



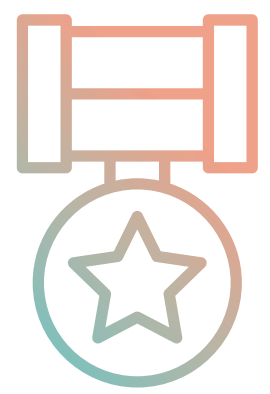
## Service Recognition Incentive for Gov't Workers Granted

President Rodrigo R. Duterte, upon the recommendation of the DBM, has authorized the grant of a one-time Service Recognition Incentive (SRI) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, at a uniform amount not exceeding PhP10,000 for each qualified government employee.

Under Administrative Order No. 19 signed on December 2, 2019, the SRI shall be granted to all civilian personnel in national government agencies, state universities and colleges, government-owned or -controlled corporations, and military and uniformed personnel.

Qualified employees should occupy regular, contractual or casual positions, still in the government service as of November 30, and have rendered at least four months of service as of said date. Meanwhile, employees who have rendered less than four months of service as of November 30 are entitled to a pro-rated share of the incentive.

The grant of the SRI recognizes the government workers' collective participation and contribution to the Administration's efforts of improving government services and streamlining public service delivery.



## DBM releases 98.9% of the FY 2019 Budget

As of November 30, 2019, the DBM has released PhP3.662 trillion, or 98.9 percent of the PhP3.662 trillion obligation program for FY 2019.

In further detail, PhP2.056 trillion allocated to the departments has already been released. It includes funds allocated for agencies in the Executive Branch, Congress, the Judiciary, and other constitutional offices.

Meanwhile, the amount of PhP369.04 billion was released for Special Purpose Funds (SPFs). These are budgetary allocations in the GAA allocated for specific socio-economic purposes such as Budgetary Support to Government Corporations, Allocation to Local Government Units, Contingent Fund, Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund, National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Fund, and Pension and Gratuity Fund.

With regard to Automatic Appropriations, allotment releases inched up to PhP1.076 trillion.

PhP26.158 billion has also been released from the continuing appropriations of the 2018 GAA for departments and releases from SPFs.

As for unprogrammed appropriations, PhP64.812 billion has been released. These are standby appropriations authorizing additional agency expenditures.



# DBM Bags Back-to-Back FOI Awards



Recognizing its commitment in promoting freedom of information and ensuring transparency in public service, the DBM was conferred back-to-back Freedom of Information (FOI) awards during the FOI New Generation Awards and the 2019 FOI Awards.

Said awards are the following:

**FOI New Generation – Most Collaborative National Government Agency** – The award was conferred to the DBM during the first-ever FOI New Generation Awards for its efforts and activities in promoting freedom of information and fostering collaborations with the youth and other sectors.

The FOI New Generation Awards, organized by the Youth Alliance for Freedom of Information, Youth United, and the University of the Philippines Office of the Vice President for Public Affairs and Youth Advocates for the Philippines, honors and recognizes the efforts and programs of government agencies,

civil society groups, academic institutions, and private sector partners who worked with the youth in promoting better access to information.

**Plaque of Recognition conferred to the DBM** – The award was given to the DBM for being one of the top requested and performing agencies in the eFOI portal ([www.foi.gov.ph](http://www.foi.gov.ph)) and for its exceptional and significant contribution to the progress and development of the FOI program.

**Plaque of Recognition conferred to the Open Government Partnership (OGP)** – The award was given to the OGP, where the DBM serves as the Secretariat, for its efforts in support of the implementation of the FOI program.

Both plaques of recognition were conferred to the DBM during the FOI Awards 2019 hosted by the Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) last December 12, 2019.



Ms. Marianne Fabian, Lead Technical PGC and PH-OGP Secretariat, receives the FOI New Generation – Most Collaborative National Government Agency award.



Dir. Yolanda Reyes and Ms. Marianne Fabian of the FPRB receive the award for DBM during the 2019 FOI Awards organized by the PCOO.



# DBM Issues 2021 Budget Call Pre-2020

To allow agencies more time to draft their programs and budget proposals for 2021, the DBM has issued the 2021 Budget Call even before the approval of the 2020 National Budget.

On November 29, Budget Secretary Wendel Avisado has issued National Budget Memorandum 133, containing the National Budget Call for FY 2021.

Under the Memorandum, Secretary Avisado said the next budget proposal will reflect the continued

implementation of budget reforms, including the transition to yearly cash budgeting system.

Following the issuance of the FY 2021 Budget Call, the FY 2021 Budget Forum was also held on December 11, 2019 at the DBM Multi-Purpose Hall.

The Forum gathered hundreds of employees from the DBM Central and Regional Offices, Government Procurement Policy Board – Technical Support Office, and Procurement Service.

## BTMS Rolled Out to 119 Government Agencies

As of December 2019, the Budget and Treasury Management System (BTMS) has been rolled out to 119 government agencies out of 266 agencies.

