

A stylized graphic featuring a yellow sun with white rays in the top right corner and a red and blue mountain range at the bottom. The sun is partially cut off by the right edge. The mountains are composed of several peaks and valleys, with the lower slopes in blue and the upper slopes in red.

THE DUTERTE ADMINISTRATION: YEAR II

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JULY 2016 - JULY 2018

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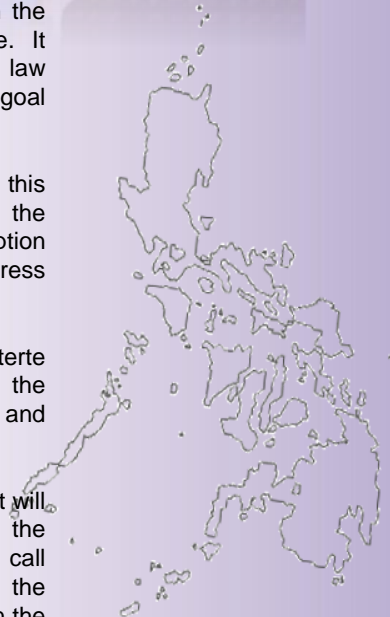


This State of the Nation Address (SONA) pamphlet is our modest contribution to provide our people with updates on the key accomplishments of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte. It highlights the cornerstones of this administration, including law and order, lasting peace, and prosperity for all, with the end goal of making Filipinos' lives more comfortable.

Two years into President Duterte's term of office, this administration remains dedicated to putting an end to the decades-old problems on illegal drugs, criminality, and corruption in government. It also continues to initiate efforts to address poverty and inequality across the nation.

The crucial reforms that were instituted by the Duterte government continue to gain ground, which in turn paved the way for a stronger economy and for more sustainable and inclusive socio-development initiatives.

On this note, we assure our people that the government will remain proactive in fulfilling the President's vision for the Philippines. We consider it an urgency to heed the people's call for genuine changes through the implementation of the Philippine Development Plan for 2017-2022, which lays down the socioeconomic agenda and strategic infrastructure developments of President Duterte.



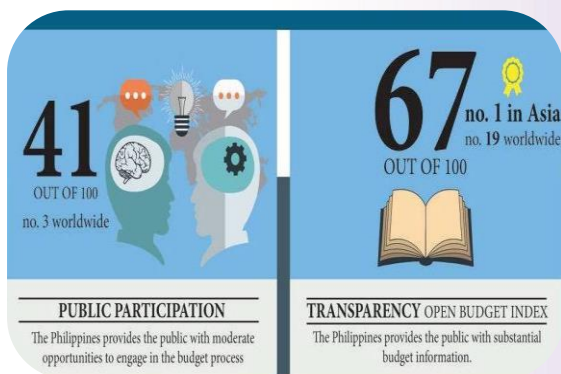
Department of Budget and Management



- To address government underspending and support the Duterte Administration's spending policy of massive investments on infrastructure and social services, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) drafted the Budget Reform Bill which seeks to modernize the budgeting system by establishing holistic and internationally-established principles encompassing the Philippine Public Financial Management (PFM) process and all PFM institutions. It likewise enables the shift to annual cash-based budget and one-year validity of appropriations to speed up budget execution and service delivery. The said Bill was filed in the House of Representatives (HoR) on 9 May 2017, and it has been approved on 20 March 2018, by the HoR on third and final reading with a vote of 158 in favor, 8 against, and 1 abstention. The Bill is now on its second reading in the Senate.
- On 7 March 2018, the DBM, together with Department of Science and Technology, launched Project DIME or the Digital Imaging for Monitoring and Evaluation, to monitor the status and speed of implementation of government projects such as the DPWH's construction/improvement of access roads; DOTr's North-South Commuter Railway, DSWD's conditional cash transfer program; DepEd's Basic Education Facilities; CHED's Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education; DILG's Local Governance Performance Management Program; DA's Agricultural Machinery, Equipment, Facilities, and Infrastructure Program; DICT's Free Wi-Fi Internet Access Program; DA-BFAR's National Fisheries Program.



DOST Secretary Fortunato dela Pena, DBM Secretary Benjamin Diokno, DBM Undersecretary Lilia Guillermo (March 7, 2018) during the launching of Project DIME



Source: DBM, July 2018

Released on 30 January 2018, the Philippines ranked first in Asia and 19th globally in terms of budget transparency based on the results of the latest (2017) Open Budget Survey (OBS). The OBS is a biennial survey conducted by the International Budget Partnership to assess budget transparency of governments.



2018 Budget

The DBM reported that 90.6% or P3.414 trillion of the P3.767 trillion total budget have been released as of first half of 2018. This year's rate of release is higher than the 84.3% recorded in the same period of 2017 with P2.824 trillion releases out of P3.350 trillion. The Departments of Public Works and Highways, National Defense, Health, Education, the Commission on Higher Education as well as the Budgetary Support to GOCCs were among those that recorded to have higher percentage this year in terms of released allotments.

Corresponding to the P3.050 trillion allotments (net of interest payments, net lending and tax expenditure fund) available to the agencies, the DBM issued disbursement authorities of P2.724 trillion representing 89.3% of the allotment releases. Said rate is higher than the 54.4% posted as of June 30 a year ago, with P1.352 trillion of the P2.484 trillion have been issued.

With the Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) comprising the bulk of the disbursement authorized, a total of P1,386.420 billion cash allocations were credited by the government servicing banks to the accounts of the agencies as of end June 30, of which 97.1% or P1.345 trillion have already been utilized. This utilization rate is higher versus the 94.6% recorded last year for the same period, i.e., P1.073 trillion have been utilized from the P1.135 trillion cash allocations credited. The Departments of Foreign Affairs, Interior and Local Government and Public Works and Highways were among those recorded to have a 100% utilization rate for the period January to June 30, 2018.

Source: DBM, July 2018



- The Department of Finance reported that the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), Bureau of Customs (BOC), and Bureau of Treasury (BTr) have increased their revenue collections in the first five months of 2018. The BIR collected P827.9 billion as of end-May, up to 14.76 percent or P106.5 billion better than during the same period in 2017. The BOC collected P229.19 billion as of end-May; up to 31% or P54.3 billion more during the same period last year. The BTr income as of May was P56.58 billion, up to 18 percent year-on-year and 130 percent higher than the programmed target.
- According to the data of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP), foreign direct investment (FDI) net inflows amounted to US\$2.2 billion for the first quarter of 2018. This presents a 43.5% increase from US\$1.5 billion in the same period in 2017.
- Furthermore, the BSP reported a 12.9% year-on-year increase, reaching an amount of US\$2.6 billion, in its April 2018 personal remittances from Overseas Filipinos. This is higher compared to US\$2.32 billion worth of personal remittances in 2017 of the same month. In addition, the January to April 2018 recorded remittances amounting to US\$10.4 billion which are 4% higher compared to last year's US\$10.03 billion remittances of the same period.



The BOC reported that the agency seized P 7.3 billion worth of smuggled goods in 2016, P 14.198 billion in 2017 and more than P 1 billion from January to May 2018. These apprehensions include but are not limited to luxury vehicles, counterfeit products, electronic equipment and parts, general merchandise, illegal drugs, and agricultural products.

Source: DOF, June 2018



- On 19 December 2017, President Duterte signed into law Republic Act No. 10963, also known as the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act. This is the first package of a comprehensive program that will make our tax system simpler, fairer, and more efficient. It will pay for better education and healthcare for all Filipinos and fund world-class infrastructure to sustain our rapid economic growth. The next tax reform packages will include granting tax amnesties, modernizing our corporate tax system, and reforming the taxation of real property, among others.
- The Department of Finance (DOF) has reported a P1-billion Parametric Insurance Pilot project for 25 disaster-prone provinces which started last 28 July 2017.
- The government pursued high-profile tax cases, which resulted in the following:
 - Philippine Airlines (PAL)'s **P6-billion** settlement with the administration
 - Mighty Corporation's **P40-billion** settlement with the Administration
 - Sunvar Realty Development Corporation's compliance to leave the Mile Long commercial property



- On 20 March 2018, the DOF reported that the revenue from tax collections in 2017 reached **2.251 trillion pesos**, which represents 14.25 percent of gross domestic product (GDP). This is considered as the highest tax effort in 10 years prior to the introduction of new laws.

Source: DOF, December 2017



INDIA

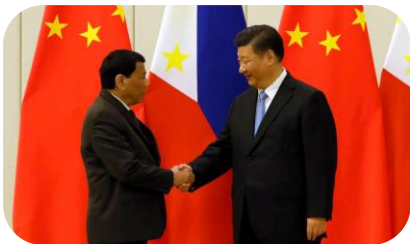
President Duterte's first official visit to India was from 24-27 January 2018 to attend the ASEAN-India Special Commemorative Summit and 69th Republic Day of India.



During this visit, the President reiterated the country's position in maintaining and promoting open, free, stable and secure maritime spaces and responsible use of maritime domain, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. The President also encouraged India to collaborate with ASEAN in line with the principles and standards outlined in the ASEAN Consensus on the Promotion of Migrant Workers.

At the bilateral level, President Duterte encouraged India to expand the cooperation in the areas of defense, counter-terrorism and the fight against illegal drugs. The President also reported that the Philippine and Indian business delegations secured a total of US\$1.25 billion worth of investments, which is expected to create approximately 10,000 jobs.

CHINA



The President visited Hainan, China from 9-10 April 2018 to participate in the Boao Forum for Asia. President Duterte said that the leaders discussed the importance of an "open and innovative Asia for greater global prosperity," and recognized that Asia is a critical global growth engine. The President underscored the importance of providing a safe, secure and stable environment in the region's land and waters for economies to thrive.

The President's visit generated an estimated US\$ 9.8 billion in investments which would create about 10,000 jobs. His visit also resulted to six new bilateral agreements with the Chinese government. These include the Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and the Government of the People's Republic of China; the Exchange of Letters on the Phase III of the Technical Cooperation Project for the Filipino-Sino Center for Agricultural Technology; the Exchange of Letters for the Pre-Feasibility Study of the Proposed Davao City Expressway Project; the Exchange of Letter for Broadcasting Equipment to the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO); the Memorandum of Understanding on the Employment of Filipino Teachers of English Language in China; and the Preferential Buyer's Credit Loan Agreement on the Chico River Pump Irrigation Project. *Source: DFA, June 2018*

Hong Kong

The President had a working visit in Hong Kong from 11-12 April 2018 to meet the Filipino community. The President reported recent developments in the country to around 2,500 Filipinos. He also vowed to further improve the current situation of the country.



Singapore



President Duterte participated in the 32nd Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit from 26-28 April 2018 held in Singapore. The Chief Executive had bilateral meetings with several ASEAN leaders.

During his visit, the President thanked Singapore for the moral authority hosting around 180,000 Filipinos who are living and working there. He also reiterated his fulfillment of his campaign promises to address corruption, and fight illegal drugs and criminality.

Furthermore, US\$185.7 million worth of investment agreements with Singaporean companies were signed. These commitments were expected to create around 1,920 job opportunities for Filipinos.

South Korea

President Duterte had an official visit to Seoul, South Korea from 3-5 June 2018. During the visit, more than 20 agreements were signed between the two countries which are expected to generate around \$4.8 billion in investments and create about 20,000 to 25,000 new jobs.



