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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.

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- **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 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” beneficiaries of funding, to provide patients with worldwide opportunities for aid, to fund the victims’ requirements. This arm will develop connections with charitable institutions like the PCSO or private sectors in the Philippines as well as global Organizations and Foundations to aid to the growing needs of the Foundation.

2. Patient Information

A. PATIENT STATISTICS

Per the latest 2020 Global Cancer Statistics released in March 2021 by The Global Cancer Observatory (GLOBOCAN)¹, 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 combined². 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 report³, recorded new cases for leukemia in the Philippines is 5,795 (9th Cancer Site), while the recorded number of deaths for the same year is 4,370 (5th Cancer Site). The 2020 Philippine Mortality Rates (New Cases/Deaths) for leukemia has decreased from 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. From the year 2008 up to October 2020, EPCALM has serviced a total of Three-Hundred Twenty-Three (323) adult leukemia Filipino patients in the country and abroad. For the Fiscal Year (FY)⁴ 2020-2021, EPCALM currently is servicing 69 patients and their families.

Based on the average number of recorded new leukemia cases per annum (5,795) as per GLOBOCAN 2020 report⁵, around 0.14% of these patients (8) were serviced by EPCALM in 2021.

Eight (8) new patients were processed in FY 2021 (November 2020 - October 2021) as compared to thirty-one (31) in FY 2020 (See Table 2.A.1 below). The total cumulative number of patients - Three Twenty-Three (323) is a 2.5% increase as compared to 2020 (315), and a 13.73% increase from 2019 (284).

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

² <https://www.who.int/news/globocan-2020-new-global-cancer-data>

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

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

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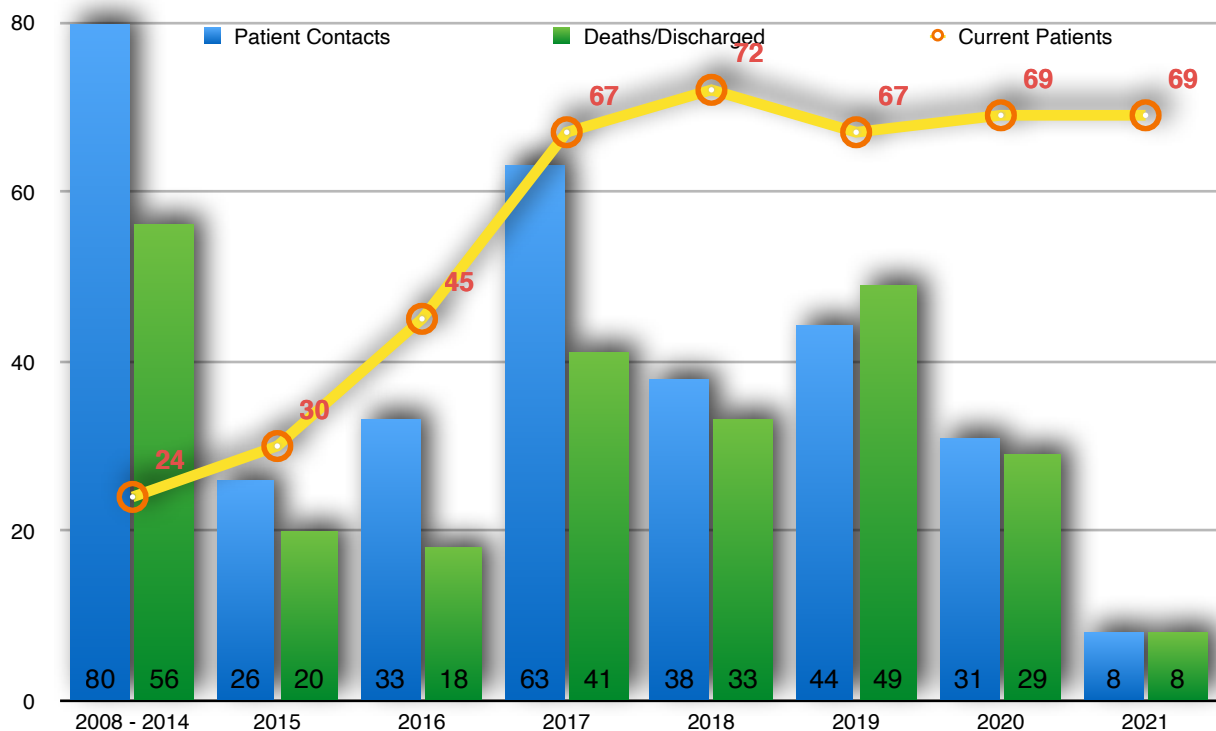
Table 2.A.1 - EPCALM Patient Statistics

Year	Patient Contacts	Deaths/ Discharged	Current Number of Patients
2008 - 2014	80	56	24
2015	26	20	30
2016	33	18	45
2017	63	41	67
2018	38	33	72
2019	44	49	67
2020	31	29	69
2021	8	8	69
TOTAL	323	254	69

Note: Adjusted deaths/discharged numbers in 2020 to 29 in this report from 31 in previous years report.

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 13.33 new patients were being serviced yearly. This number of new patients being serviced has tripled in the succeeding six-year period (from 2014 – 2020), where an average of 39.16 patients were being serviced yearly. For 2021, the number of new patients has decreased (8), mainly due to the COVID-19

pandemic where EPCALM activities and personnel have been impacted because of the travel restrictions. Furthermore, since there were two (2) personnel (social worker) retirement/ resignation in the 4th quarter of 2020 and 2nd quarter of 2021, respectively, three (3) new social workers were hired on a part-time basis and trained during the 3rd quarter of 2021 although one (1) social worker resigned in October 2021, which impacted the processing of new patients. Hopefully, as the new social workers get acquainted with the work process and as the part-time work will transition to full-time in the next fiscal year, more new patient applicants will be processed.

B. DISTRIBUTION BY CURRENT STATUS OF PATIENTS

Of the 323 serviced patients to date, 254 of these patients are already deceased or have been discharged. 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 the 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)

Table 2.B.1 - Patient Journey Status Statistics

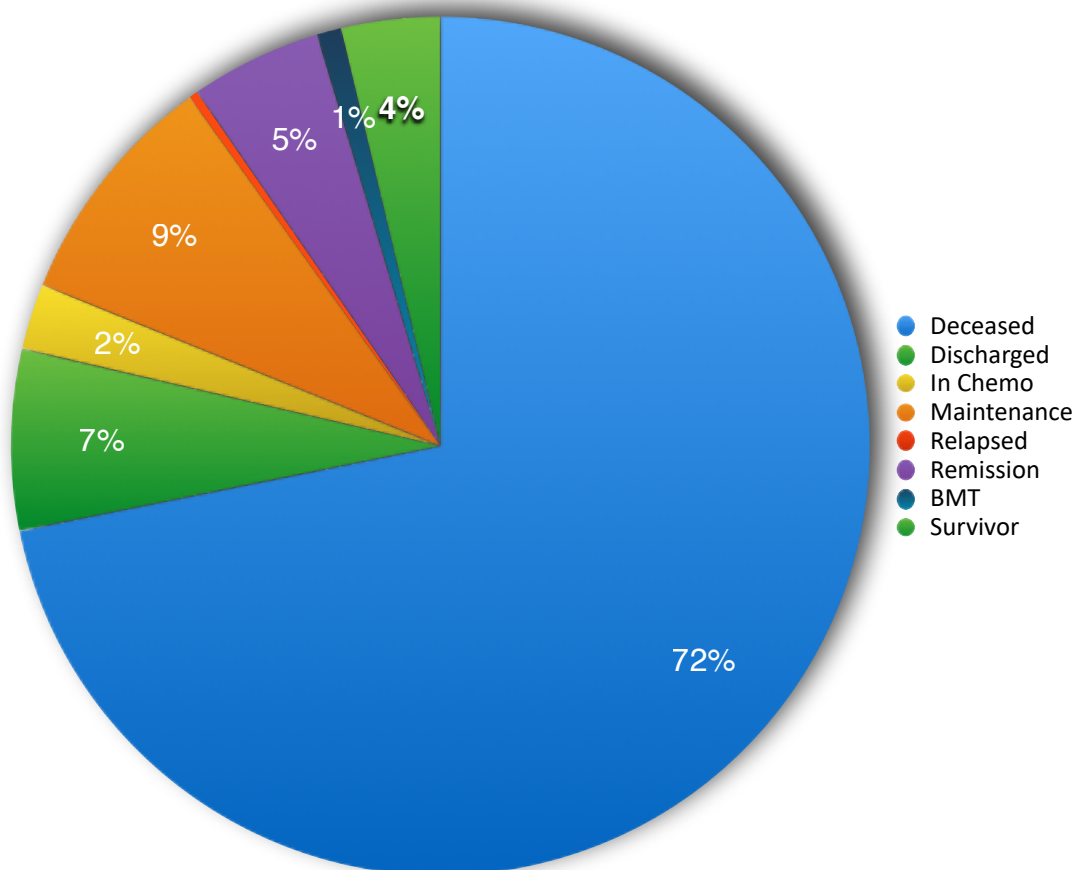
Status of Patients	2021 No. of Patients	2020 No. of Patients
Deceased	232	223
Discharged	22	25
In Chemo	8	13
Maintenance	29	24
Relapsed	1	2
Remission	16	21
BMT	3	-
Survivor	12	7
TOTAL	323	284

- Patient Survivors

The percentage of the yearly cumulative number of deceased/discharged patients versus the previous year has decreased in 2021 (See Table 2.B.1. above) at 2.42% (254/248). The percentage was 14.28% (248/217) in 2020, 17.93% (217/184) in 2019, and 28.67% (184/143) in 2018. This is a declining trend since 2018. EPCALM will continue to monitor this trend.

Of the total patients serviced by EPCALM, 72% are either deceased⁶ versus total number of patients, as of October 2021 (See Chart 2.B.2 below). Comparing this to the 2020 GLOBOCAN annual statistics for Leukemia in the Philippines⁷, EPCALM statistics are 3.4% lower (75.4% - 4,370/5,795) for deaths versus new cases.

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



⁶ Discharged patients excluded, as current status is unknown.

⁷ <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 323 serviced patients⁸ 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, no significant increase in the number of patients in any particular disease. This is more due to the small number of patients processed during the fiscal year 2020-2021. Only ALL, CML and AML patients were processed and recorded in 2021.

