

Updates from Procurement Sub-working Group

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Brief Review

- August 2 GAC meeting- where creation of a procurement sub-working group was proposed
- Sept. 12-First sub-working group meeting
 - CPAR action plan was presented
 - Dev't partners' support solicited
- November 14
 - Reporting on the different development partners' program on procurement on monitoring and training and feedback handling mechanism
 - Identified gaps in implementation
- Jan 22
 - Introduced Cost
 - Updates on IRR-B
 - Review of commitments in 2007 and plans for 2008

CPAR Action Plan 2007-2010

1. Strategic communication plan for proc. reform
2. Strengthening monitoring and enforcement
3. Strengthening capacity
4. Improvement in process & procedure
5. Enhancing linkages between FM and Proc.
6. Development of complaint and review mechanisms

1. Strategic Communication

- ***Draft strategic Communication Plan was already prepared. Framework done but final report is not yet completed***
- ***Work and Financial plan prepared for possible GOP funding for the initial plan of the ComPlan***

Summary

1-Year Strategic Communications Plan

Phase I	Laying the Foundation	June – August '07
Phase II	Implementation	September '07 – February '08
Phase III	Sustaining the Gains	March – May '08

Strategic Communication

- Formulation of disclosure policy on proc. related information
- Sec Andaya ***Agreed to be the CoST Champion***
- Procurement Transparency Group

2. Strengthen Monitoring and Enforcement

- Establish system of coordinating among oversight agencies (GPPB, COA, PAGC, DBM and OMB)

System is intended to facilitate better coordination among oversight agencies in monitoring compliance and enforcement

- Working group on oversight agencies proposed
- Representatives from different oversight agencies identified

Strengthen Monitoring and Enforcement...

- Completion and mainstreaming of internal control systems for all agencies-WB & AusAid
- AusAid TA to DBM on establishing Internal Control Guidelines;
 - Draft guidelines completed
- WB IDF TA to PAGC on strengthening internal audit units in agencies;
 - Generic IA Manual completed
 - Trainings conducted

Strengthen Monitoring and Enforcement...

- Phases 2 to 5 of PhilGEPS – ADB & WB
 - Harmonization of MDBs procurement guidelines
 - Acceptance of PhilGeps by ADB and WB in NCBs and shopping
 - Being piloted in six agencies
- Proc Transparency Group

Strengthen Monitoring and Enforcement

- Analyze proc. related information and linkages with other data bases for policy and decision – WB (IDF)
- ***TAN will complete CPI report by February 2008 which will be the basis for pursuing the development of the monitoring system***

Strengthen monitoringcont.

- Develop mechanism for utilization of observers' reports – EU and TAF

During the second sub-working group meeting, PWI reported on this:

Feedback handling mechanism intends to provide a systematic handling of observers report in the conduct of procurement monitoring

- PTG

3. Strengthen Capacity

- Implement the professionalization program including cost estimation and value engineering – WB (IDF)
 - 4 shortlisted; selection process for consultant underway
- Value Engineering policy
 - Piloted in Cebu North Road project
 - 2 VE workshops conducted.
 - A group in DPWH already trained on VE

Strengthen Capacity Cont.

- Conduct regular training programs for private sector bidders – GOP, ADB
 - *Individual agencies conducting their own training program and briefings to bidders*
 - *Included in the SUCs and CTMs training module.*
- Develop proc. audit guide and conduct of trainings for COA Auditors –
 - *TA for CoA training approved*

Strengthen Capacity, cont.

- Develop manual and training programs for CSO observers
 - this was raised during the first meeting and efforts are being exerted to link related/similar projects. OMB thru EU support has come up with the production of training manuals already

4. Improvement of proc. process

- Formulation of IRR-B for FAPs including harmonization of blacklisting guidelines
 - Discussed in GPPB and Proc Sub-WG
 - Mapping of international best practices and existing guidelines of different funders
- Review detailed engineering guidelines – WB
 - Included in the proposed COA Inst'l. Dev't. Fund

Improvement of proc. process

- Development, roll out & training of simplified generic proc. manuals, Simplified Bidding Documents for LGUs – ADB and WB
 - *Local Government Proc Manual drafted under ADB;*
 - *Simplified Proc Manuals for Barangay to be developed under ADB/WB Japan Social Dev't. Fund (JSDF);*
 - *Training to be conducted under WB JSDF.*

5. Enhancing Linkages bet. FM and Proc.

- Develop generic FM Manual that includes procurement and logistics processes – EC
 - discussed and reported during the Governance working group meeting last Nov. 28
 - FM draft already completed
 - Roll out of training planned during the year