Malaysia

President Duterte visited Malaysia from July 14 to 16, 2018. The President met with Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad to renew and reaffirm the long-standing brotherhood and friendship between our nations. In their dialogue, the President raised the urgency to address issues including terrorism and violent extremism,

transnational crime, illegal drug trade, and piracy in the high seas which threaten the Southeast Asian region. The President likewise expressed his appreciation for Malaysia's sustained support for the quest for just and lasting peace and development in Mindanao.

○ **Signing of Memorandum of Agreement with Kuwait**

On 13 May 2018, the Office of the Presidential Spokesperson announced that a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Philippines and Kuwait has been signed during the Philippine delegation's visit to the Middle Eastern country. In his press briefing, Sec. Harry Roque said the signing of the MOA is a first step to provide legal protection for Filipinos working in Kuwait. The agreement was signed by Foreign Affairs Secretary Alan Cayetano and Kuwaiti Minister of Foreign Affairs Sabah Khaled Al-Hamad Al-Sabah.

The two countries agreed to “uphold ethical recruitment policies, systems, and procedures for the recruitment and employment of domestic workers, subject to the applicable laws and regulations of both parties.” Further, the MOA ensures employers will provide food, housing, clothing, and the registering of the domestic worker in Kuwait's health insurance system. It also provides one month's salary to workers for every year of service rendered after the expiration of the work contract.



○ **DFA repatriation of OFWs in Kuwait**

Since the start of 2018, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has been successful in repatriating thousands of undocumented/overstaying Filipinos from Kuwait. All amnesty grantees will receive P5,000 each in financial assistance from the Department to help them adjust in the country while they look for other job opportunities.

The Philippines welcomed on 21 February 2018 Kuwait's granting of the DFA's request to extend its amnesty program which would allow for more undocumented Filipinos to come back home. The Department encouraged Filipinos in Kuwait to apply for the amnesty and repatriation.

Efficient Delivery of Government Services

- The DFA launched the Passport on Wheels to make passport application more accessible and meet its increasing demand. From 15 January-5 July 2018, the DFA has accommodated around 138,000 applications nationwide. Currently, there are 15 locations within NCR and 48 all over the country.
- On 25 October 2017, the DFA released the Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR) of Republic Act No. 10928 otherwise known as “An Act Extending the Validity of Philippine Passports”, which extends the validity of Philippine Passports from five years to **10 years starting January 2018**.
- Starting 1 August 2017, **1,200** slots reserved daily for travel agencies were removed and converted into additional slots for regular applicants. *Source: DFA, July 2018*



Bases and Conversion and Development Authority



- The Bases Conversion and Development Authority (BCDA) has contributed Php8.2 billion to the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) during the first two years of the Duterte administration. The amount represents 20 percent of the total P40 billion received by the men and women in uniform from BCDA since the state-run agency was created in 1992.



- On 23 January 2018, BCDA led the groundbreaking ceremony of Phase 1A of the National Government Administrative Center held at New Clark City. The NGAC Phase 1A is a 40 hectare land which will be used for the development of back-up offices of various agencies to ensure continuous business operations and services for the people in case of disaster. It also includes the development of a world-class Sports Complex with an Aquatics and Athletics Center in time for the Philippines' hosting of the 2019 Southeast Asian Games. Project cost is P12.695 billion for Phase1A and is targeted to be completed in 2019. Further, the concrete pouring for the New Clark City sports facilities also began last April 25, 2018.
- On 19 April 2018, the construction of the New Clark City-Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway Access Road started. The 12.05-kilometer, 8-lane access road costs P3.125 billion which includes two interchanges, three bridges, bike and pedestrian lanes, roadway lighting and linear parks. It is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2019.



Source: BCDA, June 2018

Bases and Conversion and Development Authority

- On 20 December 2017, the BCDA and DOTR led the groundbreaking of the new terminal of the **Clark International Airport at the Clark Civil Aviation Complex** in Pampanga. The Php9.36 billion project entails the construction of a 10.2 hectare area passenger terminal building that can accommodate an additional 8 million passengers per annum.



- On 15 November 2017, BCDA, together with the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) launched the Luzon Bypass Infrastructure Project which aims to build an ultra high speed information highway to improve the speed, affordability and accessibility of broadband internet throughout the country. It is expected to be online at the end of 2019. DICT and BCDA partnered with Facebook as the first party utilizing the infrastructure.
- The Build Build Build team, composed of the the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Transportation (DOTr), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the BCDA, has been continuously updating progress of its infrastructure projects posted in the **Build Build Build Portal (build.gov.ph)** which was launched in April 2017. The portal lists down 70 high-impact projects envisioned to increase the productive capacity of the economy, create jobs, increase incomes, and strengthen investment climate leading to sustained inclusive growth.



The Build Build Build Portal added a new feature, the “Jobs, Jobs, Jobs” online portal, which was launched last 29 May 2018. The portal is accessible via <http://www.build.gov.ph/Home/JobsJobsJobs>.

Source: BCDA, June 2018

Department of Transportation



- On 5 January 2018, the Department of Transportation (DOTr) led the Commencement of Work ceremony of the Philippine National Railways (PNR) Manila-Clark Project Phase 1 which is funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) through its official development assistance (ODA) amounting to an estimate of P105 billion. Once completed in 2019 and fully operational between 2021 and 2022, the 38-km Tutuban-Malolos railway line, or the North-South Commuter Railway (NSCR) Project, is expected to provide ease of transport to our commuters as it will link Tutuban in Divisoria, Manila to the City of Malolos in Bulacan.

- On 8 January 2018, the DOTr, together with the DPWH, BCDA and Taguig City government, led the groundbreaking ceremony of the South East Metro Manila Expressway Project (SEMME). This is the first phase of the Metro Manila C-6 Expressway Project, which when completed in 2020, will reduce travel time from Bicutan, Taguig to Batasan, Quezon City to only 35 minutes.



On 16 January 2018, the DOTr launched 10 additional radars and one satellite radar which form part of the new communications, navigation, surveillance/air traffic management (CNS/ATM) systems. These are expected to decongest the air traffic, establish more aircraft identification and guarantee the safety and security of the passengers.

- On 18 January 2018, the DOTr led the groundbreaking of the Taguig Integrated Terminal Exchange (ITX). Taguig ITX project will be a 6-storey building on a 5.57 hectare property inside the FTI compound. Construction would start by the 2nd half of 2018 and is expected to start operation by 1st half of 2020. Upon its completion, Taguig ITX is expected to house around 4,000 buses and accommodate 160,000 passengers daily.



Source: DOTr, June 2018

Department of Transportation

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The Mactan-Cebu International Airport Terminal 2 was inaugurated by the President on 7 June 2018. The MCI terminal 2, with a span of around 65,500 square meters, is designed to decongest air traffic in Cebu. Commercial operations started on July 1, 2018.

- The **Ninoy Aquino International Airport (NAIA)** is no longer included in the top 20 worst airports in the world, and even in the top 5 worst airports in Asia 2017 according to "The Guide to Sleeping in Airports" travel website posted on 15 October 2017.
- Further, NAIA ranked 10th in the World Airport Awards for Most Improved Airports in the World 2018. According to the Skytrax, a leading global source of Airline Ratings and Reviews, the Award for the "World's Most Improved Airport" is based on the relative year-on-year Quality performance by all airports featured in the World Airport Survey.



- To accommodate flights after sunset, the DOTr has equipped airports with night-rating capabilities. From only 15 in 2016, there are currently 20 night-rated airports nationwide. DOTr aims to have all 42 commercial airports nationwide be equipped with night-rating capabilities.

LTO Operations

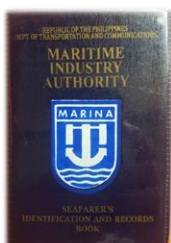
- The DOTr-Land Transportation Office (LTO) has started distributing the driver's license with five-year validity on 29 August 2017.
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Maritime

- The DOTr, together with the Philippine Ports Authority (PPA), aggressively modernized one port at a time to increase their operational efficiency.



- From 2016 to May 2018, a total of 4 Passenger Terminal Building (PTBs) and 129 commercial port projects were constructed, rehabilitated, expanded, and modernized. In two (2) years, 18 Ro-Ro ramps were also completed by the PPA.
- Moreover, 4 social and tourism ports were completed from 2016-2017, while 24 are undergoing construction, and 59 more are programmed to be constructed in 2018.



The Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) gave a 10-year validity extension of Seafarer's Identification and Record Book. MARINA also took note that the 15-day issuance of seafarer's book now only takes a day.

Source: DOTr, June 2018

Department of Public Works and Highways



The Duterte administration has the boldest, most ambitious infrastructure program in history having a 5.4 percentage share to GDP under the 2017 budget. This is far from the average of 2.5 percentage share of the past six administration in 50 years.

- On 9 January 2018, the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) has opened to 4-wheel light vehicles, motorcycles and tricycles the Caraycaray Bridge along Biliran-Naval Circumferential Road in the province of Biliran. This bridge was severely damaged by Tropical Storm "Urduja" in December 2017. The President during his meeting with concerned government officials promised that the Caraycaray bridge would be operational within 30 days. It was repaired and opened by the government within the 2nd week of January.



- On 3 April 2018, President Duterte and the DPWH inaugurated the Lisap Bridge in Bongabong, Oriental Mindoro. It has a length of 365 lineal meters and approaches of 175 lineal meters which is now considered as among the longest bridge in the province. This serves as a primary route from Bongabong to Roxas, crossing the Bongabong River.

- On 24 May 2018, DPWH opened to the motoring public the newly-widened Davao River Bridge in Davao City, Davao del Sur. Two lanes were added to the previous 4-lane bridge which is seen to ease traffic congestion in Davao City Diversion Road and Ma-a Road. This will benefit about 30,000 motorists per day.



- In March 2018, the DPWH opened a 665-lineal meter Sugpon Bridge in Sugpon, Ilocos Sur which provides citizens with a safer and faster link between Sugpon to the other towns of La Union crossing the Amburayan River. The bridge has flood control component, slope protection, and embankment protection.

Source: DPWH, June 2018



On 15 December 2017, the widened Barkadahan Bridge in Taytay, Rizal was opened. The 245-lineal meter bridge will benefit thousands of motorists utilizing Laguna Lake Highway as an alternative route to the congested EDSA and C-5 Road.



- After 20 years, the Cagayan de Oro Coastal Road is now accessible to the public. It was opened last 10 November 2017, which is expected to lessen the travel time by **20 minutes** from Laguindingan Airport to Cagayan de Oro City.
- The DPWH on 3 November 2017 inaugurated the completed **P62-million** widening and drainage improvement project along the west bound of Quezon Avenue from Elliptical Road to Agham Road in Quezon City.
- The Department rolled out the use of the Project and Contract Management Application (PCMA) in October 2017 which serves as a tool for inspection and reflect accomplishments of DPWH projects real-time.

Source: DPWH, June 2018

Department of Public Works and Highways

- The DPWH led the groundbreaking ceremony of the **961.43 lineal-meter** Bonifacio Global City – Ortigas Center Link Road Project last 19 July 2017.

On 7 July 2017, the DPWH officially opened two additional east bound lanes of Laguna Lake Highway. It is the first highway in the Philippines to have a 3-meter wide space for bikers and joggers.



