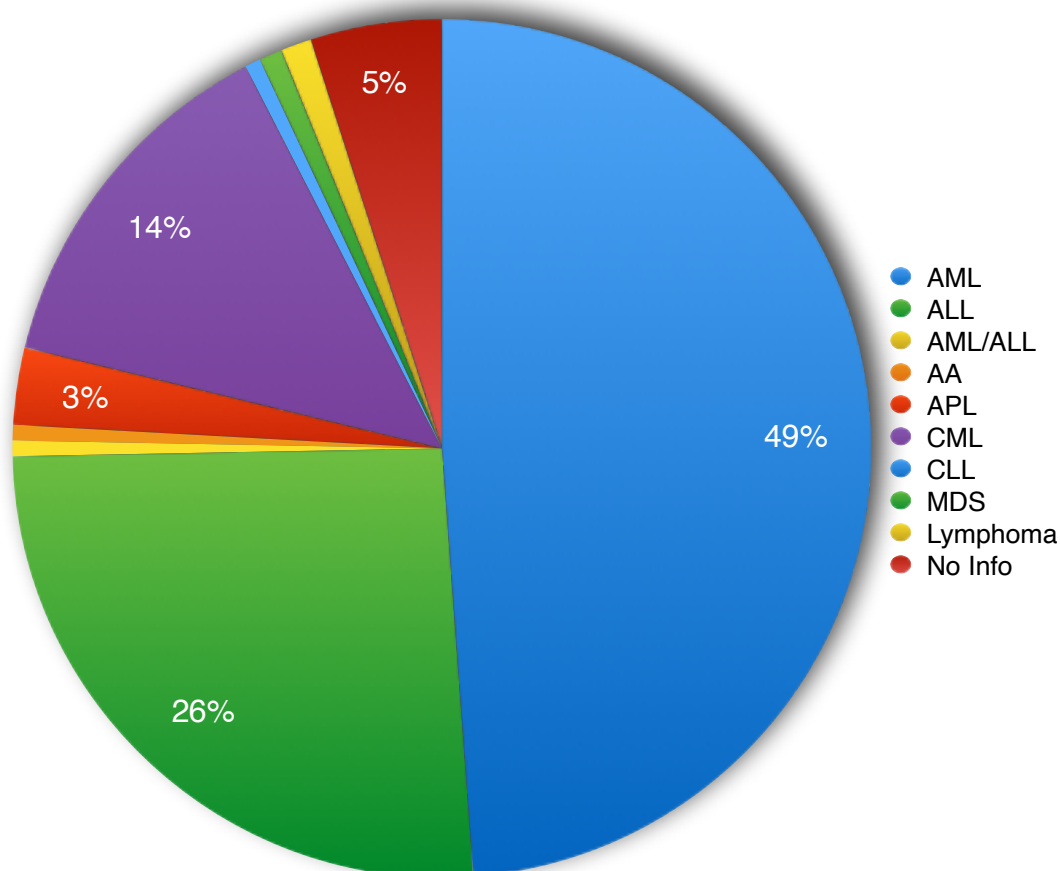
(9) processed by EPCALM in 2022. Including the new AML cases (7), these two (2) types of leukemia comprised the majority of new patients processed by EPCALM in 2022.

Referring to Chart 2.C.2 below, the percentages of AML and ALL patients have decreased at 49% and 26%, respectively, based on the cumulative numbers since 2008. These percentages show a steady decrease in the number of AML and ALL cases, as it was

<sup>8</sup> For some serviced patients though, EPCALM was not able to get updated status information.

50% and 27%, respectively, in 2021 and in 2020; 51% and 29%, respectively, in 2019; and 53% and 28%, respectively, in 2018. AML patients though still remained as the biggest group of leukemia patients that EPCALM is servicing.

**Chart 2.C.2 - Distribution by Type of Disease of Patients**



EPCALM-serviced CML patients continued to increase in terms of percentage, from 6.5% in 2019; 8% in 2019; 11% in 2020; 12% in 2021; then 14% in 2022.

#### **D. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE**

EPCALM services adult leukemia patients<sup>9</sup> 18 years old and above, although patients below 18 (pediatric age group) have contacted EPCALM as well, and are being serviced on a case-to-case basis in accordance with EPCALM's Patient Processing Flowchart.

Per Table 2.D.1 below, patients from all the age group categories: 18 - 30 years old (5); 31 - 40 years old (4); 41 - 50 years old (4); and above 50 years old (5) were processed and enrolled as EPCALM - serviced patients in 2022.

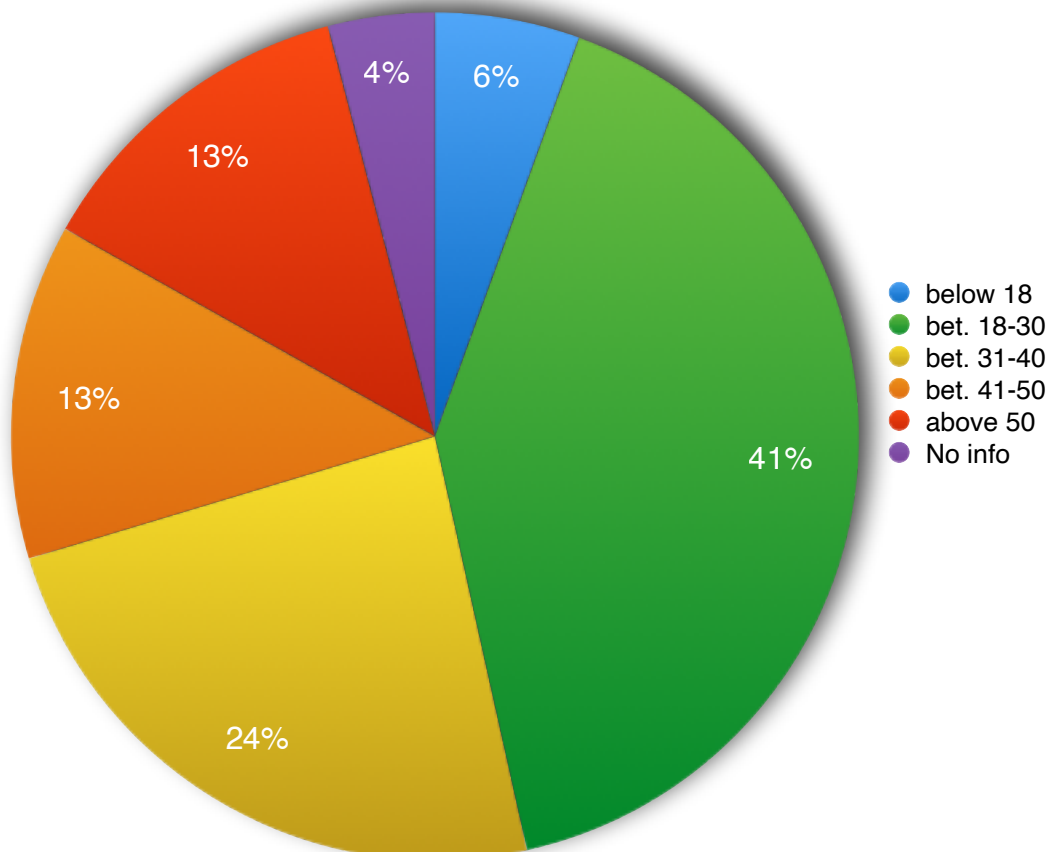
<sup>9</sup> EPCALM does not have complete information on all its serviced patients.

Table 2.D.1 - Patient Age Statistics

| Patient Age Groups           | 2022<br>No. of Patients | 2021<br>No. of Patients |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| PATIENTS BELOW 18 Y.O.       | 19                      | 17                      |
| PATIENTS BETWEEN 18 - 30 Y.O | 141                     | 136                     |
| PATIENTS BETWEEN 31 - 40 Y.O | 82                      | 78                      |
| PATIENTS BETWEEN 41 - 50 Y.O | 44                      | 40                      |
| PATIENTS ABOVE 50 Y.O        | 44                      | 39                      |
| NO DATA ON AGE               | 14                      | 13                      |
| TOTAL                        | 344                     | 323                     |

Referring to Chart 2.D.2 below, the cumulative 18 - 30 year old age group bracket still has the highest percentage of patients being serviced by EPCALM at 41% in 2022, although compared to 2021 at 42% and in 2020 at 43%, there is a steady decrease. The 31 - 40 year old age group bracket maintains its position at 2nd with 24% of the total patients in 2022, same as in 2021. For the combined 18 - 40 age group, total percentage decreased to 65% as compared to 66% in 2021 and 2020, but this shows that most of EPCALM's serviced patients are found in the young age group bracket.

Chart 2.D.2 - Patient Distribution by Age





The combined 41 and above age group bracket is 26% in 2022, which is slightly higher than in 2021 and 2020 at 24%.

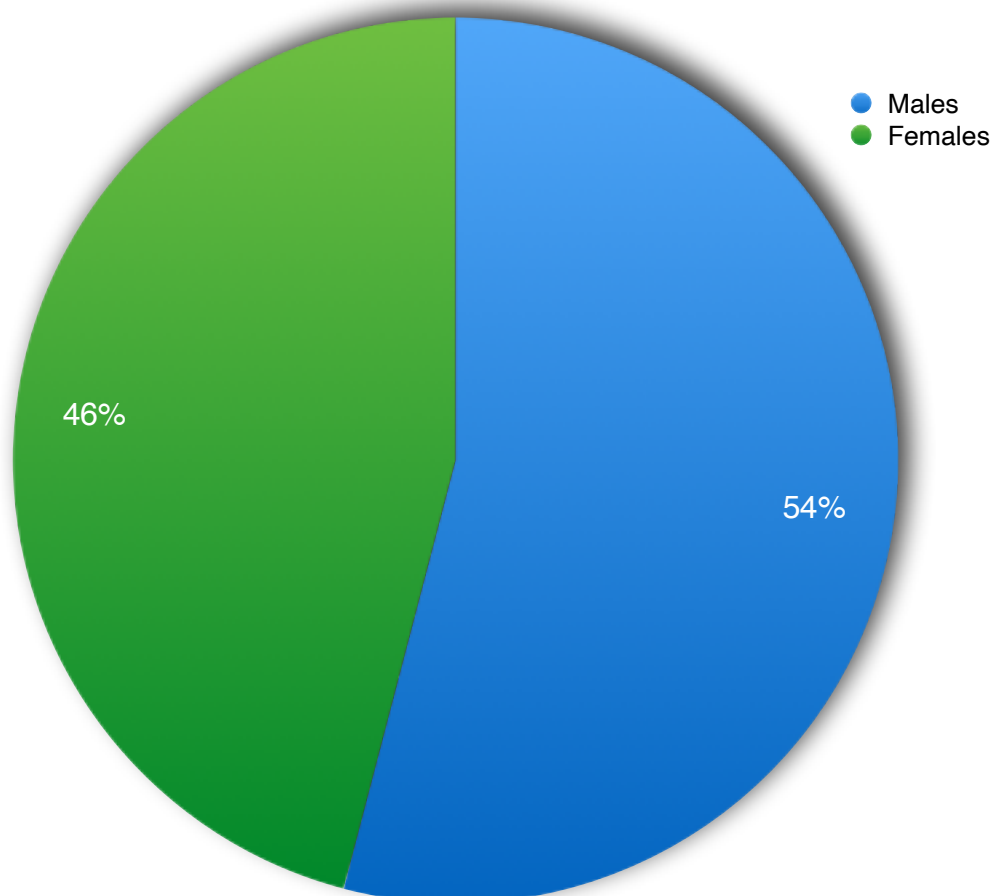
## E. MALE-FEMALE PATIENT RATIO

The cumulative Male-Female ratio mix of EPCALM serviced patients in 2022 is 54% males to 46% females. The ratio between the Male - Female patients has remained constant over the last four (4) years (2019 - 2022). The current percentage ratio is more or less comparable to the 2020 Globocan statistics<sup>10</sup> (world), which showed a 56% vs 44% Male - Female ratio for Leukemia incidence.

