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NEDA MISSION

As members of the NEDA family
and of this nation,
we are committed
to uphold the constitution
and the ideals of a nation united.

Ours is the task to formulate
development plans and
ensure that plan implementation
achieves the goals
of national development.

In the performance of our mandate,
we shall be guided by the principles
of private initiative and
devolution of powers
that greater people participation in the
development process may be achieved.

Guided by our faith in God
and an inspired leadership,
our hallmarks as a development institution
shall be founded on unity and solidarity
and on the integrity, professionalism and
excellence of each and every staff.

We shall be transparent in all our actions
and continue to adhere
to the highest tenets of public ethics
for ours is a caring agency responsive
to the needs of every member,
while working for the welfare of all.



SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

In 2015, NEDA continued to ensure the country's economic resilience and pursue structural reforms to make growth more inclusive, where no Filipino is left behind.

The Philippine economy remained stable and resilient despite challenges in the external and internal fronts. Amidst global economic slowdown, weather-related disasters, and domestic uncertainties our economy was able to perform better than expected.

The country's gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 5.9 percent in 2015, a deceleration from the GDP growth of 6.2 percent in 2014. Nonetheless, this was among the fastest in major Asian economies, next to India, China, and Vietnam. Meanwhile, higher inflows of net primary income propelled the gross national income (GNI), which grew by 5.8 percent, slightly lower than the previous year's 5.9 percent growth.

This positive performance was built on the strengths and resiliency of the structural reforms and productivity-enhancing measures that the government continued to implement in 2015. Despite these gains, we still need to intensify overall efforts to achieve inclusive development, through reforms that would guide the country along a higher growth path and help ensure a more equitable distribution of the benefits of such growth.

In 2015, NEDA helped pursue the following structural reforms for sustainable and inclusive growth: (a) Passage of the Fair Competition Act and Cabotage Law; (b) sound fiscal management; (c) strong governance and anti-corruption agenda; (d) increased investment in basic education; and (e) widespread implementation of the Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program or the Conditional Cash Transfer Program, among others.

Milestones for the year included the country's hosting of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), with NEDA serving as co-senior official in the APEC Senior Officials' Meeting and as chair in the 2nd APEC Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting. NEDA also signed a joint memorandum circular with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on a National Evaluation Policy Framework to improve the resource allocation process for various government projects and programs in the country.

The NEDA Secretariat also led the various activities for the "Salubungan" in the regions. The "Salubungan" is a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model under ASAPP (Accelerated and Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program), which aims to tap the skills and resources of the poor to expand private sector production capacities and markets.

The NEDA Board, chaired by the President, approved 29 infrastructure projects including various Light Rail Transit (LRT) extensions, airport and road developments at a total cost of PHP800,239.85 million. These projects should further boost the country's economic growth and create more jobs.

The NEDA Secretariat regularly provided information and technical advice to decision makers. We updated the Office of the President on the state of the economy and worked with the House of Representatives and the Senate, not to mention the cabinet cluster on economic development. The recently implemented Salary Standardization Law of 2015 or SSL4 also

benefited from NEDA's inputs.

Our attached agency, the Philippine Statistics Authority, fresh from reorganization, continued to release information to the public: statistical reports and data, including socioeconomic indicators, and updated the Philippine Statistical Development Plan (PSDP) in light of recent developments.

Accomplishments in 2015 could not have been possible without the hard work, commitment, and innovativeness of the officials and staff of the Agency. NEDA personnel undertook capacity building and training programs to equip them with skills, knowledge and competencies to effectively carry out NEDA's mandate. The Agency also conducted training workshops for other stakeholders such as local government partners, academe, and other sectors of society to facilitate better interaction and planning at the local level.

In 2015, NEDA continued to lay the foundations for long-term changes that transcend any administration. It also started the formulation of the National Long Term Vision (LTV) for the next 25 years based on the aspirations and dreams of the Filipino people for a better life. In 2016, a new leadership may provide new directions – and it is our hope that development will continue with people at the center.

Through this report, we hope for a wider public understanding and appreciation of NEDA's role in helping steer the economy and strengthening structural reforms. In partnership with other sectors of society, we are committed to the vision of inclusive growth for the benefit of all Filipinos.


ARSENIO M. BALISACAN
*Socioeconomic Planning Secretary
 and NEDA Director-General*

NEDA in 2015

STEERING THE ECONOMY, SOLIDIFYING STRUCTURAL REFORMS

ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2015

As the country's highest socioeconomic development planning and policy coordinating body, NEDA continued to emphasize good governance and transparency in formulating development plans and ensuring that the implementation of these plans achieves our goal of inclusive growth, where no Filipino is left behind.