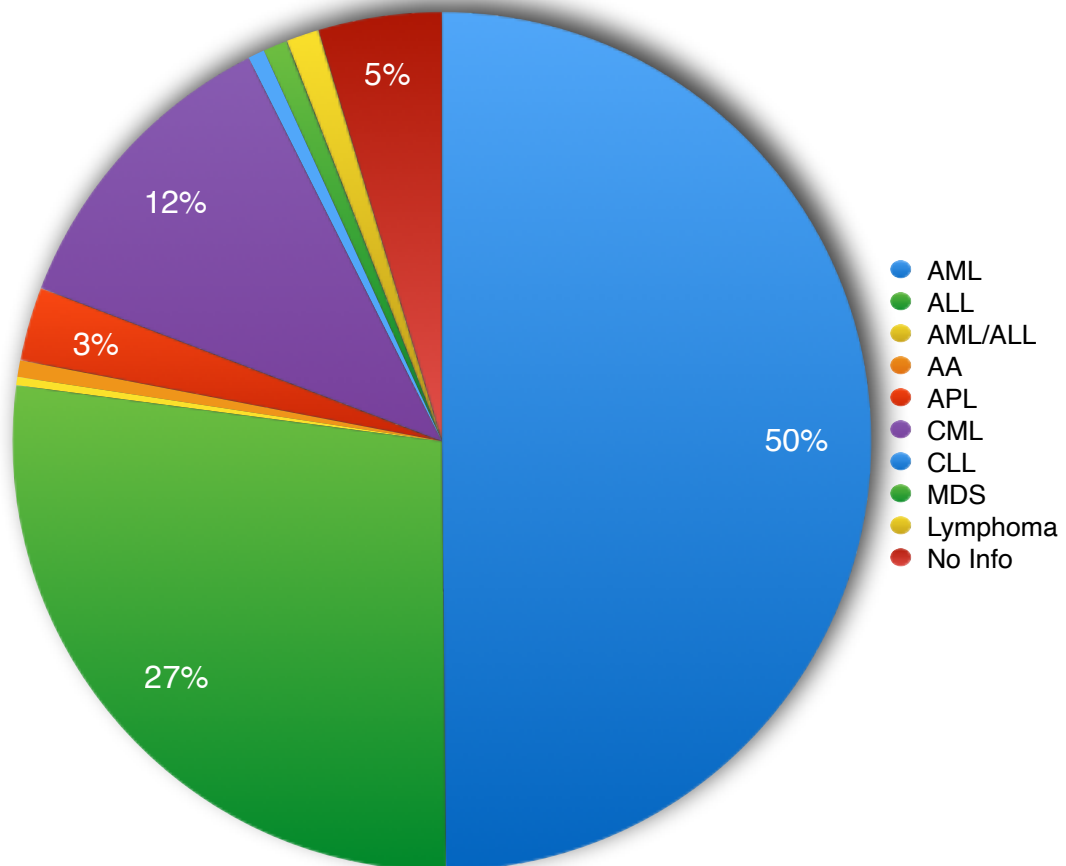
Table 2.C.1 - Patient Disease Statistics

Patients by Type of Disease	2021 No. of Patients	2020 No. of Patients
AML PATIENTS	161	159
ALL PATIENTS	88	85
AML/ALL PATIENTS	1	1
AA PATIENTS	2	2
APL PATIENTS	9	9
CML PATIENTS	38	35
CLL PATIENTS	2	2
MDS	3	3
LYMPHOMA	4	4
NO INFO	15	15
TOTAL	323	315

Referring to Chart 2.C.2 below, the percentages of AML and ALL patients have leveled off at 50% and 27%, respectively, based on the cumulative numbers since 2008. These are the same percentages in 2020, compared to 51% and 29%, respectively, in 2019; and 53%

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

Chart 2.C.2 - Distribution by Current Status of Patients



and 28%, respectively, in 2018. AML patients though still remained as the biggest group of leukemia patients that EPCALM is servicing.

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

D. PATIENT DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

EPCALM services adult leukemia patients⁹ 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, the majority of the patients processed in 2021 were within the 31 - 40 years old (4) and 41 - 50 years old (3) age group categories.

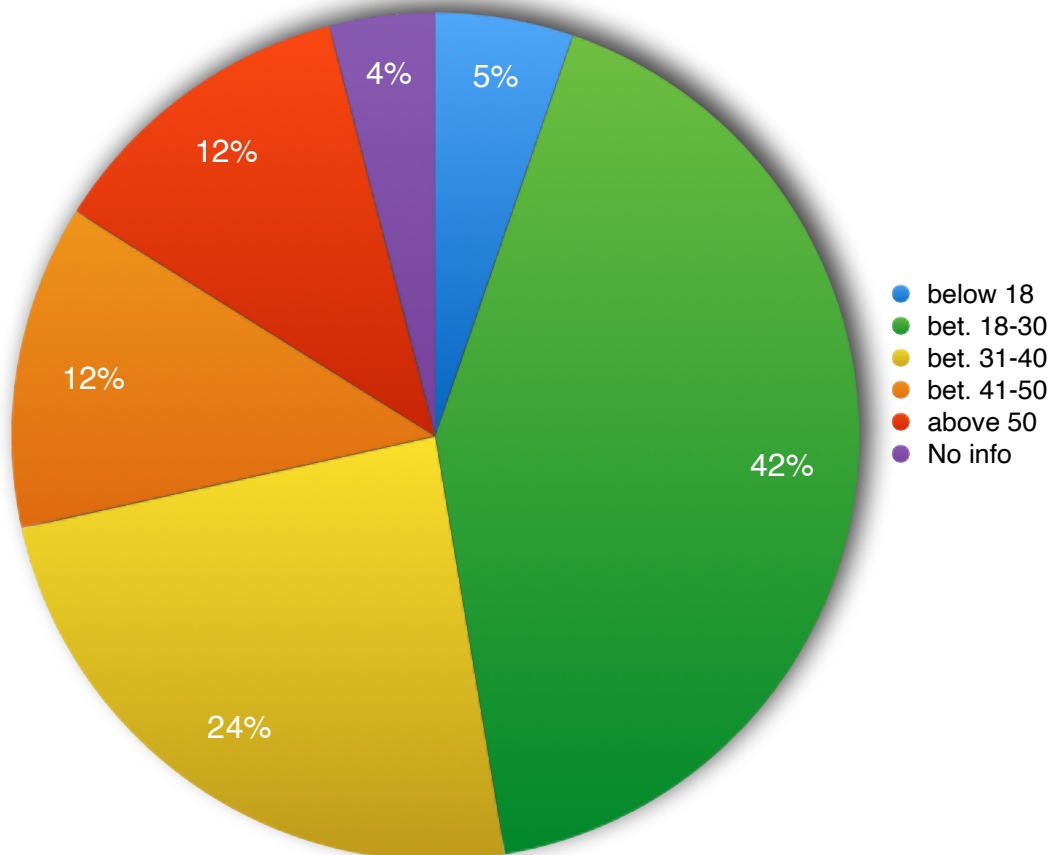
⁹ EPCALM does not have complete information on all its serviced patients.

Table 2.D.1 - Patient Age Statistics

Patient Age Groups	2021 No. of Patients	2020 No. of Patients
PATIENTS BELOW 18 Y.O.	17	17
PATIENTS BETWEEN 18 - 30 Y.O	136	135
PATIENTS BETWEEN 31 - 40 Y.O	78	74
PATIENTS BETWEEN 41 - 50 Y.O	40	37
PATIENTS ABOVE 50 Y.O	39	39
NO DATA ON AGE	13	13
TOTAL	323	315

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 42% in 2021, although compared to 2020 at 43%, there is a slight decrease. The 31 - 40 year old age group bracket maintains its position at 2nd with 24% of the total patients in 2021. For the combined 18 - 40 age group, total percentage is still 66%, same as in 2020, showing 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 still 24% in 2021, which is the same combined percentage in 2020.

E. MALE-FEMALE PATIENT RATIO

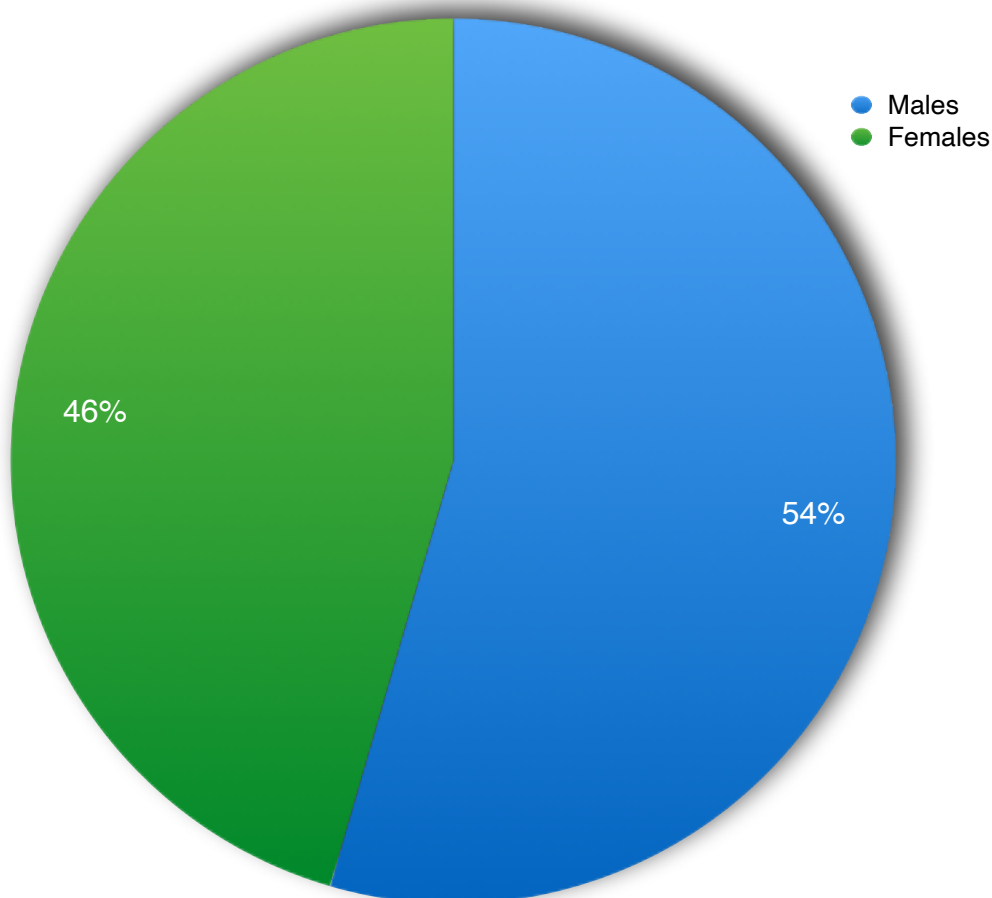
The cumulative Male-Female ratio mix of EPCALM serviced patients in 2021 is 54% males to 46% females. The ratio between the Male - Female patients has remained constant

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

Patient Gender	2021 No. of Patients	2020 No. of Patients
NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS	176	171
NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS	147	144
NUMBER OF EPCALM PATIENTS	323	315

over the last three (3) years (2019 - 2021). The current percentage ratio is more or less comparable to the 2020 Globocan statistics¹⁰ (world), which showed a 56% vs 44% Male - Female ratio for Leukemia incidence.