**Table 2.E.1 - Male-Female Patient Statistics**

| Patient Gender                   | 2022<br>No. of Patients | 2021<br>No. of Patients |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS</b>   | 186                     | 176                     |
| <b>NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS</b> | 158                     | 147                     |
| <b>NUMBER OF EPCALM PATIENTS</b> | <b>344</b>              | <b>323</b>              |

**Chart 2.E.2 - Male-Female Patient Ratio**



<sup>10</sup> <https://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

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### 3. Patient Services Updates

#### A. SPIRITUAL MINISTRY UPDATES

“...Edifying God as the Hope, Healer and Provider, the EPCALM Spiritual Ministry endeavors to reach out to adult leukemia patients and their families by extending spiritual services and resources through an established network of partners and volunteers...”

For Year 2022, following were the Spiritual services provided to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Continued to pray continually for EPCALM Patients and their families through EPCALM’s network of Prayer volunteers and groups (e.g. affiliated churches and small group prayer clusters) and during the monthly Family Huddles;
- Continued to conduct regular virtual visits (through Social Media - Facebook, Instagram or Twitter; e-mails; phone). Visits were conducted by EPCALM staff - i.e. Social Work Workers. No face-to-face visits have been conducted throughout the whole fiscal year 2021-2022, due to the continued implementation of the COVID-19 restrictions (face-to-face, travel, etc.). As such, EPCALM shifted to the conduct of virtual visits;
- Continued to provide pastoral support, encouragement and counseling during virtual visits to patients and their families and during the virtual family huddles;
- Continued to give out HOPE Packs to EPCALM patients and their families, to provide them with renewed hope, strength and vigor. HOPE packs were sent regularly to the registered addresses of the patients via courier (toktok);
- Continued regular communication with the patients and their families, through the EPCALM Patients viber group. The EPCALM Patients Viber group was created to provide a common platform for patients to communicate, share experiences and get the latest information/notices from EPCALM, i.e. Family Huddle information; and
- Continued to post in EPCALM’s Social Media (FaceBook Spiritual and Instagram Spiritual) Daily Reflections and Daily Devotions.



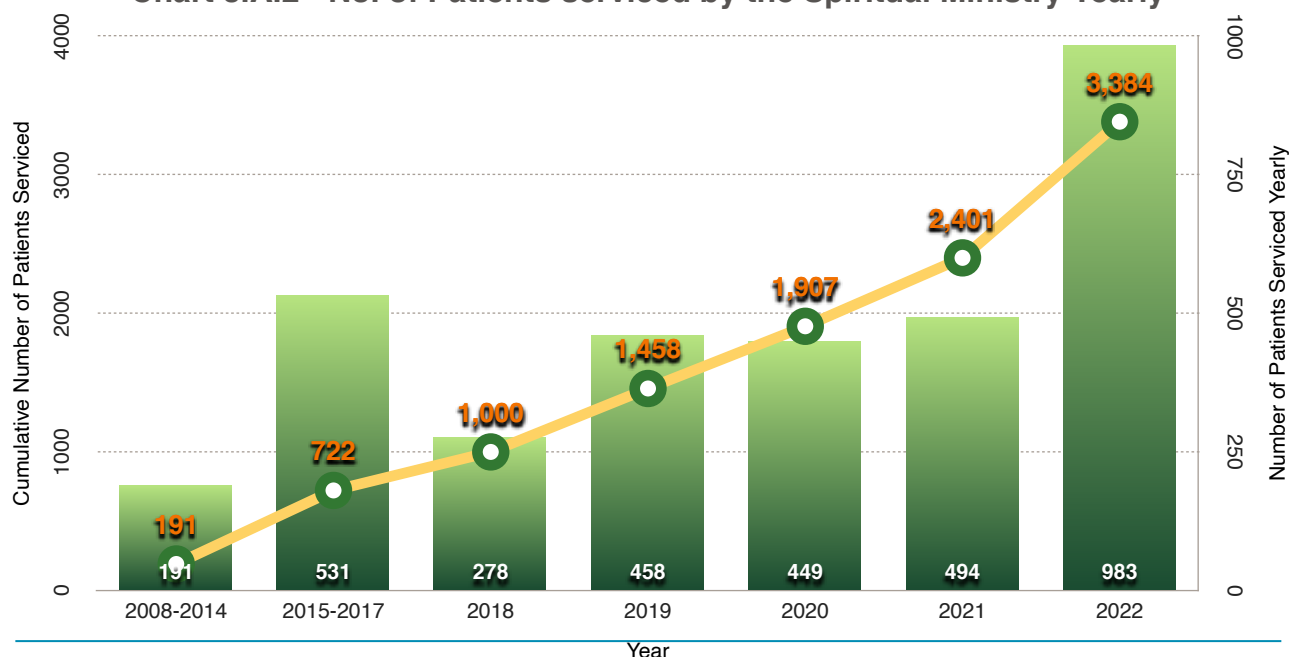
For FY 2021 - 2022, EPCALM continued with its “Work From Home” (WFH) arrangement for its Social Workers. Main activities of the Social workers was establishing regular communication with the patients and their families, implementing virtual activities, such as prayers, counseling, virtual visits and encouragement.

**Table 3.A.1 - Spiritual Ministry Services Statistics**

|                           | 2008-2014  | 2015-2017  | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | Total       |
|---------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Prayers                   | 96         | 323        | 39         | 37         | 171        | 159        | 414        | 1239        |
| Counseling                | 41         | 12         | 0          | 6          | 15         | 1          | 0          | 75          |
| Home Visits               | 14         | 25         | 6          | 4          | 1          | 0          | 0          | 50          |
| Hospital Visits           | 33         | 103        | 38         | 40         | 18         | 0          | 0          | 232         |
| Wake Visits               | 1          | 9          | 0          | 2          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 15          |
| Virtual Visits            | 4          | 0          | 74         | 223        | 82         | 139        | 331        | 853         |
| Encouragement/Remembrance | 2          | 7          | 78         | 92         | 45         | 0          | 0          | 224         |
| HOPE Pack                 | 0          | 44         | 42         | 45         | 111        | 195        | 238        | 675         |
| Reading Materials         | 0          | 8          | 1          | 9          | 3          | 0          | 0          | 21          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>191</b> | <b>531</b> | <b>278</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>449</b> | <b>494</b> | <b>983</b> | <b>3384</b> |

EPCALM continued to increase the number of Spiritual Ministry services provided to its serviced patients (See Table 3.A.1 above and Chart 3.A.2 below). The continued increase in the number of services provided to EPCALM patients in FY 2022 (983) was made possible through the maximum utilization of telecommunications and internet-based Social Media applications like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter , Messenger, Viber and Zoom, as a means of communication. With the conduct of monthly virtual Family Huddle sessions, prayers for patients and their families have increased exponentially, as patient and patient family needs and concerns are being prayed for during these huddle sessions. Regular virtual visits were

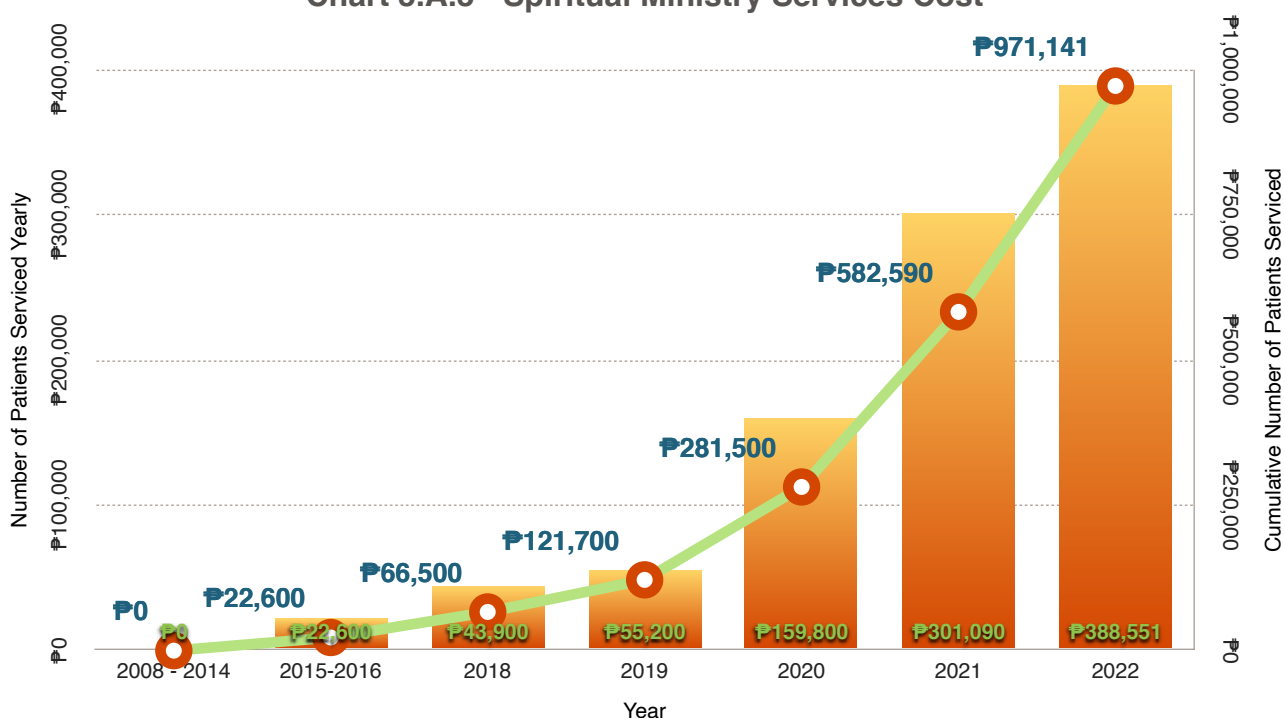
**Chart 3.A.2 - No. of Patients serviced by the Spiritual Ministry Yearly**



also conducted by EPCALM's work-from-home (WFH) Social Workers who contact/communicate with patients and/or their families on a scheduled weekly basis.

