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PERSONAL STATEMENT

Medical doctor and public servant with a profound interest in global public health issues and health diplomacy and international relations and its link to the health of local populations. Deeply committed and motivated to the advancement of equitable access to health care through public service and reducing health disparities in underserved and unserved populations in the Philippines. Over thirteen years of service in government, including six years of grassroots experience as a rural health physician in a remote island in

central Philippines. Current work at the Department of Health focusing on international health cooperation, specifically addressing issues on the health of migrants and overseas Filipinos. Worked as intern in prestigious public health institutions, such as the World Health Organization and Médecins Sans Frontières, in the field of pharmaceutical policy, access to essential medicines, vaccines and diagnostics and neglected tropical diseases. Recipient of various grants and scholarships in recognition of leadership and academic excellence, staunchly advocating for the improvement of the Philippine health care system through evidence-informed policy making and integrated health systems thinking from a cadre of competent and appropriate health human resource.

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Department of Health, Bureau of International Health Cooperation Manila, Philippines

Division Chief/ previously Chief Health Program Officer

- Chief of the International Relations and Diplomacy Division
- Prior Head of the Migrant Health Unit; Program Manager of the Philippine Migrant Health Program
- Focal point on matters related to Migrant Health, Global Health Security Agenda, ASEAN, American, Middle East and European Affair; previous focal for Foreign Donation, Foreign Surgical and Medical Missions and Development Partners including USAID and the Global Fund;
- Current focal point for all international humanitarian aid and donations for the health sector during COVID-19 response; during Typhoon Haiyan, facilitated entry of Foreign Medical Teams in the country and coordinated all health development partners in health cluster coordination meetings

Department of Health/Local Government Unit

Rural Health Physician (Doctor-to-the-Barrio Batch 20) Municipal Health Officer

- Supervised Rural Health Unit (RHU) activities and the performance of RHU staff
- Conducted medical consults and community outreach as the only physician in resource-poor island of about 10,000 population, with prompt referral of serious cases to appropriate health facility
- Ensured effective implementation of national and local health programs, including maternal and child health, expanded program of immunization, infectious diseases (i.e. tuberculosis, dengue fever, filariasis and helminthiasis), non-communicable diseases (i.e. hypertension, diabetes), etc.
- Worked on local health systems development, health financing and governance such as enrolment of indigents to PhilHealth and establishment of community-based pharmacies and a lying-in clinic

NON-GOVERNMENT/VOLUNTARY CIVIC EXPERIENCE

Philippine Society of Public Health Physicians

Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees

Manila, Philippines March 2018 - Present



San Jose, Romblon, Philippines

May 2006 – October 2008 October 2008 – June 2013

June 2013-Present

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• Currently active in the Board of the Society of physicians pursuing careers and currently working in the field of public health in the Philippines

Child Health Family International (CFHI)

Medical Director, Philippines

• Currently managing a program, focusing on Remote Island Medicine in the Philippines, in partnership with CFHI, a US-based non-profit, non-governmental organization that creates and runs Global Health Education Programs throughout the world, aimed at teaching what clinical care, public health, and health-related programs are like in different parts of the world while providing cultural immersion and changing the way young people view communities and "global health"

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery

Visiting Lecturer

Manila, Philippines January 2020 - Present

• Invited as a lecturer on International Health Policy for the Masters in Public Health International program of the Faculty

Carlos P. Romulo School of Diplomacy, Foreign Service Institute

Visiting Lecturer

• Invited regularly as lecturer for topics in the area of migration health for various courses, such as the Foreign Service Officers' Cadetship Course (FSOCC), the Assistance to Nationals (ATN) Course, Retooling Seminars for Personnel of Foreign Service Posts, etc.

EDUCATION

Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government	Massachusetts, USA		
Public Leadership Credential	August 2021		
London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine	London, United Kingdom		
Fellowship/Executive Programme for Global Health Leadership	June 2021		
Boston University School of Public HealthMassachusetts, USAMaster of Public Health (GPA: 3.78)May 2011• Dual Concentration in International Health and Health Policy and ManagementMay 2011• Graduate Certificate in Pharmaceutical Assessment, Management and Policy (PAMP)			
Tampereen Yliopisto (Tampere University)	Tampere, Finland		
Diploma in Global Health	June 2009		
University of the Philippines-Philippine General Hospital	Manila, Philippines		
<i>Post-Graduate Clinical Internship</i>	May 2005		
University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery	Manila, Philippines		
Doctor of Medicine <u>(Graduated Cum Laude)</u>	April 2004		
University of Santo Tomas College of Rehabilitation Sciences	Manila, Philippines		
Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy	April 2000		

Manila, Philippines/San Francisco, USA March 2014 – Present

Pasay, Philippines July 2016 - Present

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LEADERSHIP AWARDS AND ACADEMIC HONORS RECEIVED

National Academy for Science and Technology Manila, Philippines November 22-23, 2014 Participant and Member, Future Health Leaders Workshop **Boston University School of Public Health** Boston, Massachusetts, USA Allan R. Meyers Award for Excellence in Health Services, Honorable Mention May 17, 2011 John Snow, Inc. Award in International Health May 22, 2011 **Japan International Cooperation Agency** Tokyo, Japan Recipient, Training Program for Young Leaders in Health and Medical Services October 2008 University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery Manila, Philippines Academic Distinction, Cum Laude April 2004

PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCHES

Henry J, Volk A, Kariuki S, **Buenaventura J**, et al. Ending Neglected Surgical Diseases (NSDs): Definitions, Strategies, and Goals for the Next Decade. *International Journal of Health Policy and Management*, August 2020, Volume 9, No. 9. DOI:10.34172/ijhpm.2020.140

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Peiris S, **Buenaventura J**, Zagaria N. Is registration of foreign medical teams needed for disaster response? Findings from the response to Typhoon Haiyan. *Western Pacific Surveillance and Response Journal*, 2015, 6 (Supplement 1): 29–33. DOI: 10.5365/wpsar.2015.6.2.HYN_014

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LANGUAGES SPOKEN (CEFR)

Filipino (Tagalog) English Spanish German French	Proficient Speaker (C2) - Native Language Proficient Speaker (C2) - Second Language Independent Speaker (B2) - Nivel Intermedio, Universidad de Salamanca, Spain Basic Speaker (A2) - Level 2, Deutscher Akademie, Wien, Austria Basic Speaker (A1) - Level 1, Alliance Francaise, Manila	
REFERENCES		
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