# **2018 NATIONAL BUDGET** ----- A Budget that Reforms and Transforms

As the first budget crafted and owned by the Duterte Administration, the **PhP3.767 trillion National Budget for 2018** seeks to strengthen the country's foothold in the implementation of reforms that will bring about positive and lasting transformation.

Higher than the 2017 budget of PhP3.350 trillion, the proposed Budget represents 21.6% of the country's projected gross domestic product for 2018.



The PhP3.767 trillion Budget for 2018 will make a difference in the lives of all Filipinos as the **social services sector** continues to get the biggest allocation at **37.8% or PhP1,425.7 B**. This will primarily fund human capital investments such as education and health.

The **economic sector**, on the other hand, remains the second largest recipient at **30.6% or PhP1,153.6 B** to build critical and labor-intensive infrastructure programs such as roads, bridges, airports, ports, and railways.

**Department of** 

**Public Works** 

and Highways

PhP637.9 B

Department of

Transportation

PhP66.3 B

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Department of

Education

(including SUCs,

**CHED, TESDA)** 

PhP672.4 B

**Department of** 

**Social Welfare** 

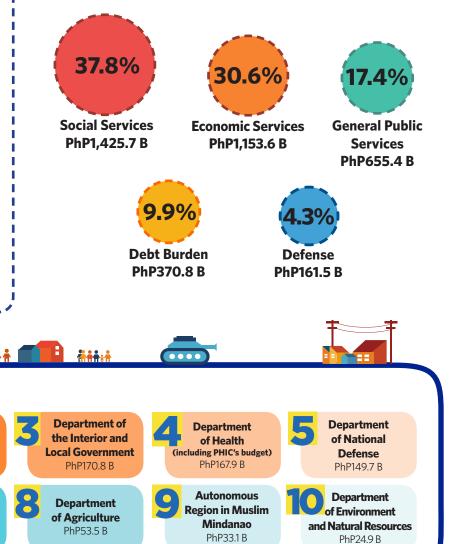
and Development

PhP141.8 B

**TOP 10 RECIPIENTS** 

## **BUDGET DIMENSION BY SECTOR**

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# **HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018 BUDGET**

#### MAKE UP FOR NEGLECT IN INFRASTRUCTURE

The 2018 Budget invests heavily in infrastructure with the help of the government's Build, Build, Build Program:

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Infrastructure budget is equivalent to 6.3% of GDP, consistent with President Duterte's commitment to ramp up infrastructure spending to about 7.3% of GDP by 2022.

2017	5.4%
2018	6.3%
2019	6.8%
2020	6.9%
2021	6.9%
2022	7.3%

Huge increases in the budget of two major infrastructure agencies

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Agency	2017	2018	Growth Rate (2017-2018)
Department of Public Works and Highways	PhP454.7 B	PhP637.9 B	40.3%
Department of Transportation	PhP53.3 B	PhP66.3 B	24.4%

#### ACCELERATE HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Enhancement Program

Free services to the poor in government hospitals

The 2018 Budget funds programs and strategies that invest in human capital development:

DepEd	PhP553.3 B	Implementation of the K-to-12 Program, creation of teaching and non-teaching positions	
SUCs	PhP62.1 B	Operations and improvements of public education institutions	
CHED	PhP49.4 B	Scholarships, grants, and subsidies for higher education	
TESDA	PhP7.6 B	Training of competitive and technically-proficient students who are employable	
Health for All PhP167.9 B		Reduce Vulnerability of Individuals and Families	
Construction and rehabilita in the pro-	of treatment tion centers	10.5% higher than its 2017 budget Conditional Cash Transfer Program	
Improvement of existing health facilities through the Health Facilities		Social Pension for Indigent Senior Citizens	

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#### REDUCE HUNGER RATE; REDISTRIBUTE LAND TO LANDLESS FARMERS

The 2018 Budget will open up more opportunities for Filipinos, particulary the farmers and fisherfolk who belong to the poorest sector. Major allocations include:

#### **Agricultural Development**

**PhP3.5 B** for the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation to cover the full insurance premium of subsistence farmers and fisherfolk for insuring crops, livestock, fisheries, and non-crop agricultural assets. **PhP1.05 B** for the Agricultural Credit Policy Council to extend easily accessible loan programs or credit facilities to farmers and fisherfolk.

#### Distribution of Land to Landless Farmers



**PhP9.9 B** for the Department of Agrarian Reform for land distribution to agrarian reform beneficiaries and ensure land tenure security.



#### FULFILLMENT OF THE PRESIDENT'S PROMISES

The 2018 Budget stays true to the promises of President Duterte:

Commitment	Description	Budget
Universal Access to Tertiary Education	Free tuition program for college students in SUCs	PhP40.0 B
2Subsidy for Irrigation Service Fees	Free irrigation services for farmers	PhP2.0 B
<b>3</b> Salary Increase Of Military and Uniformed Personnel (MUP)	Increase in the base pay of MUP by an average of 58.7% for all ranks	PhP64.2 B
4 Marawi Rehabilitation and Recovery Program	Funding for infrastructure, housing, healthcare, education, and livelihood needs of Marawi City	PhP10.0 B

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Supplementary Feeding Program