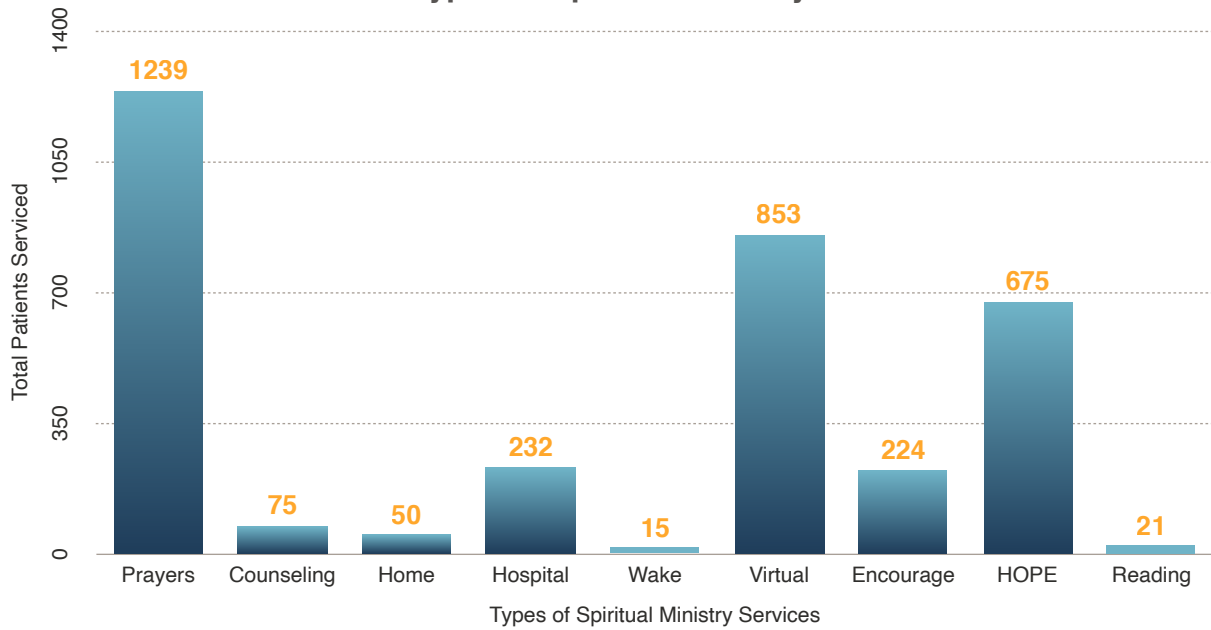
EPCALM continued to distribute HOPE packs to patients residing in the Metro Manila and Rizal areas, including those that come to Metro Manila for treatment (i.e. Philippine General Hospital [PGH]) and/or medicine purchase. These HOPE packs were sent through courier. Even with the prolonged pandemic restrictions in FY 2021-2022, the number of HOPE packs given to patients has notably increased. For the year, five (5) batches of HOPE packs were sent to patients last December 2021; and February, April, August and October 2022.

**Chart 3.A.3 - Spiritual Ministry Services Cost**



Shown in Chart 3.A.3 above are the Spiritual Ministry's costs on a year-to-year basis. Cumulative amount of HOPE Packs and bibles given to patients now stands (cumulative since 2015) at in PESOS: **NINE HUNDRED SEVENTY-ONE THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED FORTY-ONE & 00/100 (Php 971,141.00)**. The increase in the number of HOPE packs was made possible through the generosity of sponsors and donors, who gave wholeheartedly to help our EPCALM-served patients and their families.

**Chart 3.A.4 - Types of Spiritual Ministry Services Provided**



Prayers (1239) is the leading service that EPCALM is providing to our patients (See Chart 3.A.4). Next is virtual visitations which has leap-frogged in number during the pandemic, while the increase in providing HOPE packs is also very noticeable during this period. But as the travel restrictions have been lifted in the last quarter of 2022, we expect to see an increase in the number of Home and Hospital visits and the other face-to-face related services, as EPCALM's social workers transition from a Work-From-Home (WFH) to a hybrid work set-up.

*Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Spiritual Ministry's service offerings, please refer to <https://www.epcalmfoundation.org/spiritual-ministry>.*

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## B. MEDICAL MINISTRY UPDATES

“...The Medical Ministry endeavors to provide the victims of leukemia with guided options for the best medical care and direct them to appropriate centers for treatment locally or internationally...”

Despite the continued implementation of the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, the Medical Ministry rebounded in the number of services (162) rendered during the Fiscal year 2021-2022 (See Table 3.B.1 below). Aside from assisting the patients get financial and medical assistance (126) from Government agencies and private organizations, EPCALM restarted giving out free chemo drugs (16) to enrolled patients. Chemo drugs distribution started last July 2022 and benefitted 17 EPCALM Serviced patients. A second (2nd) batch is scheduled for distribution in December 2022. EPCALM purchased these drugs from Medinfinity, Mercury Drug and GLOBO Asiatico. These Chemo drugs were also delivered directly to the patients by these drug companies.

**Table 3.B.1 - Medical Ministry Services Statistics**

| Service Descriptions           | 2008-2014 | 2015-2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Provided medical options       | 20        | 2         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 5    | 27    |
| Gave Chemo Drugs               | 3         | 56        | 25   | 30   | 28   | 0    | 16   | 158   |
| Gave/Assisted in getting Blood | 6         | 28        | 5    | 2    | 1    | 0    | 13   | 55    |
| Gave Medical supplies          | 0         | 12        | 10   | 1    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 24    |
| Gave Doctor Referrals          | 5         | 0         | 0    | 0    | 1    | 0    | 1    | 7     |
| Provided Other services        | 0         | 4         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 45   | 126  | 175   |
| Total                          | 34        | 102       | 40   | 33   | 30   | 45   | 162  | 446   |

EPCALM is taking a “Leap of Faith” in restarting the free chemo drugs assistance program, considering that the foundation has very limited funds. The fund has been depleted further during the pandemic, due to the very minimal fund-raising activities conducted during the said period. Nevertheless, EPCALM is committed to help our serviced patients in whatever way possible, especially in contributing a small part to our serviced patients treatment, by providing these Chemo drugs.

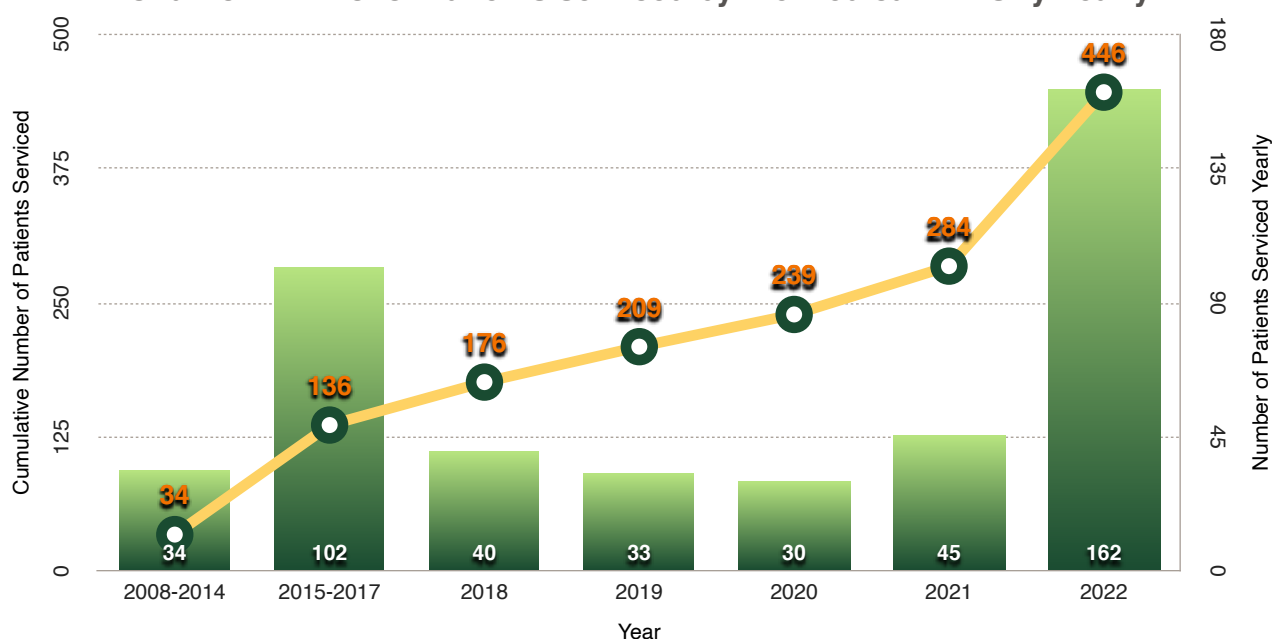
EPCALM also received requests for blood from patients. Due to the unavailability of blood supply from EPCALM’s partner hospital blood banks, EPCALM’s Social Workers assisted the patients in looking for other sources of blood (13) such as the Red Cross, various blood banks and individual blood donors. Hopefully, with the easing up of the COVID 19 restrictions, EPCALM will be able to actively campaign for joint blood drives with partner

organizations and supporters, so that EPCALM can replenish its stored blood supply with partner hospitals.

The other Medical services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families in 2022 were:

- Provide assistance to patients, follow-up and coordinate with government agencies and institutions, such as: PCSO, DSWD, NCDA, DOH, OWWA, CSWDO, Malasakit Centers and/or Senator offices (Sen. Gordon, Sen. Tolentino, Sen. De Lima, Sen. Cayetano, Sen. Zubiri, Sen. Gatchalian, Sen. Poe, Sen. Angara, Sen. Go, Sen. Hontiveros, Sen. Villanueva, Sen. Villar, Sen. Revilla), in asking for medical assistance for the patients;
- Assist and help resolve patient concerns with their treatment, hospitals, medicines and doctor-related issues; and
- Provide assistance for getting Medical Assistance from Drug Company (Pfizer Foundation).

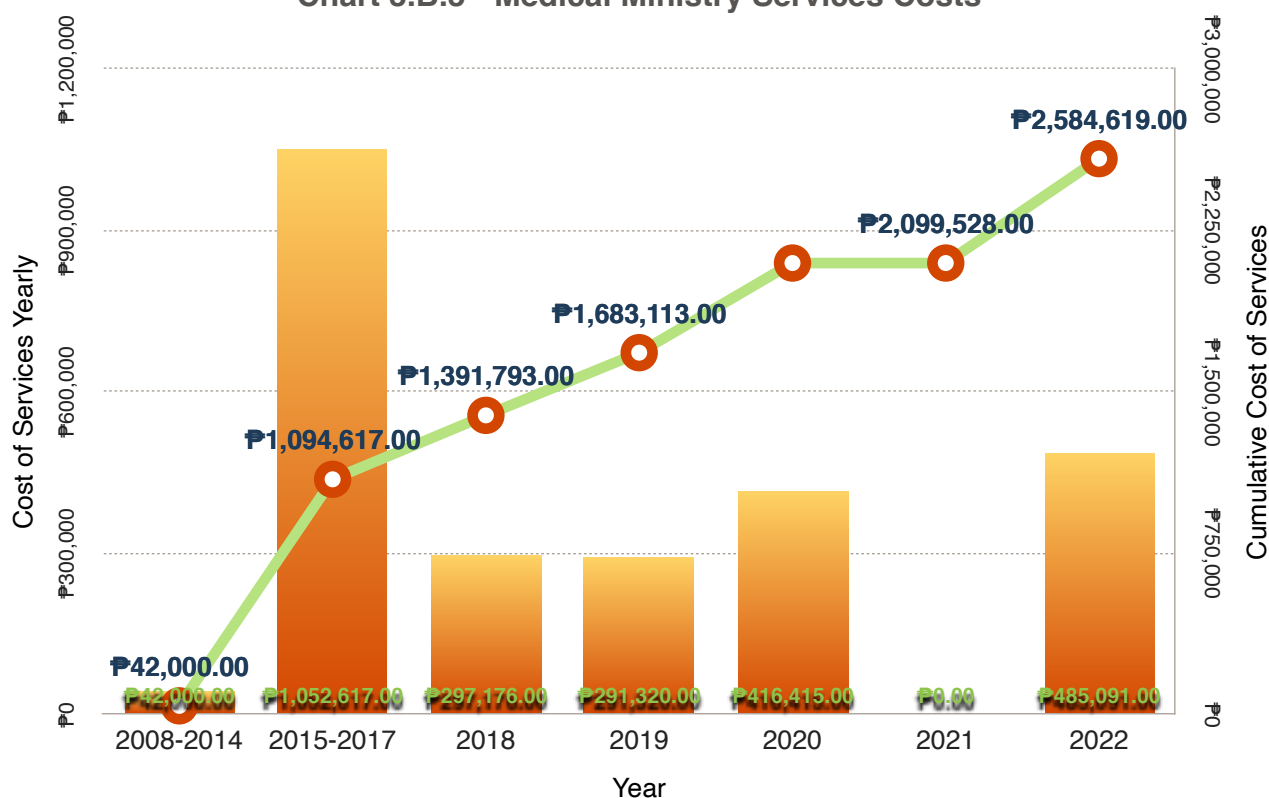
**Chart 3.B.2 - No. of Patients serviced by the Medical Ministry Yearly**