- The Department completed in June 2017 the widening of a 4.75 kilometer section of **Radial Road 10 (R-10)** which reduced travel time between Manila and Navotas City from 1 hour to 30 minutes.



- Last April 2017, the DPWH completed the widening of the **Governor Miranda Bridge II** along Daang Maharlika Davao del Norte.

Source: DPWH, June 2018



BOI INVESTMENTS UP 28% IN FIRST 4 MONTHS OF 2018

- The Philippine Board of Investments (BOI), the country's lead investments promotion agency, recorded a Php195.7 billion worth of investment approvals for the January to April 2018 period, an increase of 28 percent compared to the same period last year where it posted Php153.1 billion.



PRRD SIGNS "EASE OF DOING BUSINESS ACT"

- On 28 May 2018, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte signed into law Republic Act (RA) No. 11032 or the "Ease of Doing Business Act" at the Malacañan Palace. The aim of the law is to shorten the number of days in processing permits and licenses for all business-related transactions, this also includes stricter rules like the two-strike policy for government officials who will fail to issue permits in the given period. The "Ease of Doing Business Act" amends RA No. 9485, otherwise known as the "Anti-Red Tape Act of 2007".

INCENTIVES FOR FILIPINO MICRO ENTREPRENEURS

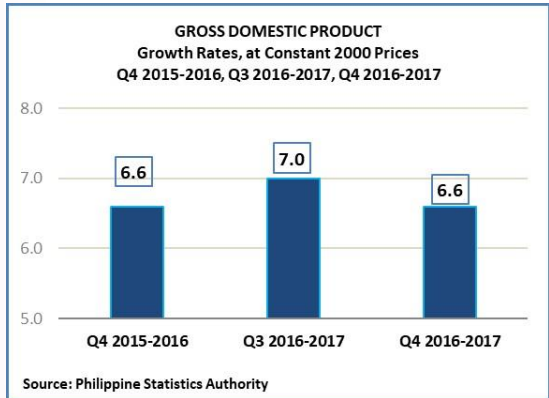
- As of 30 April 2018, a total of 28,531 micro enterprises have been registered under the Barangay Micro Business Enterprises (BMBEs) Act or Republic Act No. 9178. Registered micro businesses can avail of government benefits such as exemption from payment of income tax for income arising from the operation of the enterprise; exemption from the coverage of the minimum wage law; special credit window from government financing institutions that will service the financing needs of BMBEs; and business, technological, and marketing assistance from other government institutions.

Source: DTI, June 2018

National Economic and Development Authority



- On 23 January 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) reported that the GDP for full year 2017 grew by 6.7% percent, making the country among the fastest growing economies in Asia. Because of this robust growth, the government targets 7 to 8 percent growth in 2018.



- “In the next quarter, we see the domestic demand picking up as household consumption will likely improve, following the recently approved tax reform package, which will result in higher take home pay for 99 percent of Filipino taxpayers. Household consumption is also seen to benefit from expanded employment opportunities from the Build, Build, Build program.” – Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and NEDA Chief Ernesto Pernia (23 January 2018, Press Conference on the Performance of the Philippine Economy for Fourth Quarter and Full-year 2017)



- On 26 January 2018, the Subic-Clark Railway Project was given a go-signal by the Investment Coordination Committee-Cabinet Committee (ICC-CabCom) of the NEDA Board. Further, the ICC approval of this project was confirmed by the NEDA Board on 25 April 2018. The 71.13-kilometer rail connection will be jointly implemented by the Department of Transportation and the Bases Conversion and Development Authority and will provide rail freight connection between Subic Bay and Clark Freeport Zone.
- The NEDA Board approved **40 projects** with total cost of **P1,228,213.20** million from June 2016 to February 2018. Five of which are approved projects solely for Mindanao, six for Visayas, and 11 for Luzon. Four of these projects are to be implemented nationwide, while the other 14 are shared by regions.
- The NEDA reported that as of April 2018, **625,000** more jobs were created. Of this number, **605,000** Filipinos were employed in manufacturing and construction.
Source: NEDA, June 2018



Certificate of land ownership awards (CLOA) registration

From July 2016 to June 2018, the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) reported that **58,608 agrarian reform beneficiaries (ARBs)** have registered for certificate of land ownership awards (CLOAs) covering **50,431.88 hectares** of Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP) Area.

CLOA DISTRIBUTION

During the same period, DAR has distributed a total of **41,324.44 hectares** of land with **26,896 CLOA** to **27,830 ARBs**.



ARB Installation

DAR, moreover, has successfully installed **20,754 ARBs** with **21,038 CLOAs** covering **34,997.81 hectares** of land nationwide. These figures were recorded from July 2016 to June 2018.

Source: DAR, June 2018



Increased insurance payments

- From July 2016 to March 2018, the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation (PCIC) has provided agricultural insurance protection to 2.861 million farmers and fisherfolk, and paid Php3.263 billion insurance indemnity to 434,643 claimants affected by natural calamities, and pests and diseases.



Intensified support to fisherfolk

- For 2017, a total of 5,082 units of fiberglass reinforced polymer (FRP) fishing boats (1,620 motorized units and 3,462 non-motorized units) were constructed and awarded to fisherfolk beneficiaries. Further, a total of 2,046 FRP bancas were awarded to fisherfolk beneficiaries during the first quarter of 2018.

Irrigation network services

- The installation/construction of small-scale irrigation projects (SSIPs) is one of the strategies of the Department of Agriculture (DA) in order to provide supplemental irrigation during the dry season particularly in rice, corn, and high-value crop production areas. In 2017, a total of 5,324 SSIPs were installed/constructed, which generated an estimated new service area of 19,121 hectares.



Source: DA, June 2018





- On 21 December 2017, President Duterte commissioned two units of 50.5-meter multi-mission vessels, namely BRP Lapu-Lapu (MMOV 5001) and BRP Francisco Dagohoy (MMOV 5002), under the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) on December 21, 2017. The two new floating assets were added to BFAR's existing vessels deployed to combat illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing (IUUF) in the country. It will be also used for research and survey operations, and for livelihood support to far-flung island coastal communities.
- On 2 February 2018, the President signed Republic Act No. 10969, also known as the Free Irrigation Service Act, to ensure that irrigation service is made available through the continued construction, repair and maintenance of necessary irrigation facilities. Republic Act No. 10969 would further relieve our farmers and their irrigation associations from the burden and consequence of unpaid irrigation service fees.
- The DA has launched the new Agricultural Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (ACEF) Loaning Program with an initial budget of P4-B. Under the new ACEF Loaning Program, applicants from the agricultural and fisheries sectors can avail of a maximum of P1-M for individual borrowers and P5-M for associations and cooperatives, with only a 2% interest per annum. In addition, it will be supervised by an Executive Committee headed by the DA. Applications will be managed by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP). The DA will be ready to assist the applicants in preparing their documents to be submitted to the LBP.
- On 2 April 2018, DA launched the Halal Food Industry Development Program (DA-HFIDP) at the Sharif Kabungsuwan Hall, ARMM Compound, in Cotabato City. The Halal program of the Department was given a working budget of P44, 630, 000. 00 for 2018, which will be used in various programs for Halal awareness and promotion campaigns as well as uplifting the Halal industry in the country.



Source: DA, June 2018

Provision of Farm Assistance and Machineries

The DA-Region 11 turned-over a total of million worth of agricultural production inputs and facilities to the provincial government of Davao Occidental on 23 January 2018. These include: 75 bags of inbred seeds with 75 bags complete fertilizers (P192,000); 20 bags of hybrid rice seeds with 80 bags complete fertilizers, a set of 80 bags urea fertilizers and 20 bags Muriate of Potash each for Malita and Sta. Maria for their respective



20 hectare (ha) hybrid rice model farms (P225,080); 300 bags of OPV corn seeds (P375,000); 100 packs of vegetable seeds (P6, 000); 200 durian seedlings (P6,000); 100 guyabano seedlings (P3, 000); 100 mangosteen seedlings (P3,000); 7,400 doses of various animal drugs and biologics (P144, 056); 3 units of liquid nitrogen in mother tanks (P147,000); 3 units of liquid nitrogen in field tanks (P55,000); and 25 kilograms of assorted vegetable seeds. The assistance was awarded during the Tapatan forum attended by more than 500 farmers and fisherfolk from the towns of Malita, Santa Maria, Don Marcelino, Jose Abad Santos and Sarangani.



On 11 April 2018, DA-Region 8 provided the fifth district of Leyte, composed of the city of Baybay and municipalities of Abuyog, Bato, Hilangos, Hindang, Inopacan, Javier, Mahaplag, and Matalom, with over P51.7 million worth of agri-fishery intervention and insurance. Among the interventions included 1M cassava planting materials, 2,250 bags of hybrid corn (yellow), 40 bags fertilizers (organic, complete, Urea, Muriate of Potash), 13,734 doses of assorted drugs and biologics including mineral block, three units of screen house (to be established), one unit each of greenhouse and nursery (to be established), 90 kilograms assorted vegetable seeds, 10,000 pieces of abaca planting materials, three units of diversion dam (DD) construction, and one unit of Small Water Impounding Project (for construction).

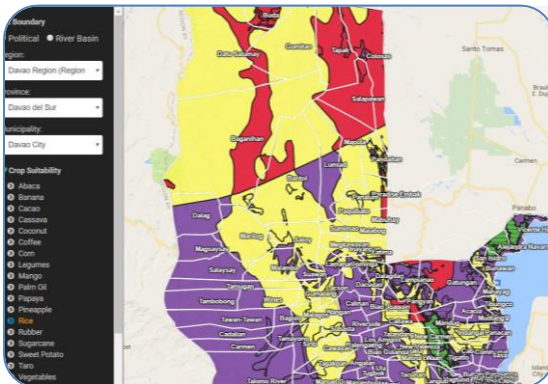
Source: DA, June 2018

Department of Agriculture

- On 23 February 2018, DA-Region 6 turned over P75.6 million worth of farm machineries under the Yolanda Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Program (YRRP). Under the said program, Aklan received Aklan received P17.28M worth of farm equipment consisting of 15 units of floating tillers (P1.77M), 50 units of rice reaper (P7.49M), 6 units of shredder (P1.49 M), 6 units of corn sheller (P1.04M), 15 units of pump and engine (P1.27M), and 2 units of 4WD tractor (P4.2M).



Further, Capiz received P32.47M assistance including 30 units of floating tiller (P3.54 M), 100 units of rice reaper (P14.9M), 9 units of shredder (P2.23M), 9 units of corn sheller (P1.5M), 45 units of pump and engine (P3.82M), and 3 units of 4WD tractor (P6.3M). Lastly, Iloilo province also received 25.8 million worth of machineries including 20 units of floating tiller (P2.36M), 100 units of rice reaper (P14.9M), 7 units of shredder (P1.74M), 12 units of corn sheller (P2.09M), 30 units of pump and engine (P2.55M), and 1 unit of 4WD Tractor (P2.1M).



- On 7 March 2017, the **National Color-Coded Agricultural Guide Map (NACCAG)** was launched. This internet-based agri-mapping helps farmers and fisherfolks to make informed decisions by identifying the agricultural areas that are naturally suitable for 20 crops.

- Released on 8 May 2018, the Philippine Statistics Authority reported that agriculture grew by **1.47%** in the first quarter of 2018.



