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**Adult Leukemia Foundation of the Philippines**

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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 US based Organizations and Foundations to aid to the growing needs of the Foundation.

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## 2. Patient Information

### A. PATIENT STATISTICS

Per the latest Global Cancer Statistics released in September 2018 by 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 2018 report<sup>3</sup>, recorded new cases for leukemia in the Philippines is 5,741 (8th Cancer Site), while the recorded number of deaths for the same year is 5,133 (5th Cancer Site). The 2018 Philippine and World Mortality Rates (New Cases/ Deaths) for leukemia is 89% and 90%, respectively.

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 Fifteen (315) adult leukemia Filipino patients in the country and abroad. For the Fiscal Year (FY)<sup>4</sup> 2019 - 2020, EPCALM is servicing 67 patients and their families.

Based on the average number of recorded new leukemia cases per annum (5,741) as per GLOBOCAN 2018 report<sup>5</sup>, around 0.54% of these patients (31) were serviced by EPCALM in 2020.

Thirty-one (31) new patients were processed in FY 2020 as compared to forty-four (44) in FY 2019. The total cumulative number of patients - Three hundred Fifteen (315) is a 10.92% increase as compared to 2019 (284), and a 31.25% increase from 2018 (240).

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

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.uicc.org/news/new-global-cancer-data-globocan-2018>

<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.

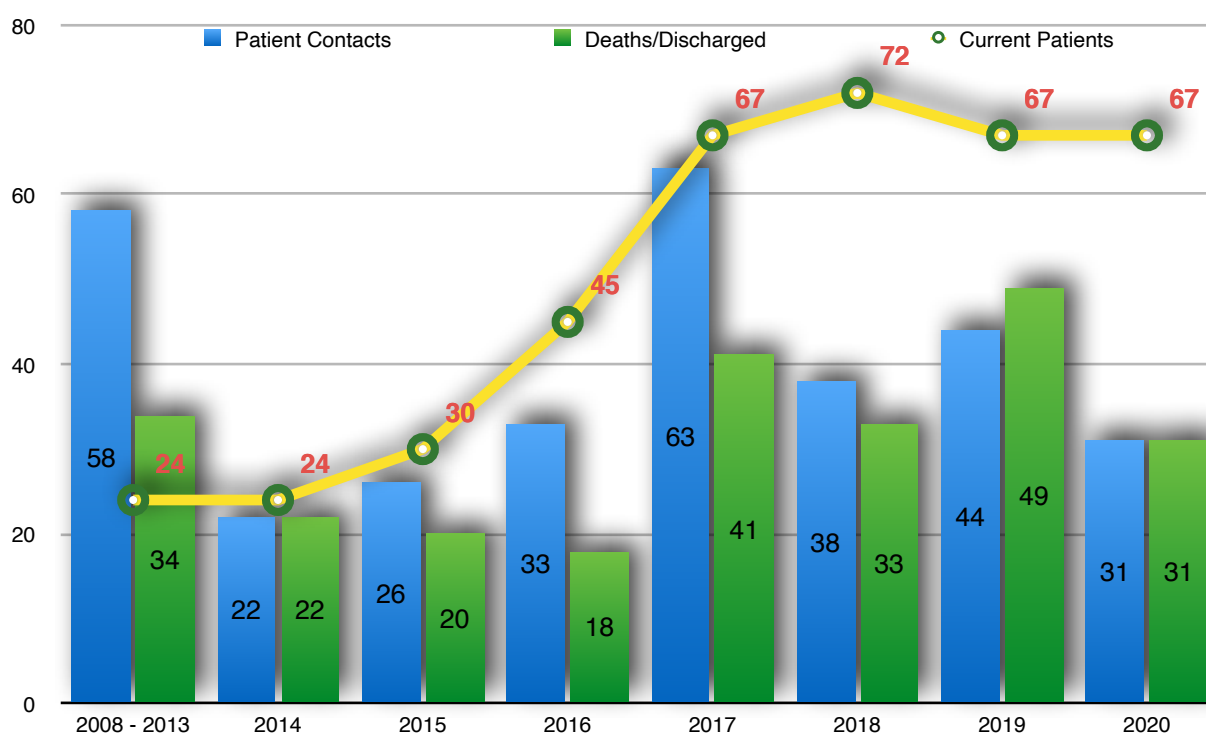
<sup>5</sup> <http://gco.iarc.fr/today/data/factsheets/populations/608-philippines-fact-sheets.pdf>

Table 2.A.1 - EPCALM Patient Statistics

| Year         | Patient Contacts | Deaths/<br>Discharged | Current<br>Number of<br>Patients |
|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2008 - 2013  | 58               | 34                    | 24                               |
| 2014         | 22               | 22                    | 24                               |
| 2015         | 26               | 20                    | 30                               |
| 2016         | 33               | 18                    | 45                               |
| 2017         | 63               | 41                    | 67                               |
| 2018         | 38               | 33                    | 72                               |
| 2019         | 44               | 49                    | 67                               |
| 2020         | 31               | 31                    | 67                               |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>315</b>       | <b>248</b>            | <b>67</b>                        |

Based on averages, for the first six years (2008 - 2013) since EPCALM started receiving patients, an average of around 8.83 new patients were being serviced yearly. This number of new patients being serviced has quadrupled in the succeeding six-year period (from 2014 – 2019), where an average of 37.66 patients were being serviced yearly. For 2020, the number of new patients has decreased (31) mainly due to the COVID-19 pandemic, where EPCALM activities and personnel have been impacted because of the travel restrictions. Take note

Chart 2.A.2 - Yearly Patient Contacts



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that the above number falls below last year's 5-year (Year 2020 – Year 2024) projection target for a yearly average of around 50 – 60 patients to be serviced, or a 30% - 40% increase from the previous 6-year period (2014 – 2019) average.

The trend on the cumulative number of patients being serviced has plateaued over the last four (4) years (2017- 2020), as EPCALM has adjusted the death statistics to include the discharged patients, or those patients and/or their families with no update/contact for the last three (3) years<sup>6</sup>. This is in accordance with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) direction to retire or discharge patients over a certain period of inactivity. Take note that DSWD oversees the operations of EPCALM through the issuance of a Certificate of Registration and License To Operate, which expires January 23, 2022.

## **B. DISTRIBUTION BY CURRENT STATUS OF PATIENTS**

Of the 315 serviced patients to date, 248 of these patients are already deceased or have been discharged. 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.

The current patients that EPCALM is 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
- Patient Survivors

The percentage of the yearly number of deceased/discharged patients has decreased in 2020 at 14.28% (248/217). The percentage was 17.93% (217/184) in 2019, 28.67% (184/143) in 2018 and 14.4% (143/125) in 2017. This is a declining trend since 2018. EPCALM will continue to monitor this trend.

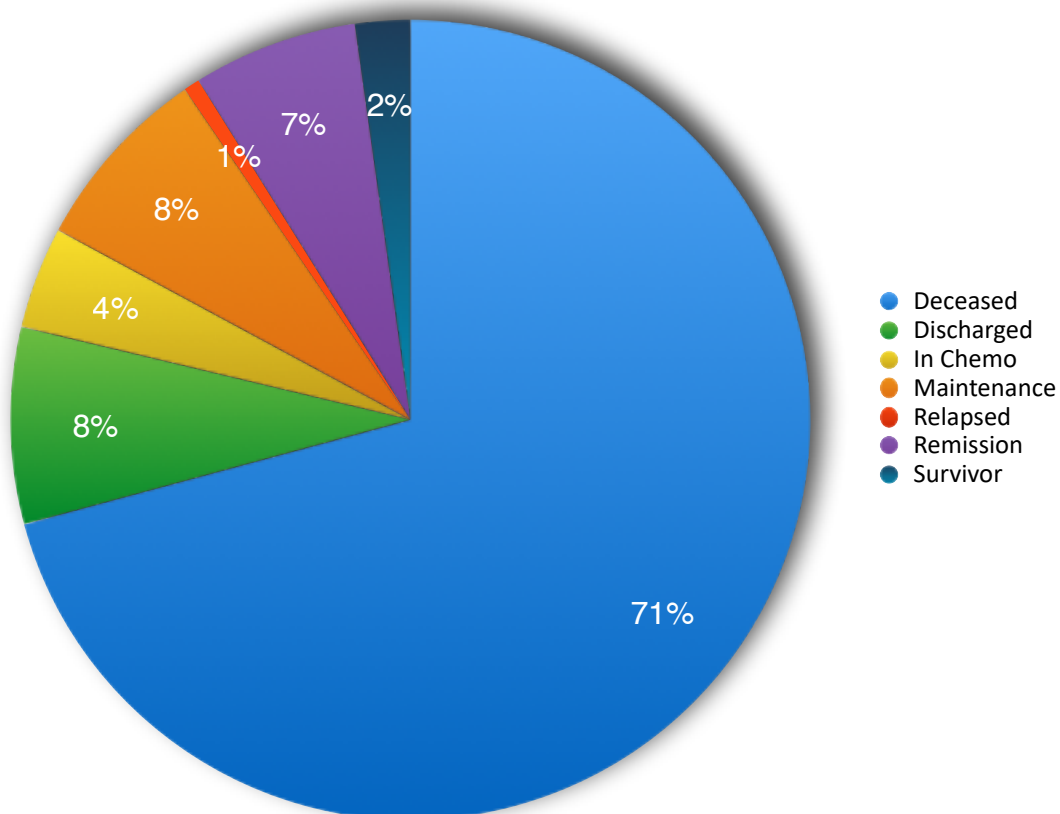
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<sup>6</sup> This is in accordance with previous year's annual report (FY 2018-2019) to reclassify those patients with no information.

Table 2.B.1 - Patient Journey Status Statistics

| Status of Patients | 2020<br>No. of Patients | 2019<br>No. of Patients |
|--------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Deceased           | 223                     | 195                     |
| Discharged         | 25                      | 22                      |
| In Chemo           | 13                      | 13                      |
| Maintenance        | 24                      | 24                      |
| Relapsed           | 2                       | 2                       |
| Remission          | 21                      | 21                      |
| Survivor           | 7                       | 7                       |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>315</b>              | <b>284</b>              |

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



80% of patients are either deceased or discharged. Comparing this to the 2018 GLOBOCAN annual statistics for Leukemia in the Philippines<sup>7</sup>, EPCALM statistics are 9.4% lower (89.4% - 5,133/5,741) for deaths versus new cases.

<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 315 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, notable increase between 2020 and 2019 in the number of patient diseases is in Chronic Myeloid Leukemia (CML), where 2020 recorded 12 new patients, aside from the AML patients which also recorded 12 new patients. ALL recorded 4 new patients in 2020.