NEDA in 2015

In 2015, NEDA continued to lead the coordination of development initiatives across the entire government that helped steer the economy and strengthened structural reforms in the country. This is by pursuing sound economic development management and effective leadership management and innovation.

The Agency has been providing six major services to achieve **sound economic and development management**: (a) development planning; (b) investment programming; (c) monitoring and evaluation; (d) policy and technical advice; (e) statistical products and civil registration services; and (f) capacity development services.

NEDA and its attached agencies also continued to work on organizational development and to build strategic linkages for **effective leadership management and innovation**.

PART 1:

STEERING THE ECONOMY, SOLIDIFYING STRUCTURAL REFORMS

THROUGH SOUND ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT

DEVELOPMENT PLANNING

In 2015, NEDA took the lead in assessing the country's progress vis-à-vis the targets set in the Updated Philippine Development Plan to ensure that strategies, programs, and projects are aligned with and work towards the goal of inclusive growth.

Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2011-2016 Midterm Update Abridged version.

NEDA released the abridged version of the PDP 2011-2016 Midterm Update to enable broader dissemination of evidence-based information on the development vision, policies, strategies, programs and projects of the government until 2016. This version focuses on the salient aspects of the PDP: framework, targets, strategies, and major programs, activities and projects (PAPs).

Area Spatial Development Frameworks (ASDFs). The NEDA, through its Regional Offices, finalized the ASDFs for Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao. The ASDFs aim to harmonize and strengthen the socioeconomic and physical linkages between and among regions and provinces in the country. Adopted by the Regional Development Area Committees, these ASDFs will guide the different regions in formulating their respective regional spatial development frameworks, which will provide spatial dimension to the successor Regional Development Plans.

Bangsamoro Development Plan. With the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, NEDA continually provided technical assistance in the preparation of the investment Program of the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP). The BDP provides a vision, short and medium-term strategy and recommendation for the Bangsamoro. In

line with this, NEDA organized inter-agency technical meetings regarding the status of national government programs and projects for the Bangsamoro area.

Reports on socioeconomic indicators. The NEDA Secretariat regularly submits to the President memoranda and technical reports on the latest results of the surveys/estimates of social and macroeconomic indicators released by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). The reports inform the President on the current socioeconomic situation, provide near-term outlook and recommend appropriate policy actions.

The reports include the following: (a) monthly reports on inflation; (b) monthly reports on merchandise exports; (c) monthly reports on merchandise imports; (d) monthly reports on the industry sector through the monthly integrated surveys of selected industries (MISSI); (e) quarterly reports on employment; (f) quarterly reports on the performance of the economy; and (g) first semester report on poverty. Other memoranda and reports on urgent and emerging issues were also provided as NEDA deemed necessary. These reports were instrumental in keeping track of the country's economic performance vis-à-vis development targets, building on gains to deepen reforms, and addressing the risks before they escalate into economic situations that are difficult to manage. The reports also include discussions on the direction of the macroeconomic data, analyses, and policy recommendations/ projections. Through these reports, NEDA informs the President of the current macroeconomic situation, provide outlooks, and recommend appropriate policy actions.

Results Matrix Assessment Report 2014.

The NEDA prepared this document in line with the assessment of the achievement of Development Outcomes in the PDP Revalidated Results Matrices (RM) as of December 2014. The RMs provide and integrate results-orientation vis-à-vis the various strategies, programs and projects outlined in the Plan. The RMs facilitated the tracking of gains achieved and serve as a tool to monitor and evaluate the progress of PAPs enunciated under Plan.

Accelerated and Sustainable Anti-Poverty Program (ASAPP). This program was launched in 2015 to ensure that poverty reduction programs are focused, well-targeted, and coordinated. The program aims to tap the skills and resources of the poor in enabling private enterprises to expand their production

capacities and markets. It is being piloted in selected cities and municipalities in the ten Category 1 provinces as identified in the PDP 2011-2016 Midterm Update. The provinces include Pangasinan, Quezon, Camarines Sur, Negros Occidental, Cebu, Iloilo, Leyte, Zamboanga del Sur, Davao del Sur and Sulu.