On 21 June 2017, the construction of Balog-balog Multi-purpose Project has started. It is a 105.5 meter high dam with appurtenant structures forming a reservoir with storage capacity of 420 MCM for irrigation and hydropower generation and irrigation facilities covering an aggregate area of 34,410 ha of rice farm areas in Tarlac. As of March 2018, physical accomplishment is at 14.43%.

Source: DA, June 2018



- In 2017, the Department of Education (DepEd) reported that a total of 26.3 million learners received formal education from both public and private schools, and registered **641,584** Alternative Learning System (ALS) enrollment.
- Further, more school aged children enrolled in both public and private schools, as manifested by the marked increase in Participation Rate: Kindergarten increased from 65% in 2016 to **84%** in 2017; Junior High School also increased from 74% in 2016 to 76% in 2017. This is indicative of the improved holding power of our schools through an effective implementation of inclusion programs.
- As of end of December 2017, the DepEd has printed and delivered 68,575,091 textbooks and instructional materials to various schools nationwide.
- From **July 2016 to June 2018**, DepEd has provided the following basic education facilities:



- 22,133 classrooms and 1,309 TVL laboratories constructed
- 82,725 sets of school seats (1 set = 45 seats, 1 teacher's table and chair)

These efforts have resulted in improved teacher and classroom to learner ratios:

Ratio		2016	2017
Teacher to Learner	Elementary	1:32	1:31
	Secondary	1:26	1:25
Classroom to Learner	Elementary	1:35	1:33
	Secondary	1:43	1:36

Note: The government has completed the delivery of 41,668 sets of school seats, and printed and delivered 136.29 million textbooks and instructional materials. While we have achieved 1:1 ratio on these areas, we are addressing imbalances in certain schools.



The ongoing collection of physical accomplishment for 2017-2018 shows improved performance in the percentage of actual beneficiaries versus the program's targets. As of December 31, 2017, actual beneficiaries is at 89.07% (1,624,262 actual beneficiaries of the 1,823,443 target beneficiaries).

Further, on June 20, 2018, the President approved Republic Act 11037, or "*Masustansyang Pagkain para sa Batang Pilipino Act*," which institutionalizes a national feeding for undernourished children in public daycare, Kindergarten, and elementary schools to combat hunger and malnutrition. The DepEd, the Department of Social Welfare and Development, and the Department of Agriculture will be the lead agencies to implement the program.

Source: DepEd, June 2018



Commission on Higher Education



- Close to 900,000 Filipino students who enrolled in 112 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) for academic year 2017-2018 benefitted from the Php 8 billion Grant of Free Tuition in SUCs. The waived cost of tuition enhanced the opportunity for Filipino students to enroll without the burden of tuition payments.

Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act

- On 13 June 2018, President Duterte witnessed the ceremonial signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and the 112 State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and 78-CHED Registered Local Universities and Colleges (LUCs) regarding the implementation of Republic Act (RA) 10931 or the "Universal Access to Quality Tertiary Education Act." RA No 1031 was signed into law last 3 August 2017.

Through the implementation of RA No. 10931, around **1.3 million students** enrolled in SUCs and LUCs will finally enjoy free tuition and miscellaneous fees beginning academic year 2018-19. Additionally, 300,000 poor students will also have tertiary education subsidy apart from free tuition and miscellaneous fees through CHED's UNIFAST (Unified Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education Act). The availment of short-term loans is also available to all students in need of educational financial assistance.

Further, CHED reported that there are 101,325 students who will get Free Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) from any of the 332 available post-secondary state-run Technical-Vocational Institutions.

Cash Grant to Medical Students in SUCs (CGMS-SUCs)

- Free medical education is offered among eight (8) SUCs which has an estimated 1,013 Filipino beneficiaries for academic year 2017-2018. The program is designed to increase health manpower in the country especially the underserved areas.

Strengthening Quality Tertiary Education

- Recognizing the role of faculty and non-teaching personnel in delivering quality higher education, a total of 8,832 faculty positions and non-teaching personnel items were created and distributed to SUCs in various regions.
- The improvement in the quality of education was promoted through the provision of 9,168 local and 228 foreign scholarships for masters and doctoral programs, 137 beneficiaries of professional advancement programs, 29 grantees of senior high school (SHS) training, 3,530 beneficiaries of the general education training and immersion and; provision of 6,494 faculty and staff development grants.

Source: CHED, June 2018



Electrification. As of December 2017, the recorded household electrification was at 88.3% wherein 20,936,499 households out of the potential 23,716,028 (based on the actual households reported by distribution utilities in their distribution development plan) are enjoying the benefits of electricity access.

- **Electricity generation** in 2017 was recorded at 94,730 GWh. **Four (4) percent higher** compared with the previous year's level of 90,764 GWh.
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It is also worth mentioning that from July 2016 to Dec 2016, 2,255 MW of newly operational power capacities have been delivered to the grid with Luzon securing 1,049 MW, Visayas with 449 MW and Mindanao with 757 MW.



Addressing the volatility of oil prices

In March 2018, DOE signed a MOA with petroleum companies on giving fuel discounts to public utility vehicles. This includes the PhP 1.00 per liter discount in selected retail stations across the country.

Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC) thru Resolution 20 Series of 2017 reduced the system's loss charge that can be passed by distribution utilities to its consumers from the current 8.5% to 6.5% in 2018. This will also be gradually reduced to 5.5% by 2021.

Promoting sustainability of energy development

The Philippines was ranked No. 1 for the 3rd consecutive year in the World Energy Council's (WEC) 2017 World Energy Trilemma Index (WETI) for environmental sustainability. The WEC recognized the Government's advocacy on energy efficiency as a "Way of Life" and the use of RE resources for power generation.

Source: DOE, July 2018

Department of Environment and Natural Resources



The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), together with the Department of Tourism (DOT) and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), recommended the closure of the Boracay island for six months starting 26 April 2018. The DENR is tasked to clean up and make Boracay island a livable community and an enhanced tourism destination.)

Boracay Island rehabilitation

- Removal of illegal pipes
- Clearing of illegal structures
- Road widening
- Completion of subsidence hazard mapping of sinkholes in the island
- Rehabilitation of wastewater management system
- Rehabilitation of forest and wetland easements
- Management of solid waste

- **64% of Filipinos agree with the government's recommendation to close Boracay (First Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)**
- The DENR led the first phase of the 100-hectare enterprise development project in Bangui, Ilocos Norte. It includes a 30-hectare coffee and cacao plantation, and development of the historical Sentinella Hill into an eco-cultural tourist destination. The project is a joint venture with Mitsubishi Motors Philippines Corp. (MMPC) that seeks to rehabilitate 100 hectares of forestland through sustainable integrated area development (SIAD) approach.

National Greening Program

- The DENR reported that from July 2016 to June 15, 2018, **around 554 million seedlings** of different species of high value crops, mangrove, fuelwood and forest trees, among others, were planted nationwide covering 462,114 hectares.



At the same period, a total of **51,621.50 hectares of bamboo plantations** were established nationwide and 10,268,906 planting stocks were produced to rehabilitate riverbanks and denuded uplands inside critical watershed. DENR also reported that **1,502,420 board feet of illegally harvested forest products** were confiscated.

Source: DENR, June 2018



Mangrove and Beach Forest Development

- The DENR reported that a total of **5,208 hectares of mangrove and beach forests** were established. To ensure sustainability of plantations, 37 motorized bancas were procured and 32 “bantay bakawan” were hired as of June 2018.



Solid Waste Management

- A total of 511 illegal dumpsites have been closed in July 2016. This decreased to 385 in CY 2017. This improvement is the result of the efforts of Environmental Management Bureau (EMB), in coordination with the Ombudsman and DILG, to compel the LGUs to comply with the provisions of R.A 9003. To date, 126 illegal dumpsites have been closed. Regular monitoring and technical assistance is continuously being provided to the LGUs by the Bureau for the closure of illegal disposal facilities.
- In terms of Sanitary Landfill (SLF), from 117 established and operational SLF since July 2017, there have been an additional 22 operationalized and established SLF, bringing to a total of 139 SLFs servicing 308 barangays. Moreover, from the 9,725 Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) servicing 12,997 barangays nationwide as of July 2017, there have been an increase of 327 MRFs, totalling 10,052 MRFs servicing 13,324 barangays nationwide.

Source: DENR, June 2018



Department of Health



- On 8 January 2018, the Department of Health (DOH) reported a 27 percent decrease of fireworks-related injuries in welcoming 2018 as a result of the Executive Order no. 28 which provides for the regulation of firecrackers and other pyrotechnic devices. The EO was signed by the President on 20 June 2017.



- From 1 July 2017 to 30 April 2018, through the DOH's Medical Assistance Program, there were **1,068,075 indigent patients** who received financial assistance for diagnostics, medicine, medical supplies, and services.
- On 9 February 2018, the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP) reported that it recently approved a P259 million term loan to Medicus Cancer Institute Inc., the first cancer institute in Western Visayas. With this loan support, Medicus Cancer Institute Inc. will soon be able to deliver a better treatment and support to cancer patients in the region.
- On 20 February 2018, the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) reported that, it has now a comprehensive social health insurance coverage to address mobility impairment among Filipino children below 18 years of age who are affected by musculoskeletal and neuromuscular disorders through its Z Benefit Package. Some of the grants comprising Z Benefit include the mobility impairment requiring assistive devices from upper and lower extremity prosthesis, lower extremity orthosis, and spinal bracing which range from P12,730.00 to P163,540.00; the mobility injuries that need seating devices, basic, or intermediate wheelchair amounting to a maximum cost of P29,450.00; and the annual services and the replacement of the devices which will support the patient at P13,690.00 at the maximum.



- In 2017, PhilHealth noted a 93 percent coverage of the population or 96,973,681 principal members and dependents. Further, for those Filipinos who are incapable to pay their PhilHealth membership or are still non-members, PhilHealth implemented the Point of Service program which started in July 2017.

Source: DOH, June 2018

- The Philippines earned a **Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus Elimination (MNTE) status**, which means that the country has less than one case of neonatal tetanus (NT) per 1,000 live births in every province/city, according to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO). (November 2017)

- **Republic Act No. 10932** states that "in emergency or serious cases, it shall be unlawful for any hospital or medical clinic to request, solicit, demand or accept any deposit or any other form of advance payment as prerequisite for administering basic emergency care, for confinement or medical treatment, or to refuse to administer medical treatment and support to any patient." (3 August 2017)



- **945,953 indigent patients** obtained financial assistance for diagnostics, medicines, medical supplies, and services under DOH's Medical Assistance Program (1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017)



- **Executive Order No. 26** provides for the establishment of smoke-free environment in public and enclosed places (16 May 2017)

- Creation of **PhilHealth All Case Rates (ACR) Search**
Free mobile application for easy access of information on compensable illnesses, procedures, and benefit rates (February 2017)



- **Executive Order No. 12** aims to intensify and accelerate the implementation of critical actions necessary to attain and sustain "zero unmet need for modern family planning" for all households by 2018 within the context of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health Law and its implementing rules (9 January 2017)

Source: DOH, June 2018



Overseas Filipinos

- Executive Order no. 44 signed on 28 September 2017 approved the Land Bank of the Philippines' (LBP) acquisition of Philippine Postal Savings Bank (PPSB) and authorized PPSSB conversion into Overseas Filipino Bank, which aims to efficiently deliver microfinance and micro-insurance products and services for overseas Filipinos.



