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Second tranche of salary adjustment set for implementation

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has issued National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 584 and Local Budget Circular (LBC) No. 132, both dated January 6, 2021, prescribing the guidelines, rules, and regulations for the implementation of the second tranche of the Modified Salary Schedule. The salary adjustment is pursuant to Republic Act (RA) No. 11466, otherwise known as the Salary Standardization Law of 2019.

The requirements for the compensation adjustment for personnel of national government agencies shall be released through the GAA as Allotment Order, chargeable against the respective agency PS budgets under the FY 2021 GAA. In case of deficiency, the agency concerned may submit a request to the DBM for the release of funds, to be charged against the Miscellaneous Personnel Benefits Fund.



RA No. 11466 authorizes the modification of the Salary Schedule of civilian personnel, to be implemented in four (4) tranches, i.e., from FY 2020 to FY 2023, and the institutionalization of the grant of additional benefits such as the Mid-Year Bonus.



COVERAGE

NBC No. 584 covers all positions for civilian personnel, whether regular, casual, or contractual in nature, appointive or elective, full-time or part-time, now existing or hereafter created in the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Branches, the Constitutional Commissions and other Constitutional Offices, SUCs, and GOCCs not covered by RA No. 10149, which are under the jurisdiction of the DBM.

LBC No. 132 covers all positions for salaried LGU personnel, whether regular, contractual, or casual in nature, elective or appointive, full-time or part-time, now existing or hereafter created in LGUs; and all positions for barangay personnel which are paid monthly honoraria.

TOWARD A RESPONSIVE AND TRANSPARENT PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

FY 2021 Procurement Forum conducted

The Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB) through its Technical Support Office (TSO) held the third Procurement Forum last January 20-22, 2021 via the Zoom Webinar platform. The Forum, which carried the theme “Procurement Innovations in Times of Pandemic: Leveraging Technology and Cultivating an Agile Procurement Regime” aimed to, among others, highlight the significance of procurement planning and risk management, and policy tools in preparation for the upcoming 2022 National Elections; present to procurement practitioners and stakeholders the general procurement policy framework for FY 2021 through the digitization and streamlining of procurement processes as a continuing response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic; and launch online public procurement platforms towards the digital transformation of the Philippine public procurement regime.



The PBD Builder Portal developed through the collaborative efforts of the GPPB-TSO and the USAID prove not only that we can be resilient in the midst of adversity but that ultimately, we in the government are proactive, innovative, and responsive for greater public services.

Sec. Wendel Avisado



Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) Builder Portal launched

The Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), GPPB-Technical Support Office (GPPB-TSO), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) launched the Philippine Bidding Documents (PBD) Builder Portal on January 20, 2021, as a highlight of the three-day GPPB FY 2021 Procurement Forum.

The portal is designed to simplify and improve efficiency in the preparation of PBDs by minimizing errors and facilitating the effective conduct of public procurement of goods and infrastructure projects.

SCHEDULE	TARGET AGENCIES
20 January 2021	National Government Agencies (NGAs) & State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)
21 January 2021	NGAs, Government-Owned and -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs) & Government Financial Institutions (GFIs)
22 January 2021	Local Government Units (LGUs)



ADAPTING TO THE NEW NORMAL

First Online Budget Fora held

This year's budget fora, conducted from January 25-29, were distinct from the usual budget fora held in the past. For the first time, the fora were done in cyberspace or online and in two modalities. The lectures and presentations were held in asynchronous sessions, via the DBM Learning Management System (LMS), and the synchronous session, highlighted by the open forum, was conducted via the Zoom application. The LMS is an online e-learning portal where participants can access and review presentations on various topics prior to the open forum.

While different in some ways from all the other budget fora previously conducted, the objective of this year's fora remained the same: to acquaint and update government agencies and instrumentalities on the policies and guidelines on the formulation of the FY 2022 Budget.

With the implementation of the Supreme Court ruling on the Mandanas-Garcia petition in 2022, this year's budget fora also tackled the policies in connection

with the rollout of the said Supreme Court decision, including the analyses of the impact of this decision on the National Budget.

The DBM Regional Offices likewise held their virtual online budget fora to cascade the policies, guidelines, and other pertinent information on the preparation of the FY 2022 budget to their respective clientele agencies.



Together, let us prove that we are greater than this pandemic and that we can surmount the challenges and obstacles that have been put in our way. Indeed, we will heal and recover as one – because we are willing to work as one.

