

The Open Government Partnership in the Philippine Context

2023 3rd PAGBA Seminar



Open
Government
Partnership



Presentation Outline

- + **About Open Government Partnership**
- + **The Steering Committee**
- + **National Action Plan (NAP)**
- + **Upcoming Activities for FY 2023 Q3 and Q4**
- + **Creation of TWG for the Government Steering Committee Terms of Reference**

About OGP



Our Origin & Values

Founded in 2011 by government leaders and civil society advocates



Source: Vos iz Neias



76

countries

3000+

Civil society
organisations

OGP in numbers

106

local governments

380+

IRM reports

404

Action plans

24%

Of commitments made
govt more open

5200+

Commitments



EO 31, S. 2023 INSTITUTIONALIZES PHILIPPINE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP



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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 31

INSTITUTIONALIZING THE PHILIPPINE OPEN GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

WHEREAS, Section 10, Article XIII of the Constitution provides that the right of the people and their organizations to effective and reasonable participation at all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making shall not be abridged;

WHEREAS, in September 2011, the Philippines became one of the eight (8) founding members of the Open Government Partnership (OGP), a broad international partnership that includes members from national and local governments, and civil society organizations (CSOs);

WHEREAS, as a member country, the Philippines endorsed a high-level Open Government Declaration, committing itself to co-creating a National Action Plan (NAP) with the CSOs, anchored on the values of transparency, accountability, citizen participation, and technology and innovation, and subjecting said NAP to the Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM) of the OGP;

WHEREAS, over a decade of engagement in the OGP and employing significant innovations in government processes, the Philippines is recognized as a trailblazer in promoting transparency, strengthening social accountability, and empowering citizens;

WHEREAS, the Philippine Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP) has evolved into a vital platform for introducing governance reforms through harnessing technology, creating synergy with CSOs, and mainstreaming these innovations in various levels of government; and

WHEREAS, to further strengthen the engagement of government and non-government champions, there is a need to institutionalize the PH-OGP as a mechanism for the delivery of more effective and sustainable actions to address current social concerns;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, FERDINAND R. MARCOS, JR., President of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested upon me by the Constitution and existing laws, do hereby order:

Section 1. Institutionalizing the Philippine Open Government Partnership.
The PH-OGP is hereby institutionalized as a multi-stakeholder partnership responsible

THE PRESIDENT OF THE PHILIPPINES

A testament to the country's commitment to promoting **transparency**, strengthening social **accountability**, and empowering **Filipinos** through open governance and people's participation.



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The Steering Committee

Steering Committee Composition



Balance

- + Ensure that no constituency, government, or civil society is over- or underrepresented



Inclusion

- + Proactively include representatives of groups such as women, youth, seniors, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ and indigenous communities, or other historically underrepresented groups



Diversity

- + Represent a diverse set of stakeholders and interests. A diversity assessment may be useful.



The Steering Committee



What can the Steering Committee do beyond the NAP cycle?

Promoting Open Government policies and principles beyond the NAP:

- + Act proactively to go beyond the OGP process
- + Promote openness in innovative ways
- + Support initiatives that work in parallel to the NAP
- + Take advantage of peer learning opportunities within the country and internationally
- + Mobilize and sustain diverse resources

National Action Plan



How the model works



Action

- + Governments and civil society co-create two/ four year action plans with concrete reforms or commitments
- + 5,000+ commitments made to date



Accountability

- + The **Independent Reporting Mechanism (IRM)** monitors all action plans to ensure gov'ts follow through on commitments
- + Members conduct self-assessments



Community

- + OGP members engage in peer learning and exchange
- + The Support Unit provides resources and targeted in-country support to all members



Action Plan | Platform for government-civil society collaboration

PLANNING FOR THE PROCESS

Key considerations before embarking on a co-creation process, planning to plan



OUTREACH

Stakeholders are informed about the OGP, the action plan process, and how they can participate. Information can also be gathered on what they want the action plan to tackle.



ACTION PLAN DEVELOPMENT

Sensemaking of inputs gathered, defining problems, working on solutions, moving from problems to solutions, and drafting the commitments



FEEDBACK

Participating stakeholders will be informed of the results of their contributions to and participation in the action plan development process.





The OGP presented the opportunity to formalize proactive efforts in opening government and mobilize coalitions.



Various reforms which have produced impactful and irreversible outcomes.