- On 18 June 2018, the Overseas Filipino (OF) Bank was launched as a fulfillment of the President's promise and the Executive Order no 44. The creation of OF Bank as a wholly-owned Savings Bank subsidiary of LANDBANK caters to the needs of the sector. The bank will strengthen the government's presence in the remittance market and eventually influence lower costs of bank remittance. OF Bank is a collaborative effort among various government agencies, including the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), the Department of Finance (DOF), and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).
- Through the issuance of Administrative Order No. 73, the DOLE established the 24/7 **OFW Command Center** which serves as the central referral and action hub for all OFW requests for immediate action and assistance.
- On 12 July 2017, the **Idole Identification (ID) Card** was launched, which will undergo a three-month pilot run; after which, it will serve as the OFW's Automated Overseas Employment Certificate. The Idole ID Card will eventually serve as an Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card with the OFW bank.
- OFWs are exempted from paying the airport terminal fee starting 30 April 2017.



The Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) has established 17 One-Stop Service Center for OFWs (OSSCO) located nationwide. The OSSCOs had served 1.22 clients nationwide since January 2017.

Source: DOLE, June 2018

Department of Labor and Employment

Labor

- On 1 May 2018, President Rodrigo Duterte signed Executive Order No. 51, Implementing Article 06 of the Labor Code of the Philippines, as amended, to protect the right to security of tenure of all workers based on social justice in the 1987 Philippine Constitution.
- Effective 15 December 2017, a **P1,000** increase in the minimum wage of kasambahay or domestic workers in the National Capital region was approved by the Regional Tripartite Wages and Productivity Board. They will now receive a minimum wage rate of **P3,500**.
- On 24 September 2017, through the DOLE **Department Order (DO) No. 178**, or “Safety and Health Measures for Workers who by the Nature of their Work have to Stand at Work”, no longer requires private workers particularly women to wear high-heeled shoes.



Launched Hotline 1349 for labor-related concerns. To help address labor-related concerns, DOLE launched **Hotline 1349 (1800-8888-1349 for domestic and 800-8888-1349 for international)** in September 2016 through the DOLE. To date, the hotline has attended to 97,478 queries.

- The DOLE, through the Employees' Compensation Commission (ECC), approved the increase in the amount of Carer's Allowance from P575 to P1,000 per month for persons with work-related disabilities (PWRDs) in the public sector.
- A total amount of P548.3 million was remitted by the DOLE to the Bureau of Treasury (BTr). This is higher compared from the P438.256 million of 2017 remittances.
- The DOLE has regularized 217,491 workers through strict enforcement of the labor inspection system.

Monetary Benefits signed by the President:

- **Executive Order No 33** - increases the employment compensation funeral benefits in the private and public sectors. (17 July 2017)
- **Social Security Service (SSS) – Pension** - P2,000 across-the-board pension increase will be granted to the Social Security System's over two million pensioners in two tranches– with the first tranche (P1,000) effective January 2017 followed by the second tranche (another P1,000) sometime in 2022 or earlier. (22 February 2017)
- **Administrative Order No. 2** - granting the gratuity pay for job order and contract service workers in government (31 January 2017)

Source: DOLE, June 2018

Department of Social Welfare and Development



Free medicines through LINGAP

- In 2016, President Duterte gave a P1 billion fund to the Department of Social Welfare and Development for the implementation of a free medicines program. This is now called the Lingap at Gabay Para sa May Sakit (LinGaPsaMaSa) which is being implemented in 21 accredited government regional hospitals in five regions - NCR, III, VI, VII & XI.
- As of May 2018 a total of 61,890 clients were served and a total amount of P620,850,116.14 (62.09%) has been utilized from the Php 1 Billion allocation.
- Starting March 2017, a P600 rice subsidy will be given to 4.3 million Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program household-beneficiaries.



Risk Resiliency Program: Cash for Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation-Disaster Risk Reduction

- The Risk Resiliency Program, through Cash for Work for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation-Disaster Risk Reduction (CCAM-DRR), targeted 492,024 beneficiaries/families with a funding of Php1,196,641,900.00 for regions NCR, I, II, III, IV-A, X, XI, XII, and ARMM. The 2017 physical accomplishment reflects a total of 415,669 beneficiaries with Cash-for-Work amounting to Php1,011,764,454 and a utilization rate of 83%.
- The Social Weather Station Survey showed a 6% drop of families experiencing involuntary hunger or 9.9% in the First Quarter of 2018 compared to 15.9% in the last quarter of 2017. (First Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)
- On 15 June 2018, the DSWD launched the pilot payout of the Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) grant to its Social Pension Program for Indigent Senior Citizens (SPISC) beneficiaries in San Fernando City, Pampanga. In Region III, a total of 95,304 SPISC beneficiaries will be receiving their UCT subsidy in the coming weeks .
- On 9 July 2018, the DSWD launched its eServices which establishes the online application and processing for the issuance of travel clearance certificate for Minors Traveling Abroad and the issuance of certificate of Registration and Licensing of Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) and Accreditation of Service Providers (SPs). The online application is accessible by mobile devices and computers.

Source: DSWD, June 2018

Department of Science and Technology



- On 27 February 2018, the Department of Science and Technology-Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (DOST-PHIVOLCS) led the launching of the new earthquake monitoring station, the Ibayay Seismic Station, in Aklan. Situated inside the Aklan State University – Ibayay campus, the new station is expected to monitor seismic activities in the province of Aklan and Western Visayas Region. With the expansion of the Philippine Seismic Network, the PHIVOLCS aims to provide better and accurate earthquake monitoring reports covering the entire country.
- For 2018, the DOST is supporting a total of 36,500 scholars to create a community of competitive researchers, scientists and engineers needed for science and technology innovations and development. The scholars are broken down as follows: 8,086 secondary scholars of the Philippine Science High School; 23,393 undergraduate students and 5,021 graduate scholars.
- The DOST raised the number of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) scholars which are awarded by the agency to needy but bright incoming freshmen from 5,000 in 2016 to 8,000 in 2018. Monthly stipends were also raised from P5,000 to P7,000. Moreover, the Department has reached 97% of the country's municipalities and congressional districts with at least one DOST-Science Education Institute (SEI) scholar, following the provision of RA 7687 or Science and Technology Scholarship Act of 1994. Various capacity building and bridging programs are being implemented to assist the remaining municipalities with no scholars yet.
- **Increased monitoring stations and installment of state-of-the-art equipment of PAGASA and PHIVOLCS.** As of 2017, PAGASA has 12 Doppler Radars and three (3) mobile X-Band Radars which contributed to the agency's forecasting capability. The Doppler Radars are strategically located in Subic, Tagaytay, Mactan, Hinatuan, Iloilo, Tampakan, Quezon (Palawan), Zamboanga, Aparri, Virac, Guiuan, and Baguio while the mobile 3-X Band Radars were deployed in PAGASA Central Office, Baler and El Salvador in Mindanao. PHIVOLCS currently operates a 96-station Philippine Seismic Network capable of monitoring earthquakes and providing accurate and timely information.



Zamboanga Building



Guiuan Station

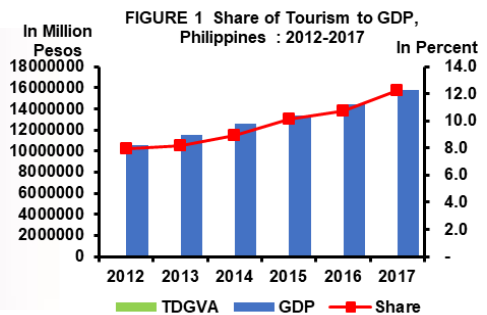


Source: DOST, June 2018



- The Department of Tourism (DOT) reported an **11.35%** increase in the foreign visitor arrivals in June 2018 which posted 528,747 compared to 474,854 arrivals in June 2017. In addition, the January-June 2018 foreign visitor arrivals reached a total of 3,706,721 which is **10.40%** higher than January-June 2017's record of 3,357,591 arrivals.

- According to the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), the tourism industry contributed 12.2% to the country's gross domestic product (GDP) in 2017 amounting to a total of P1,929.3 billion at current prices. This is higher by 24.2% than the PhP 1,553.7 billion in the previous year.



- Specifically, inbound tourism expenditure or the expenditure of foreign visitors and Filipinos permanently residing abroad recorded a 43.9% growth amounting to P448.6 billion in 2017. This is higher than the P311.7 billion in 2016.
- Domestic tourism expenditure or the expenditure of resident visitors within the country either as domestic trip or part of an international trip recorded a 25.5% growth amounting to P2,644.8 in 2017. This is higher than the P2,108.2 billion in 2016.
- Employment in the tourism industry generated 5.3 million jobs in 2017 compared to 5.2 million jobs generated in 2016.

Source: DOT, June 2018

Film Development Council of the Philippines



Support to local filmmakers

- Since 2016, the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP) has brought more than thirty (30) film productions and supported more than one hundred twenty (120) delegates to six (6) international film markets and eleven (11) international film festivals.



- The FDCP launched the National Registry for Film Workers in September 2017 which provides a database for FDCP to monitor, protect and provide services to film workers nationwide, with members supported in registration and processing of their SSS, PhilHealth and Pag-IBIG services, in updating workshops, forums and consultations on the welfare of workers, in access job opportunities for local and foreign productions.



- On 19 April 2017, President Duterte inaugurated the Cine Lokal wherein the FDCP partnered with a local cinema chain to screen films that are worthy of a mainstream audience, including but not limited to small and independent films, and foreign (Asian, European, etc) content. Since its inauguration, Cine Lokal screened forty three (43) film titles.

Source: FDCP, May 2018

Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council



- The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) reported that it is expanding its ISF access to shelter by constructing house and lot packages to some 53,000 families affected by the Supreme Court Mandamus to clean up Manila Bay area.
- HUDCC launched the BALAI Filipino or the Building, Adequate, Livable, Affordable and Inclusive Filipino Communities which is the collective goal of all the Key Shelter Agencies (Home Development Mutual Fund, national Housing Authority, Social Housing Finance Corporation, Home Guaranty Corporation) under the lead of the HUDCC.
- From July 2016 to March 2018, HUDCC reported that housing agencies under the BALAI Filipino program provided a total of 380,425 direct housing to low-income households, along with security of tenure. This figure accounts to 26.42% of the accumulated housing need of 1,439,550 households until the end of 2022.



- Aside from providing decent housing, HUDCC made sure to provide households with employment opportunities. To be specific 2,647,807 jobs were created which benefitted skilled and semi-skilled construction workers.



- HUDCC reduced interest rate for socialized housing from 4.5% to 3% per annum under the Affordable Housing Program of Pag-IBIG fund for the minimum wage income earners, representing 33% reduction than the previous rate. This is the lowest in the market in support to the pro-poor program of the Duterte Administration.

Source: HUDCC, June 2018

National Commission for Culture and the Arts



Through the years, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) has consistently sought new and responsive avenues and mechanisms to address cultural and artistic concerns. Culture has been integrated into the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 (Chapter 7: Promoting Philippine Culture and Values), where it plays an integral role in enhancing the Philippine social fabric. It is high time that mainstreaming culture into the government's development agenda will particularly help to achieve the desired outcome of the "Ambisyon Natin" in building a high trust society and establish Filipino rootedness in the community and its culture.