In 2015, the NROs participated in the various ASAPP launching activities dubbed as “Salubungan.” As convenor agencies for Iloilo and Cebu, the NROs VI and VII took the lead in organizing meetings, activities, and development strategies with line agencies, LGUs, private sector, and representatives from poor cities and municipalities given priority to receive ASAPP services. Other Human Development and Poverty Reduction Cabinet Cluster (HDPRC)-member agencies were assigned as convenor agencies to spearhead the ASAPP activities in the rest of the PDP Category 1 provinces. The Salubungan also served as a forum to identify the needs of the private sector and to encourage them to grow, expand, increase investment, and generate more jobs in the provinces.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) indicators. NEDA initiated the development of national-level indicators for the SDGs. In 2015, NEDA and PSA, with funding support from the UNDP, spearheaded the conduct of a technical workshop on SDGs indicators attended by government agencies, civil society, academe, technical representatives from NEDA, PSA, and the UN Country Team. At the workshop, participants discussed whether the

initial list of SDG indicators are relevant to the development objectives of the country. Also discussed were indicators that are not included in the list but are relevant/crucial for program planning, and core indicators that should be monitored, among others. The United Nations 2030 Agenda involves 17 SDGs broken down into 169 targets and 230 globally-approved indicators.

Philippine Human Rights Plan (PHRP) II.

NEDA provided technical assistance in the preparation of the accomplishment report on the thematic chapter pertaining to the International Covenant on Economic, Cultural Rights (ICESCR) in the second PHRP 2012-2016. NEDA has coordinated with concerned agencies for inputs on accomplishments, gaps as well as policy prospects for the remaining plan period of the Plan. The accomplishment report on the PHRP II-ICESCR Chapter was presented during the Ugnayang Bayan held November 5 and 6, 2015.

National Long Term Vision (LTV). NEDA started the formulation of a national long-term vision, based on the quality of life desired by Filipinos by 2040. Dubbed “AmBisyonNatin 2040,” the long-term vision is meant as a basis of unity among Filipinos, which will serve as an anchor for development planning across administrations and a guide for engaging with international development partners in the next 25 years.



NEDA Deputy Director-General Emmanuel F. Esguerra talks about the National Long Term Vision (LTV) during the Knowledge Sharing Session on LTV 2040

INVESTMENT PROGRAMMING

NEDA continued to steer the economy by reviewing major programs and projects for national government funding to support the country's planned development strategies and achieve results. These outcomes also helped strengthen structural reforms.

Revalidated Public-Investment Program (PIP). The Revalidated PIP 2011-2016 was updated in 2015. With this, NEDA regularly provided status reports on the Strategic Core Investment Programs and Projects (CIPs) as well as on the updated list of NEDA Board-approved projects.

Comprehensive and Integrated Infrastructure Program (CIIP). With the refinement of the PIP, the CIIP was also updated and presented to the NEDA Board Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM) in December 2015 to apprise the Committee of its status as a result of the continuous updating from June to December 2015. As of 2015, the updated CIIP covers 3,257 projects and its overall estimated investment requirements has risen from PHP4.7 trillion in December 2014 to PHP7.3 trillion in December 2015. Of the total amount 42.74 percent is invested in transportation systems, 19.72 percent in social infrastructure, 18.27 percent in energy development, 14.29 percent in water resources, and 1.24 percent in information and communications technology (ICT). The remaining 3.73 percent is invested in other infrastructure projects that do not fall in any of the general classifications. The CIIP shall be translated into and succeeded by the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP). The TRIP is the key feature of the budgetary reform intended

to synchronize and tighten the link between planning and budgeting of all infrastructure programs, activities and projects (PAPs) of the government.

The CIIP covers projects that are purely private investment, public private partnership (PPP), or purely public investment. It was formulated under the guidance of the INFRACOM to provide quality infrastructure support vital to accelerated economic growth.

PHP400 Million Feasibility Study (F/S) Fund.

NEDA was tasked to administer the F/S Fund to be used exclusively for the conduct of feasibility studies for non-PPP projects. Primarily, the fund aims to support proposed pre-investment activities or feasibility studies for government programs and projects. As of December 2015, there are 14 projects under this fund with total awarded contracts amounting to PHP350,843,329.15, of which seven are being implemented and seven are newly awarded. The following are the ongoing projects under this fund : Non-Revenue Water (NRW) Reduction and Control Projects and Concept Designs for the Sanitation Projects; Appropriate Waste-to-Energy (W2E) Technology covering 178 LGUs in Manila Bay Region; Kabulnan-3 Multipurpose Irrigation and Power Project; Establishment of a Commercial Sweet Sorghum Plantation and Construction of a Sweet Sorghum Syrup Processing Plant in the Philippines; Ilocos Norte Irrigation Project-Stage II; Nationwide Fish Ports Project (NFPP); and Mindanao Railway Project (MRP).

