



Pediatric Infectious Disease Society of the Philippines

STATEMENT OF SUPPORT **for the Department of Health's "One Shared Commitment"** **Measles-Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR-SIA) Phase III**

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The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society of the Philippines (PIDSP) expresses its full and unequivocal support for the Department of Health's Measles-Rubella Supplemental Immunization Activity (MR-SIA) Phase III, under the theme **"One Shared Commitment."**

The Philippines remains at significant risk for measles transmission. The Department of Health's 2023–2025 measles risk assessment identified 94 provinces and highly urbanized cities as being at very high risk. The continuing MR-SIA is therefore a critical opportunity to close immunity gaps and prevent outbreaks.

Phase III is scheduled for **August 10–28, 2026** and will cover **Luzon and Visayas** regions, targeting approximately 6.28 million eligible children aged 6–59 months. The national target is at least 95% coverage.

Our Position

- 1. Measles and rubella are preventable.**
- 2. Every eligible child should be reached.** The MR-SIA provides an important opportunity to protect children who may have missed routine immunization or who remain susceptible.
- 3. Vaccine confidence must be strengthened.**
- 4. One shared commitment means coordinated action.** We support collaboration among the DOH, local government units, medical societies, professional organizations, private healthcare providers, community leaders, and volunteers. Strong coordination is essential to reaching priority communities and achieving high vaccination coverage.

Our Commitment

The PIDSP pledges to continue to:

1. Actively promote the MR-SIA through our professional networks, communication channels, and public advocacy.
2. Support our members in providing evidence-based vaccine information, counseling families, and referring eligible children for vaccination.
3. Encourage pediatricians and other healthcare professionals to identify and close vaccination gaps during routine consultations.



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4. Collaborate with the DOH, local health authorities, medical societies, and community partners in health education and outreach activities.
5. Support efforts to counter vaccine misinformation and strengthen public confidence in routine and supplemental immunization.
6. Advocate for sustained investment in strong routine immunization systems so that supplemental campaigns complement—not replace—high routine vaccination coverage.

A CALL TO ACTION

We call on every pediatrician, physician, healthcare worker, parent, caregiver, and community partner to make measles-rubella prevention a shared priority. Please help ensure that every eligible child is reached during MR-SIA Phase III, while continuing to strengthen routine immunization.

ONE SHARED COMMITMENT:

PROTECT EVERY FILIPINO CHILD AGAINST MEASLES AND RUBELLA.