Table 2.C.1 - Patient Disease Statistics

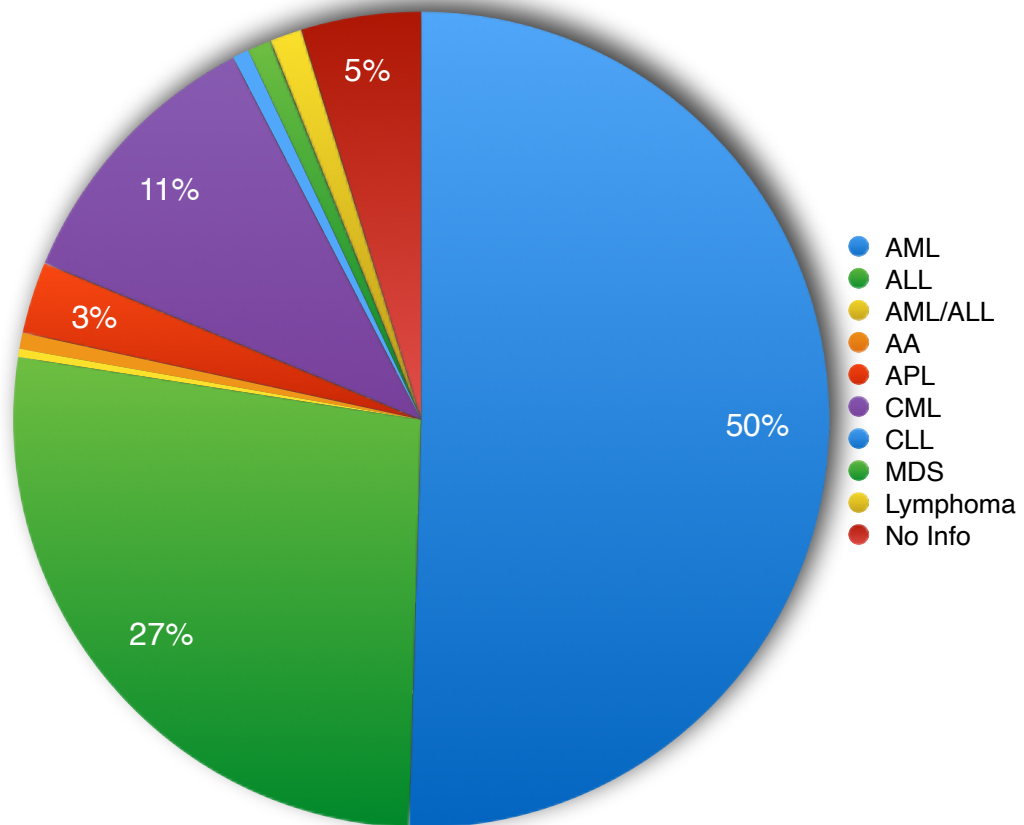
| Patients by Type of Disease | 2020<br>No. of Patients | 2019<br>No. of Patients |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| AML PATIENTS                | 159                     | 147                     |
| ALL PATIENTS                | 85                      | 81                      |
| AML/ALL PATIENTS            | 1                       | 1                       |
| AA PATIENTS                 | 2                       | 2                       |
| APL PATIENTS                | 9                       | 8                       |
| CML PATIENTS                | 35                      | 23                      |
| CLL PATIENTS                | 2                       | 2                       |
| MDS                         | 3                       | 1                       |
| LYMPHOMA                    | 4                       | 4                       |
| NO INFO                     | 15                      | 15                      |
| TOTAL                       | 315                     | 284                     |

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



Referring to Chart 2.C.2 below, the percentage of AML patients has continued to dip from 53% in 2018, 51% in 2019, which is now 50% in 2020. AML patients though still remained as the biggest group of leukemia patients that EPCALM is servicing.

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



ALL patients also showed a dip percentage-wise at 27% in 2020, as compared to 28.5% in 2019 and 28% in 2018. As mentioned above, CML patients continued to post the biggest percentage increase over the last two (2) years at 52% in 2020 and 53% in 2019.

#### **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.

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

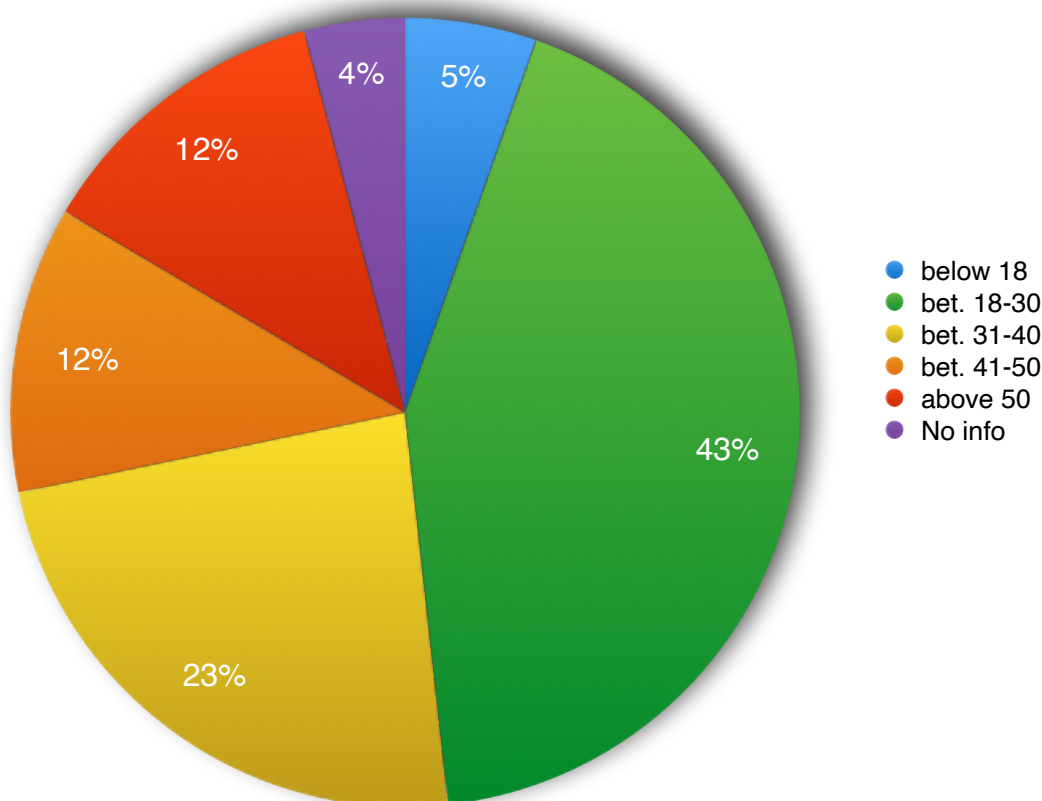
Per Table 2.D.1 below, patients in the age group 18 - 30 years old posted the most number of new patients in 2020 at 10, followed by the age group 31 - 40 years old at 8 and age groups 41 - 50 years old and above 51 years old tied at 7.

**Table 2.D.1 - Patient Age Statistics**

| Patient Age Groups                  | 2020<br>No. of Patients | 2019<br>No. of Patients |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>PATIENTS BELOW 18 Y.O.</b>       | 17                      | 17                      |
| <b>PATIENTS BETWEEN 18 - 30 Y.O</b> | 135                     | 125                     |
| <b>PATIENTS BETWEEN 31 - 40 Y.O</b> | 74                      | 66                      |
| <b>PATIENTS BETWEEN 41 - 50 Y.O</b> | 37                      | 30                      |
| <b>PATIENTS ABOVE 50 Y.O</b>        | 39                      | 32                      |
| <b>NO DATA ON AGE</b>               | 13                      | 13                      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                        | <b>315</b>              | <b>284</b>              |

Referring to Chart 2.D.2 below, the 18 - 30 year old bracket still has the highest percentage of patients being serviced by EPCALM at 43% in 2020, although compared to 2019 at 44%, there is a slight decrease. The 31 - 40 year old age group bracket maintains its position at 2nd with 23% of the total patients in 2020. For the combined 18 - 40 age group, total percentage is 66%, showing that most of EPCALM's serviced patients are found in the young age group bracket.

**Chart 2.D.2 - Patient Distribution by Age**



Notable though is the increase in percentage of the combined 41 and above age group bracket at 24% in 2020 versus 21.83% in 2019. The combined 41 and above age group bracket shows a 22.6% increase in 2020 as compared to 2019.

## E. MALE-FEMALE PATIENT RATIO

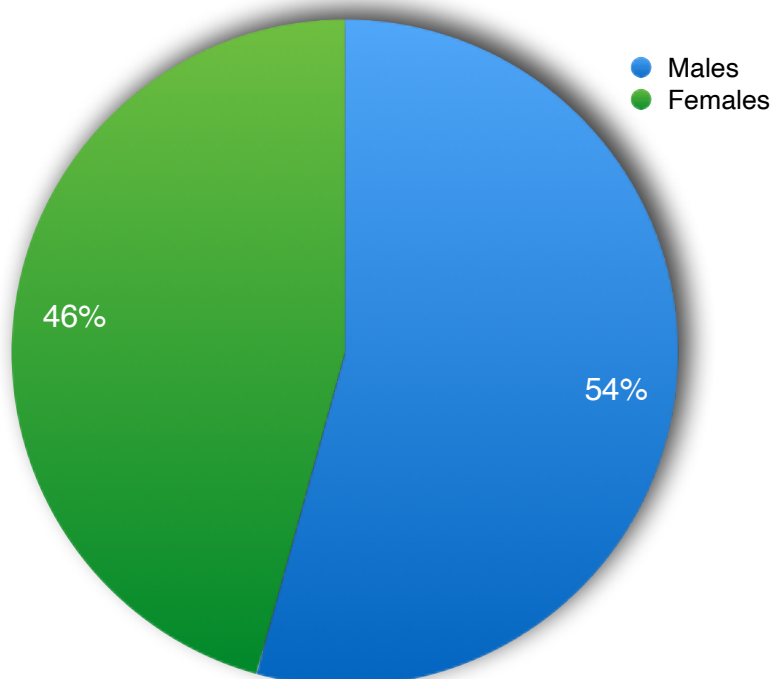
Male-Female ratio mix of EPCALM serviced patients in 2020 is about equal at 54% males to 46% females.

The ratio between the Male - Female patients has varied over the years, mainly due to the small sample size. The same ratio though has been maintained over the last two years (2020 and 2019). The current percentage ratio is more or less comparable to the 2018 Globocan statistics<sup>10</sup>, which showed a 56% vs 44% Male - Female ratio, with a sample size of 5,741 patients.

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

| Patient Gender            | 2020<br>No. of Patients | 2019<br>No. of Patients |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| NUMBER OF MALE PATIENTS   | 171                     | 152                     |
| NUMBER OF FEMALE PATIENTS | 144                     | 131                     |
| NUMBER OF EPCALM PATIENTS | <b>315</b>              | <b>283</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>

### 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 2020, 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);
- Continued to conduct regular home, hospital and virtual visits (through Social Media - Facebook, Instagram or Twitter; e-mails; phone). Visits were conducted by EPCALM staff - i.e. Social Work Program Director, Board of Trustees, Social Workers or Volunteers. Although with the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic in March 2020, where travel and face-to-face contact were restricted, the Social Workers could only do virtual visits;



- Continued to provide pastoral support, encouragement and counseling during visits to patients and their families; during grief counseling and family huddles; during patient visits to the EPCALM office; and when patients and their families call the EPCALM hotline;
- Continued to give out HOPE Packs and reading materials to EPCALM patients and their families, to provide them with renewed hope, strength and vigor with the holding cross

and as they read the Bible and Spiritual reading materials, during their confinement and/or idle time as they await their next treatment or chemo session. HOPE packs were also given to new walk-in patients; and

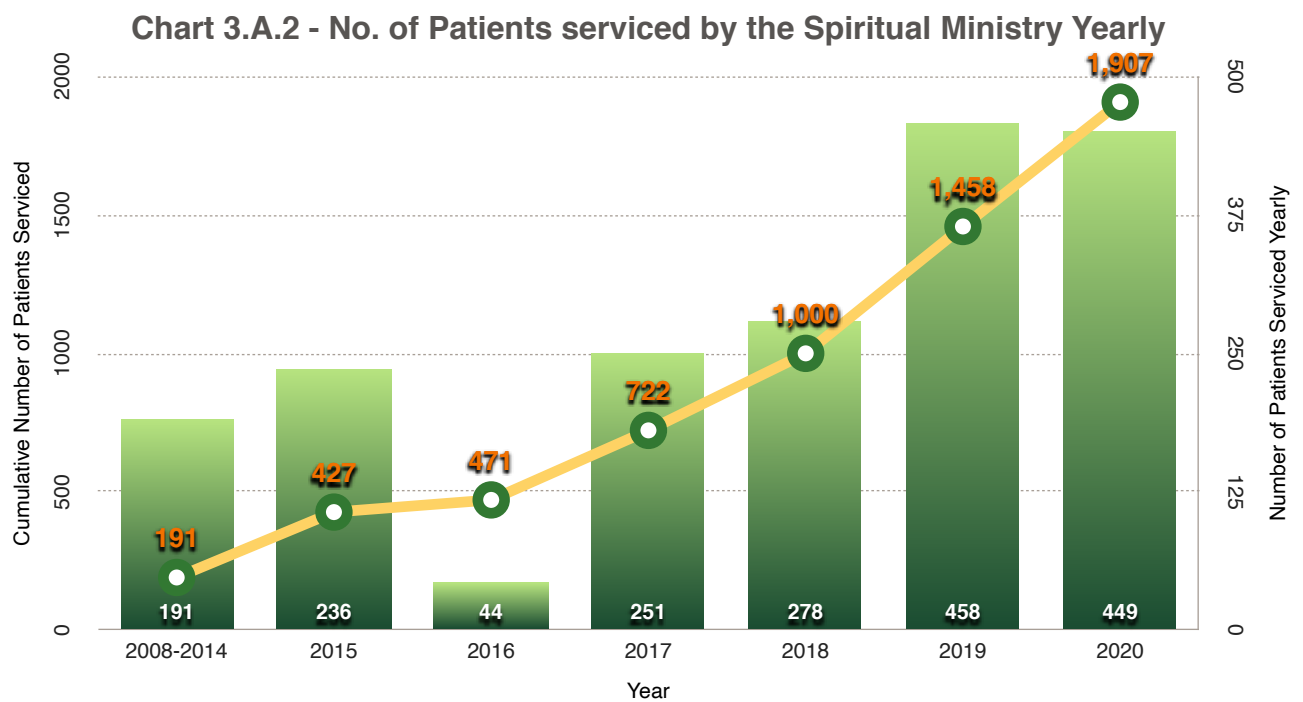
- Continued to post in Instagram, Facebook and Twitter, EPCALM's Daily Reflections and Daily Devotions for its followers, EPCALM serviced patients and their families, volunteers, friends, donors and supporters.