Sec. Avisado



CAPACITATING PFM PRACTITIONERS

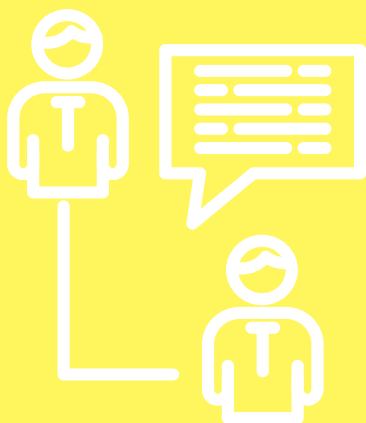
30 government scholars undergo Training of Trainers on Business Process Management

Thirty government employees, 21 of them from the DBM, are participating in the Training of Trainers (ToT) on Business Process Management (BPM) for the Review and Re-engineering of Government Processes, scheduled on February 16 to May 4, 2021.

Other participants are from the Department of Finance, Commission on Audit, West Visayas State University, Bicol University, Department of the Interior and Local Government, and Anti-Red Tape Authority.

The online course, offered by the Queensland University of Technology, covers eight modules anchored on Rosemann's BPM Lifecycle. Aside from building the BPM competencies of the participants, the course will likewise develop their soft skills to become effective trainers. After the course, the participants are expected to serve as trainers who will cascade knowledge on BPM to other oversight and implementing agencies and make BPM a common foundation for improvement.

The course is under the auspices of the Australia Awards and Alumni Engagement Program - Philippines (AAAEP-P).



This training will take us to the next stage - further enriching the competencies of our PFM practitioners, enabling them to apply business process management tools and techniques to better understand, develop, and strengthen our PFM processes.

Usec. Janet Abuel



BUILDING STRONG FINANCIAL LEADERSHIP

PFM executive session for BARMM ministers held

Government leaders with good skills and competence in public financial management (PFM) can help steer efficient and effective delivery of public goods and services. Thus, to equip the leaders of the two-year old Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) with the necessary PFM executive skills, the DBM, together with the BARMM Budget and Finance Ministry and Japan International Cooperation Agency, held a PFM Executive Session for the second batch of its ministers and directors on March 6-8, 2021.

The first batch of the Executive Briefing was conducted in March last year. It was one of the key capacity building activities of the BARMM during its first year of inauguration.

The three-day session aimed to help the participants understand the PFM essential concepts of fiscal discipline, allocative efficiency and technical efficiency; and differentiate the functions of budgeting, taxation, auditing, and procurement.

Among the topics discussed were the Cash Budgeting System, staffing and organization, Performance-Informed Budgeting and Program Expenditure Classification, fundamentals of PFM, Treasury Single Account and Cash Management, and Procurement Law and its Implementing Rules and Regulations.



The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) was formed through the Bangsamoro Organic Law. Since its establishment, the DBM has provided technical assistance in crafting its first budget, as well as in building its capacity on PFM.



Rest assured that under the Duterte Administration, we remain committed to fully support the Region's genuine development and the achievement of a just and lasting peace.



- Sec. Avisado

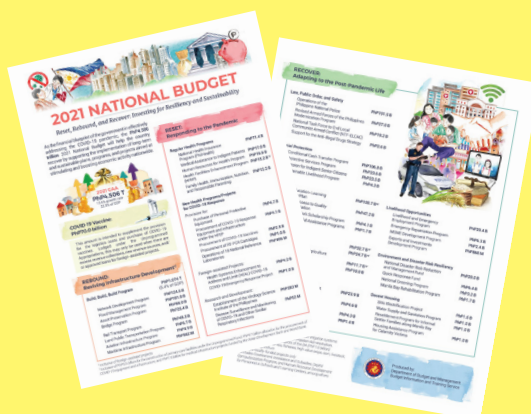
SUSTAINED FISCAL OPENNESS

FY 2021 People's Enacted Budget published

Sustaining its commitment to fiscal transparency, the DBM, through the Budget Information and Training Service, has released the FY 2021 People's Enacted Budget. Said publication presents the enacted National Budget, or the General Appropriations Act (GAA), in a non-technical manner that is easy to understand, particularly by laypersons.



