

BRIEFER ON THE 2024 BUDGET PRIORITIES FRAMEWORK (EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES)



Expenditure Directions



Aligned with the government's 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda and the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, the National Government continues to prioritize expenditure items which will steer the economy back on a high growth path.

Infrastructure Development

- Continue the infrastructure development through the Build, Better, More program
- Improve transportation and logistics networks through intermodal transport facilities and last mile connectivity
- Address the universal access to safe, affordable, and sustainable water supply and sanitation
- Prioritize the completion of reforms under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act and the fast-tracking of the implementation of the Retail Competition and Open Access and the Green Energy Option Program
- Develop alternative and renewable energy industries, including natural gas and electric vehicle manufacturing

Digital Transformation of the Government

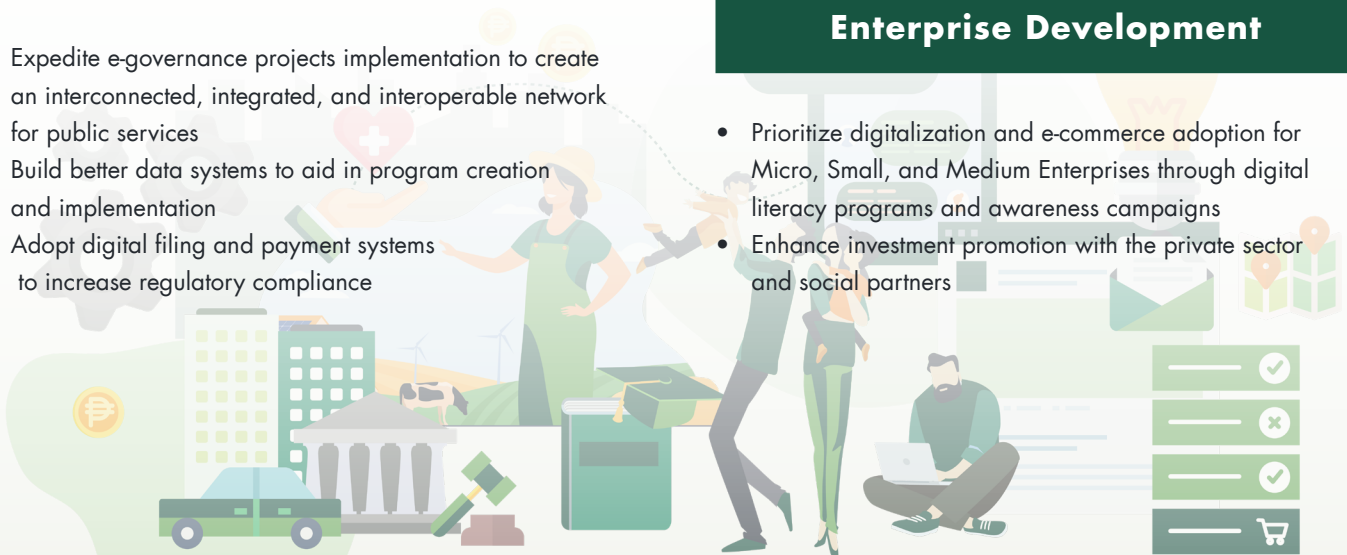
- Expedite e-governance projects implementation to create an interconnected, integrated, and interoperable network for public services
- Build better data systems to aid in program creation and implementation
- Adopt digital filing and payment systems to increase regulatory compliance

Food Security

- Strengthen local supply chains through the enhancement of agricultural productivity and expansion of access of farmers and fisherfolk to markets
- Reduce production costs through improved access to land, irrigation, energy, and fertilizer
 - Improve land distribution through the adoption of digital technologies for faster titling of collectively owned land
 - Retrofit existing irrigation and drainage systems to meet climate needs and incorporate climate-smart technologies in new ones
 - Promote local farm and non-farm wastes and biological materials as alternative energy and fertilizer sources

Enterprise Development

- Prioritize digitalization and e-commerce adoption for Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises through digital literacy programs and awareness campaigns
- Enhance investment promotion with the private sector and social partners



Human Capital Development

Health

- Promote reforms in nutrition and health aligned with health sector reforms such as the Universal Health Care (UHC) Act and the First 1,000 Days Law
- Strengthen the implementation of the Mental Health Act
- Manage the endemic phase of COVID-19 through improved healthcare system and intensive health promotion
- Enhance national and local capacities for health system management and resilience to public health emergencies
- Address inequitable distribution of national investments in health through support in the establishment of regional specialty centers and development of an interoperable health information system

Social Protection

- Strengthen the digitalization of services and facilities in the delivery of social protection assistance
- Promote the use of digital wallets and other innovative financial platforms for efficient and effective distribution of social protection programs
- Establish a standard menu of anticipatory and shock-responsive social protection programs to address human-induced disasters and natural calamities
- Reduce shocks to household incomes and casualties due to disasters/calamities

Accelerate Climate Action and Strengthen Disaster Resilience

- Prioritize adaptation measures in agriculture and climate-proofing of infrastructure
- Accelerate rehabilitation of degraded ecosystems and strengthen management and sustainable use of natural resources
- Use integrated and ecosystem-based approaches and nature-based solutions for sustainable use of natural resources

Research and Development (R&D), and Innovation

- Accelerate implementation of the Philippine Innovation Act
- Provide support through diffusion and commercialization of both publicly- and privately-funded science, technology, and innovation products

Education

- Strengthen efforts to improve education quality and address impacts of learning losses from prolonged school closures during the pandemic
- Implement a two-pronged strategy focusing on programs for learners and capacity building for educators
- Implement interventions such as the Basic Education Learning Continuity Plan and Excellence in Teacher Education Act, as well as development of catch-up education programs and other innovative approaches to address learning losses
- Align policy interventions, such as streamlining the K to 12 Curriculum into the Most Essential Learning Competencies, and designing Technical-Vocational Education and Training programs with the demands of the labor market

Labor and Employment

- Focus on upskilling and reskilling of the labor force to address the challenges in the labor market
- Implement measures to support continuing education, digital learning, and training for the labor force
- Promote lifelong learning processes that anticipate and respond to the evolving skill requirements of priority sectors

Strategic Directions on Transition to Full Devolution

- Prioritize strategic regional needs while aligning with national priorities to enhance linkages and promote equitable investment opportunities and growth
- Ensure the alignment of national, regional, and local plans and objectives through close coordination between National Government Agencies and Local Government Units (LGUs)
- Provide capacity-building interventions to help LGUs effectively assume basic service delivery of devolved functions

A separate briefer will be released for the FY 2024 National Budget's final macroeconomic assumptions and fiscal aggregates.

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