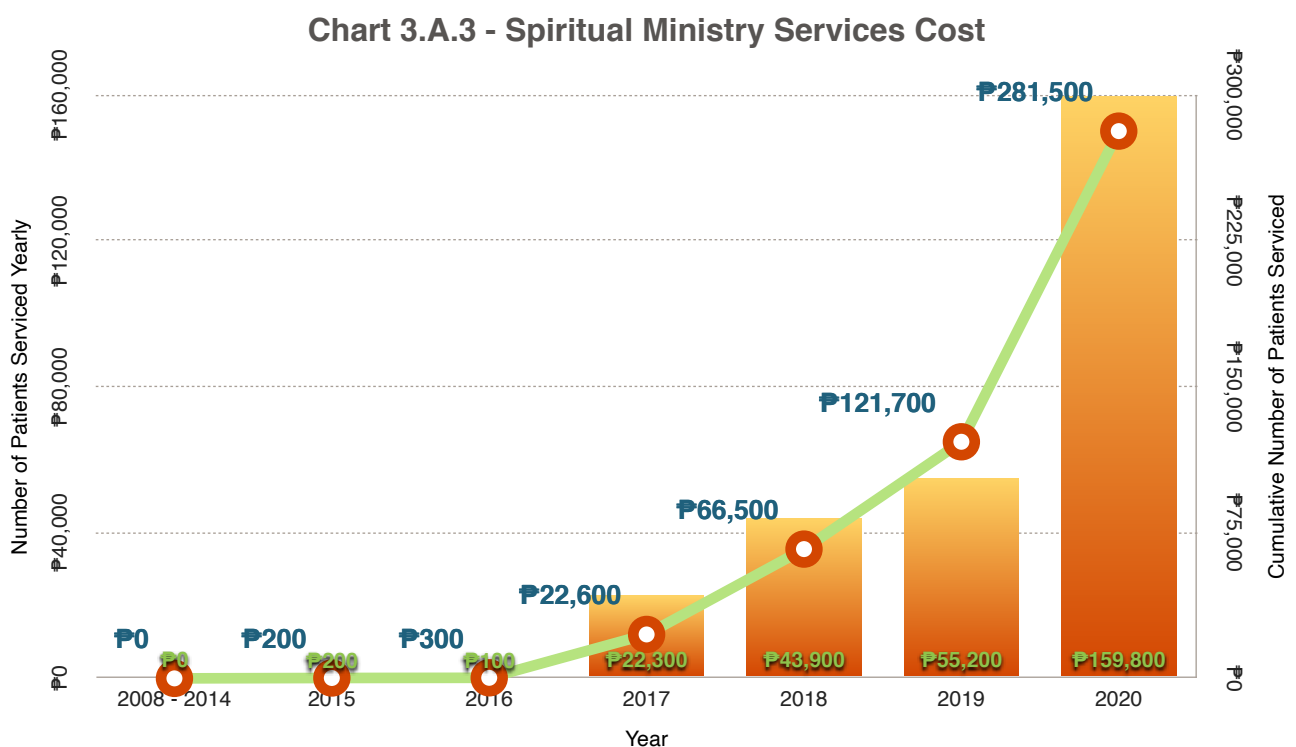
EPCALM Spiritual Ministry's face-to-face services slowed down in the 1st quarter of 2020 and was discontinued in the 2nd quarter of 2020 onwards. This was due to the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the imposition of the corresponding travel and face-to-face restrictions. These restrictions impacted the home and hospital visits and giving out of the HOPE packs by the EPCALM Social Workers. As EPCALM shifted to a "Work From Home" (WFH) arrangement for its Social Workers, starting mid-March 2020, efforts were redirected to conducting virtual activities, such as prayers, counseling, visits and encouragement.

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

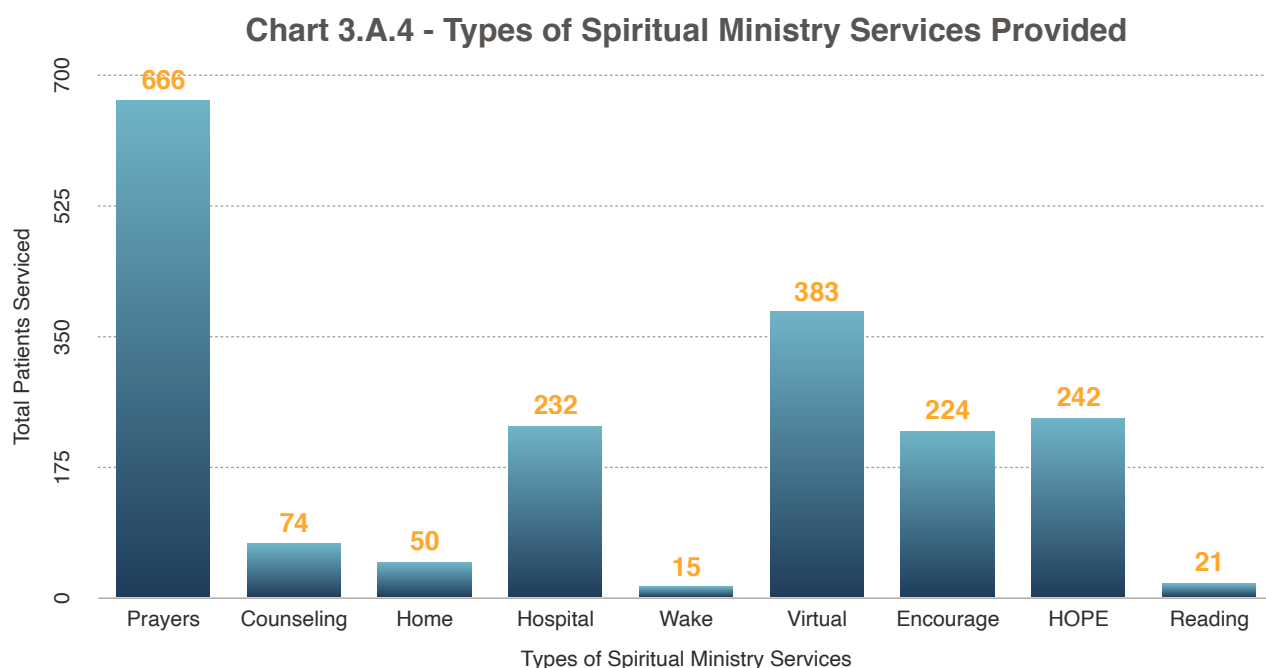
|                           | 2008 - 2014 | 2015       | 2016      | 2017       | 2018       | 2019       | 2020       | Total       |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|
| Prayers                   | 96          | 204        | 12        | 107        | 39         | 37         | 171        | 666         |
| Counseling                | 41          | 5          | 5         | 2          | 0          | 6          | 15         | 74          |
| Home Visits               | 14          | 7          | 10        | 8          | 6          | 4          | 1          | 50          |
| Hospital Visits           | 33          | 16         | 11        | 76         | 38         | 40         | 18         | 232         |
| Wake Visits               | 1           | 0          | 3         | 6          | 0          | 2          | 3          | 15          |
| Virtual Visits            | 4           | 0          | 0         | 0          | 74         | 223        | 82         | 383         |
| Encouragement/Remembrance | 2           | 2          | 2         | 3          | 78         | 92         | 45         | 224         |
| HOPE Pack                 | 0           | 0          | 0         | 44         | 42         | 45         | 111        | 242         |
| Reading Materials         | 0           | 2          | 1         | 5          | 1          | 9          | 3          | 21          |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>191</b>  | <b>236</b> | <b>44</b> | <b>251</b> | <b>278</b> | <b>458</b> | <b>449</b> | <b>1907</b> |



Due to the shift in the way EPCALM implemented patient contact, monitoring and coordination, EPCALM was able to increase the number of Spiritual Ministry services provided to its serviced patients. The increase in total services in 2020 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. Leading the ministry's services were prayers given for EPCALM's patients and their families and the virtual visits.



As the number of face-to-face contacts were limited due to the pandemic, the number of HOPE packs given to patients also decreased in 2020. Shown in Chart 3.A.3 above shows the Spiritual Ministry's costs on a year-to-year basis. Cumulative amount of HOPE Packs and reading materials given to patients now stands at in PESOS: **TWO HUNDRED EIGHTY-ONE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED (Php 281,500.00)**.



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



## 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...”

Currently, EPCALM offers medical support to patients admitted in various centers through blood products and medicines, depending on availability.

For Year 2020, following were the Medical services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:

- Continued to provide to EPCALM serviced patients: free chemo drugs and related medicines; discounted drug purchases from drug companies; drug donations from partner drug companies; and/or unused medicines from EPCALM patients;
- Continued to utilize social media to request for blood, support of patients' blood drives and other medical needs.



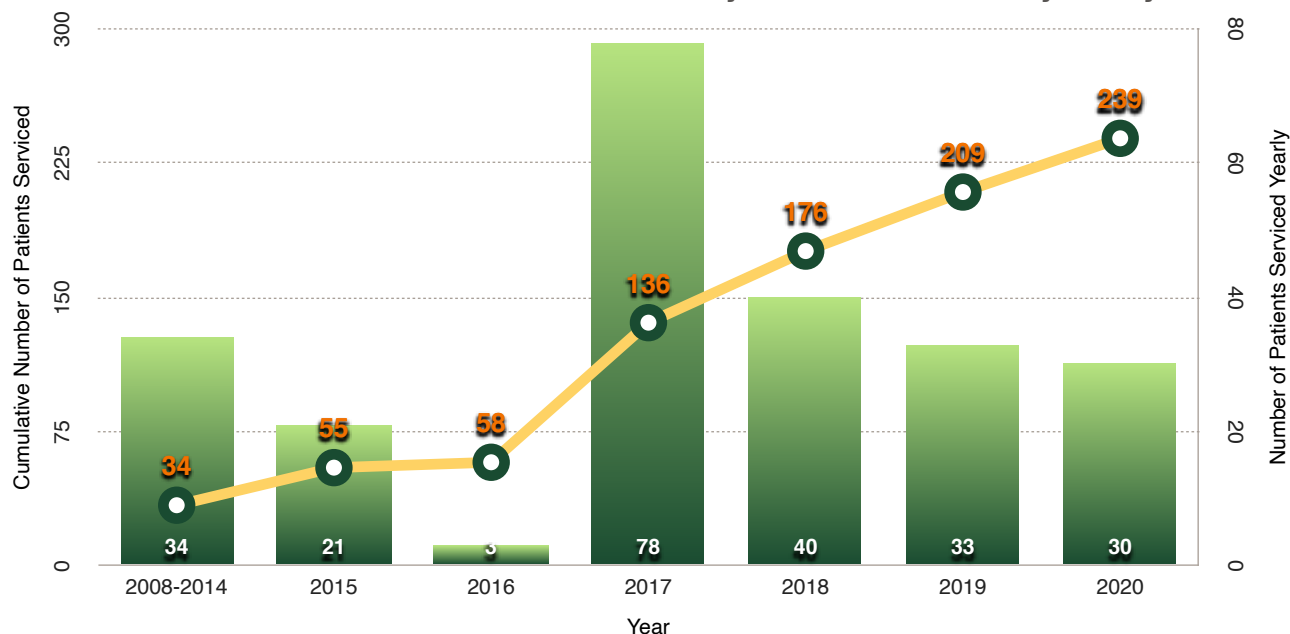
**Table 3.B.1 - Medical Ministry Services Statistics**

| Service Descriptions           | 2008-2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | Total |
|--------------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|
| Provided medical options       | 20        | 2    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 22    |
| Gave Chemo Drugs               | 3         | 9    | 1    | 46   | 25   | 30   | 28   | 142   |
| Gave/Assisted in getting Blood | 6         | 9    | 1    | 18   | 5    | 2    | 1    | 42    |
| Gave Medical supplies          | 0         | 0    | 1    | 11   | 10   | 1    | 0    | 23    |
| Gave Doctor Referrals          | 5         | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 1    | 6     |
| Provided Other services        | 0         | 1    | 0    | 3    | 0    | 0    | 0    | 4     |
| Total                          | 34        | 21   | 3    | 78   | 40   | 33   | 30   | 239   |



The number of Medical Ministry services dipped in 2020 as compared to 2019. The dip is attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic, although even with the travel restrictions, EPCALM still managed to provide Chemo drugs to its patients.

