

FOREWORD

In 1936, John Maynard Keynes published a book on macroeconomics that was thought to be a breakthrough in the field.

That same year, on April 25, the Budget Commission (now the Department of Budget and Management) was created “to carry out the President’s responsibility for preparing the budget.”

Today, after 70 years of carrying out the budget responsibility with equanimity, the DBM is making a long stride towards a similar groundbreaking feat – publishing a potent tool for good governance that is anchored on responsible, transparent budgeting processes and expenditure management.

FY 2007 is indeed a milestone year. It marks the ‘debut’ of the Organizational Performance Indicator Framework (OPIF), its mainstreaming into budget preparation.

Given limited resources to distribute across departments and sectors of society, the OPIF comes to revolutionize the way policymakers and implementers view the budget and the budgeting process.

The OPIF-based budget – this document – presents the budget in “a context that matters” to its stakeholders: performance and results.

As a first “crack” at performance or results-based budget presentation, the OPIF is a “work in progress”. We hope it will soon become a mantra in making sense of how each government agency performs.

The OPIF is a result of years of development. I am honored that the reform effort saw fruition when I joined the Department and I became its advocate.

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