The PDP 2017-2022 highlights the important role that culture plays in unblocking the country's development potential. The promotion of inherent Filipino values can be nurtured toward promoting the common good.



One of the flagship programs of NCCA, "Schools of Living Traditions" (SLTs) continually being done to revitalize Philippine heritage by safeguarding traditional culture and practices through the transfer of indigenous knowledge and skills to the young members of the community. It is non-formal center of learning where cultural masters impart their knowledge and skills on the particular arts, crafts, and traditions. Hence, there have been 636 SLTs while 21 are in progress. The commission initiates the provision of National Certificate (NC) with TESDA, appropriate to IP Masters traditional arts practitioners and experts.

Department of Culture?

To pursue institutional reforms for cultural development, and to ensure greater access to the country's cultural resources, the passage of the bill for the creation of a Department of Culture is very essential. The NCCA argues that a separate agency devoted solely to "arts and culture" can foster patriotism and nationalism, accelerate social progress, and promote total human liberation. It was filed as SB 1528 and HB 6113.

Source: NCCA, June 2018



National Commission for Indigenous Peoples



The National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) led the awarding of Certificate of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADT) to the Balangao Indigenous Peoples/Indigenous Cultural Communities in the Municipality of Barling and Natonin, Mt. Province covering an area of 97,027.537 hectares. The Title was received by the community representatives headed by Genesis Changilang.



The NCIP also awarded registered CADT to the Mansaka Indigenous Cultural Community in the Municipality of Mawab, Nabunturan, Compostela Province covering an area of 141,769.915 hectares. The Title was received by the elders/leaders representing the community headed by Orlando Casignoman.

Source: NCIP, June 2018

Philippine Sports Commission



- The Philippine Sports Commission (PSC) provided allowances and incentives for national athletes and coaches for their training and meal allowances in participation to various international competitions.
- Specifically, 956 athletes and 238 Filipino coaching staff under the National Training Pool and representing 49 national sports associations (NSAs) received a total of Php185,422,031.87 for training and meal allowances from January to December 2017. Eight (8) foreign coaches for eight (8) sports also earned a total of Php 9,672,820.01 for their services to Team Philippines within the same period.
- National Paralympic athletes have been granted Php12,767,240.00 in training and meal allowances since January 2017. Their coaches likewise were allocated Php5,000,074.08 in allowances for April to June 2017.
- Incentives amounting to Php 58,731,250.00 have been given to athletes and coaches for their participation in various competitions such as the 29th Southeast Asian Games, 9th ASEAN Para Games and the 5th Asian Indoor & Martial Arts Games among others.

Source: PSC, June 2018

Technical Education and Skills Development Authority



- Reported on May 2018, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) offered support to the International Labor Organization (ILO) for the Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics-related (STEM) Workforce Readiness and Development Program, a work-to-school project for 200 female students in the information and technology (IT) field, particularly for animation, game and software development, to encourage and prepare more women and girls to initiate a professional career in IT.



- In April 2018, TESDA announced that is offering free skills training to the affected workers and residents in the island of Boracay in Aklan. For the first program, TESDA will offer skills training under the Training for Work Scholarship Program (TWSP) such as agri-business, information technology-business process management (IT-BPM), semiconductors, and electronics, he said. Under the Special Training for Employment Program (STEP), the agency will offer manicure, pedicure, sewing, massage therapy and bread-making.
- Up to 8,882 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) and their dependents were given assistance by TESDA in 2017. Of this, 1,749 were given scholarship assistance such as training for work scholarship (TWSP) that included 189 beneficiaries from the TESDA Emergency Skills Training Program (TESTP); special training for employment program (STEP) 129; bottom-up budgeting (BuB), 102; and private education financial assistance (PESFA), 35. Meanwhile, 2,216 OFWs and their dependents were given services; 1,373 were referred to technical-vocational institutes (TVIs) for skills training; 622 were given information on services offered by TESDA; 175 were surveyed and profiled using training needs analysis; 18 were assessed and certified; 9 were referred to regional and provincial offices; and eight dependents were referred to TVIs for training.

Source: TESDA, June 2018



- In line with the campaign against criminality and illegal drugs, the Department of Justice (DOJ) has worked on rationalizing procedures relating to criminal prosecution. This includes the development and issuance of 2018 Bail Bond Guide for prosecutors, providing bail requirements and amounts in line with Republic Act No. 10951 prescribing updated penalties for crimes under the Revised Penal Code. The Department also issued the 2017 Guidelines on Plea Bargaining Agreement for violations of the Comprehensive Dangerous Drugs Act, which can facilitate the efficiency and success of criminal prosecution on illegal drugs cases.



- The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) introduced and maintained improvements in the criminal records clearance processing in line with the Administration's effort to improve frontline services and reduce transaction cost. This includes the multi-purpose fixed rate clearance. Paperless process from five down to three steps through the online registration and electronic payment, and taking part in the one-stop center for OFWs.
- The Bureau of Immigration (BI) implemented the new Border Control Information System with fingerprint and face recognition technology for processing passengers entering and exiting the country's international airports. The automated system speeds up processing to cope with long queues at immigration counters. This also significantly improves the capability to detect and intercept terrorists, fugitives and undesirable aliens.



Source: DOJ, June 2018

Department of Interior and Local Government



Ensuring the Provision of Clean and Potable Water



- The implementation of the Sagana at Ligtas na Tubig (SalinTubig) Program of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) paved the way for the completion of additional **643 water projects** in waterless municipalities benefitting **252,869 households**. This brings a total of 1,053 completed water projects which benefitted a total of total of **493,573 households** as of end of April 2018.
- From 1 July 2016 to 30 April 2018, the DILG's Assistance to Disadvantaged Municipalities-Water project has completed an additional **1,661 water projects** that benefitted a total of **758,482 households**.

Addressing Corruption, exacting accountability and promoting good governance

- **17** Officials were charged in Boracay
 - **237** Ombudsman decisions served
 - **186** local officials withdrawn police deputation
 - **57** complaints vs local officials investigated
 - **16** local officials to be charged for failure to organize BADAC
 - **8** show-cause orders issued and implemented vs illegal mining operations in Caraga
- Source: DILG, June 2018
- **98.48% barangays** organized and established their Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADAC). The BADAC is responsible for planning, strategizing, implementing and evaluation programs and projects on drug abuse prevention in the barangay.



Sources: Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drug Secretariat Report;
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects, April 2018

Fighting Illegal Drugs

#RealNumbers (as of 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2018)



102,630

Anti-drug operations conducted



147,802

Drug personalities arrested



6,562 barangays declared drug-free



P21.29 billion

Value of seized illegal drugs including drug paraphernalia



P 14.66 billion street value of seized shabu



- As of April 2018, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) registered 14,358 drug surrenderers received skills training from the agency.
- From September 2017 to April 2018, there are 13,295 drug dependents that are undergoing Department of Health's rehabilitation program, 1467 of them have already completed the program.

Source: PDEA, July 2018

Sources: Inter-Agency Committee on Anti-Illegal Drug Secretariat Report;
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Special Projects, April 2018



Lowering Crimes



Decreasing average monthly crime rate

- 2016 – 47.14 %
- 2017 – 41.57 %
- January to May 2018 - 36.32 %

The PNP reported a **46.95% decrease** in index crime volume from July 2014-June 2016 to July 2016-June 2018. The July 2014-June 2016 period recorded 401,112 while the July 2016-June 2018 period recorded **212,773 index crimes**.

Source: PNP – Public Information Office, June 2018

Philippine National Police and Armed Forces of the Philippines

Military and Police Recognition

- **Executive Order (EO) No. 35** - President Duterte signed EO 35 expanding the order of Lapu-Lapu medals to more truly reflect the honor being bestowed on its recipients.
- The President visited Camp Evangelista Station in Cagayan de Oro City and presented medals of the Order of Lapu-Lapu to Armed Force troopers who sustained injuries in the government's efforts to liberate Marawi City from the terrorist Maute group (9 September 2017).



President Duterte posthumously awarded the Order of Lapu-Lapu Kalasag Medal to the AFP and the PNP personnel who died in the Marawi rebellion during the National Heroes Day Commemoration at the Libingan ng mga Bayani in Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City on August 28, 2017.



- The President signed **Proclamation No. 164** declaring **25th of January** of every year as a Day of National Remembrance for the heroic sacrifice of the 44 uniformed personnel of the PNP-SAF. (21 February 2017)
- President Duterte approved awarding of Medal of Valor (Medalya ng Kagitingan) to the remaining **42** Special Action Force (SAF) personnel, who died during the botched Mamasapano anti-terror raid in 2015. The Medal of Valor is the highest award that can be bestowed to a member of the Philippine National Police (PNP). (8 February 2017)



Addressing terrorism and violent extremism

- Since the incumbency of President Duterte, the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) was able to conduct focused operations against the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) which resulted in the neutralization of approximately 8,700 CTG personalities and recovery of 2,246 firearms.
- Ground operations were conducted against the Dawlah Islamiyah (DI) resulting in the neutralization of more than 1,000 DI personalities and recovery of more than 900 firearms.
- Operations were conducted against the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) which include combat and non-combat activities resulting to the neutralization of more than 600 ASG personalities and recovery of more than 300 firearms and surrender of 255 ASG personalities which is a first in our operational history.
- The AFP, meanwhile, conducted ground operations against the BIFF which resulted to the neutralization of more than 300 BIFF personalities and recovery of more than 100 firearms.



Marawi results of operations

From May 23 to October 23, 2017, government forces performed combat operations which led to the defeat of DAESH-inspired fighters and prevented the establishment of a Wilayat in Marawi City.

The following were accomplished by the AFP: 920 Maute ISI members neutralized; 855 firearms captures; 12 kilos of shabu seized; 2,000 unexploded ordinance and improvised explosive devices seized; and 1,777 hostages rescued.

On the other hand, the Philippine National Police has accomplished the following; 35 Maute ISI members arrested; 141 hostages rescued; 106 cadavers recovered; 47 firearms and ammunitions confiscated; 594 unexploded ordinances; 4 rocket propelled grenades and 4 rounds of assorted ammunition recovered.

The demise of Isnilon Hapilon and the Maute Brothers signaled the culmination of the organized defenses of the rebels. With this, the President declared the "Liberation of Marawi" on 17 October, which marked the official start of the city's rehabilitation. Subsequently, on 23 October 2017, the Secretary of National Defense also announced the termination of all combat operations in the city.

Source: DND, July 2018

Department of National Defense

Regional Cooperation on Terrorism



- Launching of the Trilateral Maritime Patrol on 08-09 June 2017 in Tarakan, North Kalimantan, Indonesia
- Launching of the Trilateral Air Patrol on 12 October 2017 in Subang, Malaysia
- Activation of Joint Maritime Command Centers (JMCCs) for the purpose of aiding communications during operations as well as the sharing of information and intelligence

Protection of Maritime Domain

- To ensure maritime domain awareness, the DND-AFP, conducted naval surface patrols to cover more than 180,000 nautical miles of our maritime domain and more than 2,400 flying hours of maritime air patrol.
- The AFP operated and maintained the Maritime Research Information Center (MRIC), Maritime Situation Awareness Centers (MSACs) and Littoral Observatory Stations (LOSs), resulting in the monitoring of more than 66,000 vessels foreign and domestic.