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



**Chart 3.B.3 - Medical Ministry Services Costs**

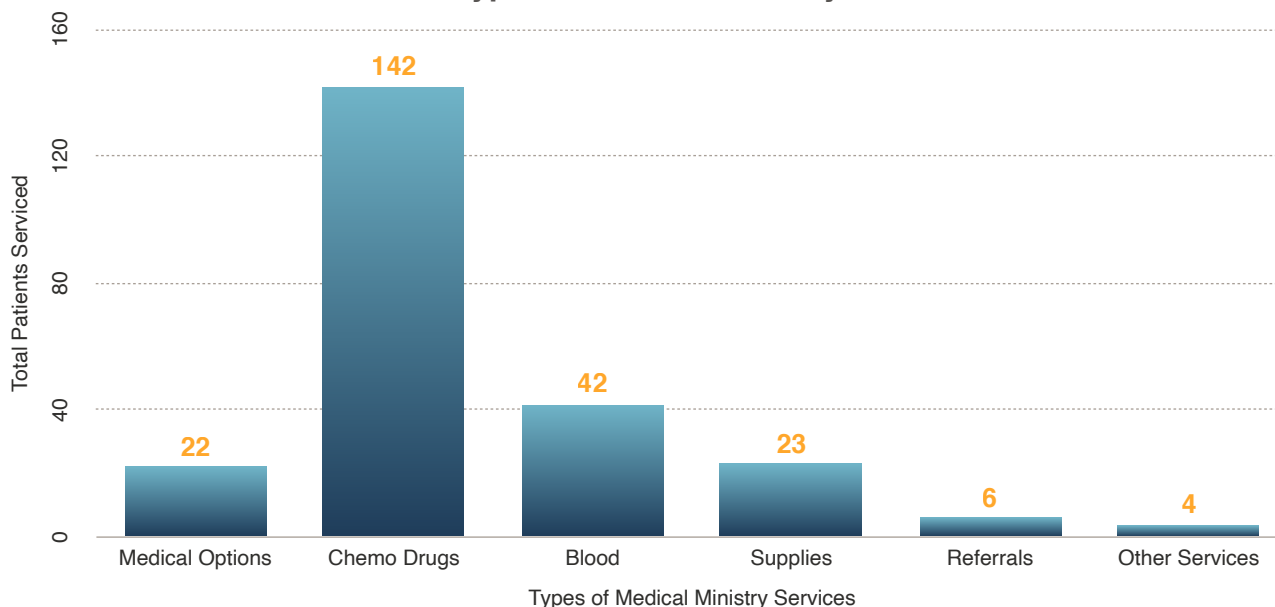


EPCALM was not able to conduct blood letting activities this year due to the COVID-19 restrictions. We also experienced difficulty in getting stored blood from partner hospitals, as blood supply was scarce due to concurrent blood requirements from COVID-19 patients. As such, due to this constraint, EPCALM assisted the patients who needed blood, by utilizing EPCALM's Social media to post/forward blood donation requests.

Per Chart 3.B.3 above, the cumulative amount of chemo drugs, blood and other services given to patients now stands at in PESOS: **TWO MILLION NINETY-NINE THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED TWENTY-EIGHT & 00/100 (Php 2,099,528.00)**. Over the past six (6) years from 2014 to 2019, average amount of services amounted to around Php300k per year. For 2020, total amount of Medical Ministry services amounted to Php416k, which is about 40% higher than previous year's average, considering that this Fiscal Year was the start of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Providing Chemo drugs to Patients tops the list of services costs offered by the Medical Ministry. This service has been proven to be very helpful especially for patients who are running short on their finances, to tide them over during their scheduled chemo sessions. Next to giving chemo drugs is providing blood coming from the blood drives that EPCALM has conducted, or through calls for help through Social media.

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



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

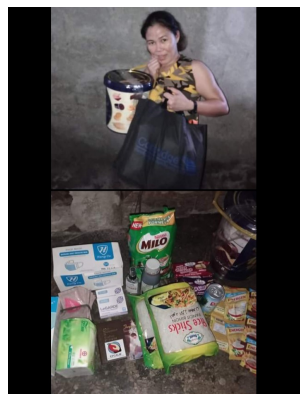
### C. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (FINANCIAL) MINISTRY

“...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...”

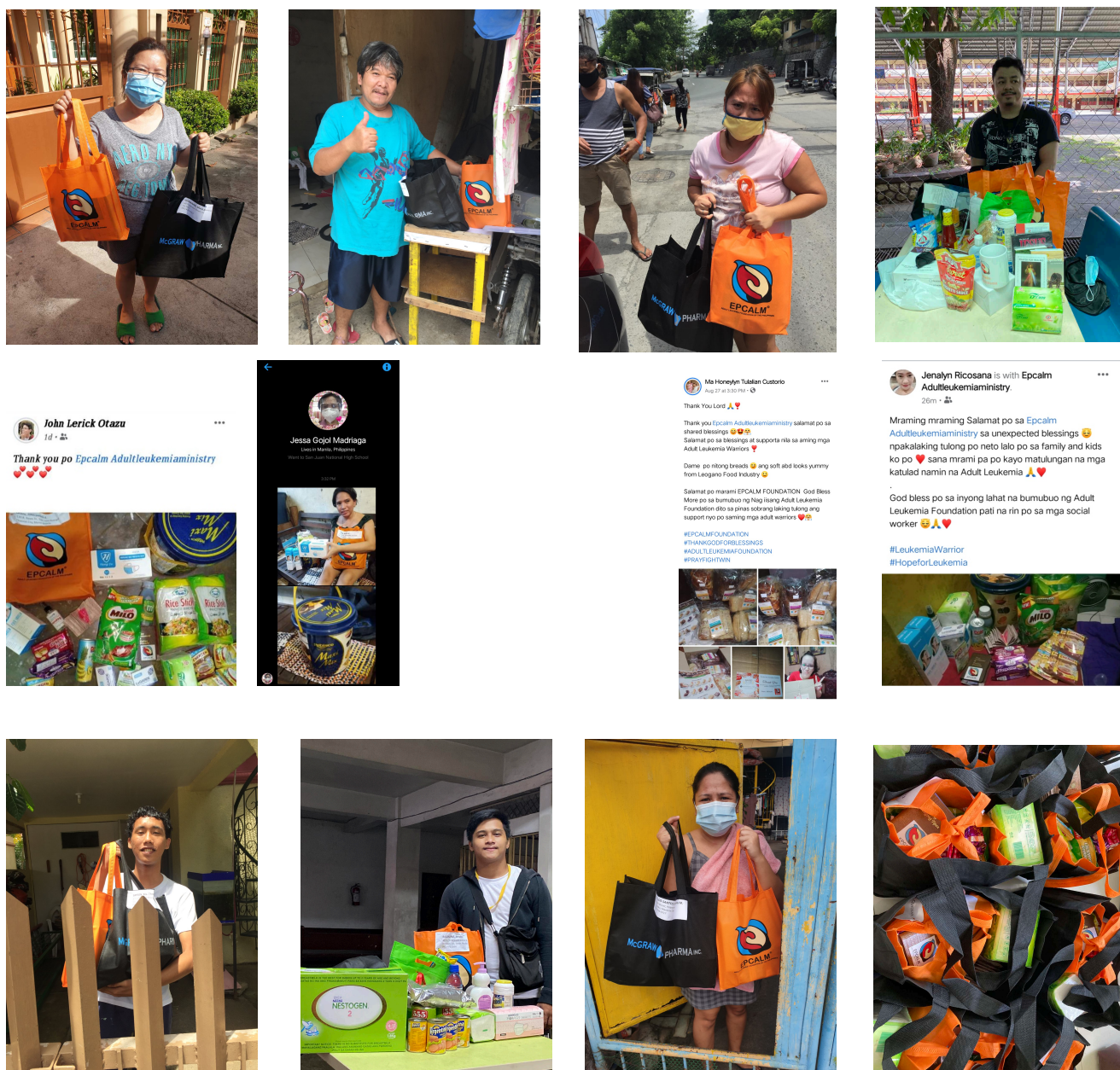
For Fiscal year 2019 - 2020, following were the Resource Mobilization services rendered to EPCALM patients and their families:



- Continued to provide direct monetary assistance to EPCALM Patients and their families;
- Continued to utilize Social Media - FaceBook, Instagram, Twitter and YouTube to publish the EPCALM patients and the Foundation’s articles, information, updates/status, prayer requests and other information to promote awareness, generate support and spur action among its members, volunteers, supporters and donors;
- Gave out SODEXO gift checks to 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 Prayer” Online Event (September 2020) and “HOPE in Mental Health: A Mother’s Story” Online Event (November 2020); and
- Gave relief goods to EPCALM patients and their families during the COVID-19 pandemic.





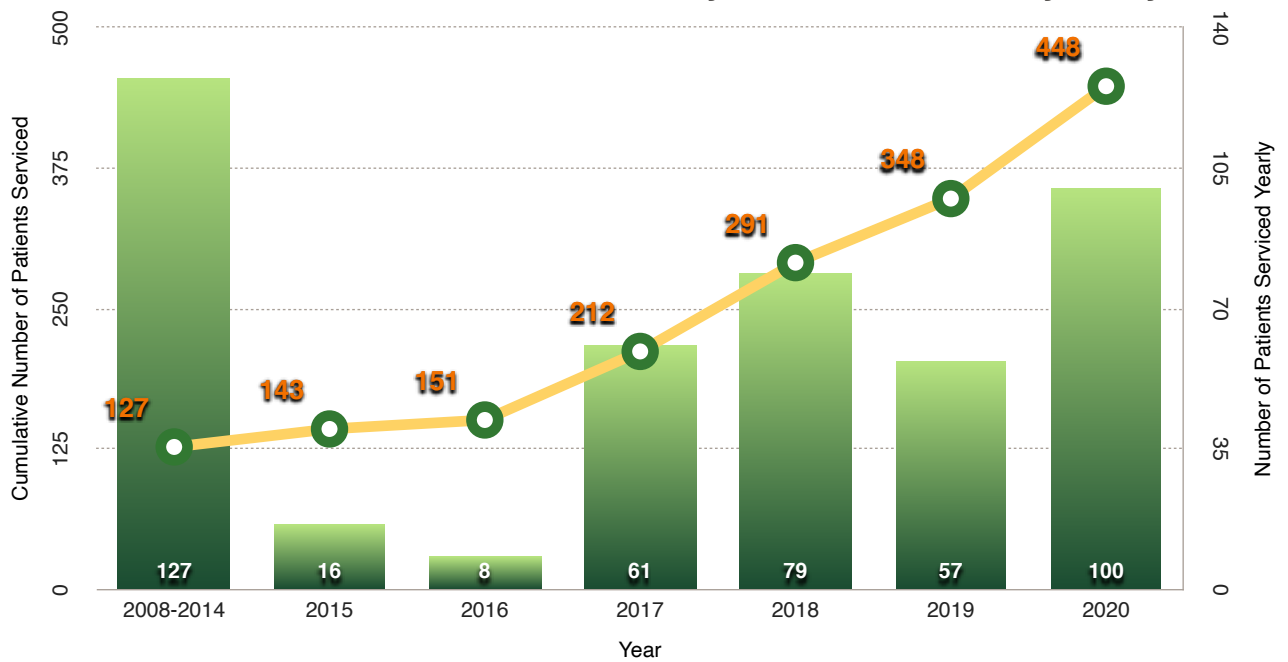


Together with the Awareness and Advocacy Program, this Ministry has been very active in promoting the goals and objectives of the Foundation and has been responsible for creating public awareness on Leukemia.

