DOH SUPPORTS VACCINATED PUPILS OF DENVAXIA

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“Dengvaxia Refund to Buy Anti-Dengue Kits for Vaccinated Kids,” Department of Health Secretary Francisco Doque III appeals for parents’ patience as the Department goes through the legal motions to procure and fund the dengue kits. The DOH estimates it will spend Php 600 million for the kits. This article was published by Rappler Philippines last February 14, 2018 and was reported by Mara Cepeda.

This was about the controversy the DOH is facing nowadays about Dengvaxia vaccines that were given to grade 4 pupils during the school year 2015-2016, in the provinces which had the most number of dengue cases.

In response to the growing concern of the parents, the government sees the need to help them by providing a kit that includes mosquito net, soaps, multivitamins, a thermometer and a paper listing the DOH hotlines. The government has been responsive to the clamor of the people specially that the lives of many children are at stake. This is one way of reassuring the family that the government is doing its best to address this issue and that they are thinking of the best possible ways to help them. In addition, this simple step as part of the solution somehow gives hope and relief to the parents. It also lessens their fear when dealing with the affected children. But they also have to be reminded that solving this issue is not a sole responsibility of the government. Parents and relatives should take part in helping the kids. If they don’t respond and cooperate, then the plan will be futile. Parents also have to take good care of their children and help them achieve a healthy lifestyle. In that way, the children will remain fit and their tendency to develop any sickness will be minimized.
This report also lessens the burden and worries of teachers who are handling the vaccinated pupils of Dengvaxia. Being the second mother of those pupils, teachers felt the sentiments of the relatives especially the mothers of those children.

Knowing that the government is there to help and support and with the aide of our Almighty God, in the end, no matter how daunting this experience may seem, we’ll finally have those children and parents involved in the process, absolute peace of mind and worry-free environment.

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