

Philippine Development Forum

Jan – Jun 2006 updates & next steps

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PDF meet, 19 July 2006

PDF Tagaytay meet in March 2006

- Accelerate ongoing anticorruption efforts of government especially investigation & prosecution of corruption cases
- Communicate anticorruption efforts & activities
- Mid-year assessment of targets
- Roll-out NACPA

GOP strategies & activities

Ombudsman punitive effectiveness

- 7 high-ranking officials convicted before the Sandiganbayan including an executive director, general manager & 2 mayors
- 38 officials dismissed from service including a governor, BAC officials of COMELEC, post master & Phil Post director, president & director of book development authority, head of lung center, executive director of Office of Muslim Affairs, Zamboanga state university president & Ombudsman special prosecutor
- 9 officials suspended including Cebu port general manager, mayor, DAR regional director
- Preventive suspension orders to customs collector & senior customs operations officer

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R10 List hi-profile cases, admin penalized, charged before SB

Insert heads penalized, high-profile cases filed

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Ombudsman investigation & prosecution strategies

- Bolstered Ombudsman Battle Plan
- Continuous lifestyle check investigations & targeting of high-profile cases
- Green lane for the preliminary investigation & administrative adjudication of high-profile cases
- Inter-agency task force for prosecuting corruption with tax evasion & money laundering
- Intra-Ombudsman task forces for investigating & prosecuting complex corruption cases
- Training & knowledge resources for prosecutors & investigators
- Electronic case flow system in prosecutors' office & asset disclosure database

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Ombudsman deterrent activities

- Program “SAPAK” & monitoring of school building construction projects
- Oplan Red Plate
- Development of whistleblowing manual for civil society organizations

Ombudsman budget

- Ombudsman additional budget of PhP200 million approved in Congress but budget re-enacted

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DOF RIPS & BIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● 60 PAGC investigations completed, which led to dismissals of 2 heads of agencies, 2 school superintendents & director of finance department● RIPS filed 6 cases & 1 forfeiture action before Ombudsman; self-cleansing
AMLC & OSG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Landmark 1st conviction of money-laundering● Hosted conference of Asia Pacific Group in July
BIR & DOJ	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Operation <i>Run after Tax Evaders</i>● 60 high-volume tax evasion cases filed before DOJ

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**Legislative
agenda
updates**

- **Protection & reward to whistleblowers – research & forum on whistleblowing**
- **Ratification of the UNCAC – Senate forum**
- **Ombudsman to retain share in forfeited assets**
- **Criminalizing ill-gotten wealth**
- **Private lawyers to assist in corruption prosecution**
- **Access to banks documents for financial investigation**

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Sandiganbayan & Supreme Court

- Workshop on continuous trials to come up with criteria for selecting pilot cases
- Electronic Case Management & Information (CMIS) system fully installed by June 2006 to substantially decongest dockets & fast track disposition of cases

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Ombudsman

- Feedback handling mechanism for procurement observers
- Integrity Development Review of BOC, BIR, PNP, LTO & DPWH in progress
 - In-depth assessment of high-risk areas
 - Design of reforms to address corruption vulnerabilities in assessment, case handling, licensing,
- New Ombudsman offices in Luzon, Cagayan de Oro & Iloilo for improved public assistance
- Pilot integrity & accountability dialogues with select local governments
 - 100 participants in Quezon City
 - 150 participants in Cagayan De Oro

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Sem 1 2006 accomplishments

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Ombudsman, DepEd, DPWH & civil society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Citizens monitoring of 30 select public school building construction<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Monitoring tool & training modules for CSOs● Ombudsman reviewed partnerships with CSOs to accelerate implementation of projects
PAGC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Strengthening internal audit in high-risk agencies● Integrity Development Action Plan (IDAP)

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flesh out idr entry

role grants

move sapak and roadshow here

new offices public assistance

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ADB

- **OECD anticorruption conference in March**

The Asia Foundation

- **Feedback handling mechanism in Ombudsman**
- **Reverse re-engineering of public perception surveys**
- **Enterprise survey on corruption**
- **Procurement training**

AusAID

- **PDF secretariat**

European Union

- **Corruption prevention**
- **Organizational strengthening of Ombudsman**
- **Procurement reforms**
- **Ombudsman communications plan**
- **Integrity night**
- **Anticorruption song writing contest**
- **Ombudsman news letter**

UK Embassy

- **Social communications for anticorruption**
- **Support for lifestyle checks**

UNDP

- **Participatory audit with CCAG**
 - **Senate forum on UN Convention against Corruption (UNCAC)**
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USAID ROLE

- **Trial advocacy & financial investigation training**
 - **Knowledge resources for prosecution & investigation**
 - **Support for inter-agency task force for prosecuting corruption with money laundering & tax evasion**
 - **Case management & information system in Sandiganbayan**
 - **Workshop on continuous trial of corruption cases**
 - **Grants on whistleblowing & school building monitoring**
 - **Integrity Development Action Plans & corruption prevention training**
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World Bank

- **Case flow management system software for Ombudsman prosecutors**
- **Asset disclosure database**

Millennium Challenge Account

US\$ 21 million for key anticorruption reforms

- Ombudsman – investigation & prosecution effectiveness, corruption prevention capability, improved public assistance
- BIR – integrity/efficiency in tax administration, support for RATE
- BOC – integrity/efficiency in customs administration, support for RATS
- DOF-RIPS – self-cleansing in BIR & BOC
- Expected to start in latter 2006 for 2 years

PGMA earmarked PhP1 billion counterpart fund, to be managed by PAGC

National Anticorruption Plan of Action (NACPA)

Fine-tuned objectives

1. ***Streamline anticorruption reforms to create greater impact & maximize resources***
 - Update roster of ongoing anticorruption activities of executive agencies
 - Analyzing gaps & overlaps in present anticorruption initiatives
2. ***Monitor anticorruption initiatives & indicators***
 - Collating benchmark performance information
 - Identifying anticorruption performance indicators
 - Building monitoring framework & mechanism
3. ***Centralize communications for more effective social marketing for anticorruption***
 - Fine-tuning Ombudsman communications plan

NACPA updates

- **Ombudsman secretariat now operating, headed by the assistant ombudsman for public assistance & corruption prevention**
- **Conduct of anticorruption dialogues with local government officials**
- **Multi-sectoral Advisory Body prospective members**
 - **Heads of anticorruption agencies, government offices representing the executive, legislative and judicial departments**
 - **Representatives of donor community**
 - **Key NGO & business sector counterparts**
 - **Media**