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

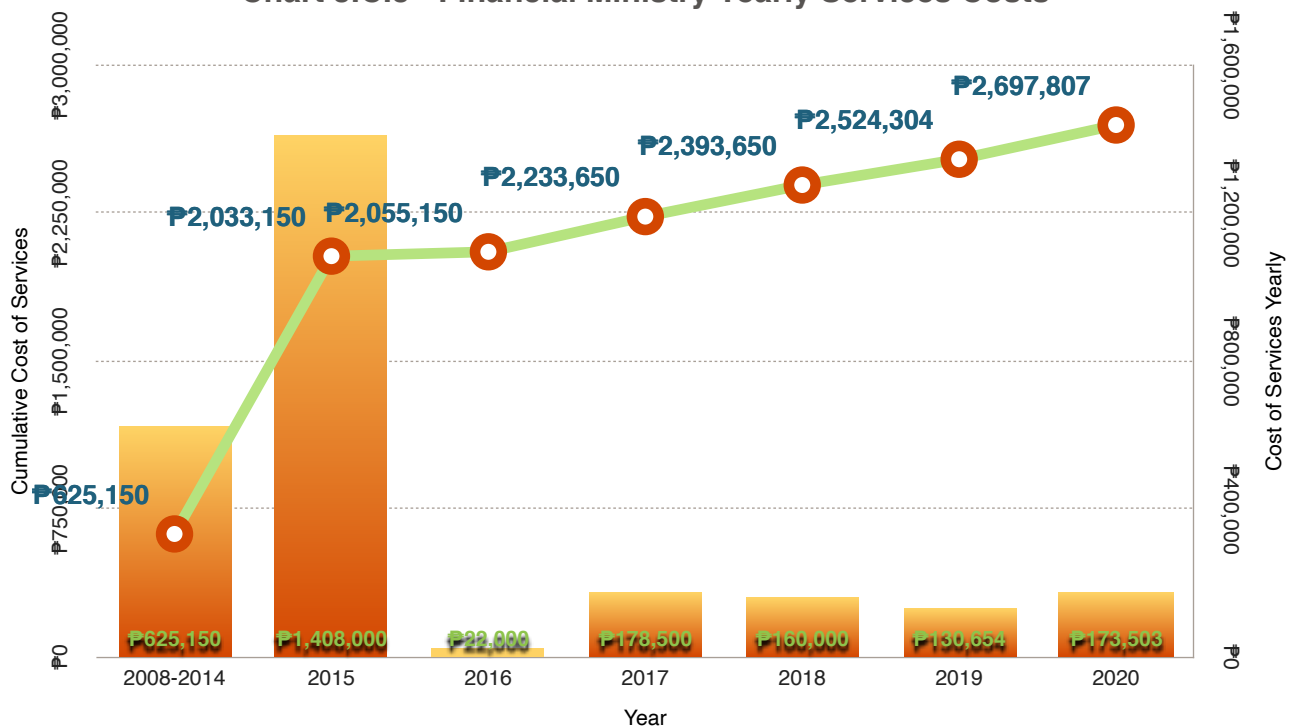
| Service                   | 2008 - 2014 | 2015      | 2016     | 2017      | 2018      | 2019      | 2020       | Total      |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Monetary Assistance       | 37          | 5         | 4        | 35        | 2         | 5         | 10         | 98         |
| Groceries/Gift Packs      | 17          | 0         | 1        | 24        | 73        | 52        | 87         | 254        |
| Fund Raising              | 6           | 6         | 0        | 1         | 0         | 0         | 1          | 14         |
| Published/Posted Articles | 62          | 1         | 3        | 1         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 67         |
| Other Assistance          | 5           | 4         | 0        | 0         | 4         | 0         | 2          | 15         |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>127</b>  | <b>16</b> | <b>8</b> | <b>61</b> | <b>79</b> | <b>57</b> | <b>100</b> | <b>448</b> |

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



For FY 2019 - 2020, a total of 100 patients were serviced by the Ministry. A majority of the services provided was giving out groceries as relief goods to help patients during the pandemic (62) and gift packs i.e. Miscellaneous items and SODEXO gift checks (31) totaling 93. EPCALM had to find ways of extending help to our serviced patients,

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

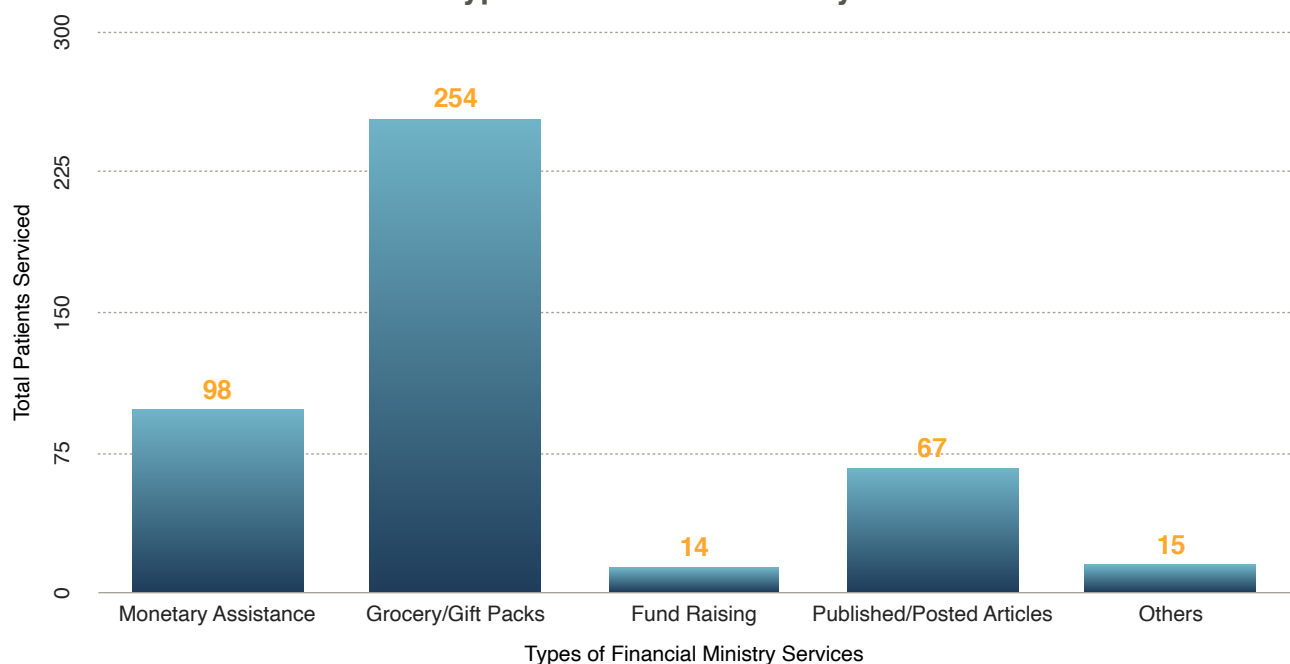


especially with the constraints experienced by all (i.e. travel, lockdowns) due to the imposition of COVID-19 restrictions, starting March 2020.

The frequency of providing services in this Ministry has been erratic, as shown in the statistics above. To date, a total of PESOS: **TWO MILLION SIX HUNDRED NINETY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED SEVEN & 00/100 (Php2,697,807.00)** has been given to EPCALM patients and their families, through the fund raising efforts of the Resource Mobilization Ministry.

Topping the list of services for the Financial Ministry is providing our serviced patients with Emergency Grocery packs, which was a welcome relief for the patients and their families due to the imposed restrictions, which limited travel of persons who did not have the necessary barangay-issued travel clearances. Monetary assistance also increased during this period, utilizing GCash and gift checks (SODEXO) to send assistance to patients.

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



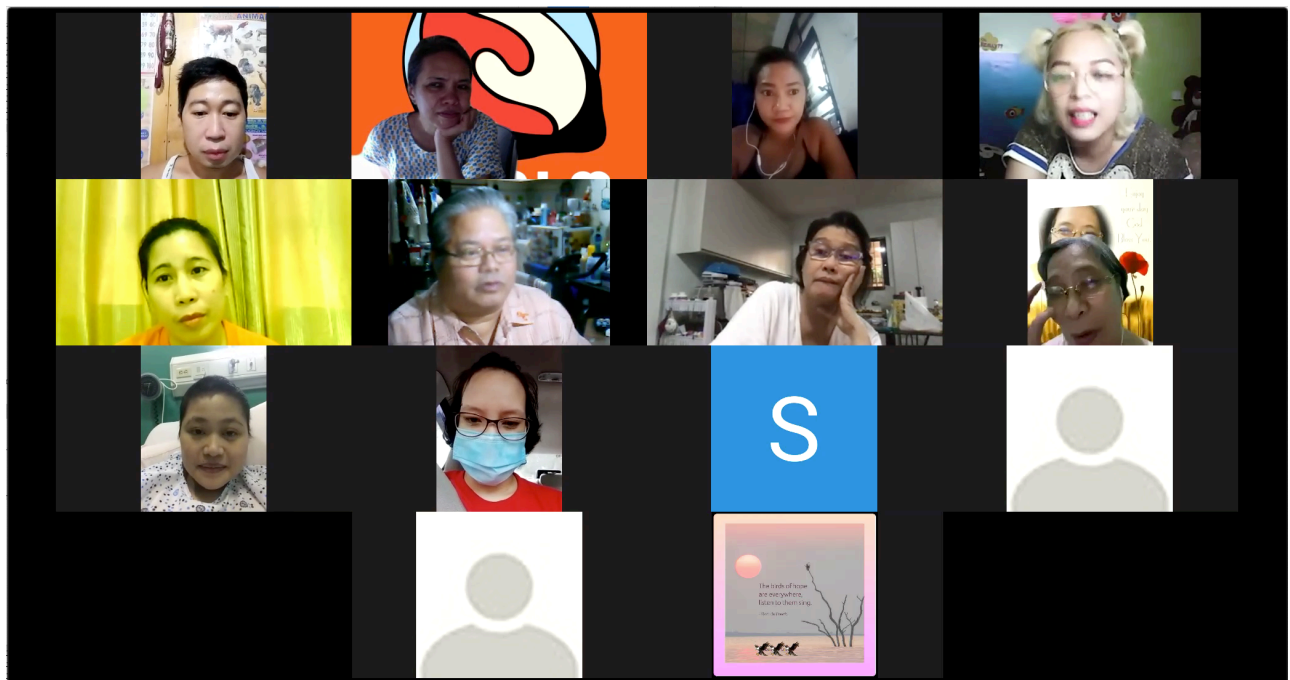
*Note: For EPCALM's full listing and description of the Resource Mobilization Ministry service offerings, please refer to <http://www.epcalm.org/financial-arm/>.*



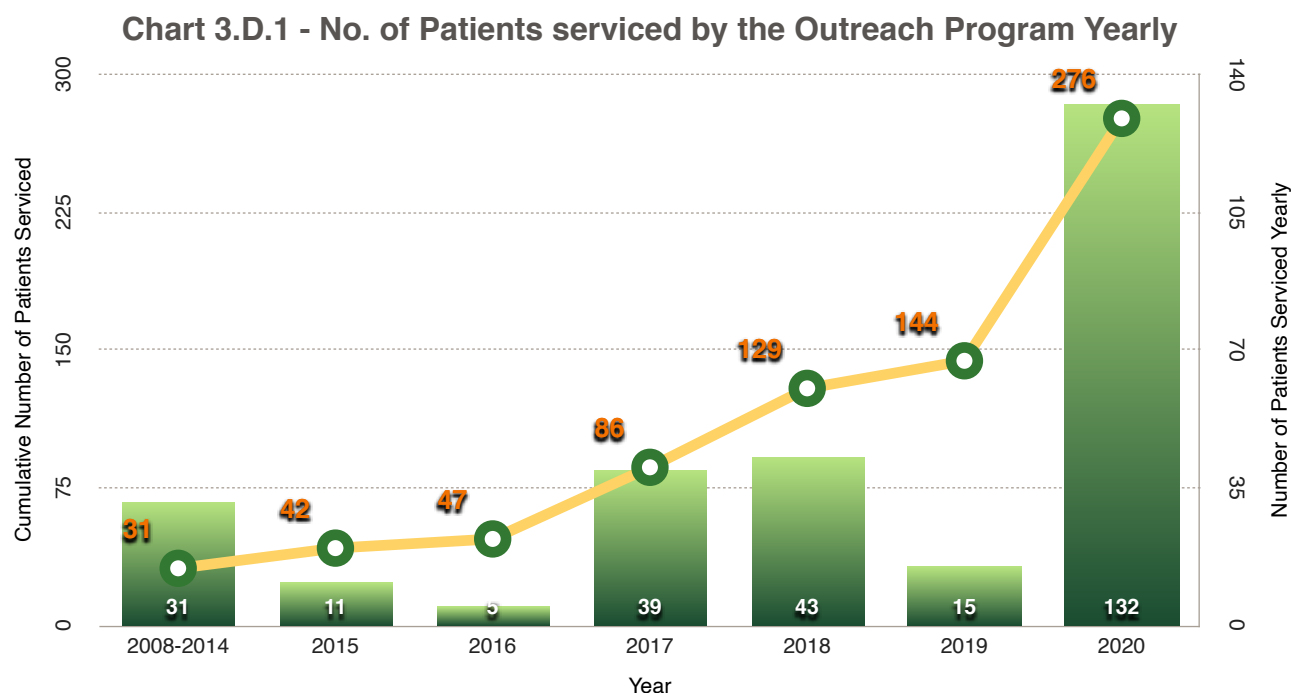
## D. OUTREACH PROGRAM SERVICES

“...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)...”