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



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

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 2021, following were the Spiritual services rendered 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 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 2020-2021 due to 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 visits to patients and their families during grief counseling and 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;
- Established regular communication with the patients and their families, by encouraging them to download the Viber App into their cell phones. A Patients viber group has been created as 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 FB Daily Reflections and Daily Devotions.

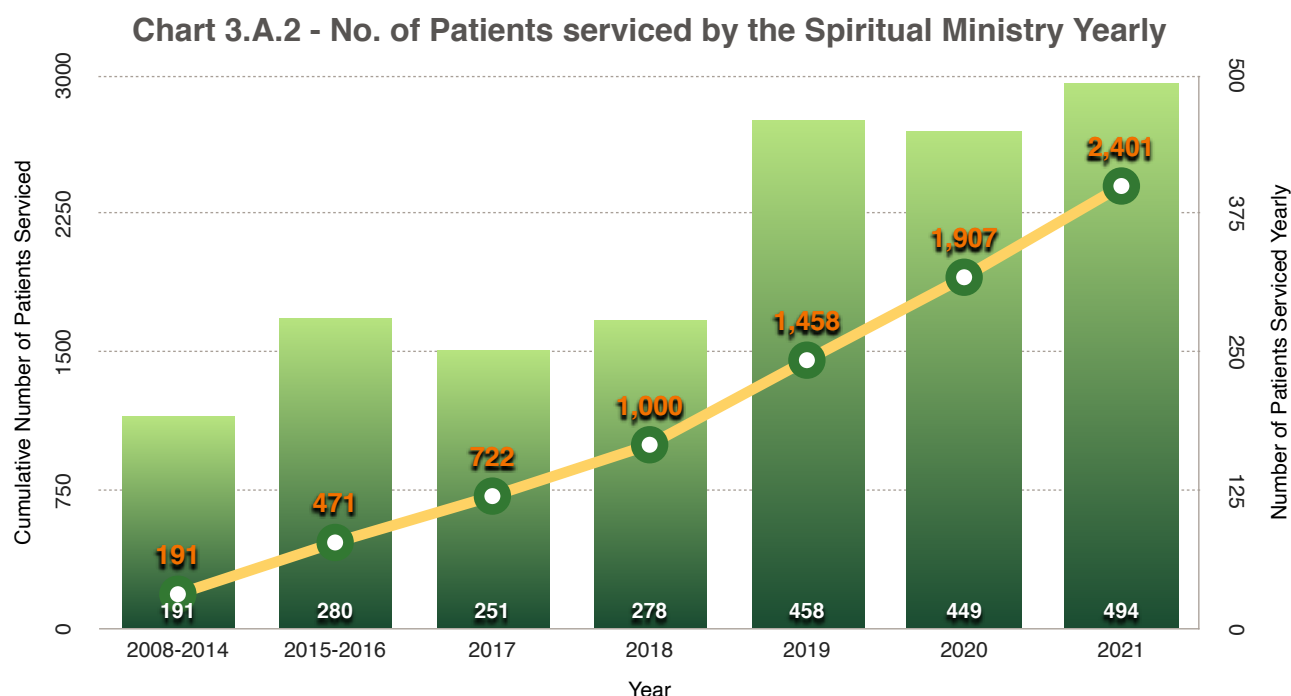
EPCALM is continuing its “Work From Home” (WFH) arrangement for its Social Workers. As such, main activities of the Social workers is to establish regular communication with the patients and their families, implementing virtual activities, such as prayers, counseling, virtual visits and encouragement.



Table 3.A.1 - Spiritual Ministry Services Statistics

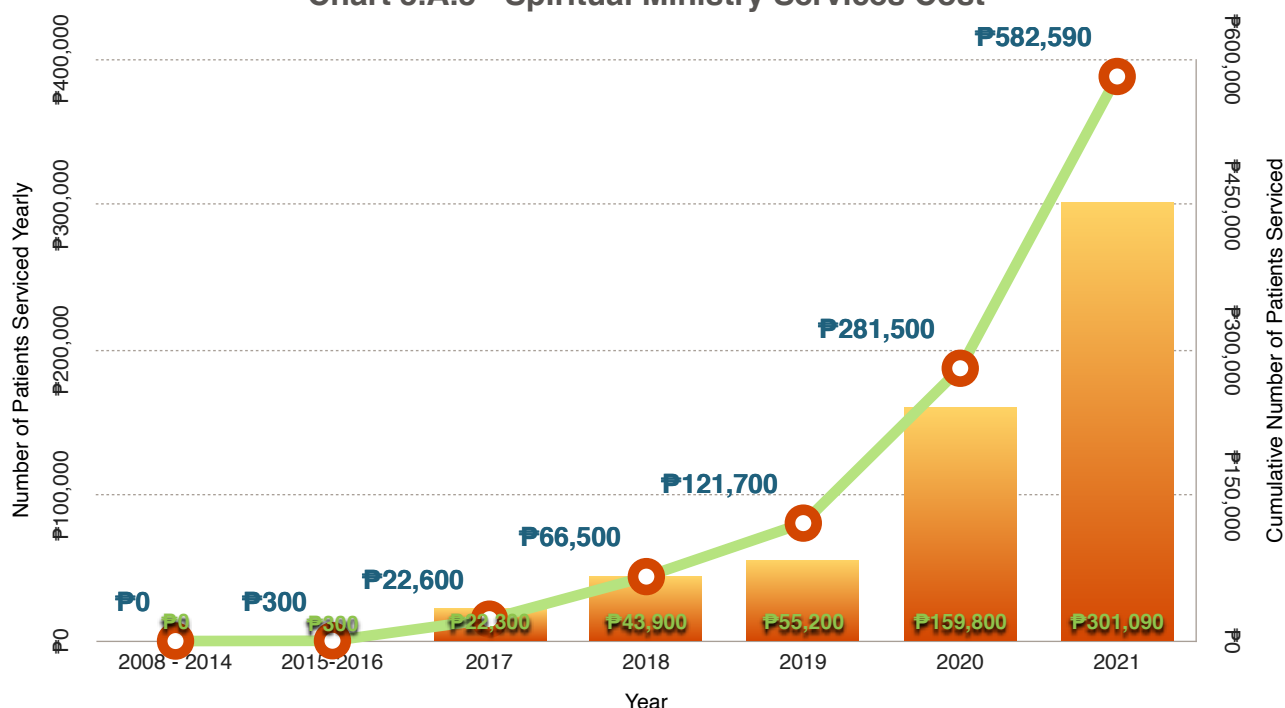
	2008-2014	2015-2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Prayers	96	216	107	39	37	171	159	825
Counseling	41	10	2	0	6	15	1	75
Home Visits	14	17	8	6	4	1	0	50
Hospital Visits	33	27	76	38	40	18	0	232
Wake Visits	1	3	6	0	2	3	0	15
Virtual Visits	4	0	0	74	223	82	139	522
Encouragement/Remembrance	2	4	3	78	92	45	0	224
HOPE Pack	0	0	44	42	45	111	195	437
Reading Materials	0	3	5	1	9	3	0	21
Total	191	280	251	278	458	449	494	2401

EPCALM has 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 further increase in total services in 2021 was made possible through the maximum use of Social Media, Messenger, cell phones, Viber and Zoom as a means of communication. Leading the ministry's services was the distribution of HOPE packs to the patients. Distribution though was limited to the Metro Manila and Rizal patients, and some patients in the Bulacan area. These HOPE packs were either sent/distributed through EPCALM's Corporate partner - Corbridge or through courier.



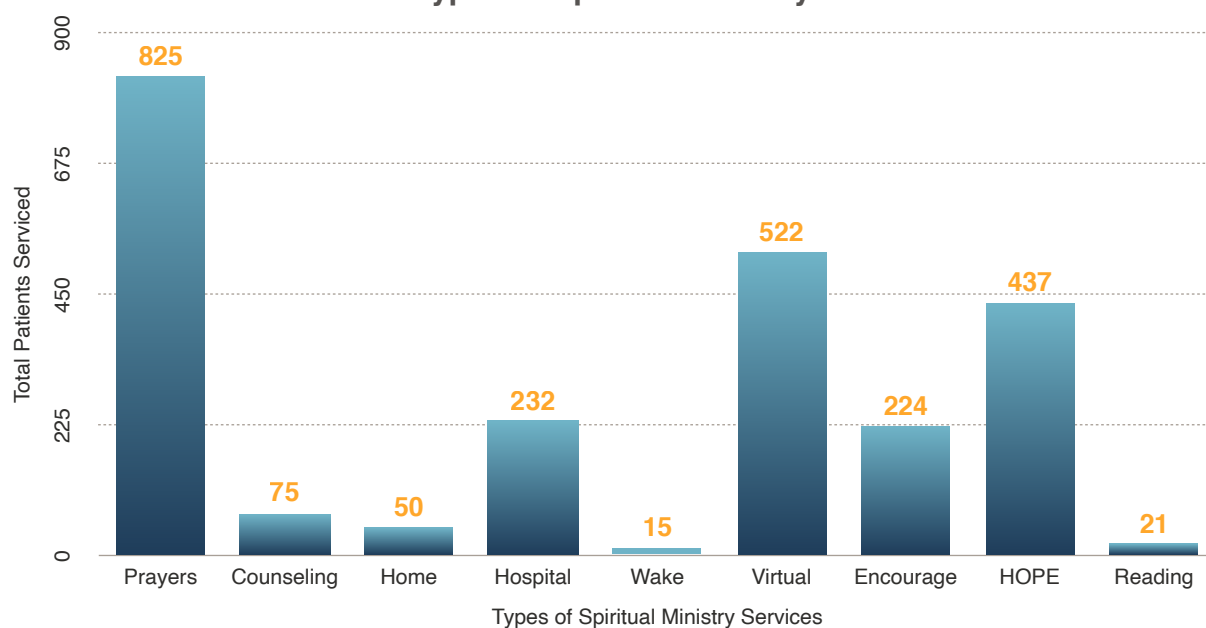
With the pandemic restrictions in FY 2020-2021, the number of HOPE packs given to patients has notably increased. Shown in Chart 3.A.3 below shows the Spiritual Ministry's

Chart 3.A.3 - Spiritual Ministry Services Cost



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: **FIVE HUNDRED EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED NINETY & 00/100 (Php 582,590.00)**. 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-serviced patients and their families.