The BTMS was conceived and adopted through the joint efforts of the DBM, the Bureau of the Treasury (BTr), and the Commission on Audit (COA), with the objective of improving convenience, efficiency, accuracy, and timeliness in fiscal reporting and

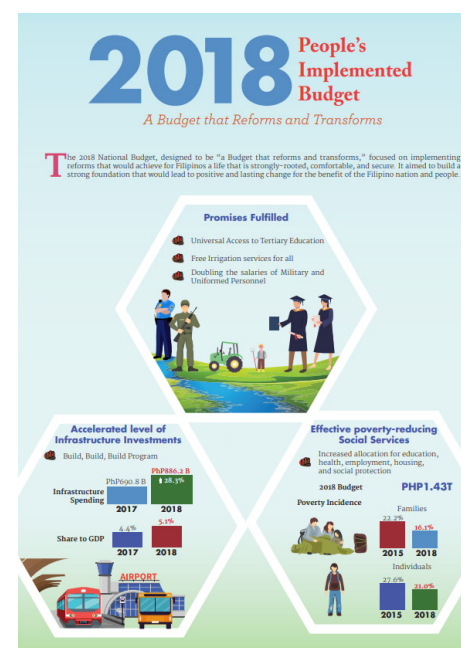
management. The BTMS is a modern, integrated, accurate, reliable, and secure Financial Management Information System for the public financial management (PFM) processes of the government.

The rollout of the BTMS to remaining NGAs was initiated in 2019, in view of its mandatory adoption starting July 2019, pursuant to DBM Circular Letter No. 2019-4 dated January 14, 2019.

## First People's Implemented Budget Released

The 2018 People's Implemented Budget, a publication presenting the accomplishments of the FY 2018 National Budget, was released by the DBM in December 2019.

As the first of its kind, the publication shows the steps undertaken by the Duterte Administration to fulfill its promise of providing positive feedback and lasting change for the benefit of the country and its people.



## DBM Conducts First-ever Contributors' Workshop-Seminar

Twenty six participants from the DBM Central and Regional Offices and the Procurement Service gathered for the first-ever Ugnayan: The DBM Contributors Seminar-Workshop held last November 14-15, 2019 at the DBM library.

The Budget Information and Training Service (BITS) organized the seminar-workshop after seeing an uptick in the number of contributions from other offices, especially from the DBM Regional Offices.

The participants underwent trainings on basic writing principles and techniques, basic news and feature writing, infographic design, and basic photography and photojournalism to further hone their skills and improve their contributions to the DBM's various publications.

In her opening remarks, Undersecretary Laura B. Pascua also highlighted the significant role of DBM contributors as strong assets in knowledge sharing and management within the DBM Community.



Participants of Ugnayan: The DBM Contributors Seminar-Workshop with BITS OIC-Director Vivien V. Labastilla



## DBM Hosts Ceremonial Launch of PH-OGP National Action Plan

In celebration of its completion and finalization, the DBM hosted the launch of the Philippine Open Government Partnership (PH-OGP) National Action Plan (NAP) 2019–2021 last December 19, 2019.

The PH-OGP NAP 2019–2021, which contains ten international open government commitments, was officially published and submitted to the OGP International Support Unit on November 30, 2019.

Prior the launch and finalization of the PH-OGP NAP 2019–2021, Civil Society Organization (CSO) consultations were conducted in Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and NCR clusters for the development of the Action Plan.

Twelve government agencies and five non-government organizations will be working together to achieve the targets under the PH-OGP NAP in the next two years.

## 254 Compensation-related Queries resolved as of end-September

The Organization, Position Classification, and Compensation Bureau (OPCCB) is responsible for resolving and responding to compensation-related queries and requests received by the DBM. As of September 30, 2019, the OPCCB has resolved 254 queries since the start of the year.

The following table shows the number of compensation-related queries resolved within the prescribed period and the total number of queries resolved per quarter:

| FY 2019      | Acted Upon Within the Prescribed Period | Total No. of Queries Acted Upon |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 1st Quarter  | 84                                      | 87                              |
| 2nd Quarter  | 70                                      | 75                              |
| 3rd Quarter  | 87                                      | 92                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b> | <b>241</b>                              | <b>254</b>                      |



BITS OIC-Director Vivien V. Labastilla and some of her staff during the writeshop conducted by MFBM-BARMM

## DBM Aids in Crafting First-ever BARMM Budget

The Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MFBM-BARMM), with the assistance and support of the DBM, finished and presented the first FY 2020 Bangsamoro Expenditure Program (BEP) last November 18 and was later approved by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) on November 30, 2019. It is the first budget ever crafted in Bangsamoro history.

To prepare the first financial program of the BARMM, the MFBM-BARMM's technical working group conducted a writeshop in Cotabato City that was also attended by DBM Regional Office (DBM RO) XII Director Akmad J. Usman, as well as Budget

Information and Training Service (BITS) OIC-Director Vivien V. Labastilla.

The DBM also assisted in crafting the supporting documents for the FY 2020 BEP, including the Technical Notes on the Proposed Bangsamoro Budget and the Chief Minister's Budget Message.

In previous separate occasions, Undersecretary Tina Rose Marie L. Canda, Director Gerald R. Janda, and Director Usman also provided technical assistance to the MFBM-BARMM on the guidelines and policies on budget execution and accountability, organization and position classification, and the local budget process.



BARMM Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim submits the FY 2020 Bangsamoro Expenditure Program.