In 2022, with EPCALM's commitment to support the treatment needs of the patients, we see a sharp rise in the cost of services rendered to our serviced patients (See Chart 3.B.2 above).

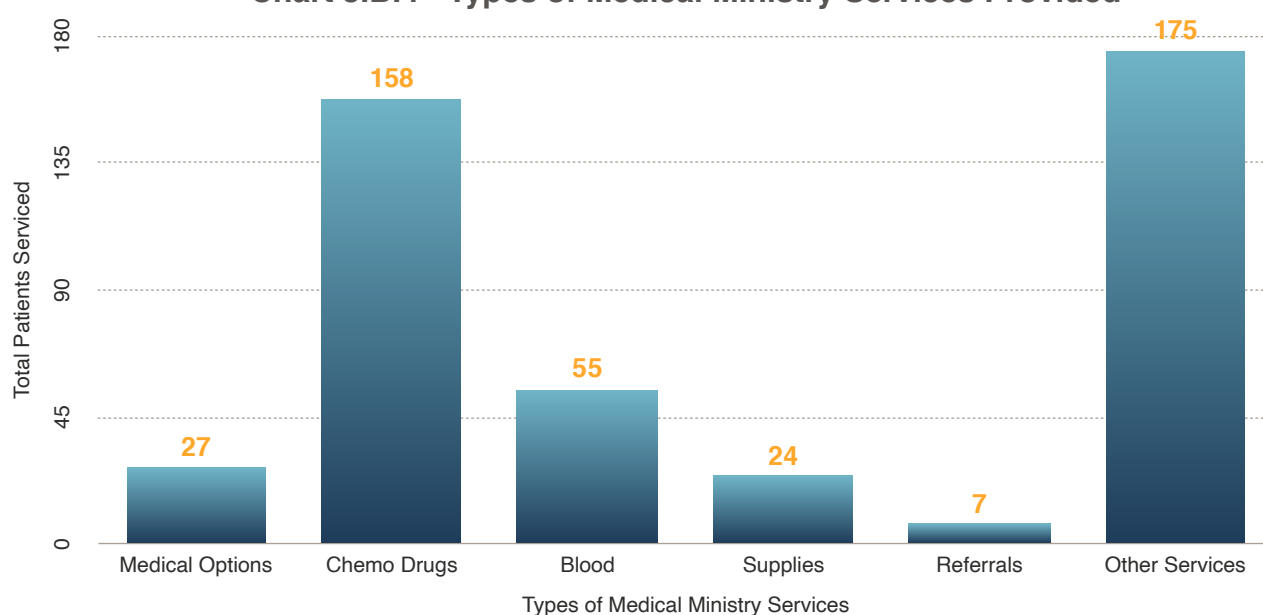
Per Chart 3.B.3 below, the cumulative amount of chemo drugs, blood and other services given to patients now stands in PESOS: **TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-FOUR THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED NINETEEN & 40/100 (Php 2,584,619.00)**. We hope and pray that EPCALM will be able to give more in 2023.

Chart 3.B.3 - Medical Ministry Services Costs



Take note that FY 2021, EPCALM could not provide any services to our patients due to difficulties in providing our services menu, due to the travel restrictions. With more relaxed restrictions in the current year, our medical services has rebounded in the number of services provided, which is the highest so far (162) since FY 2008.

Chart 3.B.4 - Types of Medical Ministry Services Provided





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During this period with the travel restrictions still in effect, EPCALM's social workers assisted our patients virtually as they worked on their financial and medical requirements, by helping them prepare Letters for Assistance, follow-up with the concerned agencies and institutions and other kinds of assistance. Hence "Other services" (175) is now the leading service for this Ministry, followed closely by providing Chemo drugs (See Chart 3.B.4).

Next fiscal year, once face-to-face is fully allowed, EPCALM can restart its blood drives and other face-to-face services.

*Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Medical Ministry's service offerings, please refer to <https://www.epcalmfoundation.org/medical-ministry>.*

### C. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (FINANCIAL) MINISTRY

“...The Resource Mobilization Ministry endeavors to help patients and their families raise funds for their medical needs. As well as raise funds for the Foundation’s administrative needs...”

For Fiscal year 2021 - 2022, following were the Resource Mobilization services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:



- Continued to provide direct monetary assistance to EPCALM Patients and their families;
- Continued to solicit direct donations and financial support for the Foundation as a whole; and
- Gave out prizes in cash (GCash) or in kind to the patient attendees and program participants during the Virtual Family Huddles held on a monthly basis.

Per Table 3.C.1 below, the highest number of patients serviced by the Ministry during this fiscal year is through monetary assistance (236), followed by other services (88) and grocery/gift packs (6).

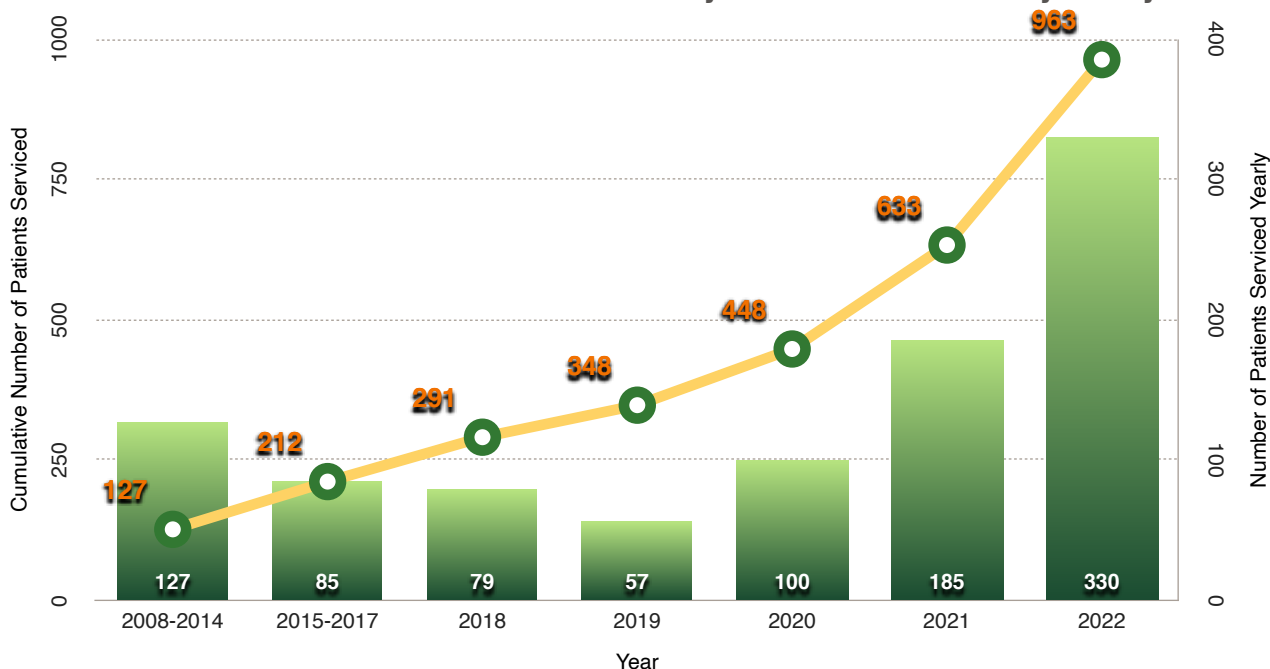
**Table 3.C.1 - Financial Ministry Services Statistics**

| Service                   | 2008-2014  | 2015-2017 | 2018      | 2019      | 2020       | 2021       | 2022       | Total      |
|---------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Monetary Assistance       | 37         | 44        | 2         | 5         | 10         | 84         | 236        | 418        |
| Groceries/Gift Packs      | 17         | 25        | 73        | 52        | 87         | 27         | 6          | 287        |
| Fund Raising              | 6          | 7         | 0         | 0         | 1          | 0          | 0          | 14         |
| Published/Posted Articles | 62         | 5         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 0          | 0          | 67         |
| Other Assistance          | 5          | 4         | 4         | 0         | 2          | 74         | 88         | 177        |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>127</b> | <b>85</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>185</b> | <b>330</b> | <b>963</b> |

For this fiscal period, a total of 330 patients were serviced by the Ministry (see Chart 3.C.2 below). This number is almost double the number of services as compared to FY 2020 - 2021, due mainly to the monetary assistance given by EPCALM during the monthly conduct of the Family Huddles, where more patients were able to join since this is conducted virtually through ZOOM. Due to the virtual platform, patients and their families can join anywhere, even when patients are in the hospitals.

