

Progress on 2007 PDF commitments and proposed PDF 2008 commitments

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Commitments to 2007 PDF

Increasing high quality spending (DBM)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Build on successes of MTEF and OPIF: roll-out to other government agencies2. Widen implementation of rationalization program: (i) prioritize evaluation and approval of submitted plans; (ii) assist agencies yet to submit plans; (iii) mitigate plans; (iv) muster additional political will for program implementation3. File bill on new compensation system in Congress in July 20074. Improve and harmonize GOP and development partners' procurement guidelines
Intensifying governance reform (OMB)	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Communicate progress made in recent months on prosecution, prevention and education, and identify goals for 20072. Monitor recommendations of IDRs

Increasing high quality
spending

1. Budgeting Reforms

- Completed Paper on Budget Strategy (PBS) and refined Forward Estimates (FEs) used for FY 2008 National Budget
- Cascaded Organizational Performance Indicator Framework (OPIF) to units/agencies/bureaus of 20 pilot Departments and Other Executive Offices under Office of the President
- Developed Public Financial Management (PFM) Manual to clarify basic concepts, principles and paradigms in public financial management

2. Rationalization Plan

- The Rationalization Program, as mandated by Executive Order (EO) No. 366 dated 04 October 2004, aims to transform the Executive Branch into a more effective and efficient government.
- Implementation was delayed due to the following:
 - a) requests for extension
 - b) Leadership change in some agencies
 - c) non-conformity of some RPs with EO
 - d) requests for exemptions

Status of Implementation

- As of 31 December 2007, 82 of 108 entities or 76% have submitted their RP to the DBM
- Out of the 82 RPs submitted, 23 have been approved by the DBM.
- This resulted to the abolition of **1,983** positions and generation of Personal Services (PS) savings amounting to **P399** M.

3. Government Compensation Bill

- Bill has been refiled in the Senate by Senator Panfilo Lacson in June 2007, but has not been passed yet
- President increased basic monthly salary for all civil servants by 10%, effective 1 July 2007

4. Improve and harmonize procurement guidelines

- Developed procurement manuals, standard bidding documents for LGUs consistent with budgeting, accounting and auditing procedures.
- ADB and WB adopted PHILGEPs for NCB and shopping methods; Harmonized PHILGEPs to be piloted among six agencies
- IRR B for Foreign Assisted Projects incorporating best practices and common procedures in foreign funded procurement

Intensifying governance reform

1. Communicate progress on prosecution, prevention and education

- Conduct of Road Shows where reporting to the public is done on OMB's accomplishment and the different corruption prevention projects
- Launched the Teaching Exemplars *modules that highlight integrity in all aspects of national life and intend to instill in the students, honesty, integrity, professionalism and simple living*
- Publication of Integrity Newsletter
- Regular radio program

2. Monitor recommendations of IDRs

- IDRs completed in 11 agencies in 2007
- Integrity Development Committees (IDCs) established in BIR, BOC, DPWH, DepEd and LTO
- Action plans adopted in DOH, DPWH and DepEd
- OMB is holding monthly meetings with IDCs

Proposed commitments for 2008 PDF

<p>Improving efficiency and transparency in public financial management (DBM)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue budgeting reform: refine PBS and Medium-term Expenditure Framework; pursue computerization of FEs; expand OPIF 2. Publish PFM Manual and conduct training programs for different government agencies on PFM 3. Roll out National Guidelines on Internal Control Standards in “big spending agencies,” e.g., DPWH and DepEd (thru PEGR) and Bureau of Customs (thru USAID)
<p>Making procurement systems more efficient, useable and transparent</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work towards harmonization of procurement process for government and donor agencies (IRR-B) 2. Initiate implementation Communications Plan
<p>Initiating measures to prevent and prosecute corruption</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist agencies in implementation of IDR action plan 2. Customized IDR for LGUs 3. Assess IDR-program