A Quick Glance briefier, a two-page (back-to-back) brochure, on the approved FY 2021 Budget was also released and posted on the DBM website (<https://www.dbm.gov.ph/index.php/budget-documents/2021/2021-people-s-budget/2021-budget-at-a-glance-signed>). It summarizes the People's Enacted Budget publication and highlights key budget expenditures.



UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS under the PEOPLE'S BUDGET SERIES

- Pinagtibay na Budget ng Bayan
- Quick Glance in Filipino and Visayan languages

HIGHLIGHTS of the FY 2021 BUDGET

PhP4.100 T
2020 GAA



PhP4.506 T
2021 GAA

BY SECTOR

Social Services
PhP1,668.0 B

Economic Services
PhP1,323.1 B

General Public Services
PhP747.8 B

Defense
PhP206.8 B

Debt Burden
PhP560.2 B

TOP 5 DEPARTMENTS/ RECIPIENTS

1 Education (includes DepEd, SUCs, CHED, and TESDA) - PhP751.7 B

2 Department of Public Works and Highways - PhP695.7 B

3 Department of the Interior and Local Government - PhP249.3 B

4 Department of Health (includes PhP71.4 B budget of PhilHealth) - PhP210.2 B

5 Department of National Defense - PhP205.8 B



BUDGET RELEASES

Php22.9 B Financial Assistance to LGUs in NCR Plus Released

The Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has released to the Bureau of the Treasury on March 30, 2021 the Special Allotment Release Order and corresponding Notices of Cash Allocation amounting to Php22.9 billion to cover the financial assistance to local government units (LGUs) in the National Capital Region, the Provinces of Bulacan, Cavite, Laguna and Rizal (collectively known as "NCR Plus"), that were placed under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) from March 29 to April 04, 2021.

The financial assistance is intended to assist 80 percent of the population of NCR Plus who belong to low-income households. They are

entitled to receive Php1,000 per person but not to exceed Php4,000 per family either in cash or in kind based on the most efficient and effective mechanism to be identified by their respective LGUs. Around 22.915-million individuals are expected to benefit from this financial assistance based on projections from the National Economic and Development Authority.

On the same day, the DBM has also released Local Budget Circular No. 136 to prescribe the guidelines and procedures on the release and utilization of the financial assistance to the cities and municipalities in the NCR Plus.

BREAKDOWN OF ALLOCATION



PHP22.9 B

BENEFICIARIES:
22.915 M INDIVIDUALS



NCR
PHP11.17 B



BULACAN
PHP2.97 B



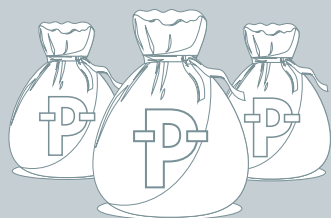
CAVITE
PHP3.44 B



LAGUNA
PHP2.72 B



RIZAL
PHP2.61 B

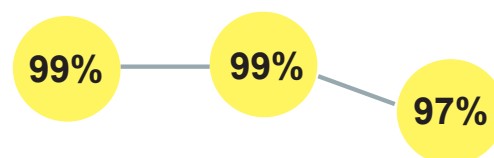


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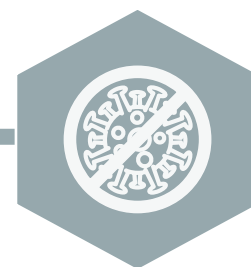
97% of NCAs Utilized as of March 2021

As of March 31, 2021, 97%, or PhP788.8 billion, of the PhP810.7 billion Notice of Cash Allocations (NCAs) released to national government agencies (NGAs), budgetary support to government-owned or –controlled corporations (GOCCs) and local government units (LGUs) have been utilized. This is slightly lower than the NCA utilization rate of 99% recorded in the same period last year and in 2019.

Among the departments which registered a 100% utilization rate include the departments of Agrarian Reform, Education, Energy, Environment and Natural Resources, Interior and Local Government, Public Works and Highways, Trade and Industry, and Transportation.



NCA UTILIZATION RATE		
2019	2020	2021
JAN-MAR	JAN-MAR	JAN-MAR



Allotment Releases for COVID-19

The DBM has released a total of PhP652.3 billion, as of March 31, 2021, to combat the COVID-19 pandemic. The amount includes the PhP10 billion released to the Department of Health (DOH) on February 4 for the vaccination program of the national government.

Below is the breakdown of the allotment releases:

