

BRIEFER ON THE 2026 BUDGET PRIORITIES FRAMEWORK

EXPENDITURE PRIORITIES

For Fiscal Year (FY) 2026, the expenditure priorities of the Administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr. are anchored on the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023–2028, aligned with the President’s 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda and the *Bagong Pilipinas* governance framework. These priorities are likewise consistent with the National Government (NG) commitment to the AmBisyon Natin 2040 vision and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. These initiatives are designed to drive economic and social transformation toward a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society.

Given the limited fiscal space, new budget proposals will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the Administration’s priorities
- Shovel/Implementation-readiness
- Agency absorptive capacity
- Available fiscal space
- Prioritization/straight ranking of budget proposals

2026 BUDGET PRIORITIES

Infrastructure Development

- The Build Better More program
- Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs) approved by the NEDA¹ Board



Invest in active transport infrastructure



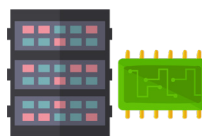
Strengthen integrated water resources



Develop agriculture infrastructure



Improve healthcare facilities



Pursue digital connectivity

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Human Capital Development

- Promote equitable access to quality healthcare for all Filipinos
- Improve access to education and life-long learning opportunities
- Strengthen the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps)
- Stimulate job opportunities complemented with upskilling and retooling of the labor force

Food and Water Security

- Construct and expand modern postharvest facilities such as dryers, silos, warehouses, and rice mills, among others
- Invest in projects with multipurpose functions that integrate irrigation, flood mitigation, and water supply

Industry Development

- Improve the domestic market production and supply base
- Extend Negosyo Centers to include Local Government Units (LGUs) without these facilities
- Transform existing One Town, One Product (OTOP) stores nationwide into multifaceted hubs
- Promote multidimensional tourism through the Philippine Experience Program

Research and Development (R&D), and Innovation

- Support incubation programs of innovative startups
- Expand scholarship programs to increase human resources in R&D and in innovation priority areas of the National Innovation Agenda Strategy Document 2023-2032
- Pursue a stronger Academe-Industry-Government R&D collaboration

Digitalization

- Invest in digital solutions to streamline government processes
- Ensure the integration and interoperability of the NG's digital systems

Environment, and Climate and Disaster Resilience

- Establish marine scientific research stations and adopt technologies to strengthen marine protection activities
- Improve implementation of resilience actions through capacity-building activities
- Integrate the Adaptive and Shock Responsive Social Protection system of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) into existing government mechanisms to ensure timely and effective responses to risks and shocks

A separate briefer will be released for the FY 2026 National Budget's final macroeconomic assumptions and fiscal aggregates that will be approved by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC)



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