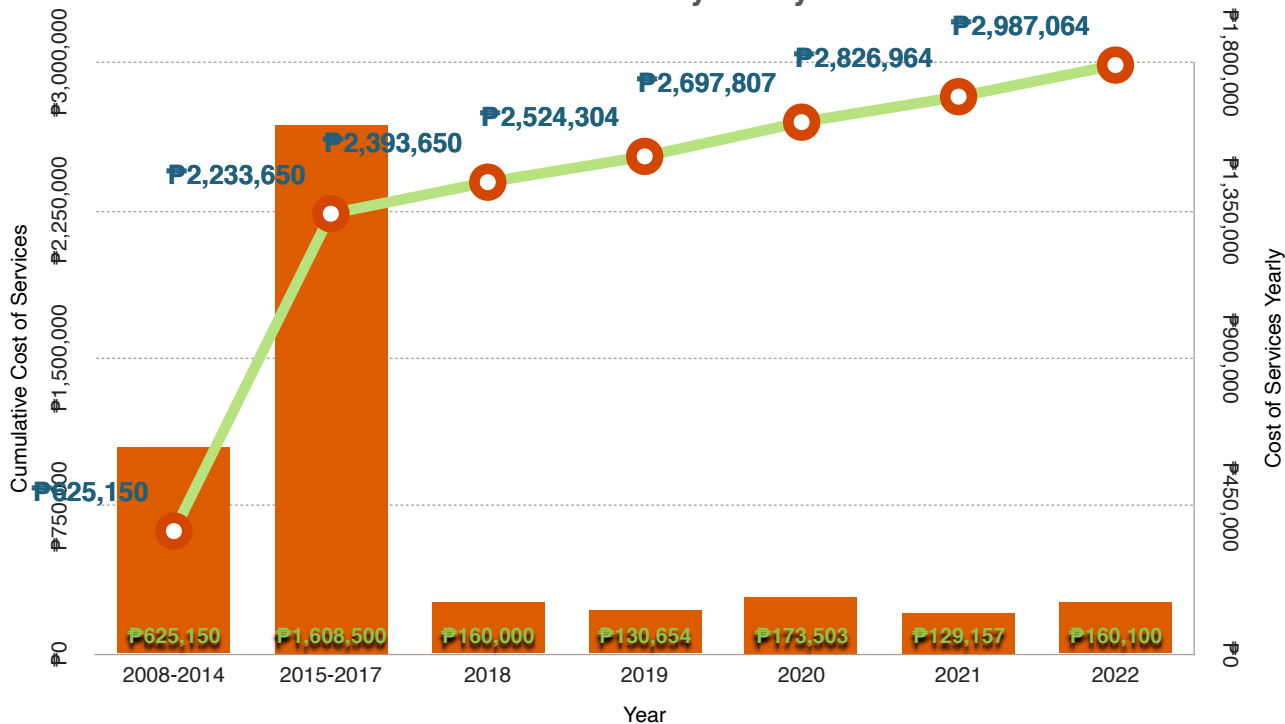
Aside from the direct monetary assistance, assistance in kind was also given during these huddles, hence the increase in number for this type of service.

**Chart 3.C.2 - No. of Patients serviced by the Financial Ministry Yearly**



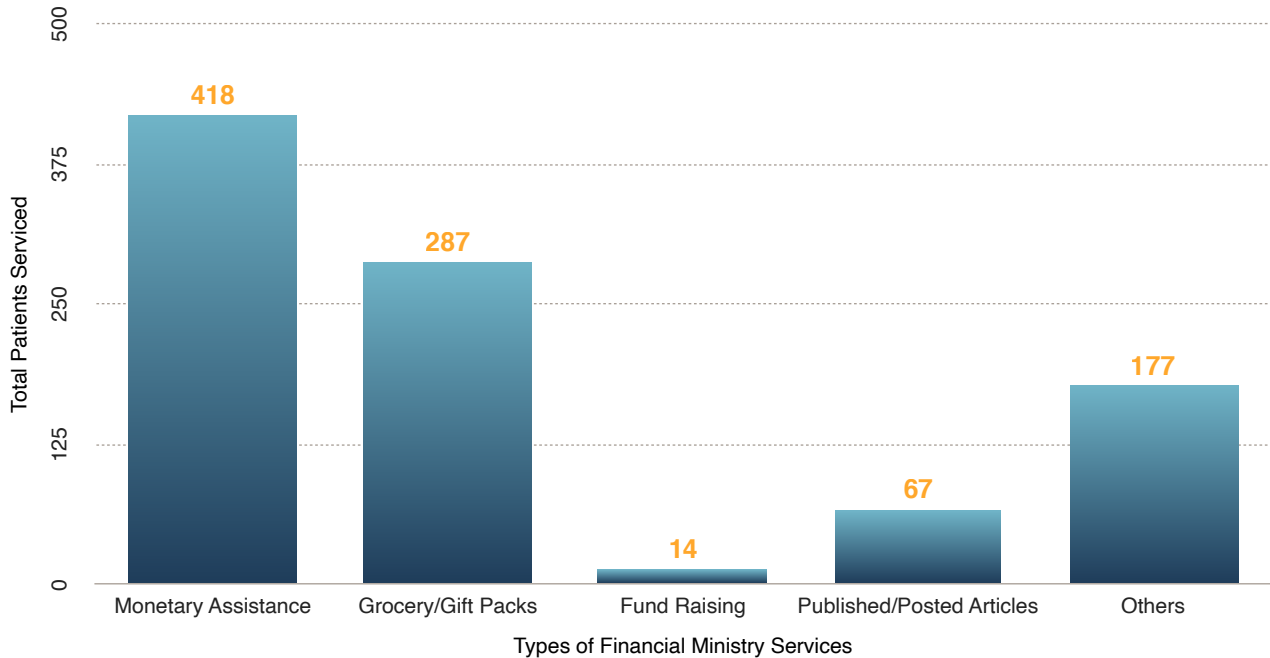
The average amount of services provided on a yearly basis over the last 6 years (2017 - 2022) is around P140,000.00, as shown in the statistics below. This is an improvement to last year's report (over a six-year period), where the average per year was P130,000. To date, a total of PESOS: **TWO MILLION NINE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND SIXTY-FOUR & 00/100 (Php2,987,064.00)** has been given to EPCALM patients and their families, through the Resource Mobilization Ministry (See Chart 3.C.3 below).

**Chart 3.C.3 - Financial Ministry Yearly Services Costs**



Take note that for the last 5 fiscal years from 2018 to 2022, the Resource Mobilization Ministry has averaged around P150,000 worth of services provided to patients. Hopefully in the coming years, as EPCALM generates more funds from its fund raising activities, the yearly average spend will increase.

**Chart 3.C.4 - Types of Financial Ministry Services Provided**



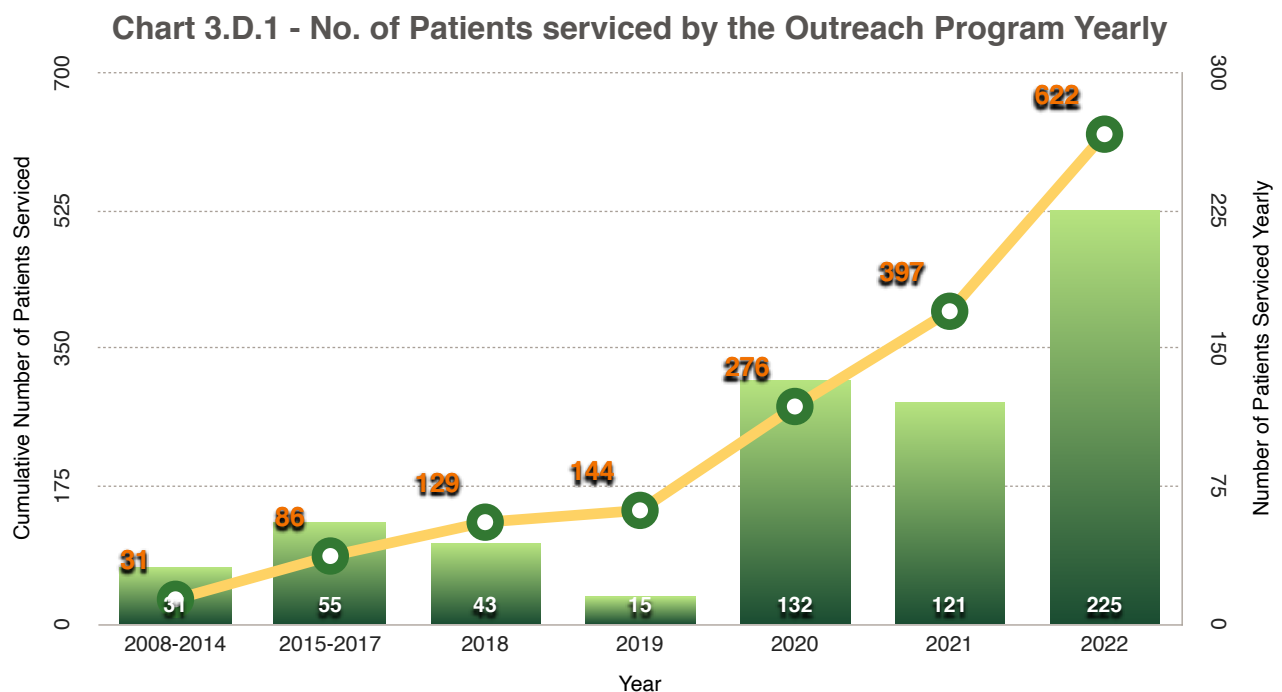
Cumulatively, monetary assistance (418) now tops the list of the services provided to patients, mainly due to the conduct of the monthly virtual Family Huddles, where patients given assistance during games and raffles (See Chart 3.C.4 above).

*Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Resource Mobilization Ministry's service offerings, please refer to <https://www.epcalmfoundation.org/resource-mobilization-ministry>.*

## D. OUTREACH PROGRAM SERVICES

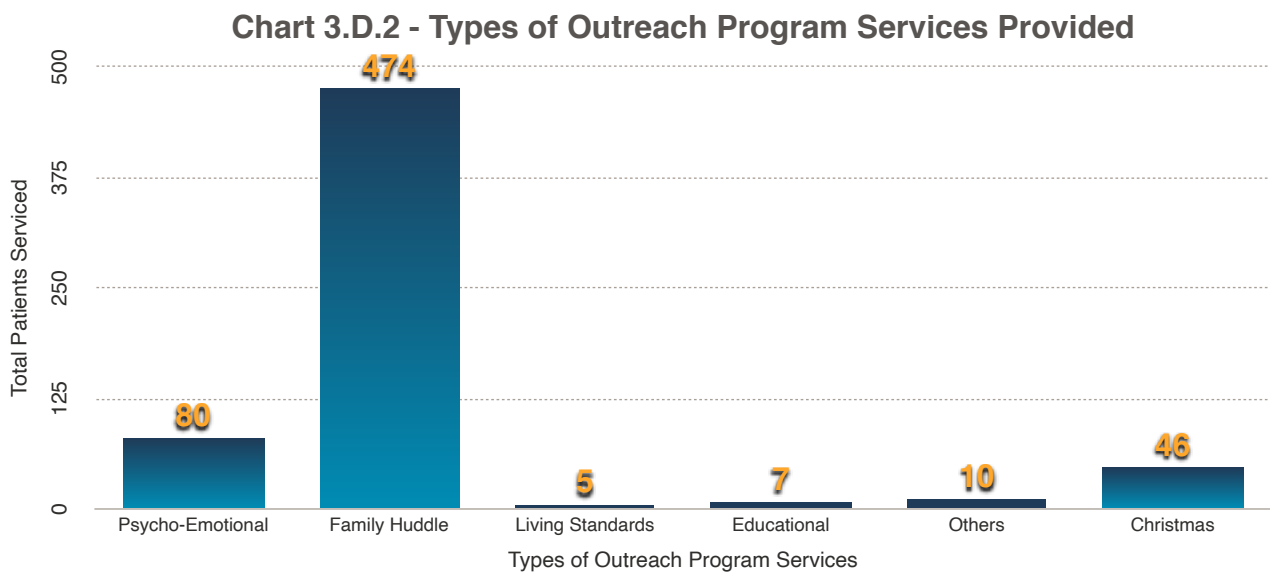
“...The Outreach Program endeavors to provide auxiliary support and guidance to its patients and their families outside of but in conjunction with the three arms of service (Spiritual, Medical and Resource Mobilization)...”

For Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022, even with the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this program almost doubled the number of patients (225) serviced as compared to the previous year (See Chart 3.D.1 below) made up mostly of attendance in the family huddles and psycho-emotional support. Family huddles are very effective in drawing participation from patients, as more and more are able to join the monthly EPCALM family huddles due to its virtual platform.



Take note that the cumulative number of services rendered has a very steep upward slope over the last three (3) fiscal years from FY 2020 to FY 2022. was almost double that of the previous year. As the COVID-19 restrictions are eased up, we foresee that EPCALM will be able to be more hands-on in journeying with our patients and provide better quality of service, as the other Outreach program services are restarted.

For the family huddles in FY 2022-2023, EPCALM plans to conduct these using a hybrid set-up, with face-to-face engagement for those who can go to the EPCALM House (See Section 4, Sub-Section M below), but with a ZOOM platform for those who are unable to join, or are not residing in Metro Manila. We expect that the Family huddles (474) will still be the primary service that this program can offer to our patients (See Chart 3.D.2 below).



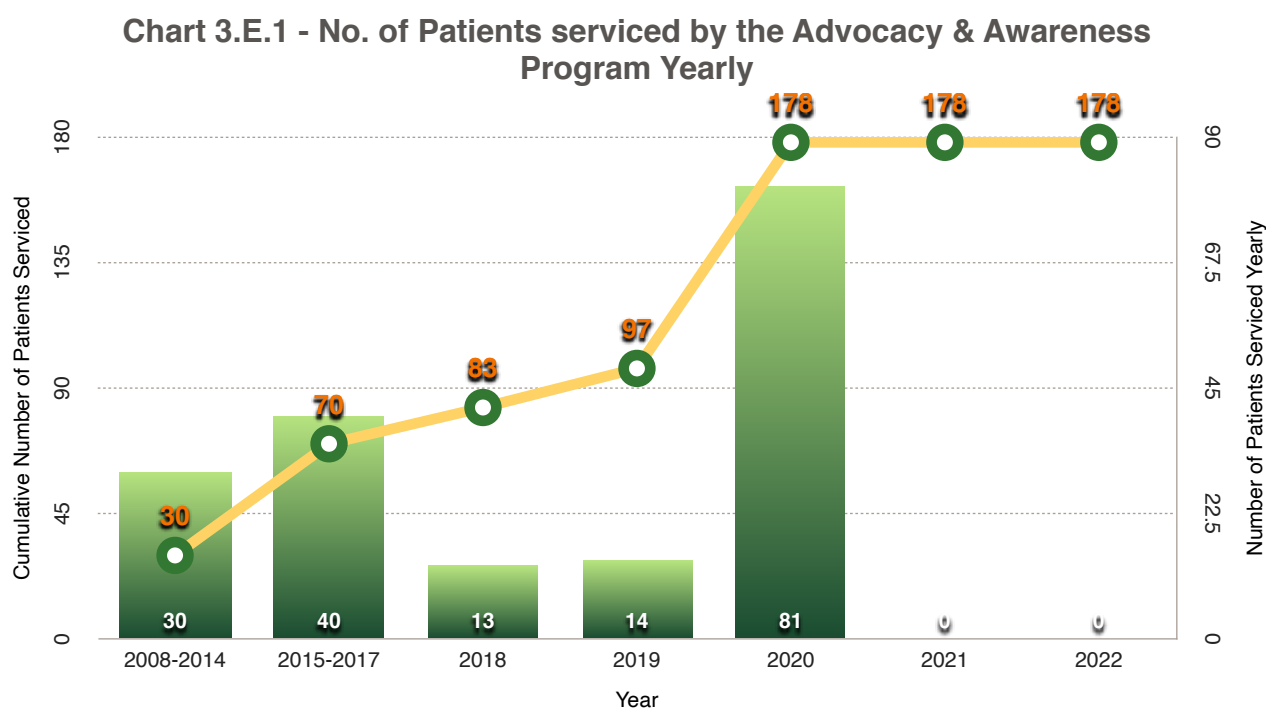
*Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Outreach Program's service offerings, please refer to <https://www.epcalmfoundation.org/outreach-program>.*

## E. ADVOCACY & AWARENESS PROGRAM SERVICES

“...The Advocacy & Awareness Ministry endeavors to generate awareness and interest in the goals, mission, vision, objectives and programs of the Foundation through the conduct of awareness activities and pursuit of advocacies...”

For Fiscal year 2021 - 2022, the activities of the Advocacy & Awareness Program did not just involve EPCALM patients and their families, but was also made open to all interested groups and people who shares in EPCALM’s advocacies. EPCALM also joined and supported the advocacies espoused by its partners and linkages. Following were the various activities implemented during the fiscal year:

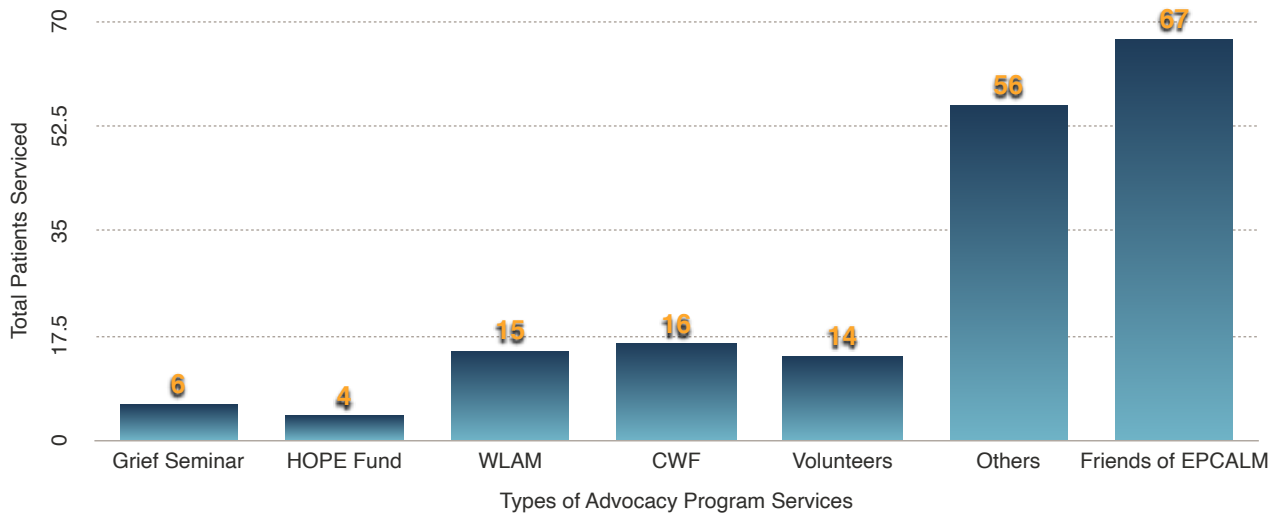
- Participated in the Webinar entitled “Break the Bias: Babae - Kakaiba Ka nga Ba?” to celebrate the International Women’s Day, last March 8, 2022;
- Participated in the online event celebration of the World Lymphoma Awareness Day last September 17, 2022;
- Interviewed in the One News Youtube Channel - Agenda hosted by Cito Beltran last September 29, 2022;
- Attended the ABSNET Webinar on Fund Raising conducted last September 30, 2022; and
- Sponsored a fund raising dinner entitled “Steak For A Cause” held at the El Gaucho Argentinian Steak House located at Seven/NEO, 5th Ave., Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Metro Manila last October 14, 2022.



Please see more information and details of these activities and events under Section 4 of this report.

Take note that though EPCALM had a lot of activities and events, these did were not directly related to providing services for our patients, hence, since FY 2021, no direct services have been provided (See Chart 3.E.1 above).

**Chart 3.E.2 - Types of Advocacy & Awareness Program Services Provided**



The annual “Friends of EPCALM” assembly (67) still attracts the highest number of patients patient families and supporters in this program (See Chart 3.E.2 above). As more face-to-face interactions, meetings and events are permitted, we plan that the other program services will also be reactivated.

*Note: For EPCALM’s full listing and description of the Advocacy and Awareness Program’s service offerings, please refer to <https://www.epcalmfoundation.org/advocacy-and-awareness-program>.*



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## F. PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS PROGRAM SERVICES

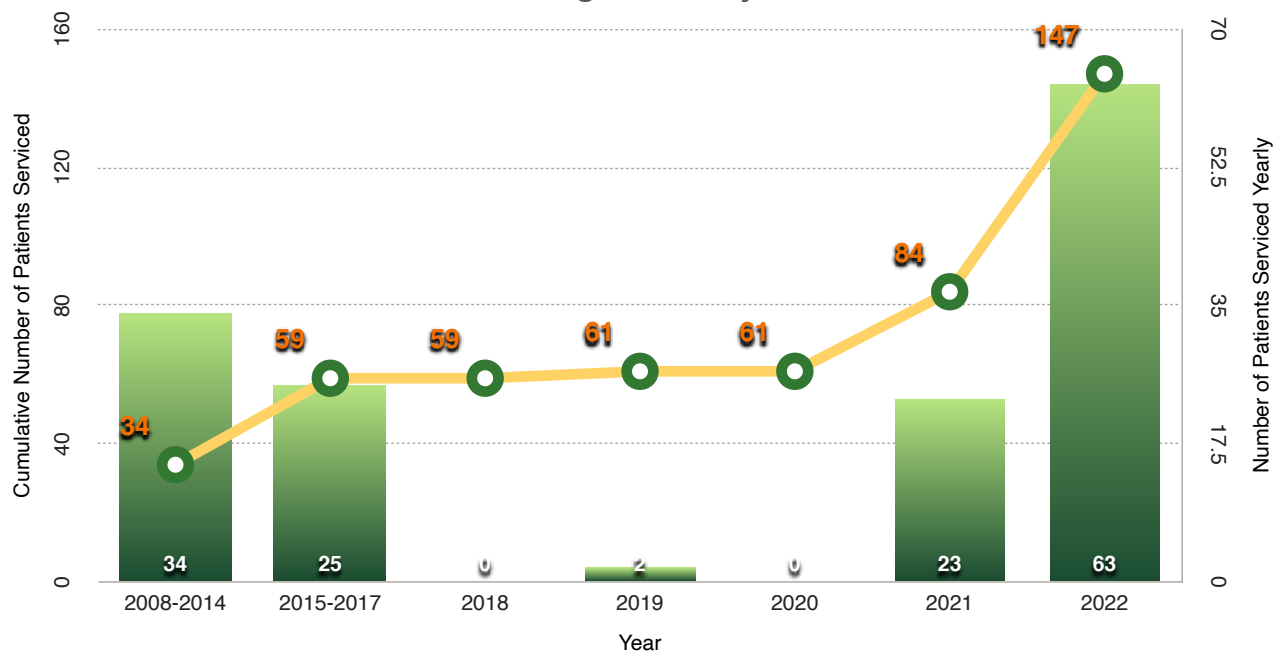
“...The Partnerships & Affiliations Program endeavors to foster relationships and linkages with different networks, companies, associations, organizations as deemed necessary to carry out the vision, mission and goals of the Foundation...”