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



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

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...”

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, services in the Medical Ministry was very limited for 2021. Face-to-face activities (i.e. blood drives) could not be conducted due to government restrictions. EPCALM continued to experience difficulties in getting stored blood from partner hospitals, as blood supply is still scarce due to the concurrent COVID-19 blood requirements in the hospitals.

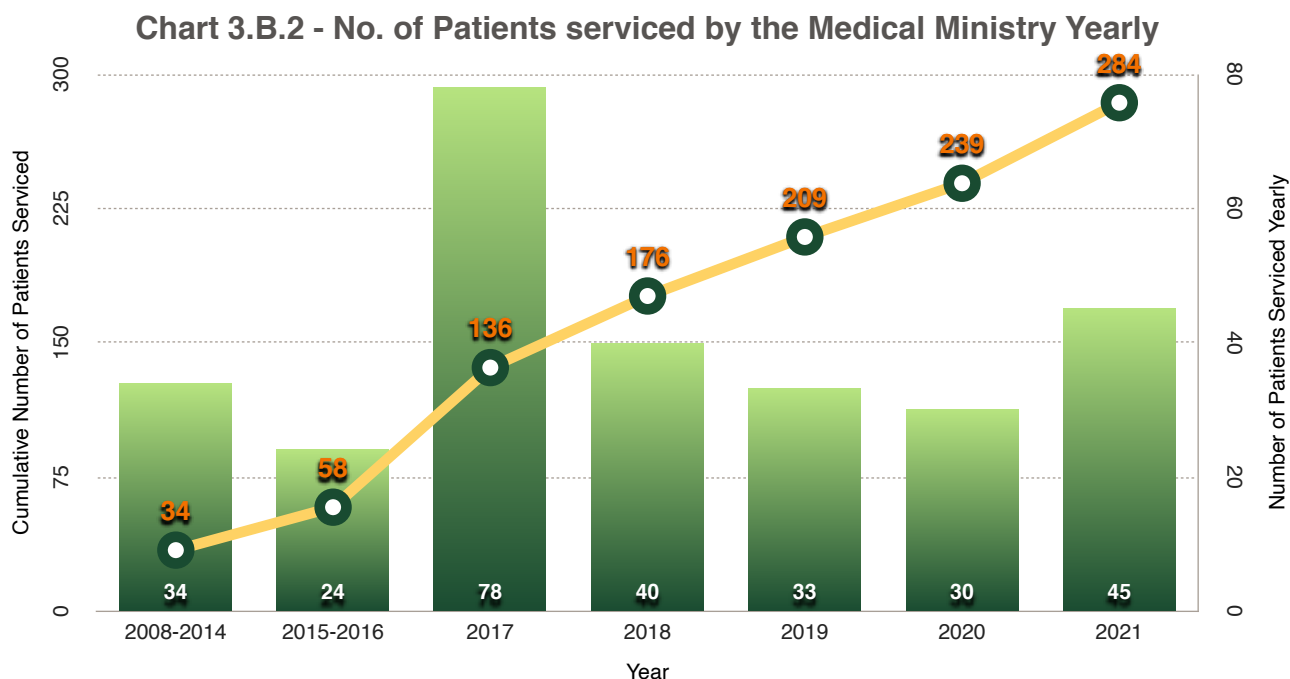
No chemo or other related drugs were distributed to patients in FY 2020-2021. Social Worker (SW) turn-over during the last quarter of 2020 and 2nd quarter of 2021 also hampered the consolidation of patient drug requirements due to the lack of manpower. With the hiring of a new part-time Social Workers by the 3rd Quarter of 2021, patient drug requirements are now being consolidated and hopefully by FY 2021-2022, we can continue providing free or discounted drugs to the EPCALM-serviced patients.

For 2021, the only Medical services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families were:

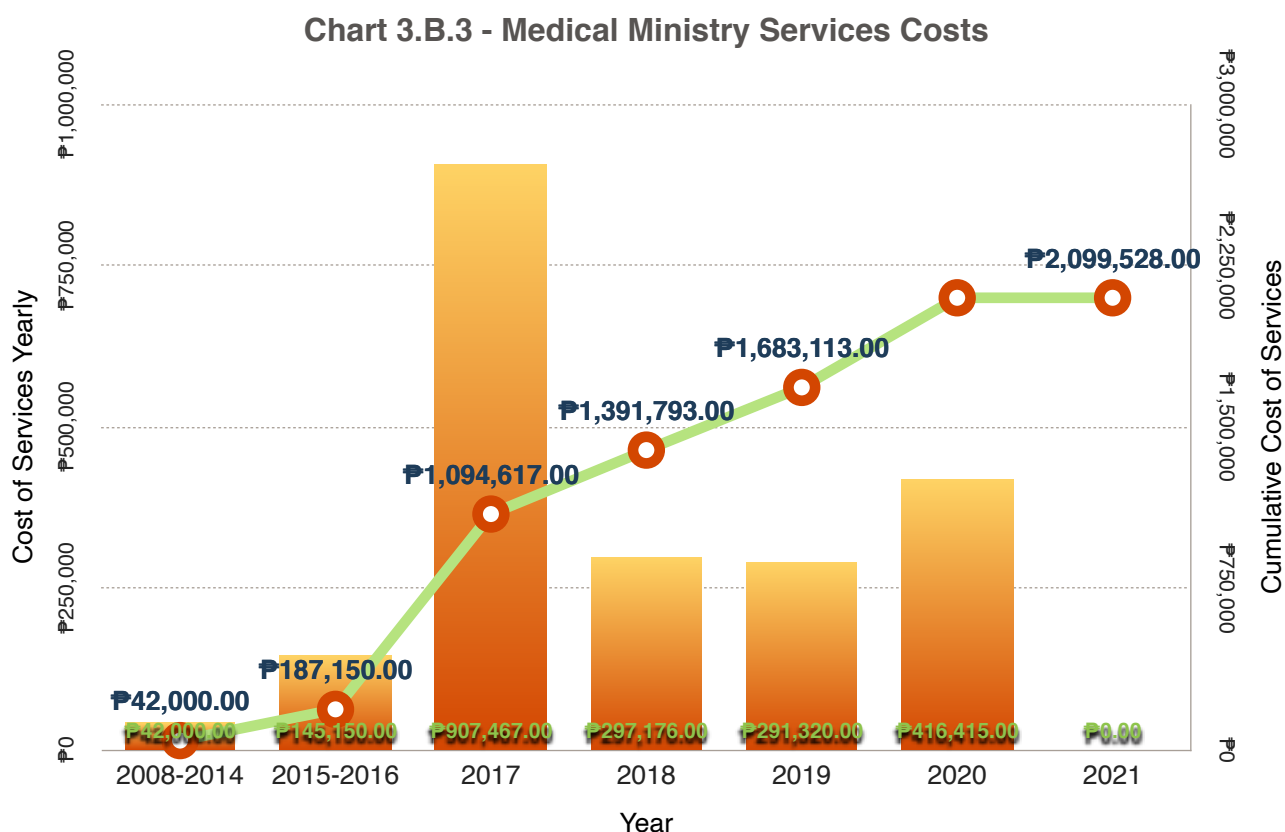
- Referral of patients to Agencies/organizations, such as: PCSO, DSWD, Malasakit center and/or offices of Senators Gordon and Tolentino.
- Provide assistance in getting drugs from Drug Company (Pfizer).

Table 3.B.1 - Medical Ministry Services Statistics

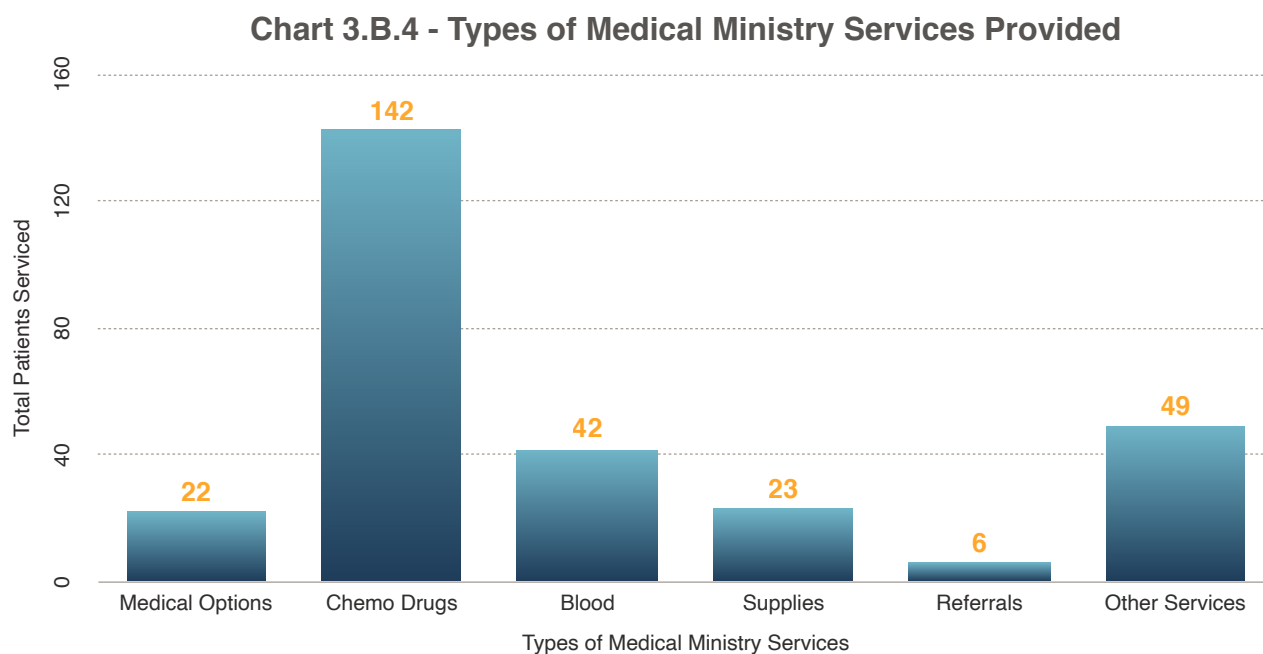
Service Descriptions	2008-2014	2015-2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Provided medical options	20	2	0	0	0	0	0	22
Gave Chemo Drugs	3	10	46	25	30	28	0	142
Gave/Assisted in getting Blood	6	10	18	5	2	1	0	42
Gave Medical supplies	0	1	11	10	1	0	0	23
Gave Doctor Referrals	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
Provided Other services	0	1	3	0	0	0	45	49
Total	34	24	78	40	33	30	45	284