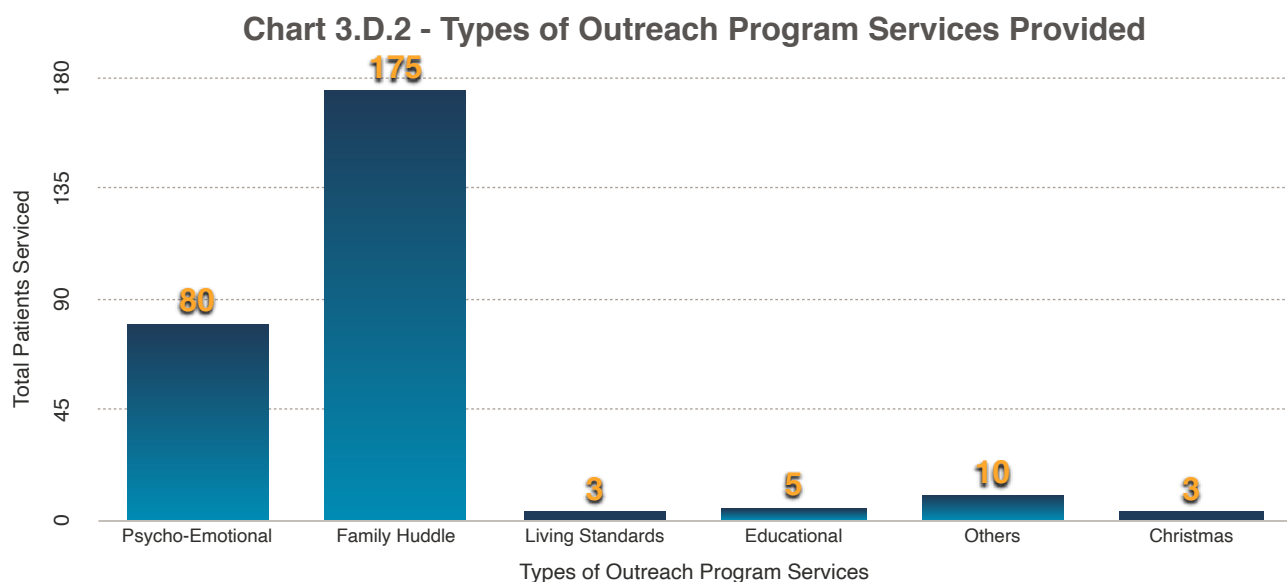




For Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020, the Outreach Program, in support of the Spiritual Ministry, reinvented the way on how Family Huddles were conducted in the past (Face-to-face), by doing the huddles on-line and on a more frequent basis. Because of the online platform (through ZOOM), more patients could join these huddles inside or outside of the comfort of their homes, or even in their hospital beds while undergoing chemotherapy. During this period, the family huddles became the most effective means of engaging the patients and their families, even it these were being conducted virtually.







*Note: Moving forward, the Outreach Program needs more volunteers to implement its various plans and activities.*

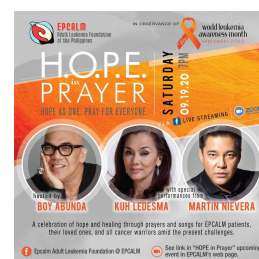
For this fiscal period, though only two types of services were provided: Conduct of Family Huddles; and giving Psycho-Emotional support to patients and their families by giving them encouragement during the lockdown periods. Since both of these services could be done virtually, more patients and their families were engaged and serviced by EPCALM's social workers.

## E. ADVOCACY & AWARENESS PROGRAM SERVICES

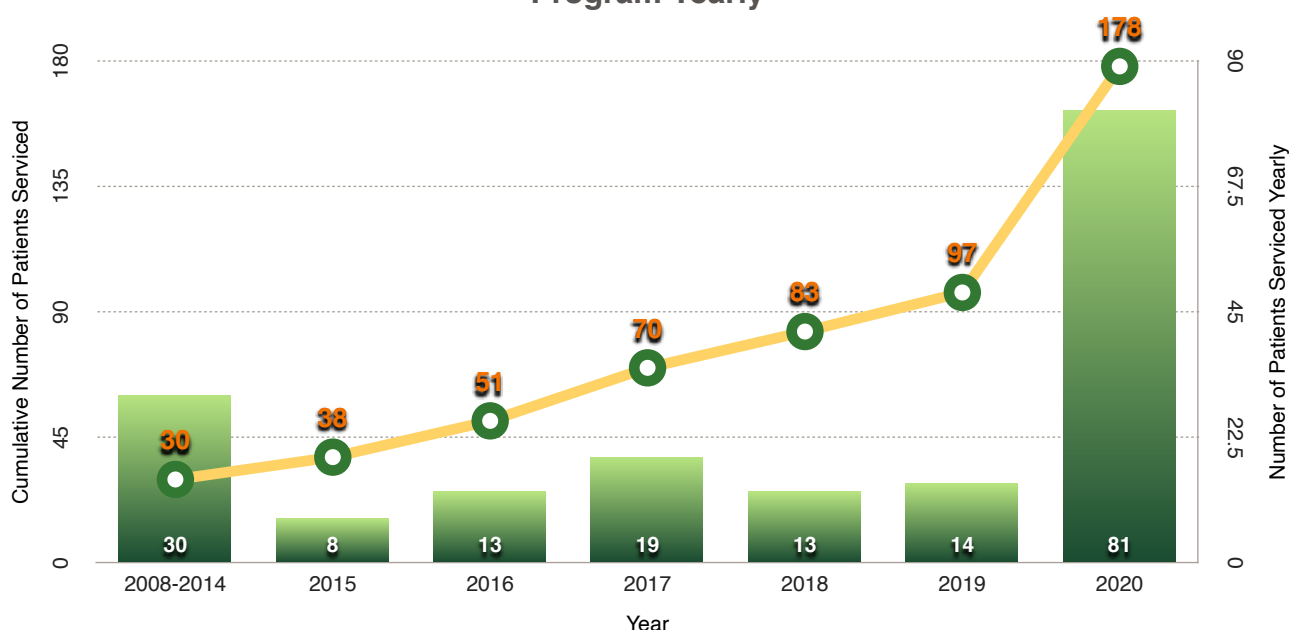
“...The Advocacy & Awareness Ministry endeavors to generate awareness and interest in the goals, mission, vision, objectives and programs of the Foundation through the conduct of awareness activities and pursuit of advocacies...”

For Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020, only 2 activities were conducted face-to-face, as a large part of the period was under COVID-19 lockdown. During the lockdown, only 1 Advocacy and Awareness activity was conducted in September 2020 and this was done virtually, due to the government-imposed travel restrictions. For the fiscal year, the following activities were conducted:

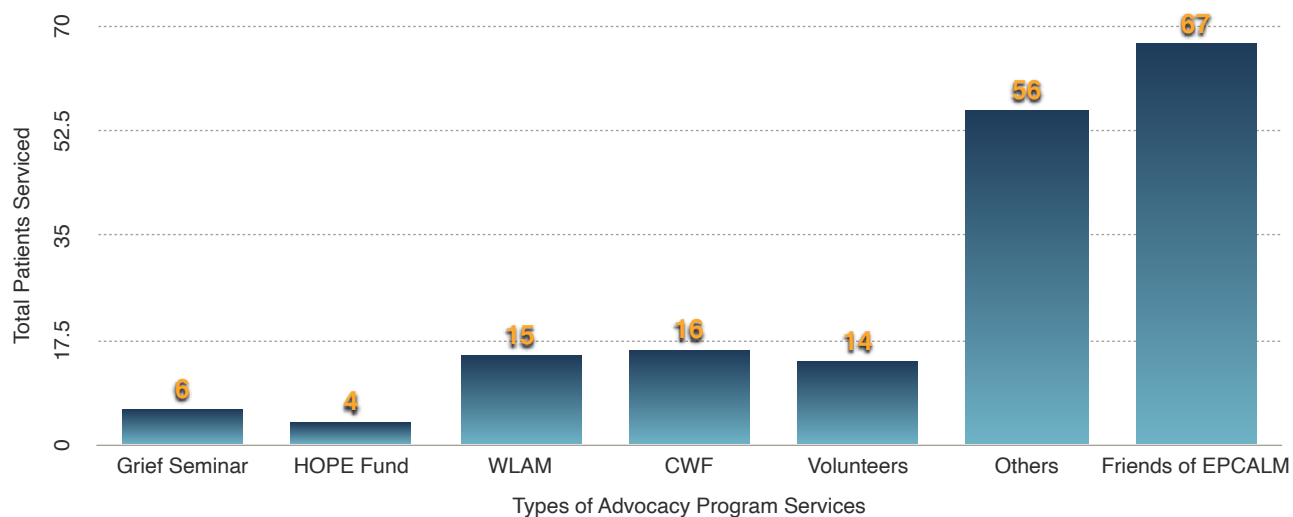
- Conducted the 6th Friends of EPCALM Assembly last November 16, 2019 at #50 West Avenue, Quezon City;
- Attended the collective prayer of Hope entitled “Sinag Ng Pag-Asa”, which was an event hosted by EPCALM’s partner church - the Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC), held last March 7, 2020. The event was jointly celebrated by EPCALM, the Cancer Warriors Foundation (CWF) and the “Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko” Foundation; and
- Celebrated World Leukemia Awareness Month (WLAM) in September, EPCALM conducted an online event (ZOOM and FaceBook Live) entitled “HOPE in Prayer”.



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



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



The 6th Friends of EPCALM drew a bigger crowd as compared to previous assemblies, and was attended by EPCALM patients and their families, fellow advocacy guests, church and choir members and supporters.

*Note: Moving forward, the Awareness & Advocacy Program needs to reinvent the way it provides services to patients, considering lockdown restrictions.*

## F. PARTNERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS PROGRAM SERVICES

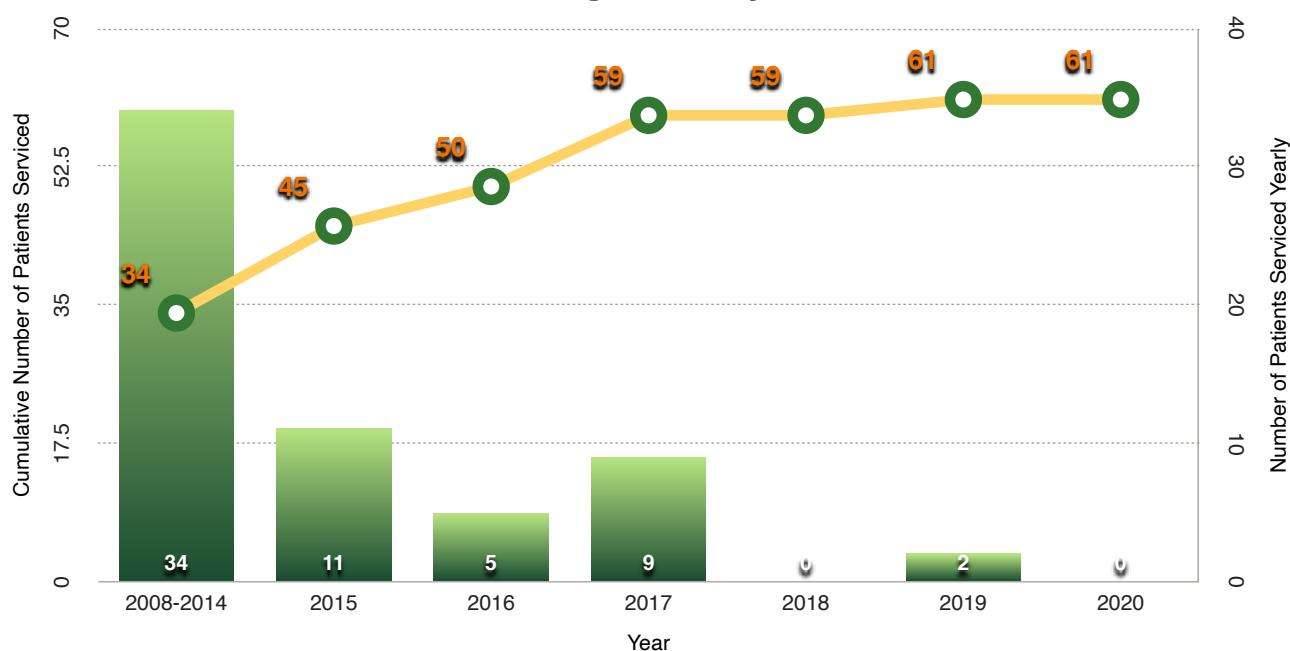
“...The Partnerships & Affiliations Program endeavors to foster relationships and linkages with different networks, companies, associations, organizations as deemed necessary to carry out the vision, mission and goals of the Foundation...”

For Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020, two new partnerships were established, namely:

- During the Friends Assembly, EPCALM agreed to sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Mr. Luis Gutierrez, Inventor and Owner of the Quick 2 game; and
- EPCALM received a software donation from Oracle Corporation of the NetSuite SuiteSuccess Financials First Standard Cloud Service.

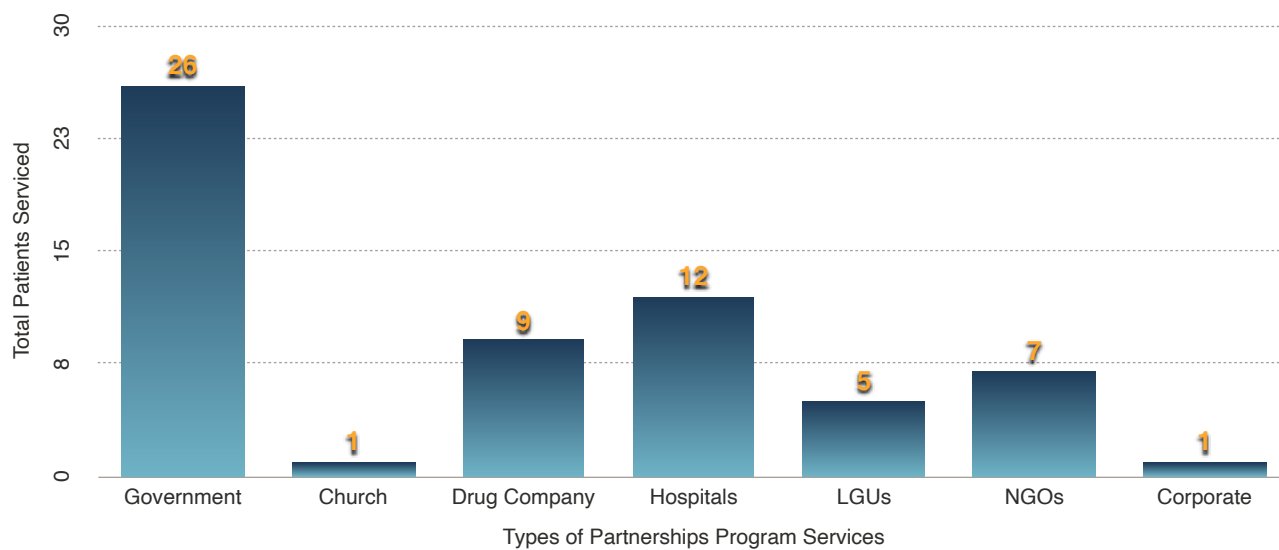
Although new partnership were established during this period, there was no direct effect or correlation to the provision of service to EPCALM’s serviced patients. These two new partnerships though will improve the foundation’s cash position in the future or improve its financial tracking and work processes.

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



No patients were serviced by the program during this period.

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



*Note: Moving forward, the Partnerships and Affiliations Program need to explore and connect with more organizations and institutions to partner with.*

## 4. 2019 - 2020 EPCALM Highlights

### A. “FRIENDS OF EPCALM” GENERAL ASSEMBLY – NOV. 2019

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.



During the Friends of EPCALM Assembly, EPCALM signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Mr. Luis Gutierrez, Inventor and Owner of the Quick 2 game. The Quick 2 game is a Filipino created word game that puts the player’s vocabulary, critical and fast-thinking skills to the





test. The MOA will be a partnership between Mr. Gutierrez and EPCALM, where a part of the sales of the Quick 2 game will be given to EPCALM, to help adult leukemia patients and their families.

The 6th Friends of EPCALM General Assembly was held last November 16, 2019 at The White House, #50 West Avenue, Quezon City, Metro Manila.

## **B. EPCALM GENERAL ASSEMBLY/BOARD OF TRUSTEES (BOT) MEETING - NOVEMBER 2019**

EPCALM held its annual General Assembly (GA) and Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting for members last November 30, 2019. This GA meeting is in accordance with EPCALM's Articles of Incorporation to hold it annually.

During said meeting, members were newly or formally inducted into the foundation. As EPCALM members, one can be elected to the Board of Trustees, and/or appointed as an officer.

Newly inducted members for 2019 were as follows:

- HoneyBee Cabrera
- Jocelyn Del Mundo
- Joel Flandes
- Alex Rey Pal
- Emma Ray Panaguiton
- Rachel Rosario
- Daneille Joy Sy

The newly elected Board of Trustees (BOT) members for Fiscal Year 2019 - 2020 were as follows:

- Connie Ancheta (Re-elected)
- Erlyn Demerre (Re-elected)
- Justice Demerre (Re-elected)



- Mitch Duran (Re-elected)
- Elmar Jay Dejaresco (Re-elected)
- Virgie Garcia (Re-elected)
- Sunny Ku (Re-elected)
- Benny Lagos (Re-elected)
- Mary Ann Ojeda (Re-elected)
- Catherine Rosales (Re-elected)
- Rachel Rosario (New elected. Filling up the vacancy left by of Gregorio Licaros III<sup>11</sup> )

The EPCALM General Assembly and Board of Trustees Meeting was held at the Provenciano Restaurant, 110 Maginhawa St., Teacher's Village, Diliman, Quezon City.

### C. DSWD REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE and LICENSE TO OPERATE - NOVEMBER 2019

EPCALM received its renewal for the Registration Certificate and License to Operate (License No.: DSWD-NCR-RL-00006-2017) from the Department of Social Welfare (DSWD) last November 5, 2019. This registration certificate authorises EPCALM to operate as a Social Welfare and Development Agency, implementing community-based programs and services for indigent patients with Leukemia. License is for the period from January 24, 2019 to January 23, 2022.



To be able to get the renewal of the EPCALM DSWD License, EPCALM Social Worker Daneille Joy Sy attended the "General Assembly: Seminar on Mental Health and Orientation on the interim

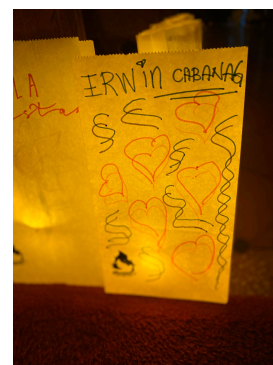
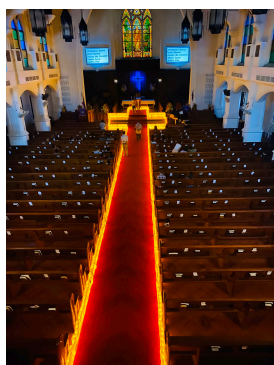
<sup>11</sup>Deceased

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Guidelines in processing of online applications for RLA and Public Solicitation Permits” last October 29, 2019 via ZOOM.

#### **D. “SINAG NG PAG-ASA” - MARCH 2020**

On a yearly basis, the Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC), one of EPCALM’s partner church, hosts the EPCALM-CWF (Cancer Warriors Foundation) Fellowship gathering. This year, the EMC has revised the gift-giving format usually done every December, into a collective prayer of HOPE event, for those with cancer, which commemorates the brave cancer warriors - living or departed. The “Sinag Ng Pag-Asa” event brought together not



only EPCALM and the Cancer Warriors Foundation (CWF), but also now included the “Kapwa Ko Mahal Ko” Foundation.

This year’s “Sinag Ng Pag-Asa” event was held on March 7, 2020 at the Ellinwood Malate Church (EMC), Malate, Manila.

#### **E. EPCALM’S “WORK FROM HOME” - MARCH 2020**

With the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the corresponding travel and face-to-face restrictions imposed by the Government, EPCALM shifted from an office-based work arrangement to a “Work From Home” arrangement for the EPCALM staff. This new work arrangement severely impacted the activities of the Social Workers, where 50%-60% of their time is through patient contact, visits and assessments.





Nevertheless, even with the COVID-19 restrictions, patient services had to continue.

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, so that EPCALM could continue to give joy, love and hope to patients and their families.

## F. ORACLE NETSUITE PROGRAM DONATION - APRIL 2020

On April 24, 2020, EPCALM received a donation from Oracle Corporation (through the efforts of our Executive Director - Mitch Duran), the NetSuite SuiteSuccess Financials First Standard Cloud Service. This service includes:

- ERP with G/L, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Inventory, Order Entry, A/R, Expense Reporting, Advanced Shipping with integrated shipping depending on your location, use of Fulfillment Requests and Automatic Location Assignment;
- NetSuite CRM Sales Force Automation with quote and order management, Marketing Automation with campaigns; Customer Service/Support;
- Productivity tools including contacts/calendar/events;
- NetSuite Financial Management Cloud Service;
- NetSuite Advanced Electronic Bank Payments Cloud Service;
- Real-time Dashboards with key business metrics, report snapshots; and
- NetSuite Basic Customer Support.

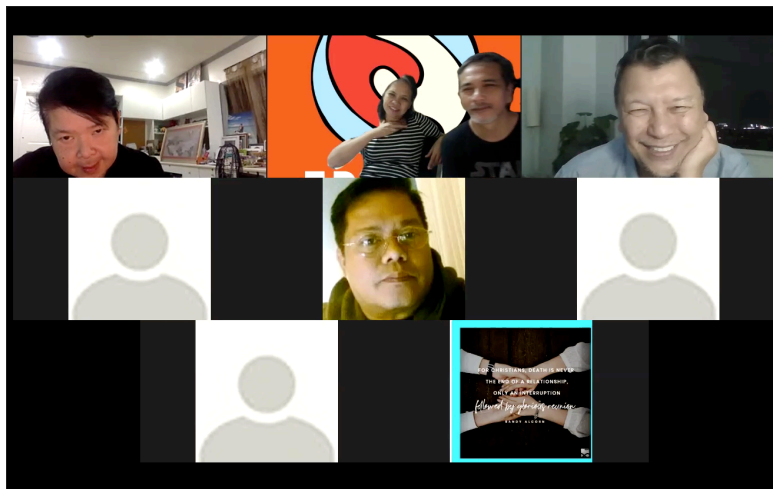
Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, set-up has not progressed as this would require going through and inputting hard copy information, which are currently filed in the EPCALM office.



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## G. EPCALM FAMILY CHURCH PRAYER MEETINGS - APRIL 2020

The COVID-19 restrictions presented EPCALM with the opportunity to remain in contact and study the word of God together through weekly Bible studies via ZOOM. Doing bible studies as an EPCALM family was a dream previously, due to time and distance constraints. This became a reality with COVID-19, utilizing



virtual communication means. The first Bible Study was held last April 4, 2020, with EPCALM's Spiritual Director, Pastor Bennie Lagos leading the study. These Bible Studies have been conducted weekly, and the participants have grown to a handful of 12-15 regular attendees. Regular attendees or guest preachers have rotated or have been invited to lead, when Pastor Bennie was not available.