For Fiscal year 2021 - 2022, EPCALM assisted patients with their financial and medical requirements by coordinating with various government, drug companies, hospitals and NGO's. The partnerships and linkages established were with the following government agencies, companies and organizations:

- Approached Senators requesting for Medical Assistance, as follows:
  - ✓ Senator Gordon;
  - ✓ Senator Tolentino;
  - ✓ Senator Zubiri;
  - ✓ Senator Gatchalian;
  - ✓ Senator De Lima;
  - ✓ Senator Cayetano;
  - ✓ Senator Angara;
  - ✓ Senator Go;
  - ✓ Senator Hontiveros;
  - ✓ Senator Villanueva;
  - ✓ Senator Villar; and
  - ✓ Senator Revilla.
- Linked with the Bayanihan E-Consult Program of the Office of the Vice President (OVP).
- Coordinated and referred patients to Government Offices and agencies as follows:
  - ✓ Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO);
  - ✓ Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD);
  - ✓ Malasakit Centers;
  - ✓ Department of Health Medical Assistance for Indigent Patients (DOH - MAIP) Program;
  - ✓ City Social Welfare and Development Officer (CSWDO);
  - ✓ Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA); and
  - ✓ National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA).
- Referred patients and coordinated with the following hospitals:
  - ✓ University of the Philippines - Philippine General Hospital (UP-PGH);
  - ✓ Jose R. Reyes Memorial Medical Center (JRRMMC); and
  - ✓ San Pablo General Community Hospital.

- Coordinated with Drug Companies to get Medical Assistance or discounted drugs, as follows:
  - ✓ Pfizer Foundation;
  - ✓ MedInfinity;
  - ✓ Globo Asiatico; and
  - ✓ Mercury Drug
- Linked with Non-Government Organizations (NGO's) to provide assistance to patients, as follows:
  - ✓ Child House; and
  - ✓ Couples For Christ (CFC) Answering the Cry Of the Poor (ANCOP).

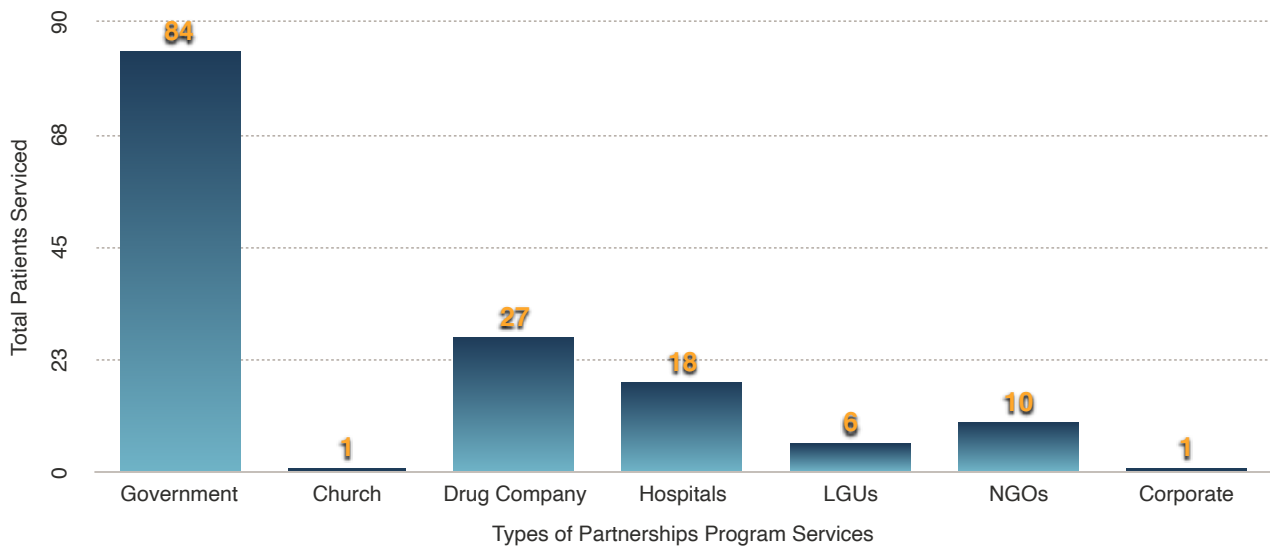
**Chart 3.F.1 - No. of Patients serviced by the Partnerships & Affiliations Program Yearly**



Due to the efforts made by EPCALM's social workers in communicating and coordinating with the various government and private individuals and institutions, EPCALM was able to service triple the number of patients provided with program services (63) in the current year. Hopefully this upward trend will continue as we see more face-to-face interaction (see Chart 3.F.1).

The Government agencies and institutions (84) is still the biggest partner for EPCALM in terms of helping our patients' medical and financial requirements. Hopefully formal MOU's could be signed for these institutions in the near future (See Chart 3.F.2 below).

**Chart 3.F.2 - Types of Partnerships & Affiliations Program Services Provided**



*Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Partnerships and Affiliations Program's service offerings, please refer to <https://www.epcalmfoundation.org/partnerships-and-affiliations-program>.*

*EPCALM's Partnerships and Affiliations Program will continue to explore and connect with more organizations and institutions to partner with in the future, to provide financial, medical and other services needed by our serviced patients.*

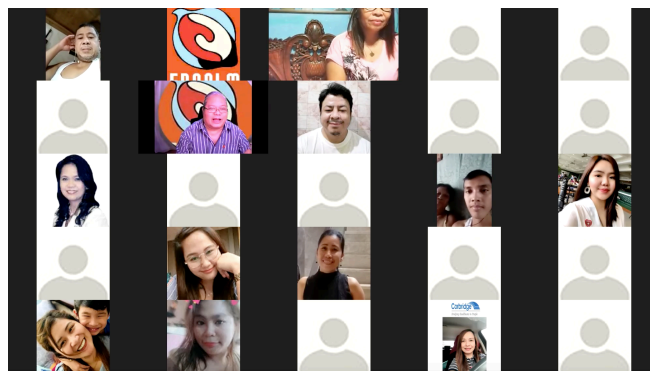
## 4. 2021 - 2022 EPCALM Highlights

### A. “FRIENDS OF EPCALM” GENERAL ASSEMBLY – NOV. 2021

The single seed that fell to the ground and died on May 12, 2005, have produced way many more seeds throughout the fourteen (14) years of EPCALM’s efforts of being the vehicle through which patients afflicted with leukemia experience God’s love and faithfulness. The Foundation has grown to be a band wagon of families of patients, friends of friends, corporations, institutions and concerned citizens from all walks of life, with varying gifts, talents, expertise and resources to share, who have joined in and bonded together as a group to become what is now, Friends of EPCALM – a group of helping hands with a passion to care.



The 7th Friends of EPCALM General Assembly was held last November 26, 2021. This was an online event (ZOOM). This event though was limited to patients and their families and a few supporters, donors and sponsors. This event was merged also as the 11th EPCALM Family Huddle for 2021.



### B. EPCALM’S ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY/BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING - NOV. 2021

EPCALM held its annual General Assembly (GA) and Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting for members last November 27, 2021. This GA meeting is in accordance with EPCALM’s Articles of Incorporation to hold it annually.

For the General Assembly, it was announced that the existing elected EPCALM Board of Trustees will carry-over and hold a three (3) year term. This is in accordance with the Revised Corporation code which stipulates that the Board of Trustees



in a non-stock Corporation will have a term of three (3) years. As such, the existing Board of Trustees (BOT) will remain as BOT members up to October 2024. These members are as follows:

- Connie Ancheta
- Erlyn Demerre
- Justice Demerre
- Mitch Duran
- Elmar Jay Dejaresco
- Virgie Garcia



- Sunny Ku
- Benny Lagos
- Mary Ann Ojeda
- Catherine Rosales
- Rachael Rosario

### C. EPCALM’S “WORK FROM HOME” SCHEME - NOV. 2021 to OCT. 2022

For FY 2021-2022, EPCALM continued with the “Work From Home” arrangement for the EPCALM staff, due to restrictions imposed by the Government in response to containing the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Take note that EPCALM resorted to the “Work From Home” arrangement since the onset of



pandemic last March 2020. The work arrangement impacts the “normal” activities of the Social Workers, as such, EPCALM had to reinvent ways on how patients would be serviced.

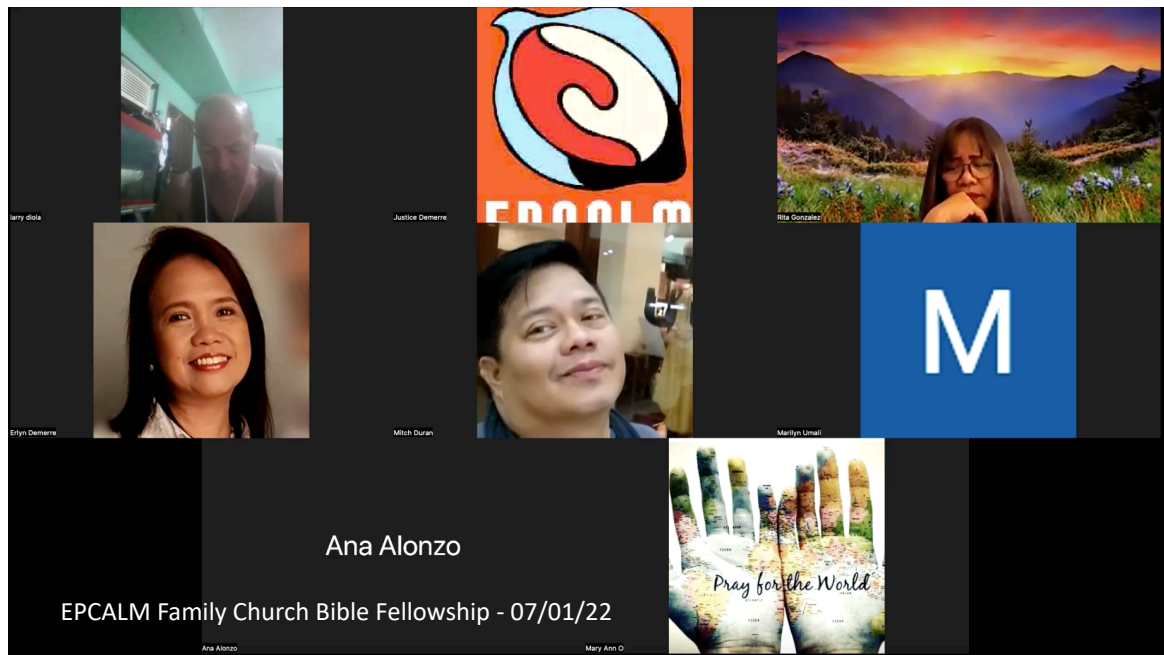
Hence, the EPCALM Social Workers refocused their efforts to communicating and coordinating with the patients and/or their families virtually. Prayers, psycho-emotional support and virtual visits were done to continue to give joy, love and hope to patients and their families.