Even with the constraints mentioned earlier, EPCALM looked for other ways on how to service our patients, by assisting our patients with their medical and treatment requirements, by contacting and coordinating with the different government and private institutions and agencies. As such, the Medical Ministry services managed to increase the number of services provided to patients in 2021 as compared to 2020 (See Chart 3.B.2 above).



Per Chart 3.B.3 above, the cumulative amount of chemo drugs, blood and other services given to patients remains at in PESOS: **TWO MILLION NINETY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT & 00/100 (Php 2,099,528.00)**. Hopefully this will improve in 2022.



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 2020 - 2021, following were the Resource Mobilization services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:



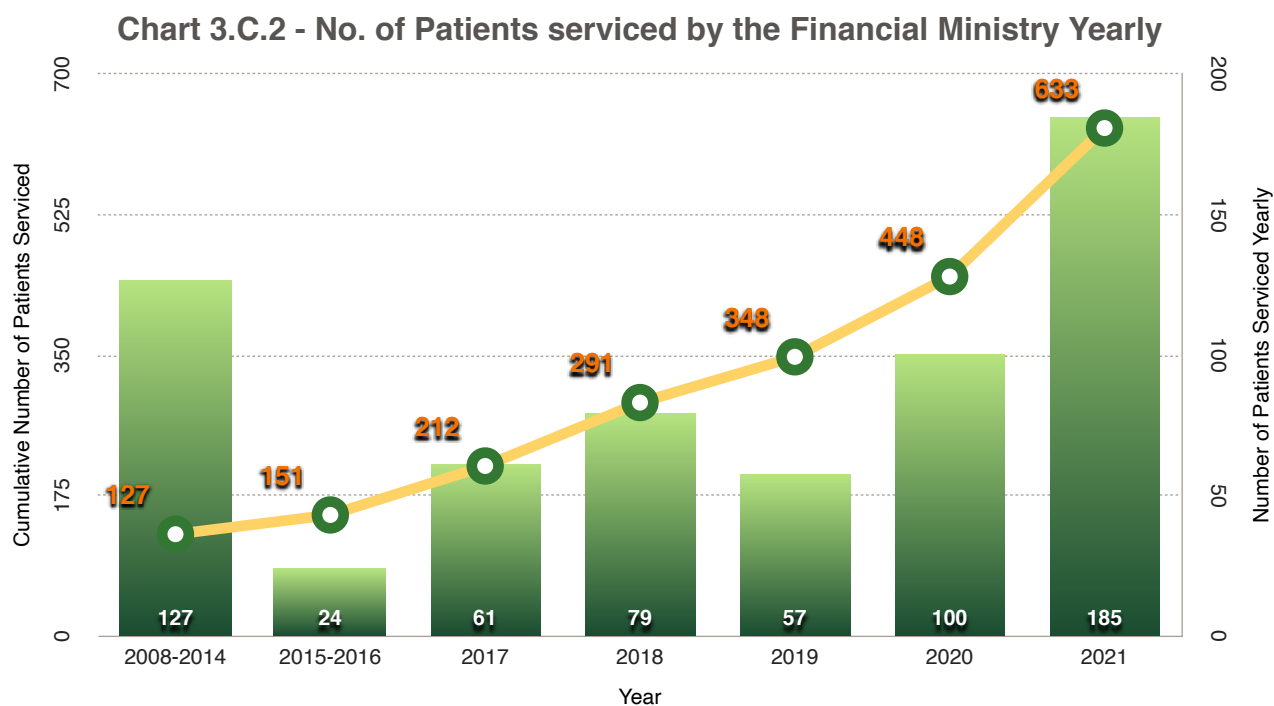
- Continued to provide direct monetary assistance to EPCALM Patients and their families;
- Continued to solicit direct donations and financial support for the Foundation as a whole and/or individual EPCALM patients and through the following activities:
 - ✓ “HOPE in Mental Health: A Mother’s Story” Online Event (November 2020)’
 - ✓ "HOPE for the Holidays: A Brand New Christmas” (December 2020)
 - ✓ Understanding Grief 6: Mental Health Tool Kit for the Family (May 2021); and
- Gave out assistance in cash (GCash) or in kind to the patient attendees and program participants during the Virtual Family Huddles held on a monthly basis.

Table 3.C.1 - Financial Ministry Services Statistics

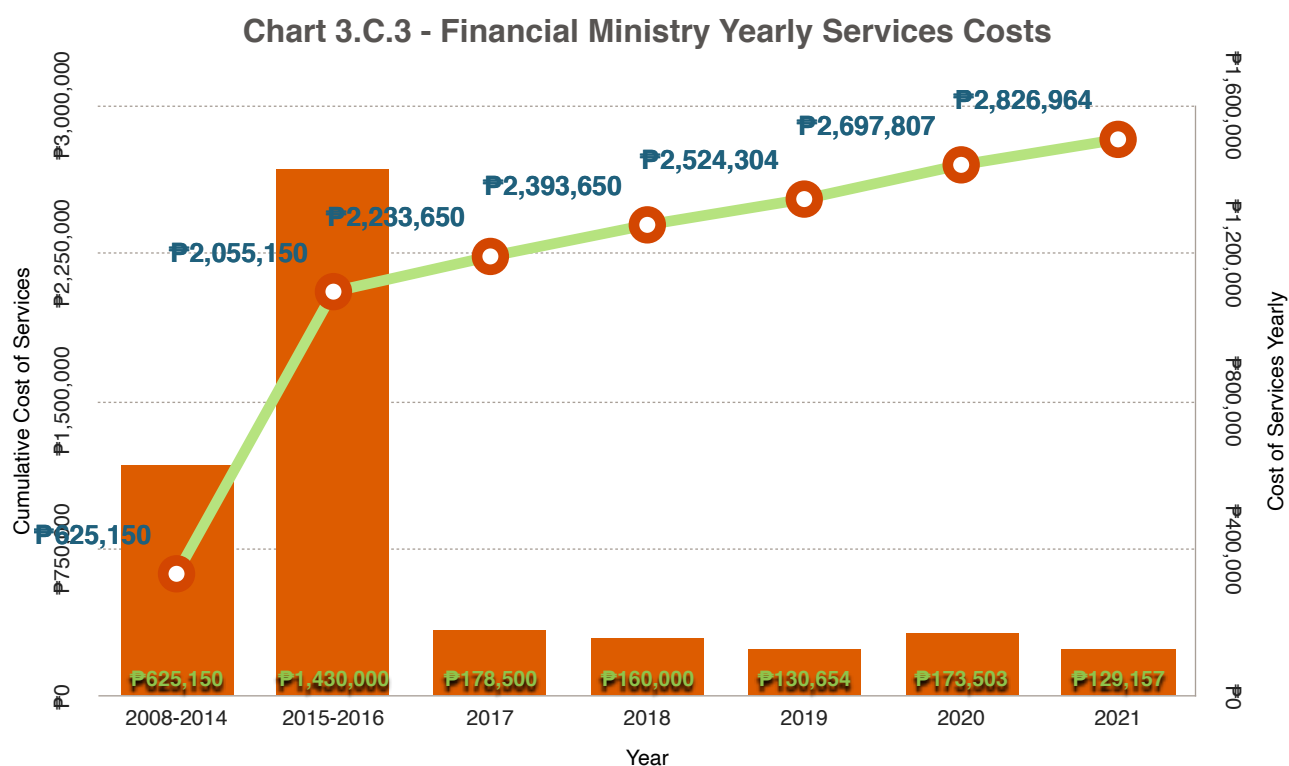
Service	2008-2014	2015-2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total
Monetary Assistance	37	9	35	2	5	10	84	182
Groceries/Gift Packs	17	1	24	73	52	87	27	281
Fund Raising	6	6	1	0	0	1	0	14
Published/Posted Articles	62	4	1	0	0	0	0	67
Other Assistance	5	4	0	4	0	2	74	89
Total	127	24	61	79	57	100	185	633

Together with the Awareness and Advocacy Program, this Ministry continues to be very active in promoting the goals and objectives of the Foundation and has been responsible for creating public awareness about Leukemia.

For FY 2020 - 2021, a total of 185 patients were serviced by the Ministry. This number is more than double the number of patients being serviced the previous year (2020). This is largely due to 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.

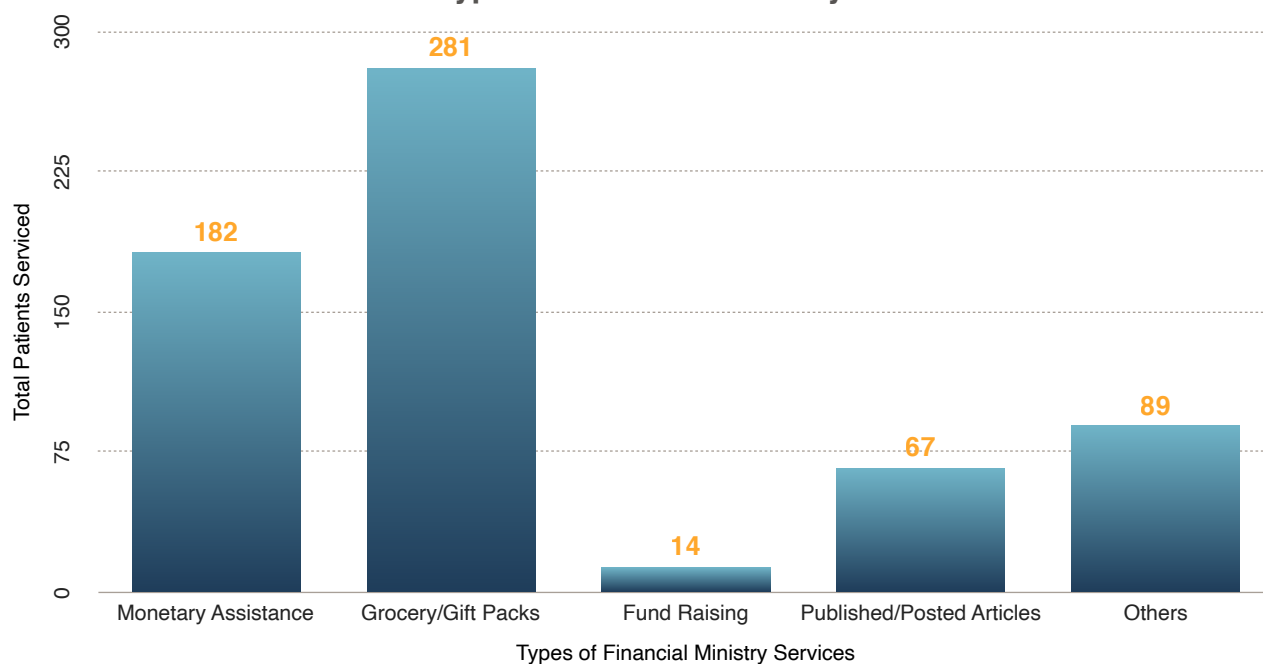


The average amount of services provided on a yearly basis over the last 6 years is around P130,000.00, as shown in the statistics above. To date, a total of PESOS: **TWO MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR & 00/100 (Php2,830,464.00)** has been given to EPCALM patients and their families, through the Resource Mobilization Ministry.



The highest number of patients serviced by the Ministry during this fiscal year is through Monetary assistance, followed closely by other services. Cumulatively, Groceries and Gift packs still top the list of the services provided to patients.

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



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>.

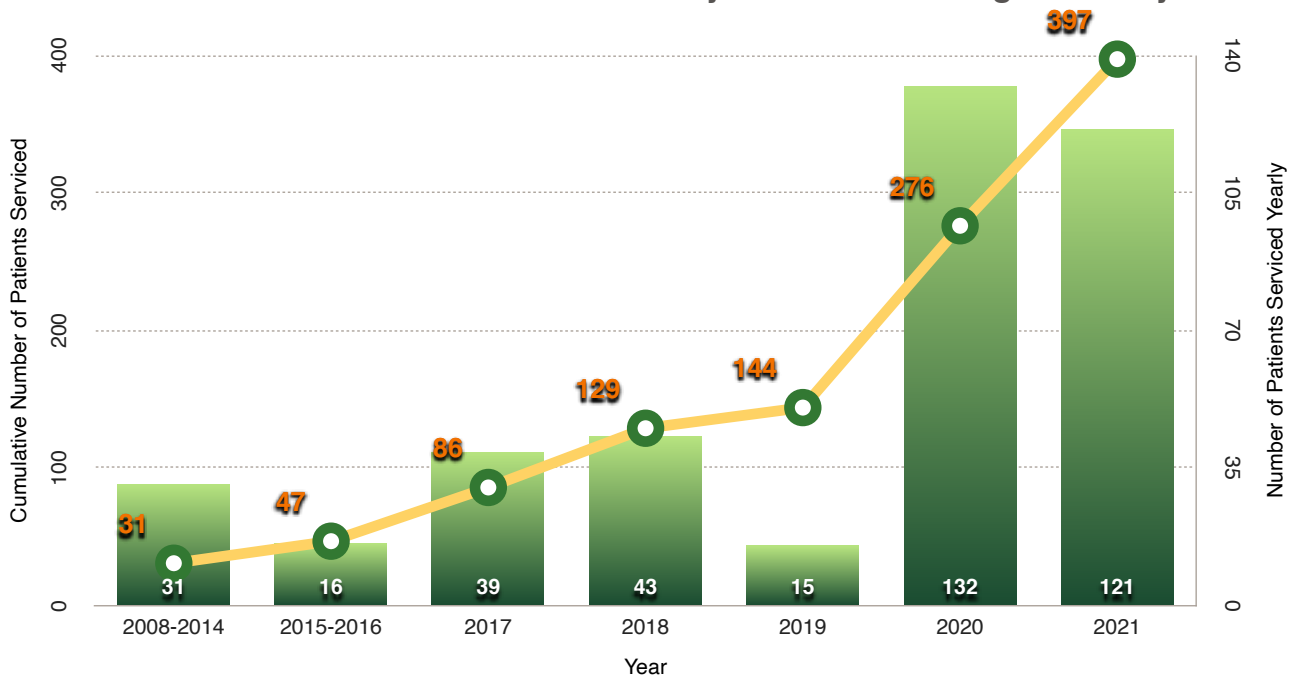
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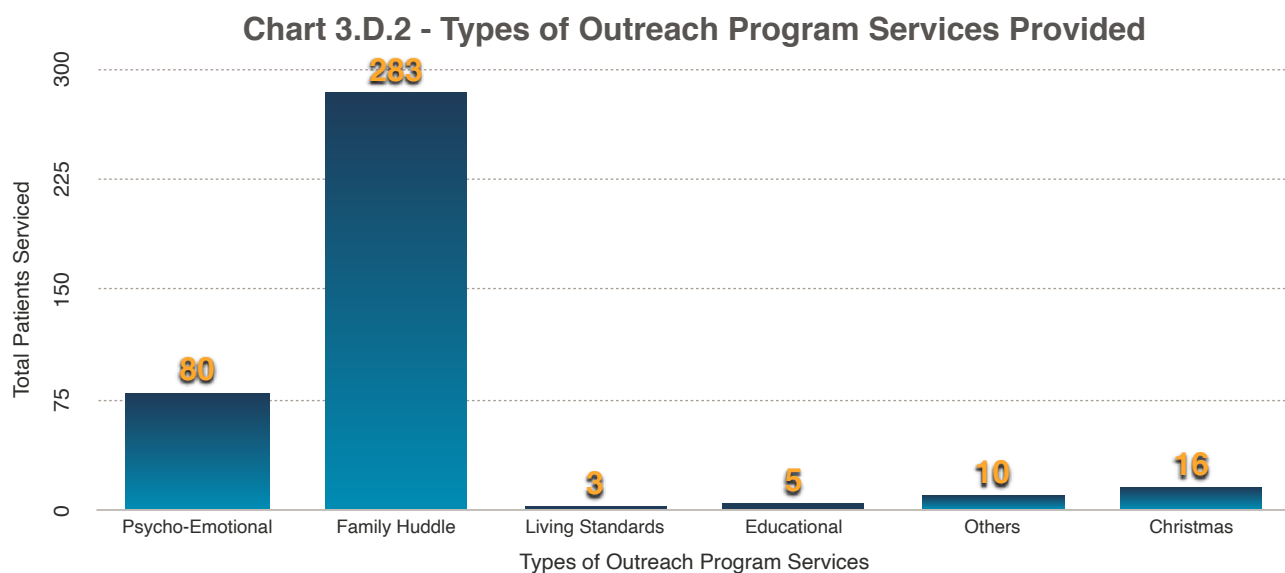
“...The Outreach Program endeavors to provide auxiliary support and guidance to its patients and their families outside of but in conjunction with the three arms of service (Spiritual, Medical and Resource Mobilization)...”

For Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021, even with the restrictions imposed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this program more or less maintained the number of patients serviced. Engagement of the patients was through the conduct of monthly virtual family huddles. EPCALM continues to focus on conducting Family Huddles for its patients, patient families, volunteers and staff to fellowship together so as to uplift each other as experiences and testimonies are shared. Conducting Family huddles is EPCALM’s way of gathering patients and their families together to promote a sense of community to pray for one another and help carry each other’s burdens.

As such, Family huddles is still our primary service offering for this program. At the current situation, this service is still the most effective and is even getting better participation from patients and their families due to the use of the online platform (ZOOM).

Chart 3.D.1 - No. of Patients serviced by the Outreach Program Yearly





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

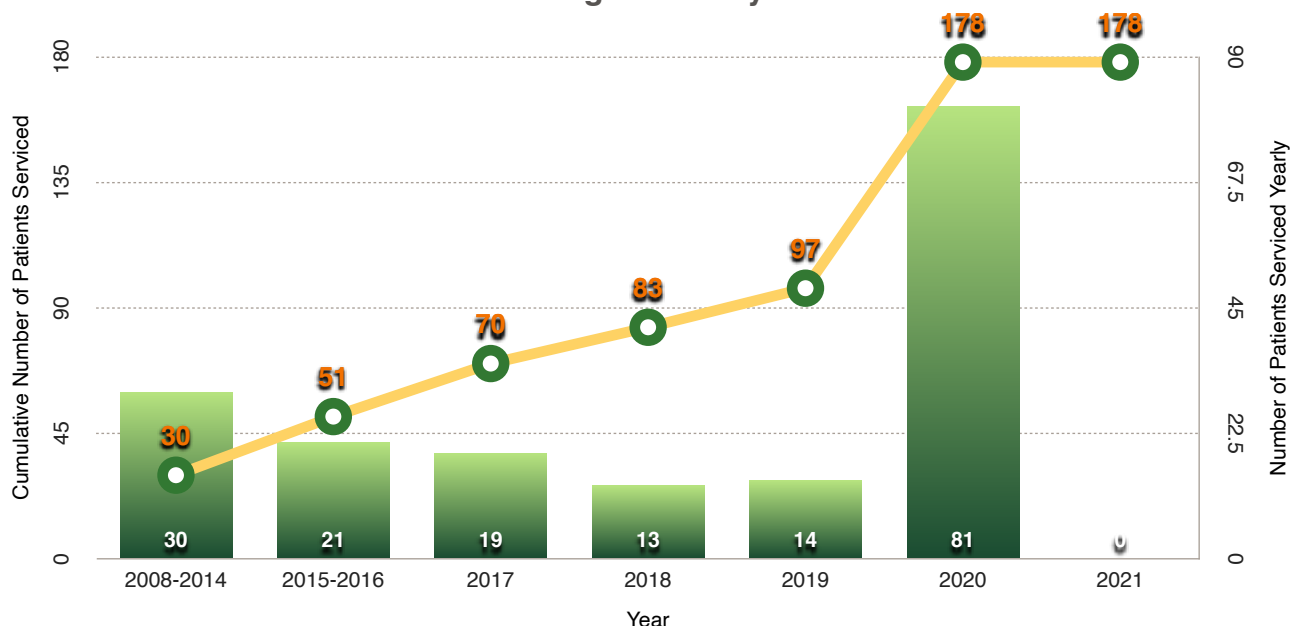
E. ADVOCACY & AWARENESS PROGRAM SERVICES

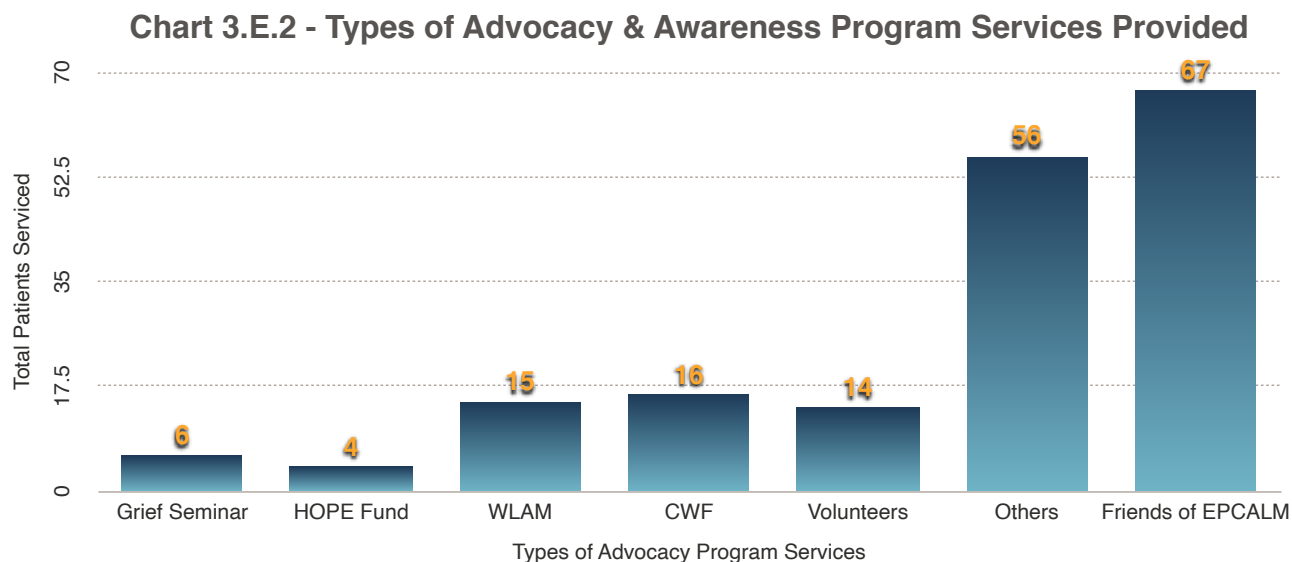
“...The Advocacy & Awareness Ministry endeavors to generate awareness and interest in the goals, mission, vision, objectives and programs of the Foundation through the conduct of awareness activities and pursuit of advocacies...”

For Fiscal year 2020 - 2021, 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. Following were the various activities implemented during the fiscal year:

- Conducted the “HOPE for Mental Health: A Mother’s Story” activity last November 14, 2020 (See Section 4 - EPCALM Highlights, for more details);
- Conducted the Friends of EPCALM Assembly last November 27, 2020. This was an online event (ZOOM) which gathered all the Friends of EPCALM composed of patients and their families, supporters, donors and sponsors;
- Conducted the "HOPE for the Holidays: A Brand New Christmas" activity last December 17, 2020 (See Section 4 - EPCALM Highlights, for more details); and
- Conducted the “Understanding Grief 6: Mental Health Tool Kit for the Family” activity last May 30, 2021 (See Section 4 - EPCALM Highlights, for more details).

Chart 3.E.1 - No. of Patients serviced by the Advocacy & Awareness Program Yearly





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>.

F. PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS PROGRAM SERVICES

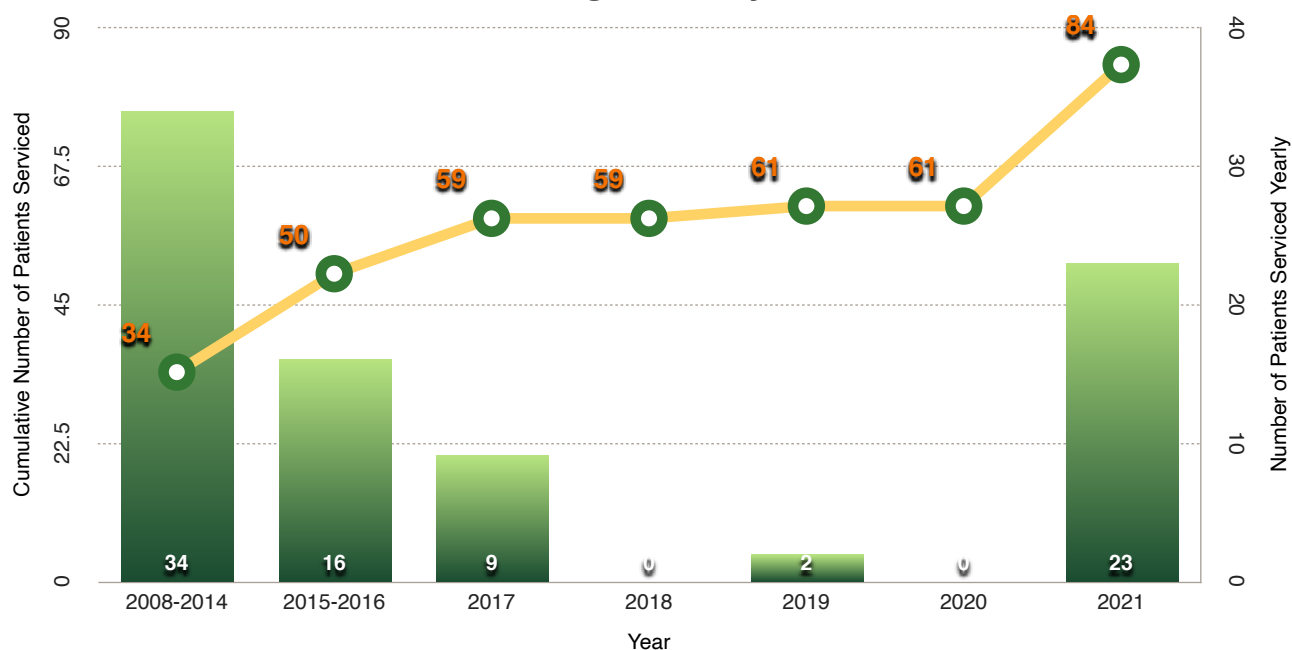
“...The Partnerships & Affiliations Program endeavors to foster relationships and linkages with different networks, companies, associations, organizations as deemed necessary to carry out the vision, mission and goals of the Foundation...”

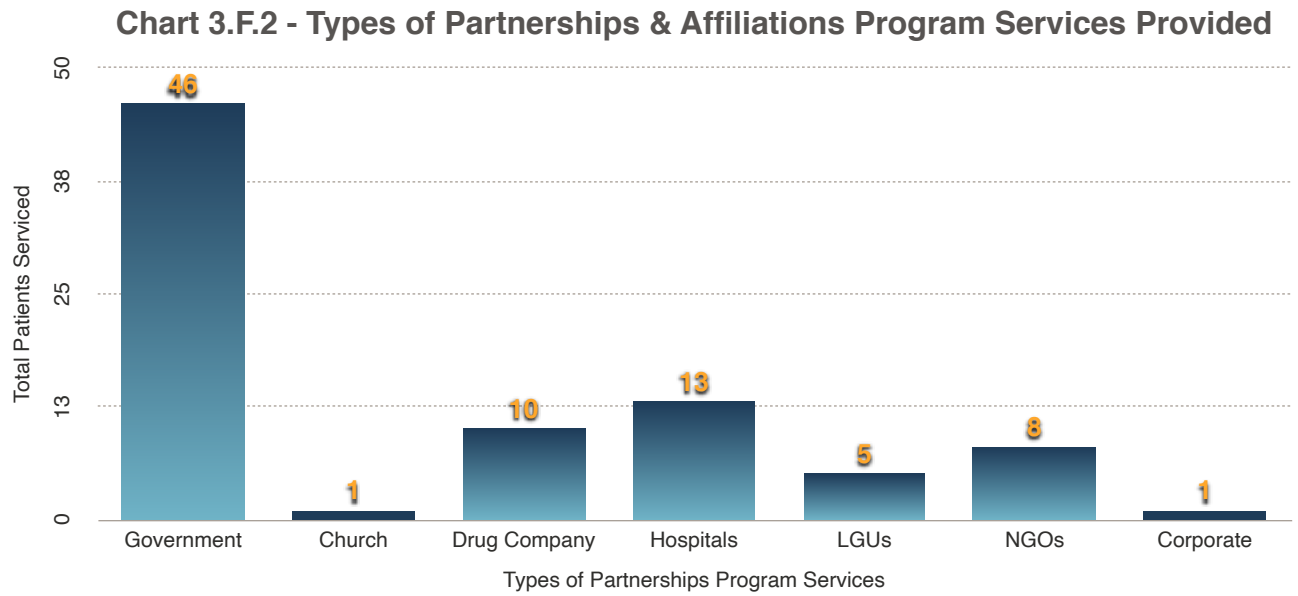
For Fiscal year 2020 - 2021, EPCALM assisted patients with their financial and medical requirements by coordinating with various government, drug companies, hospitals and NGO's.

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
- 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
- Referred child patient to the National Children's Medical Hospital

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





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. 2020 - 2021 EPCALM Highlights

A. "FRIENDS OF EPCALM" GENERAL ASSEMBLY – NOV. 2020

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 6th Friends of EPCALM General Assembly was held last November 27, 2020. This was an online event (ZOOM) which gathered all the Friends of EPCALM composed of patients and their families, supporters, donors and sponsors.

B. EPCALM GENERAL ASSEMBLY/BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING - NOV. 2020

EPCALM held its annual General Assembly (GA) and Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting for members last November 28, 2020. This GA meeting is in accordance with EPCALM's Articles of Incorporation to hold it annually.

The newly elected Board of Trustees (BOT) members for Fiscal Year 2020 - 2021 were as follows:

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| • Connie Ancheta (Re-elected) | • Sunny Ku (Re-elected) |
| • Erlyn Demerre (Re-elected) | • Benny Lagos (Re-elected) |
| • Justice Demerre (Re-elected) | • Mary Ann Ojeda (Re-elected) |
| • Mitch Duran (Re-elected) | • Catherine Rosales (Re-elected) |
| • Elmar Jay Dejaresco (Re-elected) | • Rachel Rosario (Re-elected) |
| • Virgie Garcia (Re-elected) | |

New members inducted were as follows:

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| • Zonito Tamase | • Lance Velasco |
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- Benny Moraleda
- Josephine Aguilar

- Crisan Dela Cruz
- Spouses James and Loree Mante

C. EPCALM'S "WORK FROM HOME" - NOV. 2020 TO OCT. 2021

For FY 2020-2021, 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 the ways 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.

F. EPCALM FAMILY CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS - NOV. 2020

EPCALM has continued to conduct the weekly Bible fellowships, either on a Friday or Saturday at 8 PM. The regular fellowship started last April 2020. Regular attendees or guest preachers have rotated or have been invited to lead these bible fellowships.



G. "HOPE FOR MENTAL HEALTH: A MOTHER'S STORY" - NOV. 2020

In cooperation with the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP), EPCALM conducted the "HOPE for Mental Health: A Mother's Story" activity last November 14, 2020, featuring inspiring stories of mothers and their journey through mental health challenges: depression, anxiety attacks, suicide of a loved one. This Online event (ZOOM and Facebook live).



This event drew the interest and viewing in the EPCALM Facebook and Youtube prior, during and after the event of around 8,000 viewers. PCP viewers was double the number, due to their wider audience. So all in all, around 25,000 viewers were reached with this event.

H. "HOPE FOR THE HOLIDAYS: A BRAND NEW CHRISTMAS" - DEC. 2020

After the "HOPE for Mental Health" in November, 2020, EPCALM followed this with another virtual event entitled: "HOPE for the Holidays: A Brand New Christmas" activity last December 17, 2020. This event was an evening filled with HOPE with EPCALM Ambassador host Boy Abunda and Christmas serenades led by EPCALM Ambassador Martin Nievera and other EPCALM advocates. This online event featured uplifting messages and greetings that will keep us on track that God is still weaving the beautiful tapestry of our lives.



This Online event (ZOOM and Facebook live) sponsored by EPCALM drew a total of 24,000 viewers before, during and after the event. The video of the whole event is posted in EPCALM's FaceBook Page.

I. 2021 EPCALM "VIRTUAL" FAMILY HUDDLES - JAN. TO OCTOBER 2021

As the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were imposed starting March 2020, EPCALM adapted to the new normal by shifting to the virtual platform to hold the first-ever "virtual" Family Huddle last June 13, 2020. Three more virtual huddles were conducted after that, the last one on October 2020.



In 2021, EPCALM has made it a point to conduct virtual Family huddles every month. Starting January 29, 2021 up to October 29, 2021, EPCALM has conducted ten (10) virtual family huddles. These monthly huddles has drawn an average participation of around 15-18 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.

Donors for the Gcash, games and other raffle items were as follows:

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| • Corbridge | • Dr. Nora Flandes |
| • Boy Abunda | • Ms. Mary Ann Ojeda |
| • Mr. Jaime So | • Dr. Mario Panaligan |
| • Ms. Virginia Garcia | • Engr. Fred Reyes |
| • Ms. Connie Ancheta | • Dr. Rachael Rosario |
| • Mr. Mitch Duran | • Engr. Justice & Dr. Erlyn Demerre |
| • Dr. Catherine Rosales | • Ms. Aimee Dela Pena |

J. PATIENT HOPE/CHRISTMAS PACKS - NOV. 2020 - OCT. 2021

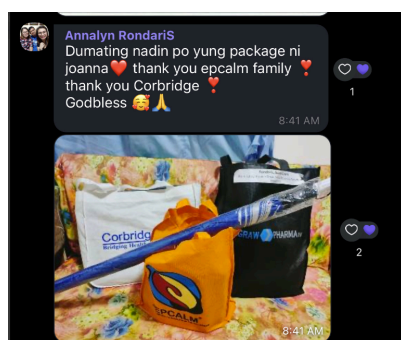
EPCALM continued sending EPCALM patient HOPE packs to its patients in Metro Manila and nearby provinces (Rizal and Bulacan) starting Nov. 2020 to October 2021. A total of 174 HOPE packs were sent on various months (Nov. 2020; Dec. 2020 [Christmas Pack]; Mar. 2021, May 2021, August 2021 and Oct. 2021) to our EPCALM-serviced patients.

These EPCALM HOPE packs contained various items donated by corporations and individuals, such as face masks, alcohol, vitamins, canned goods, eggs in crate, biscuits, dishwashing soap, milk, bread, tissue, bibles, rice, hot packs, grocery items, cookies, pizza, toys, towels, Noche buena packs, M2 Juice drinks, shampoo, lotion, bible tracts and other miscellaneous items.

Donors for these HOPE and Christmas packs in Cash and/or in kind were as follows:

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| • Corbridge (face masks, face shields, hand sanitizer, delivery) | • Ms. Kuh Ledesma - bibles |
| • Mr. Jaime So (self care items - soap, tissue, cotton buds, towels, biscuits, noodles, hopia, toys, milk, bath towels) | • Ms. Alexandra Garcia - Lotion, shampoo |
| • Naturearth - M2 Tea drink | • Ms. Mary Ann Ojeda - Rice |
| • Mr. Boy Abunda (Cash) | • Atty. Jay Dejaresco - hot packs |

- Ms. Connie Ancheta - canned goods, rose soap, handkerchiefs, umbrellas, Noche buena packs
- Mr. Mitch Duran - EPCALM bracelets
- Dr. Jocelyn Del Mundo - detergent, fabric softener
- Dr. Roman De Leon - Gideons bibles
- LRI Thera Pharma - alcohol, face masks, face shields
- Dr. Rachael Rosario - lotion, perfume, lipstick, lip gloss
- Ms. Josephine Aguilar - milo packs, chocolate, biscuits
- McGraw Pharma (LeGarde)
- Ms. Doris Disuanco/Greenhills Christian Fellowship - bible tracts, guanabana, bread, masks, alcohol, cash
- Mr. Benny Lagos (cash)
- Engr. Justice & Dr. Erlyn Demerre - canned goods, rice
- Ms. Geging Emblarinag - canned goods
- Just Goodies - cookies, pizza
- Dr. Malou De Jesus - powdered detergent, cleanser, bottled water
- Ms. Stella Stroudlusk - cloth masks
- Ms. Virginia Garcia - eggs in crate



K. “UNDERSTANDING GRIEF 6: MENTAL HEALTH TOOL KIT FOR THE FAMILY” - MAY 2021

In a joint undertaking with the Philippine College of Physicians (PCP) and the Philippine Pediatric Society (PPS), EPCALM conducted the “Understanding Grief 6: Mental Health Tool Kit for the Family” activity last May 30, 2021. This virtual event featured comeback guest speaker from Seattle, USA - Mary Ellen Erickson, a noted Grief specialist and an author of several Grief books. The group also invited noted local Medical and Psychological specialists, addressing the Pandemic woes at every stage of a person’s life - childhood, teenage, adulthood and old age.

This Online event (ZOOM and Facebook live) drew a total of EPCALM 17,000 viewers before, during and after the event. The video of the whole event is posted in EPCALM’s FaceBook Page. PCP drew the interest of around 12,000 viewers and PPS around 3,000 viewers, or a total of 32,000 viewers all in all.

The plan is to follow-up this event with webinars focused on the individual stages in life.



L. MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT - NATUREARTH - APR. 2021

In April 12, 2021, EPCALM agreed on signing a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Spouses Jojo and Zonito Torrevillas Tamase, owners of NATUREARTH. Spouses Tamase supports EPCALM’s advocacy and has pledged a monthly contribution to EPCALM to support its Ministries and Programs. In return, EPCALM will promote Naturearth’s products in its events, website and social media sites.



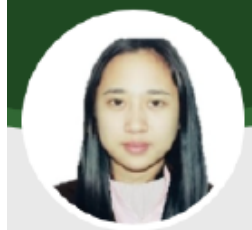
M. NEW SOCIAL WORKERS - STARTING JUN. 2021

With the retirement (Glenda Tanudtanud - Nov. 2020) and resignation (Joy Daneille Sy - May 2021) of Social Workers, EPCALM hired new Social workers on a Part-time basis, as follows:

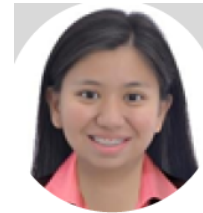
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- Patrick Yeoj G. Peraz - June - October 2021;
 - Ma. Genella Flores - August 2021 - present
 - Amelien Bacani - October 2021 - present



Patrick Yeoj Peraz, RSW



Ma. Genella Flores, RSW



Amelien Bacani, RSW

These new Social Workers will complement our current Resident Social Worker - Honey Bee Cabrera.



Honey Bee Cabrera, RSW

N. NEW EPCALM HOUSE - JUL. 2021

Starting July 2021, EPCALM already has a leased house called the EPCALM House. The address is #23 13th Street, New Manila, Brgy. Damayang Lagi, Quezon City, 1112. EPCALM is leasing the house from Sps. Reynaldo and Catherine Rosales. But due to the COVID-19 pandemic where normal office operations could not be conducted, the EPCALM house is currently subleased to Sps. Justice and Erlyn Demerre.



Hopefully by mid-January 2022, the EPCALM office can be transferred to its new location.