Continued Engagement with China on WPS



- The government continues to engage China relative to our concerns in the West Philippine Sea, through high-level visits and meetings, including the Bilateral Consultation Mechanism or the BCM. These efforts seek to improve the ability of both sides to manage developments in the WPS so as not to escalate tensions; to wider access of Filipino artisanal fishermen in Scarborough Shoal; and to additional measures to protect our environment and marine ecosystem.
- The government actively participated in the ASEAN-China processes for the peaceful management and resolution of disputes in the South China Sea, underscoring the importance of the full and effective implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct (DOC) in its entirety.

Source: DND, June 2018

AFP Modernization Program



- On the capability upgrade of the armed forces, a total of 27 projects were completed from the start of the administration up to March 2018. Meanwhile, a total of 13 projects are ongoing under the Horizon 2 List of the Revised AFP Modernization Program.
- As part of this country's engagements with partners, there were 24 types of donated equipment from China, Russia, Japan and, the United States of America.

Veterans Welfare and Benefits

- The government, through the Philippine Veterans Affairs Office (PVAO), ensures that the veterans who served during the Second World War, Korean War, and Vietnam War, as well as those who have retired from active service in the Armed Forces, will be given proper and adequate benefits. A total of **₱9.82 billion** was disbursed to **208,144 pension accounts** belonging to **175,148 pensioners**. This year, through the efforts of PVAO, House Bill HB. 7525, which aims to increase the monthly pension of senior veterans from ₱5,000 to ₱20,000 was passed by the House of Representatives and the counterpart bill is currently deliberated at the Senate.
- PVAO also provide non-pension benefits such as the Veterans Hospitalization and Medical Care Program, *Iskolar ng mga Bayani* Educational Benefits Program and the Burial Assistance Program. A total of **₱70 million** was utilized to provide medical support to **5,214 beneficiaries** in 2017. Moreover, **2,483 PVAO scholars** were provided with educational assistance in 2017 for a total amount of **₱34.6 million** and **₱94.7 million** was utilized to provide Burial Assistance to **4,945 beneficiaries**.



ASSISTANCE TO FAMILIES DURING NATURAL DISASTERS

As of 6 January 2018, the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) reported that a total of P2,027,352.50 was provided by DSWD, LGUs, and NGOs to the affected families of Tropical Depression Agaton in Regions MIMAROPA, VI, VII, VIII and CARAGA.

As of 23 February 2018, a total of P11,558,604.16 worth of assistance was provided by DSWD and LGUS to the affected families of Tropical Storm Basyang in Regions VI, VII and CARAGA.

As of 7 March 2018, the NDRRMC reported a total of P472,113,856.43 worth of assistance was provided by DSWD, DOH, OCD, DepEd, DOLE, DENR, Philippine Red Cross, LGUs, I/NGO, DA, UNFPA, Office of the President, PCSO, and DTI to the affected families of the phreatic eruption of Mayon Volcano in Albay.

Sources: DND, NDRRMC June 2018

Camps Visited by the President

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte's Camp Visits in 2017-2018



Armed Forces of the Philippines/ Philippine National Police	Date Visited
2017	
Camp Siongco, Awang Satu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao	January 27
Camp Edlberto Evangelista, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City	February 5
Naval Station Felix Apolinario Hospital in Panacan, Davao City	February 17
Camp Teodulfo Bautista Station Hospital in Sulu	March 3
Camp Evangelista Station Hospital, Cagayan de Oro City	December 1
	April 2
	September 9
Camp General Artemio G. Ricarte in Puerto Princesa, Palawan	April 6
Camp Teodulfo Bautista Station Hospital in Jolo, Sulu	April 6
Camp Brig. Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao	May 5
2nd Mechanized Infantry (Magbalantay) Brigada Philippine Army in Maria Cristina, Iligan City	May 26
Camp Teodulfo Bautista Station Hospital in Jolo, Sulu	May 27
102nd Infantry Brigade, Ipil Zamboanga Sibugay	June 2
Camp Lucero, Carmen, North Cotabato	June 6
Camp Leono, Tacurong, Sultan Kudarat	June 7
Camp BGen. Edilberto Evangelista, Cagayan de Oro City	June 8
Camp Iranun, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao	June 9
Camp Evangelista Station Hospital in Cagayan de Oro City	June 11
Camp Bahian, Malaybalay, Bukidnon	July 6
Camp Teodulfo Bautista Station Hospital in Jolo, Sulu	July 15
Camp Ranao, Marawi City, Lanao Del Sur	July 20
Fort Magsaysay, Palayan City, Nueva Ecija	November 22
2018	
Camp General Manuel Yan, Compostela Valley	January 22
Camp General Simeon Olam, Legazpi City	January 29
Camp Sergio Osmeña Sr., Cebu City	February 12
Camp General Adriano Hernandez, Iloilo	February 22
Camp General Mariano N. Castañeda, Silang, Cavite	March 21



- Three National Security Council (NSC) meetings were convened since the assumption to office of President Duterte to assess the security environment and determine policy implications on some courses of actions. These were held on 27 July 2016, 12 December 2016, and 13 March 2017. The July 2016 NSC meeting was attended by by former presidents – Fidel V. Ramos, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, and Benigno S. Aquino III.



Topic discussed include: Peace and Development Roadmap; Campaign Against Illegal Drugs; West Philippine Sea; Marine Protected Areas to include Eastern Kalayaan, Scarborough Shoal and Philippine Rise; Archipelagic Sea Lanes and Maritime Zones; Peace Process; Kota Kinabalu-based Facilitation Center of the BIMP-EAGA; Integration air-space monitoring systems of the Philippine Air Force and Civil Aviation Authority; Revival of National Development Support Command (NADESCOM)

- In 2017, the NSC partnered with Department of Science and Technology (DOST) through a Memorandum of Agreement which provided framework for collaboration in research and development programs. These research and development programs including science-based security studies, national cryptography project, and technology development for military-defense upgrading should help the expansion of sphere of influence of the National Security Adviser/Director General. The technology helped in the surveillance needs during military operations in Marawi City.
- The NSC initiated to convene the National Task Force on West Philippine Sea (NTF-WPS) to deliberate on and provide appropriate actions and recommendations on various issues and concerns regarding the West Philippine Sea. The NTF-WPS has coordinated the political, diplomatic, economic, military, and legal requirements/properties to ensure that Philippine National interests are upheld, protected, and promoted.



The President graced a series of commemorative activities for the Philippine Rise. On 15 May 2018, President Duterte signed Presidential Proclamation 489 declaring the Philippine Rise as Marine Protected Areas. A ceremonial send-off for the country's premier marine scientists, as well as the laying of ocean buoys and the Philippine Flag were held the following day.

Source: NSC, June 2018

Task Force Bangon Marawi



Marawi Rehabilitation Plan

- Since the start of the conflict, the government through various agencies immediately provided assistance in the form of food and non-food items to the affected families in evacuation centers and home-based IDPs. In order to have an orderly coordination of functions and responsibilities to hasten the recovery and rebuilding program, the President signed **Administrative Order (AO) No. 3** which created and inter-agency Task Force called the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM).
- The TFBM is tasked to ensure that all efforts towards recovery, rehabilitation and rebuilding are coordinated and will serve the best interests of the affected communities.



- **AO 3** was amended through **AO 9** signed on 27 October 2017 to highlight the transition from military operations to rehabilitation and recovery. **AO 9** states that the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) will take over the chairpersonship of the Task Force.

Source: TFBM, June 2018



Marawi Rehabilitation Plan



- **Post Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA).** PCNA in Marawi City has been completed for cluster I composed of 49 barangays. Damage and Loss Assessment as part of the PCNA is ongoing in 23 barangays of Cluster II. Once completed, the PCNA findings shall be the basis for crafting a Marawi Comprehensive Recovery and Rehabilitation Plan, the basis for building back a better Marawi City in consonance with the plans submitted by the Local Government.



- **Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Plan.** The crafting of the Comprehensive Rehabilitation Plan will be done by NEDA in coordination with other concerned agencies, the local government units, NGOs and civil society organizations.

Source: TFBM, June 2018

Task Force Bangon Marawi

Bangon Marawi Comprehensive Rehabilitation and Recovery Program (BMCRRP)



The BMCRRP is targeted for approval by the Cabinet this June.

As of 15 May 2018, the BMCRRP has identified 892 short- and medium-term programs, projects and activities (PPAs) to be implemented by the different government agencies for the reconstruction and development of Marawi City and other affected localities such as Butig and Piagapo with in the period 2018 to 2022.

The 892 projects estimated at Php 53.417 Billion will focus on rebuilding physical infrastructure, housing and settlements, livelihood assistance and skills training, local governance and peace-building and various other services intended to uplift the lives and welfare of the internally displaced persons.



Source: Office of the Deputy Secretary General, HUDCC and Office of the Head Secretariat, Task Force Bangon Marawi



- Instituted the Citizens' Complaint Hotline **8888** recorded **22,180 transactions** with an average resolution rate of 93.2 percent
- Launched Emergency Hotline 911 received **248,282 legitimate calls**

Source: Office of the Cabinet Secretary , June 2018

Yolanda Rehabilitation



•The National Housing Authority – Visayas Management Office reported that the total bid-out for the Typhoon Yolanda Permanent Housing Program is already 205,128 of the total housing target as of June 2018. Of these units, 46.39% (95,164 units) have already been completed, 36.42% (74,705 units) are in various stages of completion, and 7.87% (16,143 units) are already for issuance of Notices to Proceed. The remaining 9.31% or 19,116 units will be downloaded to the Local Government Units for their own procurement and construction.

Source: NHA, June 2018

Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process



Inclusive Bangsamoro Law

- Turnover of the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) to the President (17 July 2017)
- Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO) submitted the draft of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) to the Congress (14 August 2017)



Creation of expanded Bangsamoro Transition Commission (10 February 2017)

- On 29 May 2018, President Duterte transmitted a letter to the Senate and House of Representatives certifying the necessity of the immediate enactment of Senate Bill No. 1717 and House Bill No. 6475 which provides for a basic law of the Bangsamoro.
- The proposed BBL was approved by the bicameral conference committee on 18 July 2018

Source: OPAPP, July 2018



Presidential Legislative Liaison Office



The Presidential Legislative Liaison Office reported that the President signed into law more than a hundred Republic Acts during the 17th Congress including the following:



RA 10928 extending the validity of Philippine passports to 10 years (approved on 2 August 2017)



RA 10929 establishing the free internet access in public places (approved on 2 August 2017)



RA 10930 extending the validity period of drivers' licenses (approved on 2 August 2017)

RA 10931 providing free tuition and other school fees in state universities and colleges (approved on 3 August 2017)



RA 10932 strengthening the anti-hospital deposit law by increasing penalties for refusal of hospitals and medical clinics to administer appropriate initial medical treatment and support in emergency or serious cases (approved on 3 August 2017)

RA 10963 Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (approved on 19 December 2018)

RA 10969 providing free irrigation service (approved on 2 February 2018)



RA 11036 establishing a national mental health policy (approved on 20 June 2018)

RA 11037 institutionalizing a national feeding program for undernourished school children (approved on 20 June 2018)

RA 11037 Expansion of the National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (approved on 22 June 2018)

RA 11053 prohibiting hazing (approved on 29 June 2018)

Source: PLLO, June 2018

Executive Orders

These are some of the Presidential directives which form part of the overarching goals of President Rodrigo Roa Duterte to build a nation that serves everyone. A proof that the Duterte Administration is continuing its efforts to establish law and order and bring back the people's trust in government.

