

PH-EITI

WORK PLAN 2018

INTRODUCTION

Half a decade into implementation and having recently been declared the first country to make “satisfactory progress” against the 2016 EITI Standard (5 October 2017), the Philippine Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (PH-EITI) is entering a new era of operation calling for an evolved plan of action this 2018.

With a strong Multi-stakeholder Group (MSG) having the steady commitment of government, industry, and civil society organization (CSO); four progressively comprehensive Country Reports (and counting); MSG recommendations generally integrated in the reform programs and initiatives of key implementing agencies; inclusion of EITI in the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 and PH-OGP National Action Plan 2017-2019; legislative bills on institutionalizing EITI filed in Congress; the issuance of DENR DAO 2017-07 (among others); the time is ripe for FORGING NEW FRONTIERS, PIONEERING-INNOVATING, and going for MAXIMUM IMPACT of EITI on our stakeholders – the chosen thrusts for 2018 – under the banner of “Moving Beyond Transparency, “ the title of the latest Report and a fitting theme for the year.



CHALLENGES

To be sure, as in any other area or discipline, the process of reform is complex, laborious, and inevitably gradual. Old issues and challenges remain:

- Gaps in existing data due to issues in data generation, recordkeeping, level of disaggregation, inadequate monitoring mechanisms (especially with respect to the management of mandatory funds, IP royalties, and local payments)
- Ensuring integrity and credibility in implementing legally mandated mechanisms for obtaining the consent of host communities and Indigenous Peoples
- Delay in the release by the national government of local governments' rightful share in the wealth from extractives, which has resulted in the difficulty of the local governments to pursue developmental activities using the proceeds from extractive activities and realize/appreciate the benefits of the same.
- A framework on how the extractive industries can contribute to sustainable development both at the national and local levels has yet to be fully developed.
- On top of volatile commodity prices, cost inflation, and the like, uncertainties in the policy environment, which greatly affect investments in the industry, constrain the sector from optimizing the industry's contribution to sustainable development.
- Generating and sustaining greater public involvement and participation
- Institutionalization of policies to ensure stability and sustainability, to make sure that reforms are firmly in place despite changes in administration at the national and local levels.

CORE OBJECTIVES AND PROGRAMS

Given the foregoing, we, at the outset, uphold the keystone that has guided us to the present, and reaffirm PH-EITI's broad and interconnected objectives, the rationale for which has become clear and self-evident over the years:

- Increase public understanding of the management of natural resources and public accessibility of data.
- Show direct and indirect contribution of extractives to the economy.
- Strengthen national resource management / strengthen government systems.
- Create opportunities for dialogue and constructive engagement in natural resource management in order to build trust and reduce conflict among stakeholders.
- Pursue and strengthen the contribution of the extractive industries to sustainable development.

Recognizing the often multiple or composite effects of measures and actions, we chart the 2018 Work Plan around core programs of initiatives and activities intended to help us realize our vision for the year, to wit:

- Country Report Publication
- Capacity Building and Outreach
- Research and Policy Reform
- Communication Activities
- Administrative and Operations

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OBJECTIVES

PUBLIC UNDERSTANDING

Increase public understanding of the management of natural resources and accessibility of data

CONTRIBUTION

Show direct and indirect contribution of extractives to the economy

SYSTEMS

Strengthen national resource management / strengthen government systems

ENGAGEMENT

Create opportunities for dialogue and constructive engagement in natural resource management in order to build trust and reduce conflict among stakeholders

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Pursue and strengthen the contribution of the extractive industries to sustainable development



CORE PROGRAMS



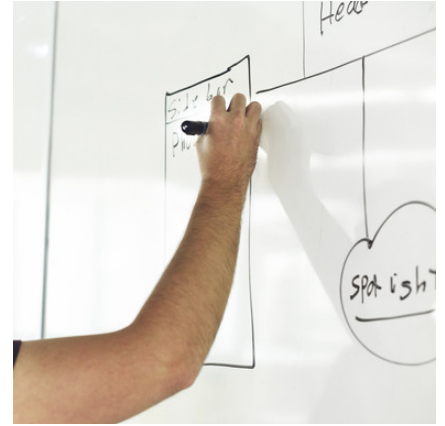
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COUNTRY REPORT PUBLICATION



This year, the lag in reporting is now down to one year after the publication of the fourth country report covering fiscal years 2015-16. We move forward this year to further broaden our coverage and ensure full participation from the industry and government.

INITIATIVES

PRODUCTION OF EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR FOURTH REPORT

Allocation: Php 3,405,000.00

Objective Met:

PUBLICATION OF CONTEXTUAL INFORMATION

Allocation: Php 1,000,000.00

Objective Met:

PUBLICATION OF THE FIFTH COUNTRY REPORT

Allocation: Php 3,500,000.00

Objective Met:



CAPACITY BUILDING AND OUTREACH



Alongside transparency is our continuous effort to reach out to more stakeholders and build the capacities of those we are engaging with. This is to sustain our initiative and ensure transparency translates to improve resource governance in the Philippines.

INITIATIVES

INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL OUTREACH

Allocation: Php 10,315,681.60

Objective Met:

CAPACITY BUILDING FOR MSG AND SECRETARIAT

Allocation: Php 866,019.61

Objective Met:

SUBNATIONAL OUTREACH AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Allocation: Php 8,150,347.11

Objective Met:

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Allocation: Php 2,772,983.75

Objective Met:



RESEARCH AND POLICY REFORM



The wealth in disclosures borne out of the implementation of EITI has presented opportunities for stakeholders to improve the way we govern our natural resources. As we move beyond transparency this year, there is an imperative that we be able to institutionalize these reforms and that we continue building on the momentum we have created through the years.

INITIATIVES

IMPLEMENTATION OF BO ROADMAP

Allocation: Php 500,000.00

Objective Met:

INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF POLICY REFORMS AND MAINSTREAMING

Allocation: Php1,564,596.75

Objective Met:

DEVELOPMENT OF TOOLS AND SYSTEMS

Allocation: Php 1,500,000.00

Objective Met:

MEASURE IMPACT OF EITI IMPLEMENTATION

Allocation: Php 2,500,000.00

Objective Met:



COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES



The value of effective communication cannot be underestimated in our bid to make sure EITI implementation generates positive impact to the country. Through effective and constant engagements with the members of the press and our target audience through relevant communication channels, we aim to reach more audiences in the most efficient, effective, and sustainable way.

INITIATIVES

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

Allocation: Php 1,685,000.00



ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONS



The implementation of EITI is not without its staff. As we move beyond transparency, rest assured that the PH-EITI Secretariat are committed to achieving our objectives and gaining for our country more achievements and positive impacts.

INITIATIVES

TECHNICAL STAFF SERVICES

Allocation: Php 7,160,103.00

SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL EXPENSES

Allocation: Php 426,700.00

Objective Met:

UTILITY EXPENSES

Allocation: Php 63,000.00

Objective Met:

COMMUNICATION EXPENSES

Allocation: Php 205,500.00

Objective Met:

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF SERVICES

Allocation: Php 3,925,632.00

Objective Met:

OTHER MOOE

Allocation: Php 2,034,684.80

Objective Met: