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# Building foundations for learning

By **CARMEN LINDA ATAYDE**  
Executive Director for Education Programs

**A**t SM Foundation, we believe every child deserves the opportunity to learn in an environment that nurtures their potential and ignites their passion for education. Our mission is clear: to transform the educational landscape in vulnerable communities by providing modern, well-equipped school buildings that serve as catalysts for learning and growth.

We've committed to helping address the nebulous challenge of education, one school building at a time. With each structure we build, we hope to create a symbol of hope and opportunity for countless young minds eager to learn.

Our approach is comprehensive and student-centered. We carefully design each school with inclusive infrastructure and specialized rooms that cater to the unique needs of its student body. From well-lit classrooms that promote engagement to purpose-built facilities for science, technology, and the arts, every detail is thoughtfully considered to create an optimal learning environment.

The impact goes beyond the students. Teachers tell us how these new learning facilities have renewed their energy for teaching. When they have comfortable workspaces, their enthusiasm creates a virtuous cycle – inspired teachers nurture inspired learners.

As we continue our education programs—whether by granting scholarships or building school buildings—our young beneficiaries' growing confidence and desire to explore new horizons tell us that we're on the right path.

This is what drives us at SM Foundation—creating opportunities that provide students with a real chance at education.

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# Innovating, advancing community health

By **CONNIE ANGELES**  
Executive Director for Health and Medical Programs

**H**ealthcare is changing at a pace we've never seen before. New technologies and approaches emerge daily. Amidst this, we believe everyone deserves access to modern, reliable healthcare.

In 2024, we've made strides in bringing quality healthcare facilities closer to people who need them most. We've turned over new health centers designed to address the specific needs of each community they serve.

Innovation drives our approach. We have been boosting our health centers' digitalization efforts with SM DigiKonsulta, ideal for virtual consultations and creating patients' electronic medical records (EMR). Our health centers feature practical solutions like rainwater harvesting systems and green initiatives that make them more sustainable and cost-effective to run.

We have begun rolling out a hands-free eyewash unit paired with a hand-wash

station, which is a critical safety feature that can make a difference in emergency situations. Another center is equipped with a search and rescue box, preparing us to respond quickly when our community needs us most.

As healthcare continues to advance, each new facility we open brings us closer to our vision: healthier generations and communities where everyone can access the care they need.



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**We've turned over new health centers designed to address the specific needs of each community they serve.**

(With Albert Uy, Dr. Bless Bertos, Dalphen Samson, Roma Hierro, Rolando Sagun, Michael Andrei Lumahan)



# New SM Foundation school building turns a page for Zamboanga learners

**T**he SM Foundation and SM Prime recently turned over a new two-story school building to Sta. Barbara Central Elementary School in Zamboanga City, a turning point for a community that suffered heavily during the 2013 Zamboanga siege.

School principal Anna Liza Martin recounts how all three of their multi-story buildings were destroyed during the attacks, leaving them with no usable facilities for classes. Students were forced to relocate to neighboring schools, losing considerable school days in the process. “It took more than five years

for us to rebuild Sta. Barbara Central School,” Martin reflects. Going back after the month-long attacks, “we found almost nothing to build from and the memories of the attacks scattered all around us.”

Head teacher Alice Yusop notes that even when other campuses hosted their students, the

shortage of teachers and facilities in surrounding schools hindered quality education delivery.

Now, more than a decade later, SM Foundation’s new four-classroom building signals a fresh start. The structure comes equipped with modern amenities including electric fans, toilets, washbasins, and specialized facilities like a clinic, mini library, and an arts and music room. The classrooms are furnished with inclusive features, including left-handed armchairs made by the PWD community in Manila.



The school serves nearly 3,000 students—99 percent of whom are Muslim learners from four nearby barangays.



The SM Group, through SM Prime and SM Foundation, turned over a newly built two-story school building to Sta. Barbara Central Elementary School in Zamboanga City. This aims to uplift the community after suffering heavily during the 2013 Zamboanga siege.



The new school building is equipped with panoramic whiteboards, armchairs, electric fans, and tables and chairs for teachers, providing an environment conducive for learning.



Parents and teachers of the learners of Sta. Barbara Central School happily shared that the opening of the new school building showed the learners that they can have a brighter future even after the siege nearby barangays.

The school, which serves nearly 3,000 students—99 percent of whom are Muslim learners from nearby barangays—99 will use the new building for Grade 2 and Kindergarten classes.

social good partners who are willing to help pave the way so that they can have a brighter future despite what happened in the past,” PTA president Nidznalyn Kasim says. Martin adds that “the building effectively blocks remnants of the siege and has transformed Sta. Barbara Central School. There is no fear anymore and no more worries.”

SM Foundation, through DepEd’s Adopt-a-School Program, has helped build over 100 school buildings nationwide since 2002, continuing their mission of improving educational access in grassroots communities.

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The SM Foundation’s School Building Program aims to create conducive learning environments that enhance educational outcomes for students in the communities we serve.



## Preserving heritage, empowering futures

The SM Group’s Henry Sy Foundation, in support of the SM Foundation, restored the West Visayas State University’s Quezon Hall, an architectural masterpiece that stands as a symbol of Iloilo’s rich cultural heritage.

Built between 1919 and 1926, the Greek-inspired

Ionic structure sits at the heart of the WVSU campus on its highest elevation. “It is the building with the most prominent structural design on the campus and one of the iconic architectures for campuses in Iloilo City,” notes WVSU President Dr. Joselito Villaruz.

Protected under the 2009 National Heritage Act, the building represents a crucial

piece of Filipino educational heritage. As WVSU Chief Administrative Officer Julius Undar explains, “WVSU must preserve it for future generations as a commitment to the Filipino people.”

The restoration project carefully maintained the building’s historical integrity while incorporating modern sustainability features. Original architectural elements

were preserved, including the meticulous repair of moldings, carvings, and wrought ironwork. Damaged Capiz shells were replaced with simulated versions to maintain authenticity.

Sustainability was a key focus, with the project prioritizing local suppliers and

materials. “WVSU is very much aware of the importance of preserving cultural heritage,” says Villaruz. Modern upgrades include energy-efficient lighting, inverter-type air conditioning, and improved natural lighting through strategic window replacements. Interior walls received light-reflective

finishes that approximate the original design while improving energy efficiency. The restored Quezon Hall is expected to serve as both an effective learning environment and a testament to the university’s tradition of excellence.



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Built between 1919 and 1926, the Quezon Hall features a Greek-inspired Ionic architectural style typical of the American colonial period, characterized by elegant columns and distinctive scrolled capitals.



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The project transformed the building to meet modern educational needs while preserving its cultural heritage.

WVSU emphasized that preserving original materials and adding energy-efficient systems minimized environmental impact while maintaining the building's utility and cultural significance.



The collaborative restoration project of the SM Group preserved the Quezon Hall's original architectural character and preserved its historical integrity.

SM Group's Victor Chan, Eleanor Lansang, Engr. Ramon Gil Macapagal, Virginia Yap, Debbie Sy, Carmen Linda Atayde, Dr. Lydia Echauz, and Kristine Yap inside the new Henry Sy Sr., Hall of WVSU.



Reflectorized stickers have been strategically placed on the steps to enhance visibility and ensure the utmost safety for students.





# SM Foundation lauds feat of 218 scholar-graduates from batch 2024

**S**M Foundation recognized 218 college scholar-graduates from Batch 2024 during a ceremony at the SMX Convention Center Manila.

Of the total graduates, 63 finished with honors: three summa cum laude, 29 magna

cum laude, 27 cum laude, and four with academic distinction.

These scholars began their college education in 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, completing their degrees despite the challenges of remote learning.

The SM College Scholarship Program, established by SM Group founder Tatang Henry Sy, Sr. in 1993, has supported over 4,000 scholars nationwide. The program provides holistic support to its

scholars, including full tuition fees, allowances, training, gatherings, part-time jobs, internship opportunities, and employment opportunities within the SM Group.





# Pitstop for Wellness

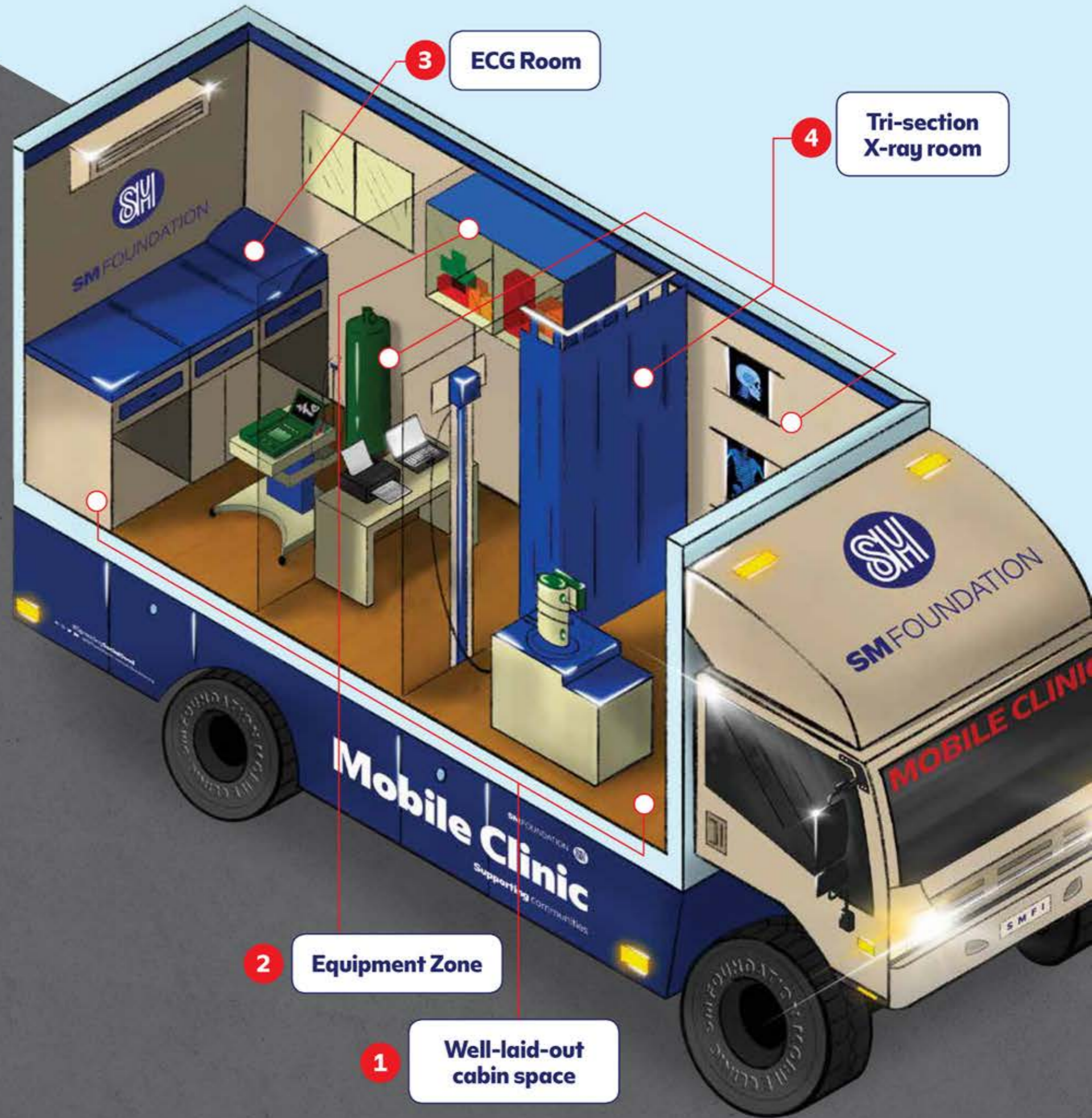
SM Foundation's newest Mobile Clinic hits the road

SM Foundation has introduced a new mobile clinic to bring healthcare to remote areas.

The mobile clinic transforms into a fully functional medical facility. It features advanced medical equipment and a specially designed interior for patient care and health worker safety, such

as the tri-section X-ray room with enhanced radiation protection and a PA system for clear communication during procedures.

This new unit joins a fleet serving various regions in the Philippines, including Metro Manila, Visayas, Mindanao, and Palawan.



**Interior**

**1** Expanded cabin space, offering a more comfortable environment for both patients and medical staff

**2** Specialized equipment zones, maximizing efficiency in a compact space

**Medical Bay**

**3** ECG room equipped with an oxygen tank for emergencies

**4** Tri-section X-ray room featuring a RadTech workstation, X-ray exposure area, and patient dressing area.

**Exterior**

A robust and flexible canopy system, designed to withstand various weather conditions

**Equipment**

Equipped with state-of-the-art blood analyzers and advanced urine analyzers for free tests, ensuring timely and accurate diagnosis.

The newly revitalized Krus na Ligas Health Center in Quezon City



If you improve your facility, the people will be enticed to go in. The health-seeking behavior will improve. Mas magiging enticing sa kanila na pumunta kasi kamukha na siya ng isang private clinic na nakikita natin sa malls and other establishments.



The improved facility improves the community's outlook on preventive health, countering the common practice of delaying treatment until conditions worsen.

# Promoting wellness and enhancing healthcare delivery

**S**M Foundation recently strengthened the healthcare infrastructure in Quezon City by renovating three vital facilities, each serving distinct community needs.

The first facility, the Schools Division Office (SDO) Wellness Center for Teachers & Employees, was built in partnership with the Quezon City Schools Division Office. This dedicated space promotes the health and well-being of the city's educators and school staff.

The foundation also turned over a laboratory in collaboration with the Philippine Red Cross Quezon City Chapter, enhancing local diagnostic and testing capabilities. This addition strengthens the city's medical infrastructure and improves access to essential laboratory services.

The improved KNL Health Center is seen to also benefit the almost two dozen health workers assigned to the facility.



The SM Foundation also revitalized the Krus na Ligas (KNL) Health Center, which serves over 73,000 residents from three barangays. Following a 13-week transformation, the center now features modern amenities, including a new minor operating room, dedicated spaces for various patient groups, and sustainable features like rainwater catchment

systems. The addition of SM DigiKonsulta in the center enables teleconsultation services, modernizing healthcare delivery.

Dr. Mike Lorenz Panaligan, the KNL Health Center's medical officer, noted how these upgrades address critical challenges in public healthcare delivery. The improved facility encourages early medical intervention, countering the

common practice of delaying treatment until conditions worsen.

"If you improve your facility, the people will be enticed to go in. The health-seeking behavior will improve. Mas magiging enticing sa kanila na pumunta kasi kamukha na siya ng isang private clinic na nakikita natin sa malls and other establishments," Dr. Panaligan said.

"It would decongest our hospitals. 'Yung simple cuts, circumcisions, kailangan pa pumila ng mga pasyente sa public hospitals... Now, we can give them the services for free," he added.

The improved environment also benefits the almost two dozen health workers assigned at the facility, which in turn is expected to further improve services to the community.



The newly refurbished Laboratory of the Philippine Red Cross Quezon City Chapter comes with a dedicated Extraction Room for the safety and comfort of patients and health workers.



Dr. Mike Lorenz Panaligan, the KNL Health Center's medical officer, utilizes the SM DigiKonsulta.

# Protecting the health of protectors

## SM Foundation renovates Basa Air Base, Camp Bado Dangwa Hospitals

**S**M Foundation has completed renovation projects at two key medical facilities serving uniformed personnel: the Basa Air Base Hospital in Floridablanca, Pampanga, and the Camp Bado Dangwa Hospital in La Trinidad, Benguet.

The Basa Air Base Hospital, a 17-bed facility serving military personnel and their dependents, received its second phase of improvements following initial renovations of the foundation in 2015. The upgrades included connecting the Emergency

Room, Reception Area, and Outpatient Department while implementing sustainable features like LED lighting and energy-efficient appliances. The hospital now offers comprehensive services, including general medicine, surgery, internal medicine, and laboratory work.

The new Basa Air Base Hospital in Floridablanca, Pampanga, renovated by the SM Foundation



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Meanwhile, the Camp Bado Dangwa Hospital, operated by RDMU-CAR since 1929, is a 10-bed facility that serves over 10,600 PNP personnel and their dependents across six provinces. The renovation enhanced its capabilities with a new pathological laboratory and expanded services, including dental care, emergency services, and mental health support.

A Search and Rescue (SAR) box was also added by the SM Foundation, allowing advanced search and rescue operations. The said camp is the fifth renovated police facility and SM Foundation's 212th wellness center.

Both facilities were equipped with SM DigiKonsulta, which enables virtual consultations and digital medical record management.

Police Col. Alma Paredes, Chief of RDMU-CAR, highlighted how these improvements are helping break stereotypes about healthcare in law enforcement. She noted that historically, officers avoided seeking medical attention due to perceived weakness, but the upgraded facilities are encouraging a new outlook on healthcare among uniformed personnel.



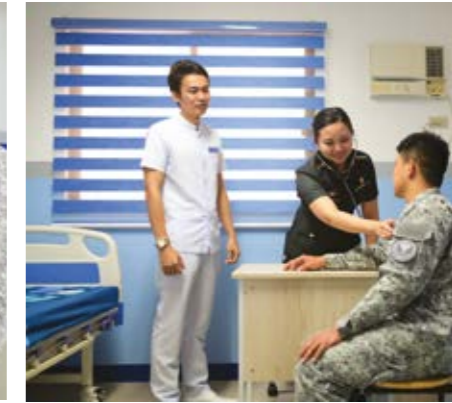
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Representatives the SM Group and the Philippine Air Force during the turn over of the newly refurbished OPD of Basa Air Base Hospital.



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Basa Air Base Hospital is the first military hospital to adopt the SM DigiKonsulta.



With the renovation, the Basa Airbase Hospital is now better equipped to meet the medical needs of its patients, offering improved facilities and enhanced care.



With the renovation, the Camp Bado Dangwa Hospital, is empowered to improve its services to over 10,600 PNP personnel and their dependents across six provinces and Baguio City.

SM Foundation adds a Search and Rescue (SAR), allowing advanced SAR operations.



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The newly refurbished Camp Bado Dangwa Hospital in La Trinidad, Benguet.





# SM Foundation revitalizes two health centers in Eastern Visayas

Over a decade after the devastation of Super Typhoon Yolanda, the SM Foundation continues to improve the health and well-being of residents of Eastern Visayas.

The foundation inaugurated wellness centers in Tacloban

and Ormoc cities, serving over 80,000 combined residents.

The San Jose District Health Center in Tacloban and San Pablo District Health Center in Ormoc now feature modern amenities, including dedicated breastfeeding areas, pharmacies, and nurse stations with 24-hour service. The facilities provide

comprehensive healthcare services such as family planning, prenatal and postnatal care, child care, and medical consultations. “Each health center we revitalize represents more than a facility—it’s a source of hope, healing, and dignity for the communities we serve,” said Connie Angeles, SM Foundation’s Executive



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Director for Health and Medical Programs.

Both centers incorporate sustainable features like rainwater catchment systems and air-cleaning paints to promote environmental responsibility while ensuring better indoor air quality. The Foundation has also helped them digitize their operations by implementing SM DigiKonsulta, enabling online consultations and electronic medical records management to support PhilHealth’s Konsulta benefits program.

The San Pablo District Health Center in Ormoc also serves as a strategic satellite office, providing healthcare access to distant barangays.



The new community health facility of Ormoc features dedicated spaces for prenatal and postnatal care



Leaders of SM Foundation, Ormoc City, and Leyte as they tour around the new facility.

The renovation aims to improve child healthcare in both local health facilities.





San Pablo District Health Center health workers in Ormoc attend to a patient.



The San Jose District Health Center now has a designated area for dental health services, which was made possible by the refurbishment efforts of the SM Foundation.



The center's vibrant and relaxing interior welcomes patients, ensuring they feel comfortable and at ease as they arrive to receive care.



San Pablo District Health Center and San Jose District Health Center incorporate sustainable features like rainwater catchment systems. In photo: San Jose District Health Center.



Members of SM Foundation and Tacloban local government unit during the turnover of the San Jose District Health Center.





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# Turning a new page for Zamboanga learners



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