EASE OF DOING BUSINESS PHILIPPINES (2014-2015)

INDICATORS	2015 (189)	2014 (189)	Change 2014-2015	Performance 2011-2015
OVER-ALL RANKING	95	108	↑ 13	↑ 53
1. Starting a business	161	170	↑ 9	↓ 5
2. Dealing w/ construction permits	124	99	↓ 25	↑ 32
3. Getting electricity	16	33	↑ 17	↑ 37
4. Registering Property	108	121	↑ 13	↓ 6
5. Getting Credit	104	86	↓ 18	↑ 24
6. Protecting Investors	154	128	↓ 26	↓ 22
7. Paying Taxes	127	131	↑ 4	↓ 3
8. Trading across borders	65	42	↓ 23	↓ 4
9. Enforcing contracts	124	114	↓ 10	↓ 6
10. Resolving Insolvency	50	100	↑ 50	↑ 103

The 4th PH-OGP NAP commitment on anti-red tape and ease of doing business improved the country's business climate and increased investment by 10% over the same period.

SGLG was a commitment in the 2nd PH-OGP NAP and eventually passed into law in 2019 (RA 11292).

CORE AREAS OF GOVERNANCE



Financial Administration



Disaster preparedness



Social protection



Business friendliness and competitiveness



Peace and order



Environmental Management



Tradition, Culture and the Arts

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION- PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE (FOI-PMO)



OVERSEE, DEVELOP, AND OPERATIONALIZE PROGRAMS AND MECHANISMS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2, S. 2016** OR THE FOI PROGRAM ACROSS THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH; AND ALL OTHER FOI INITIATIVES, INCLUDING THE ELECTRONIC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (eFOI) PLATFORM OF THE PROGRAM.

EO NO. 2, S. 2022 TRANSFERRED THE FOI-PMO FROM PCOO/OPS TO THE PHILIPPINE INFORMATION AGENCY (PIA)

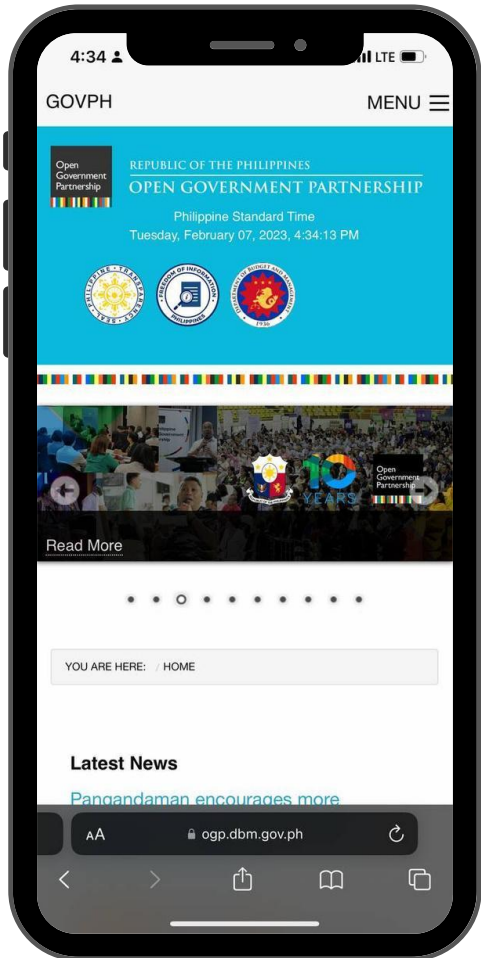
Freedom of Information
PHILIPPINES

MAYOR GLENN P. FLORES
PUBLIC SERVANT

FOI localization program as committed in the 5th PH-OGP NAP resulted in more than 50 local governments passing executive issuance and ordinances on access to information.

The International Budget Partnership recognized the Philippines in 2021 to be the one of the four and the only Asian country to have achieved adequate level of accountability in its early COVID-19 fiscal policies

Managing Covid Funds: **the accountability gap**



Visit ogp.dbm.gov.ph for the publications and progress reports on the PH-OGP National Action Plans or scan the QR code below:





Manila, Philippines

OpenStories | Philippines

Reformer: Sarah Pacarya

Action: Joining a citizen participatory audit of the impact of the national budget on the quality of public schools in Metro Manila

Impact: The government released the audit findings publicly, which identified gaps in school materials and infrastructure to be addressed

<https://www.ogpstories.org/sarah-speaks-up-for-better-schools/>



**What can OGP do
for you?**

Provide you with verifiable means of reform credential.



Incentivize and recognize your efforts
and initiatives.



Invest in your reforms and in YOU.



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Open government is enhancing the bureaucracy and improving the life of every Filipino by promoting transparency, inclusivity and accountability in government.



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