### D. EPCALM FAMILY CHURCH BIBLE FELLOWSHIPS - NOV. 2021 to OCT. 2022

EPCALM has continued to conduct the weekly Bible fellowships every Friday at 8 PM. The past few months though, it was decided to hold the fellowships starting at 7:30 PM. The regular fellowship started last April 2020. Regular attendees or guest preachers have rotated or have been invited to lead these bible fellowships. Since the year started, EPCALM has encouraged patients and their families to attend these bible

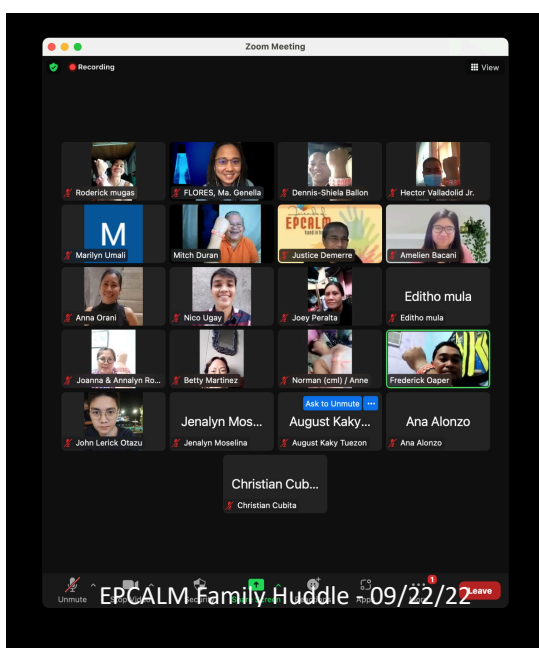


studies and we have seen regular attendees into these meetings.



#### E. EPCALM FAMILY HUDDLES - NOV. 2021 TO OCT. 2022

With the continued COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, EPCALM has also continued to hold its “virtual” family huddles regularly. At the start of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 In November 2021, EPCALM has been



consistent in conducting the virtual Family huddles every month. These monthly huddles has drawn an average participation of around 20-25 patients/ patient’s family members.

These family huddles start with songs, prayers, messages, games, “kamustahan”, homily by resident “word giver” Father Percival Tayem, raffle, patient testimonies, patient prayers, and songs. Regular conduct of these huddles has given our patients something to look forward to every month.



## F. EPCALM PATIENT HOPE PACKS - DEC. 2021 TO OCT. 2022

For Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022, EPCALM sent out 5 batches of EPCALM HOPE packs to its patients in Metro Manila and nearby



provinces. Deliveries through courier were started on the following dates:



- 1st Batch - December 29, 2021;
- 2nd Batch - February 14, 2022;
- 3rd Batch - April 17, 2022;
- 4th Batch - August 24, 2022; and
- 5th Batch - October 10, 2022.

The HOPE packs contained donated items such as face masks, medicines, canned goods, snack items, rice, Noche Buena packs, EPCALM cloth bag, bible tracts, supplements, sweets, milk drinks, noodles, EPCALM advocacy bracelet and other small items.

Donors for these goods in Cash and/or in kind were as follows:

- |                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| • Ms. Connie Ancheta                | • EPCALM             |
| • Mr. Jaime So                      | • McGraw Pharma      |
| • Justice & Erlyn Demerre Family    | • Corbridge          |
| • Atty. Jay & Ruby Dejaresco Family | • Ms. Virgie Garcia  |
| • Ms. Mary Ann Ojeda                | • Ms. Mary Ann Ojeda |
| • Ms. Jocelyn Del Mundo             | • Ms. Snow Navarro   |
| • Ms. Josephine Aguilar             |                      |
| • Mr. Mitch Duran                   |                      |

## G. INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - MAR. 2022

In support of the activities of its linkage partner: The Philippine Health Association (PHA), EPCALM participated in the PHA and Philippine College of Cardiology (PCC) sponsored online event entitled: "Break the Bias: Babae - Kakaiba Ka nga Ba?", celebrating the International Women's Day. The event was conducted in cooperation with PHA's Council on Women's Cardiovascular Health, held last March 8, 2022.

EPCALM-serviced patients were invited to participate in the online event.



## H. FREE CHEMO MEDICINES - JUL. 2022

EPCALM, under its Medical Service Arm, assisted serviced patients through the provision of prescribed oral chemotherapy drugs and maintenance medicines in 2022.

The cancer medicines is targeted to be released in two batches, after prior screening and submission of prescriptions issued by the patients' respective oncologists. In July 2022, oral chemotherapy drugs were received by 14 patients. Seven patients were provided with *Tasigna (Nilotinib)*, while seven patients were given *Imatinib*. Meanwhile, three other patients were provided with their maintenance medicines.

The 2nd batch is scheduled to be released in December 2022.





## I. WORLD LYMPHOMA DAY CELEBRATION - SEP. 2022

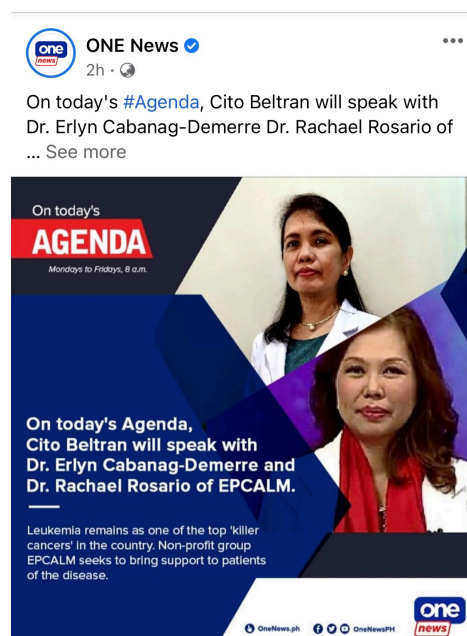
Last September 17, 2022, in accordance with its advocacy mission to support like-minded endeavors, EPCALM participated in an online event celebrating the World Lymphoma Awareness Day. The event was co-organized by two Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) - Lymphoma Philippines and The Carewell Community (The Cancer Resource and Wellness Community).

EPCALM through its Chairman Dr. Erlyn Demerre gave a message of support during the online event. EPCALM supports these two (2) like-minded NGOs who provide support and assistance to Lymphoma and Cancer patients. Plans are in the way to integrate and/or co-sponsor activities that provide services and assistance to patients of the three organizations.



## J. WORLD LEUKEMIA AWARENESS MONTH - SEP. 2022

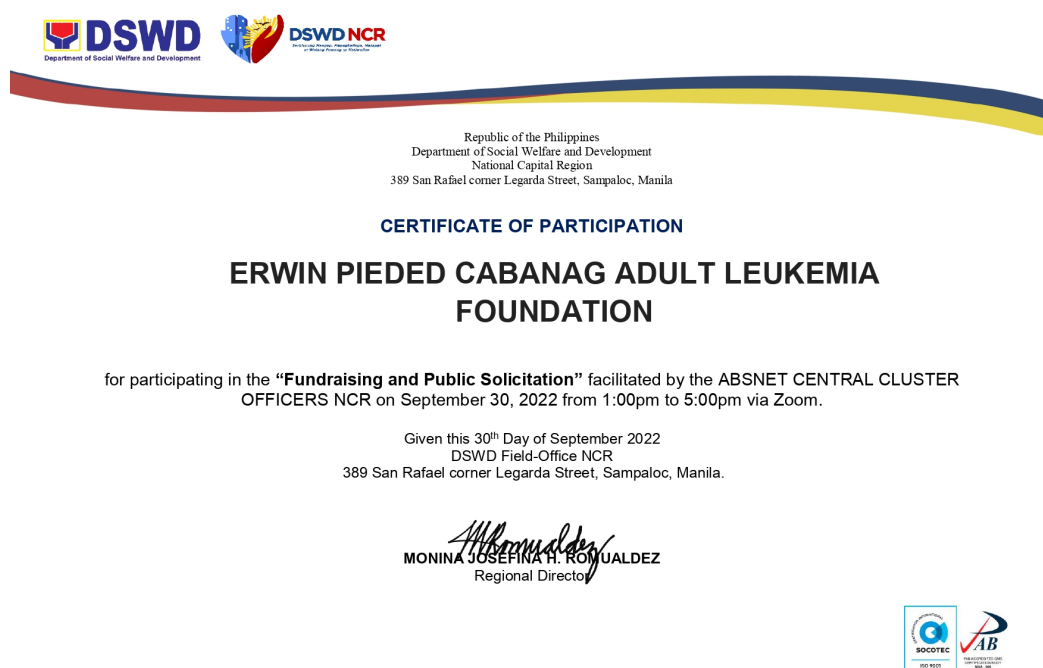
In celebration of the World Leukemia Awareness Month (WLAM) in September, EPCALM was interviewed in the One News Youtube Channel - Agenda hosted by Cito Beltran last September 29, 2022. Invited to the interview was EPCALM's Board Chair and Founder Dr. Erlyn Demerre and EPCALM Board of Trustee member Dr. Rachael Rosario, who talked about EPCALM and other cancer-related topics during said interview.



## K. DSWD'S "FUNDRAISING AND PUBLIC SOLICITATION" WEBINAR - SEP. 2022

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) as facilitated by Area Based Standards Network (ABSNET) Central Cluster Officer NCR conducted a webinar last September 30, 2022, entitled "Fundraising and Public Solicitation". EPCALM's Social workers - Ma. Ella Flores and Amelien Bacani interfaced virtually with colleagues of DSWD-accredited Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) doing the webinar.

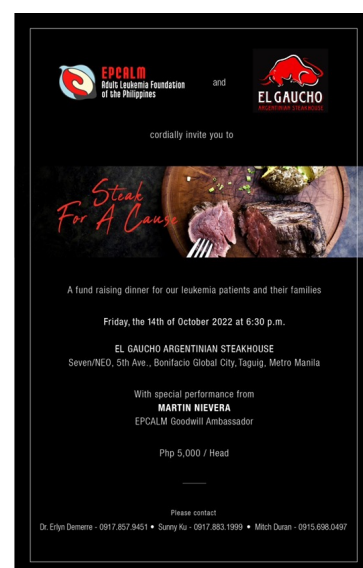
With this webinar, it is hoped that EPCALM will be guided accordingly when conducting future fundraising and solicitation activities for the foundation and its patients.



## L. EPCALM HOPE FUND'S "DINNER FOR A CAUSE" - OCT. 2022

EPCALM sponsored its first-ever face-to-face fund raising event after 2 years, by hosting a "Dinner For A Cause" for the EPCALM HOPE Fund. The event was entitled "Steak For A Cause" which was co-sponsored by the El Gaucho Argentinian Steakhouse where the dinner was also held, at Seven/NEO Building, 5th Ave., Bonifacio Global City.

During the Dinner, Martin Nievera, EPCALM's Goodwill



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Ambassador gave a special performance to entertain the guests. A total of 80 guests attended the event.



#### **M. NEW EPCALM HOUSE - OCT. 2022**

Last October 31, 2022, EPCALM conducted a house blessing of its new home called the "EPCALM House" located in #23 13th Street, New Manila, Barangay Damayang Lagi, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

The move is in line with EPCALM's goal to better serve its serviced patients and their families, through providing a "place of solace" for them. EPCALM will also be moving its office to this new home, from its former office located at Suite 341, St. Lukes Medical Center (SLMC) Medical Art Building (MAB), E. Rodriguez Ave., Quezon City.