EO No. 56 - INSTITUTIONALIZING THE EMERGENCY 911 HOTLINE AS THE NATIONWIDE EMERGENCY ANSWERING POINT, REPLACING PATROL 117, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (25 May 2018)

EO No. 54 – INCREASING EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION BENEFITS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND CARER'S ALLOWANCE IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR (8 May 2018)

EO No. 53 – CREATING A BORACAY INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE, PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS AND THOSE OF THE MEMBER-AGENCIES THEROF, AND OTHER MEASURES TO REVERSE DEGRADATION OF BORACAY ISLAND (8 May 2018)

EO No. 51 – IMPLEMENTING ARTICLE 106 OF THE LABOR CODE OF THE PHILIPPINES, AS AMENDED, TO PROTECT THE RIGHT TO SECURITY OF TENURE OF ALL WORKERS BASED ON SOCIAL JUSTICE IN THE 1987 PHILIPPINE CONSTITUTION (1 May 2018)

EO No. 44 – APPROVING THE ACQUISITION OF PHILIPPINE POSTAL SAVINGS BANK BY THE LAND BANK OF THE PHILIPPINES (28 September 2017)

EO No. 43 – CREATING THE PRESIDENTIAL ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMISSION AND PROVIDING FOR ITS POWERS, DUTIES AND FUNCTIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (4 October 2017)

EO No. 34 - FURTHER AMENDING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 423(S. 2005), AS AMENDED, PRESCRIBING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES ON THE REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF ALL GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS, PURSUANT TO REPUBLIC ACT NO. 9184, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE "GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT REFORM ACT OF 2003" (17 July 2017)

EO No. 28 – PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND CONTROL OF THE USE OF FIRECRACKERS AND OTHER PYROTECHNIC DEVICES (20 June 2017)

EO No. 27 – DIRECTING ALL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNITS, TO IMPLEMENT THE PHILIPPINE DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND PUBLIC INVESTMENT PROGRAM FOR THE PERIOD 2017-2022 (1 June 2017)

EO No. 26 - PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENTS IN PUBLIC AND ENCLOSED PLACES (16 May 2017)

EO No. 25 - CHANGING THE NAME OF "BENHAM RISE" TO "PHILIPPINE RISE" AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (16 May 2017)

EO No. 18 - REPEALING EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 235 (S. 2003), STREAMLINING THE RULES AND PROCEDURES OF DEFENSE CONTRACTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (7 April 2017)

EO No. 15 - CREATION OF AN INTER-AGENCY COMMITTEE ON ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUGS (ICAD) AND ANTI-ILLEGAL DRUG TASK FORCE TO SUPPRESS THE DRUG PROBLEM IN THE COUNTRY (6 March 2017)

EO No. 13 - STRENGTHENING THE FIGHT AGAINST ILLEGAL GAMBLING AND CLARIFYING THE JURISDICTION AND AUTHORITY OF CONCERNED AGENCIES IN THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF GAMBLING AND ONLINE GAMING FACILITIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (2 February 2017)

EO No. 12 - ATTAINING AND SUSTAINING "ZERO UNMET NEED FOR MODERN FAMILY PLANNING" THROUGH THE STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RESPONSIBLE PARENTHOOD AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ACT, PROVIDING FUNDS THEREFOR, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES (9 January 2017)

Department of Information and Communications Technology



- **DICT, NGCP, Transco sign Tripartite Agreement** – In a bid to provide inexpensive internet services to the rest of the country, on 8 June 2018, the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT), National Grid Corp. of the Philippines (NGCP), and National Transmission Corp. (TransCo) signed an agreement on “dark fiber” for the National Broadband Plan. The tripartite agreement was signed by DICT Acting Secretary Eliseo Rio Jr., NGCP chairman and CEO Anthony Almeda, and TransCo president Melvin Matibag at the Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.
- The agreement gives the DICT an “indefeasible right” of use and access in certain fiber optic cores, vacant lots, tower spaces, and related facilities of NGCP—the private sector concessionaire of the TransCo-owned power grid. The dark fiber is 6,154 kilometers long and spans from Luzon to Mindanao.

- The Department launched **Free WiFi in EDSA** on 12 June 2017, which initially covers the stretch from Cubao to Guadalupe.



- Grounded on the principle of “internet for all”, the DICT initiated the **Pipol Konek**, which is a free wi-fi internet access in public places nationwide. The DICT provided free internet access to approximately 2,540,618 unique devices/users through 1,330 live sites covering 17 regions, 58 provinces, 394 municipalities and cities as of 10 May 2018. Majority of users were in rural health units/hospitals (452), Public Elementary and High Schools (219), SUCs (16), plaza (118), and the rest (525) in local government units, national government agencies, libraries, and terminals.
- The DICT improved the National Government Portal (gov.ph) site which was launched in 2016. Currently, it links 156 government eServices. Further, the DICT is working towards a Government Common Platform for integrating databases of government agencies, to expedite data sharing in government.

Source: DICT, June 2018

Presidential Communications Operations Office



Efficient Delivery of Government Services

- The People's Freedom of Information (FOI) Manual was launched on 25 November 2016, alongside which launching of the eFOI, its online portal (www.foi.gov.ph) with 15 pilot agencies, and allows requests to be automatically sent to the agencies concerned for immediate processing.



- FOI Manual Submission Compliance:
 - National Government Agencies (NGAs): **190 out of 190**
 - Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations (GOCC): **99 out of 118**
 - State Universities and Colleges (SUCs): **102 out of 113**
- As of **28 June 2018**, the eFOI platform, now with **274** participating agencies, received **4,962** requests for information from the public.
- FOI request statistics:
 - Total no. of requests - **4,964**
 - Successful - **1,729** or **35%**
 - Denied - **1,324** or **27%**
 - Pending/Ongoing - **1,911** or **38%**

Source: PCOO, June 2018

Office of the Presidential Spokesperson



From January 3 to July 20, 2018, the Office of the Presidential Spokesperson held 52 Press Briefings in Malacañang. The Office also conducted 26 press briefings outside Metro Manila and 4 during the President's foreign trips. The Press Briefings are done to disseminate updated, factual and accurate information on the President's pronouncements and directives, to give good news coming from the different government agencies, and answer queries from the Malacañang Press Corps and the local media.



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The Office of the Presidential Spokesperson released *A Guide to TRAIN* in January 2018. The primer aims to disseminate information about the full implementation of the Republic Act No. 10963 or the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Act. It highlights the goals, key features and importance of the said piece of legislation.

Philippine Outlook Under the Duterte Administration



The Mastercard Asia-Pacific consumer confidence survey showed that the Philippines has the highest optimism level among its Asian neighbors, garnering 94.5 points. According to the survey, the high level of optimism in emerging markets is driven by infrastructure investments that will generate more job opportunities and push for greater inclusive economic growth. (January 2018)

The World Bank (WB) in its Global Economic Prospects January 2018 report cited the Philippines as the fastest-growing economy among ASEAN countries. (January 2018)



The 2018 Henley Passport Index reported that the Philippines improved its rank to 72nd, climbing 3 places from previous year's rank of 75th. The country now enjoys visa-free access to 63 countries. (January 2018)

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Nomura, the leading securities and investment banking company in Japan, on the economic growth of the Philippines which they projected to increase up to 6.9%. (January 2018)

The Grant Thornton International reported that the Philippines tops the Women in Business 2018 having the most number of women executives.



Grant Thornton

The report reveals that 46.58% of Filipino women in the workplace hold senior management roles, a proportion that is way above the global average of 24.14%. The report attributed the country's top ranking to non-discriminatory policies for recruitment, paid parental leave, and flexible hours as among the practices. (March 2018)



The International Monetary Fund (IMF) in its most recent World Economic Outlook reported that the Philippines, with a 2018 gross domestic product (GDP) of 6.7%, is the fastest growing economy among the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the second fastest in the world after India. The IMF projects the country's GDP growth rate to reach 6.8% in 2019. (April 2018)

The ASEAN CEO Survey of the Business Barometer: Oxford



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Business Group (OBG) reported that investor sentiment and business prospects for the Philippines remain upbeat. The Philippines ranked highest in the ASEAN region in terms of projected gross domestic product (GDP) growth with business leaders forecasting the Philippines' GDP growth rate between 6-8%. (April 2018)

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S&P Global

The Standard & Poor (S&P) Global Rating upgraded the country's credit rating from stable to positive citing the government's improved policies, including the implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) law and the Build Build Build program. (April 2018)



The Japan Credit Rating Agency (JRC) affirmed the country's BBB- credit rating and its stable outlook. According to the JRC, this economic growth is attributed to a solid domestic demand, the government's comparatively sound fiscal position, as well as our resilience to external shocks supported by a declining external debt and accumulation of foreign exchange reserves. (April 2018)



(65% of adult Filipinos satisfied) +45 net satisfaction rating (good) of President Rodrigo R. Duterte (Second Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)



The Asian Development Bank's positive outlook for the Philippines noted that the country is among the fastest growing economies in Asia. The ADB's GDP growth forecast for the country is set at 6.8 percent in 2018 and 6.9 percent in 2019. The multilateral bank sees rising investments and labor productivity as major drivers in the economy's robust domestic growth. (April 2018)

(76% adult Filipinos with much trust) +65 net trust rating (very good) of President Rodrigo R. Duterte (First Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)

The ADB in its recent assessment, expressed that the Philippines will be able to reduce the poverty incidence rate to 14% by 2022. The ADB lauded the Duterte administration's aggressive spending on infrastructure through the Build Build Build program citing that this can help reduce inequality by bringing in more opportunities, improving connectivity, and boosting our small and medium enterprises. (May 2018)

78% of adult Filipinos satisfied with the way democracy works in the country (First Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)

The Business Monitor International (BMI) Research, a unit of the Fitch Group, reported that it has moved up its gross domestic product (GDP) projection for the Philippines to 6.5% from the previous projection of 6.3%. BMI Research attributed the positive outlook on the country's economy to government consumption and fixed capital formation as a result of the Duterte Administration's expansionary fiscal policy. (May 2018)



(69% of adult Filipinos satisfied) +58 net satisfaction rating (very good) on the general performance of the current National Administration (% satisfied minus % dissatisfied) (First Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)



Dutch financial giant, ING Bank, set the country's economic growth at 6.9% for the first quarter due to increase in government spending while the country's full-year GDP growth was projected to improve at 6.8%. (May 2018)

The Social Weather Station Survey showed a 6% drop of families experiencing involuntary hunger or 9.9% in the First Quarter of 2018 compared to 15.9% in the last quarter of 2017. (First Quarter 2018 Social Weather Stations Survey)

Forbes cited the Philippines as one of the five spots in Asia that are booming with tourists for 2018. It attributed the increased tourism attention to the country's improved local infrastructure and air connectivity which are all part of the Department of Tourism's priorities to improve flight accessibility. (April 2018)



88% approval rating and 87% trust rating for President Duterte (Second Quarter 2018)

“Let us work together and lay a new foundation upon which a better Philippines can be reconstructed. Help me build a better tomorrow.”



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