

Central Visayas dengue deaths up

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Cebu City – There were more dengue deaths in Central Visayas in the first three months of this year compared to the same period last year, according to the Regional Epidemiology Surveillance Unit (RESU) of the Department of Health (DOH).

In the latest data released by RESU, 48 people had died from dengue from January 1 to April 1 of this year, up from 30 deaths during the first quarter of 2016.

Four of the dengue deaths occurred in the latter part of March.

The number of dengue cases, however, dropped slightly, from 4,531 last year to 4,517 this year.

Cebu City had the bulk of the dengue cases in the region, with 20.8 percent of the total. There were 17 dengue deaths and 921 cases in the city in the first three months of this year, RESU said.

Mandaue City reported 408 dengue cases, with one fatality. Lapu-Lapu City had 325 dengue cases with no reported death.

The municipality of Consolacion had 212 cases, with 4 fatalities, while Dumaguete City reported 212 cases with no deaths.

The DOH continues to urge the public to clean up their surroundings and destroy mosquito breeding grounds to avoid becoming victim to dengue disease.

In October 2016, the Cebu Provincial Board declared the entire province of

Cebu under a state of calamity in October 17 following the alarming rise in dengue cases, which have exceeded 5,000 cases since January of last year.

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