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# **Outline of Presentation**

- Rationale
- Background of the project
- Methods
- Conclusions









### The Philippines is a center for the global wildlife trade



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- Due to its location and the diversity of its wildlife, the Philippines has become a major hub for the global wildlife trade.
- The most illegally traded taxa, as reported by the Philippines DENR, are reptiles and birds, with 7 out of 8 species belonging to this taxa (the 8th being the Palawan pangolin *Manis culionensis*).
- 54% of the wild animals being traded have been identified as zoonotic carriers of pathogens.







### There is a lack of focus on One Health in the Philippines



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- While webinars and short courses have emerged during the pandemic, at present, there are no full graduate level courses on One Health offered in educational institutions in the country.
- Apart from the relatively new PHILOHUN, there are no dedicated professional societies for One Health, though specialty societies are beginning to promote it.







### **Next Generation One Health Philippines (NGOHP)**

#### Objective:

To enhance the domestic capacity of the Philippines for One Health transdisciplinary research and knowledge translation to effectively tackle wildlife trade and biodiversity loss as drivers of infectious disease emergence, with the purpose of preventing future zoonotic spillovers in the next 50 years.

#### Focus:

- To train a small group of professionals in the application of the One Health approach, especially in addressing issues surrounding wildlife trade and consumption in relation to emerging infectious diseases.
- The Philippine context is central to the discussions in the program, highlighting the interconnectedness of biodiversity and health.







#### **Phases**









# ONLINE COURSE MODULES (Asynchronous) Oct. 17-Nov. 25, 2022

**MODULE 1:** 

Fundamentals of One Health

**MODULE 4:** 

Social Science and
Humanities
Perspectives for
One Health

**MODULE 2:** 

Wildlife, Emerging Diseases, and One Health

**MODULE 5:** 

One Health
Governance, Policy,
and Economics

**MODULE 3:** 

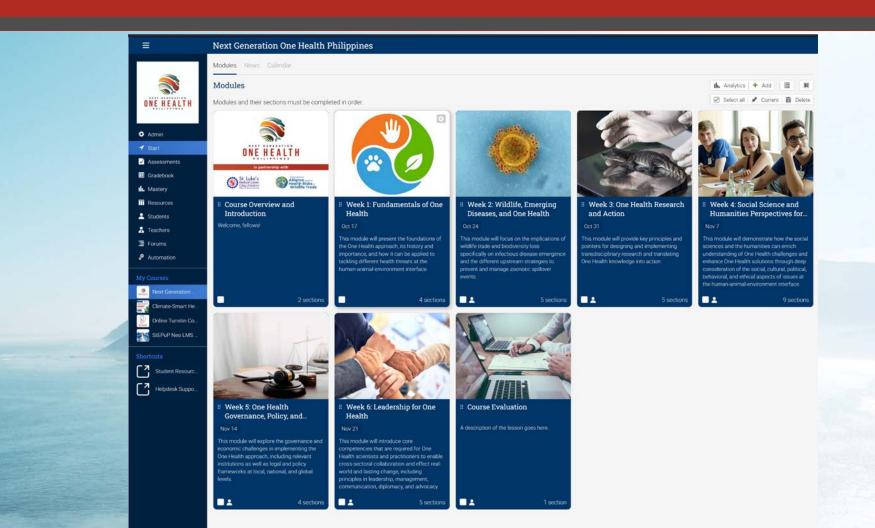
One Health
Research and
Action

**MODULE 6:** 

Leadership for One Health









#### Face-to-face workshop Jan. 12-15, 2023

#### THEMES:

**Teamwork** 

Leadership

Communications and Advocacy

Transdisciplinary
Research







### The Next Generation One Health Philippines Cohort



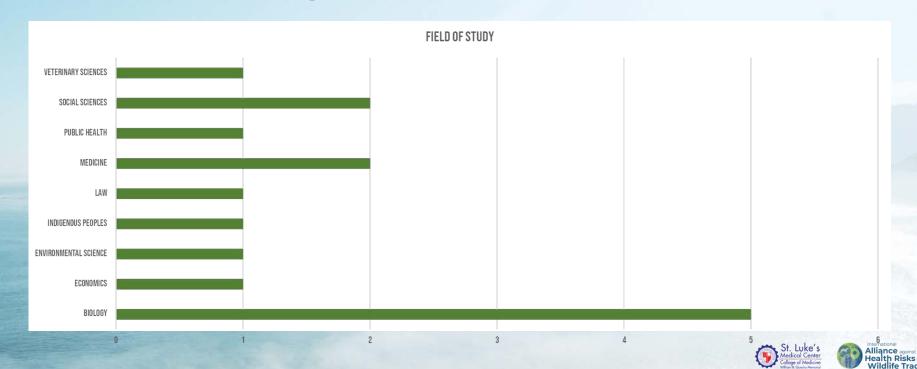
- Fifteen emerging professionals between the ages of 24-37 years old
- 6 women, 9 men (1 member of Indigenous community)
- Geographic representation across all 3 major Philippine islands (Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao)
- Majority have graduate degrees or are working towards graduate degrees
- From diverse professional backgrounds to ensure interdisciplinary collaboration







### **Professional Backgrounds**





### **Communications and Advocacy**



- Social media page
- Website
- Posters
- Videos

Next Generation One Health Philippines Facebook Page





#### Website



#### Press releases



#### **Posters**



#### **Videos**

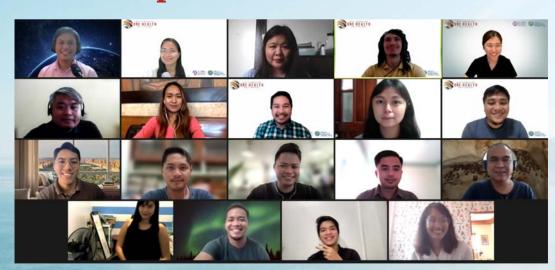








#### **Next steps**



NGOHP Fellows' Orientation held last October 8, 2022

- Post-online course evaluation
- Research team grouping activity
  - Three teams of 5 people each
  - Ensure interdisciplinary representation
  - Supported by small grants and mentors
- Face-to-face workshop (Jan 12-15, 2023)
- Research proper (2023)
- One Health Policy dialogues (end of 2023)







### **Conclusion and Ways Forward**

- Prevention of future pandemics entails the creation of a new cadre of emerging scholar-practitioners who are equipped to apply the One Health approach to navigate complex transdisciplinary and cross-sectoral spaces.
- Sustained support from different sectors is critical to ensure the program's institutionalization and continuity in producing new One Health leaders.
- The knowledge products from the fellowship will also be made widely available to all learners in the country.







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