## H. EPCALM'S RELIEF OPERATIONS - STARTING MARCH 2020

As part of EPCALM's general advocacy to help those in need, relief operations were launched in Antipolo to help the poor and depressed, who had no means to sustain themselves due to the COVID-19 work and travel restrictions. Thus, starting March 27, 2020 up to June 6, 2020, EPCALM called upon its donors, supporters and friends to send donations in cash and/or in kind. The cash donations then used to buy basic food supplies - rice and canned goods; and donations in kind - meat products, dried fish, powdered detergent, ascorbic acid, bath soap and alcohol where packed and distributed to indigent





families in Antipolo on the following dates:

- 1st Distribution - March 27, 2020
- 2nd Distribution - April 04, 2020
- 3rd Distribution - April 16, 2020
- 4th Distribution - April 23, 2020
- 5th Distribution - May 14, 2020
- 6th Distribution - May 23, 2020
- 7th Distribution - June 06, 2020



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

- |                           |                                                  |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| • Mr. Jaime So            | • Ms. Doris Disuanco                             |
| • Ms. Antonette Rosca     | • Greenhills Christian Fellowship (GCF) - Cainta |
| • Ms. Nenen Rodriguez     | • Rizal Medical Society                          |
| • Engr. Celestial Flancia | • Engr. Justice & Dr. Erlyn Demerre              |

## I. 1st EPCALM “VIRTUAL” FAMILY HUDDLE - JUNE 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.

A total of fifteen (21) patients and/or their families plus EPCALM officers, staff and supporters joined this event. Songs, prayers, greetings (kamustahan) and a reflection by





Pastor Bennie was shared.

After the huddle, EPCALM sent Gourmet Express' roasted chicken to the patient participants.



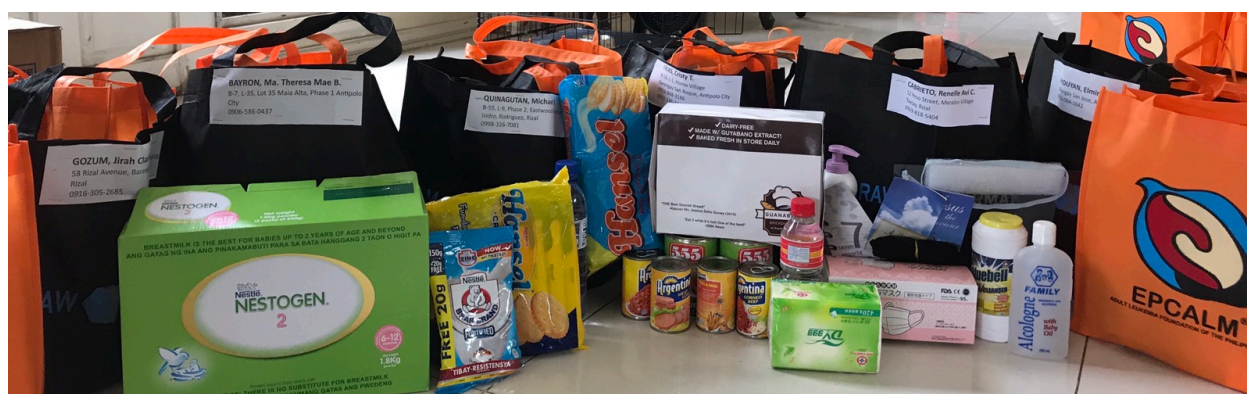
#### J. 1ST EPCALM PATIENT HOPE RELIEF PACKS - JUNE 2020

EPCALM started sending EPCALM patient HOPE Relief packs to its patients in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

The 1st batch of HOPE Relief packs contained face masks, alcohol, canned goods, Denenes hand lotion, bottled water, biscuits, dishwashing soap, milk, Spanish bread, bottled water, tissue and bible tracts. These were distributed in June/July 2020.

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

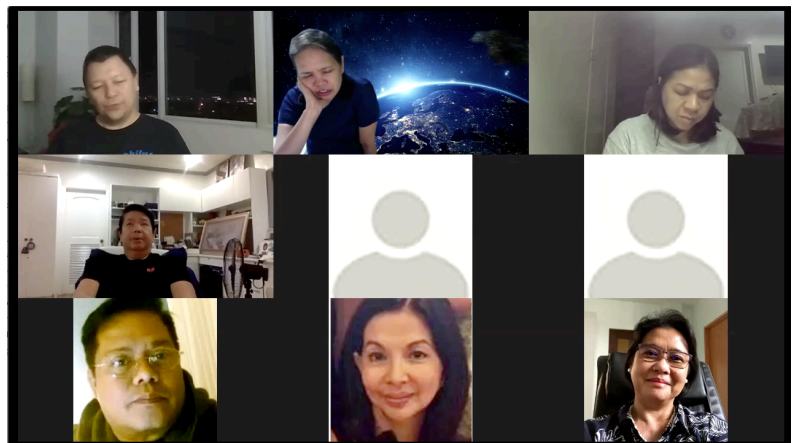
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| • McGraw Pharma         | • Ms. Doris Disuanco                             |
| • Corbridge             | • Greenhills Christian Fellowship (GCF) - Cainta |
| • Mr. Jaime So          | • Engr. Justice & Dr. Erlyn Demerre              |
| • Rizal Medical Society | • Alexandra Garcia                               |





#### K. SPECIAL EPCALM BOARD MEETING - JULY/AUGUST 2020

With the impact of the COVID-19 restrictions to the finances of the Foundation due to the lack of fund-raising opportunities, the EPCALM Board held special Board Meetings last July 10, 2020 and again on August 21, 2020 through ZOOM, to discuss personnel issues moving forward.



Path forward was to make changes to the work schedules of EPCALM's personnel until travel restrictions are totally lifted.

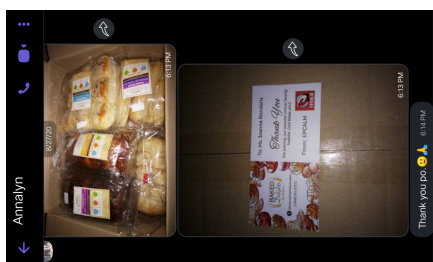
#### L. 2nd EPCALM "VIRTUAL" FAMILY HUDDLE - JULY 2020

Continuing to engage EPCALM's patients and their families, EPCALM held its 2nd "virtual" Family Huddle on July 30, 2020.



Fourteen (14) patients and/or their families and EPCALM officers, staff and supporters joined the huddle. The huddle features patient kamustahan, sharing experiences, prayers, songs, encouragement.

For this huddle, EPCALM sent out bread from Baked Delights (Legano Bread) to the patient participants.

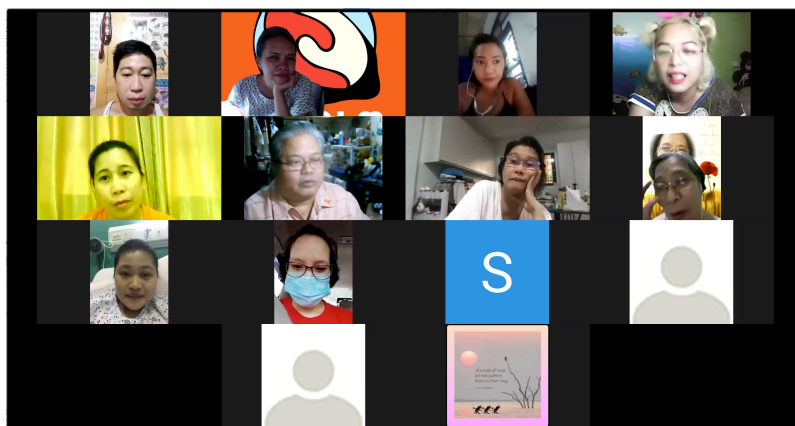


### M. 3RD EPCALM “VIRTUAL” FAMILY HUDDLE - AUGUST 2020

EPCALM continued with its huddles in August, holding the 3rd “virtual” family huddle on August 28, 2020.

Seven (7) patients and/or their families joined, together with EPCALM officers, staff and supporters.

The huddle continued to feature patient kamustahan, sharing experiences, prayers, songs, encouragement.



### N. “HOPE IN PRAYER” - SEPTEMBER 2020

In celebration of the World Leukemia Awareness Month (WLAM) in September, EPCALM conducted an online event (ZOOM and FaceBook Live) entitled “HOPE in Prayer”. Hope as One. Prayer for Everyone. “HOPE in Prayer” is a celebration of hope and healing through prayers and songs. This event was made especially for



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adult leukemia patients, their loved ones, and all cancer warriors in these challenging times.



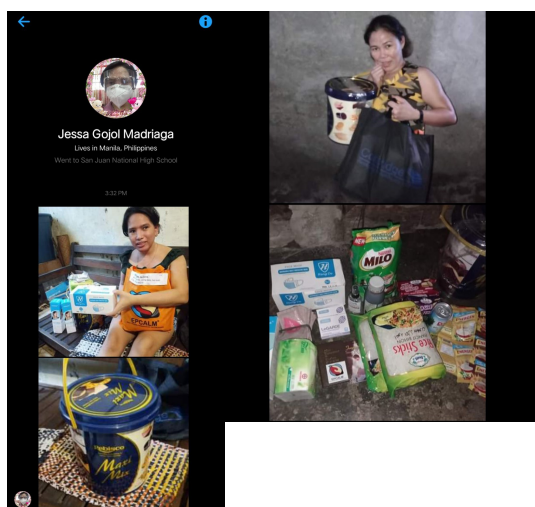
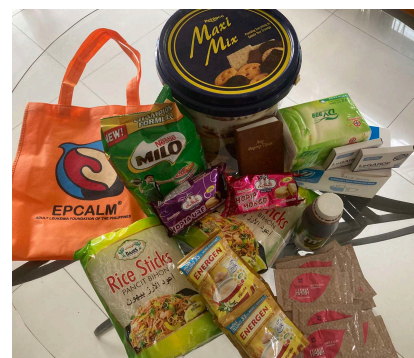
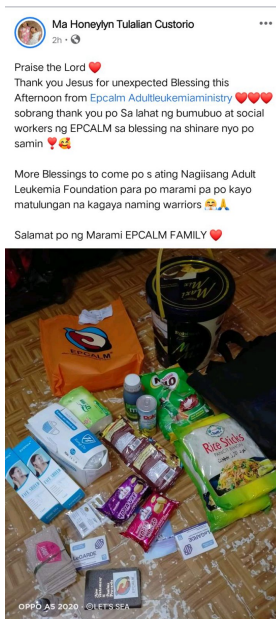
The online event was hosted by the “King of Talk” Boy Abunda with Inspirational Song numbers by the “Concert King” Martin Nievera and the “Pop Diva” Kuh Ledesma. Prayers were given by EPCALM officers, advocates and patients\*:

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| • Dr. Erlyn Demerre          | • Ms. Pops Fernandez        |
| • Mr. Boy Abunda             | • Rev. Isagani Deslate      |
| • Ms. HoneyLyn Tulalian*     | • Ms. Linda Ley             |
| • Ms. Kuh Ledesma            | • Ms. Julie Ann Policarpio* |
| • Dr. Mario Panaligan*       | • Mr. Tirso Cruz III        |
| • Ms. Jolie Angala*          | • Ms. Angel Aquino          |
| • Rev. Carlos Dela Cruz      | • Ms. Jenalyn Ricosana*     |
| • Ms. Jonalyn Lim            | • Mr. Bennie Lagos          |
| • Ms. Anna Cassandra Alebin* |                             |

EPCALM sent out a 2nd batch of EPCALM patient HOPE Relief packs to its patients in Metro Manila and nearby provinces.

The 2nd batch of HOPE Relief packs contained Biscuit can, face shields, face masks, Milo, Pansit Bijon, Hopia, Hana shampoo sachets, LeGarde Food Supplements, M2 Tea Drink, Alcolgel, Pineapple Canned Drink, Tissue, New Testament Bible and Bible Tracts. These were distributed in October 2020.

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|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • McGraw Pharma     | • Nature Earth Corporation          |
| • Corbridge         | • Ms. Josephine Aguilar             |
| • Mr. Jaime So      | • Engr. Justice & Dr. Erlyn Demerre |
| • Ms. Virgie Garcia | • Alexandra Garcia                  |
| • Mr. Roman De Leon |                                     |





## P. 4TH EPCALM “VIRTUAL” FAMILY HUDDLE - OCTOBER 2020

EPCALM continued with its huddles in October, holding the 4th “virtual” family huddle on October 23, 2020.

Twelve (12) patients and/or their families joined, together with EPCALM officers, staff and supporters. The huddle continued to feature patient kamustahan, sharing experiences, prayers, songs, encouragement with Pastor Carlos Dela Cruz, as the guest speaker.