The other projects under the F/S Fund which were awarded in 2015 include: The Establishment of a Research Reactor; Establishment of an Accelerator Facility; Hydropower Development in Small Power Utilities Group (SPUG)/Missionary Areas; Nationwide Deployment of Modularized Village-Scale Ethanol Biorefineries using Nipa Sap; Regional Fishport Project for the Greater Capital Region (GRC); Rehabilitation/Improvement of the Zamboanga Fish Port Complex Project; and Automated Guide-Way Transit (AGT) System.

Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program

(TRIP). The INFRACOM approved the implementation of the TRIP for fiscal years 2017-2019, pending the signing of the draft DBM-NEDA Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) titled "Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP." The guidelines and procedures shall be included in the DBM-NEDA JMC to be issued alongside the Budget Call for 2017.

The TRIP consists of pipeline projects to be pursued by the government to achieve infrastructure spending at five percent of gross domestic product (GDP). These projects include basic infrastructure services and facilities linked to climate resiliency, competitiveness, agricultural


sustainability, governance, security, and bridging gaps in poor, hazard-prone, and emerging growth areas. The TRIP aims to further synchronize and streamline the government's infrastructure planning, programming, and budgeting processes and ensure that the respective agencies budget ceilings are allocated for priority infrastructure programs and projects that are responsive to the outcomes of the PDP and targets under the RMs.

Program and Project Appraisal. To ensure alignment of programs and projects with the PDP, NEDA through the NEDA Board approved a total of 29 infrastructure projects costing PHP800,239.85 million of which 23 are new projects and 6 were re-evaluated/re-approved due to change in public details, cost or scope. Of these projects 12 are ODA funded, 11 are PPP funded, and 5 are locally funded and one mixed ODA and LFP financing.

Apart from government-funded infrastructure projects and those implemented through public-private partnership (PPP), NEDA appraised and reviewed UNDP-assisted/-managed projects.

Projects Approved by the NEDA Board in 2015

Project Title	Proponent Agency	Total Project Cost (in PHP M)	Funding Source
New Projects			
Integrated Marine Environment Monitoring System – Phase 2 (PHILO Project Phase 2)	DA	1,675.89	ODA
Access to Sustainable Energy Programme	DOE	4,891.42	ODA
Bureau of Fire Protection Capability Building Program, Phase II	DILG	1,426.36	ODA
Metro Manila Priority Bridges Seismic Improvement Project	DPWH	4,290.42	ODA
Davao City Bypass Construction Project	DPWH	16,814.69	ODA/LFP
Pangul Bay Bridge Project	DPWH	5,086.71	ODA
Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Expressway (TPLEx) Project (Ultimate Stage)	DPWH	24,303.00	PPP
Laguna Lakeshore Expressway – Dike Project	DPWH	122,811.12	PPP
Proposed Restructuring of the World Bank-funded National Roads Improvement and Management Program Phase II	DPWH	28,943.34	ODA
North – South Commuter Railway (NSCR) Project, Phase 1	DOTC	117,304.40	ODA
Naga Airport Development Project	DOTC	3,532.90	Local Financing
Clark International Airport New Passenger Terminal Building Project	DOTC	15,354.48	Local Financing
LRT Line 2 West Extension Project	DOTC	10,118.46	Local Financing
LRT Line 4 Project	DOTC	50,150.00	PPP
LRT Line 6 Project	DOTC	64,710.00	PPP
North-South Railway Project (NSRP)-South Line	DOTC	170,699.00	PPP
Manila-Quezon Avenue Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project	DOTC	4,789.08	ODA
Harnessing Agribusiness Opportunities Through Robust and Vibrant Entrepreneurship	LBP	11,426.00	ODA
Local Government Units Investment Programme (LIP) Supplement 3	LBP	231.21	ODA
Agno River Irrigation System Extension Project	NIA	2,629.54	Local Financing
Balog-Balog Multipurpose Project, Phase II	NIA	13,370.00	Local Financing
Civil Registry System Information Technology Project Phase II under Solicited Mode	PSA	1,586.78	PPP
Maritime Safety Capability Project Phase II	DOTC-PCG	4,922.59	ODA
Request for Change in Original Approval			
Regional Prison Facilities through Public-Private Partnership Project	DOJ	50,204.19	PPP
Road Improvement and Institutional Development Project (formerly Road Sector Institutional Development and Investment Program)	DPWH	6,934.68	ODA
Daang Hari SLEX Link Road Project	DPWH	2,179.06	PPP
NAIA Expressway Phase II Project	DPWH	17,930.53	PPP
NLEX-SLEX Connector Road Project	DPWH	23,200.00	PPP
New Centennial Water Source – Kaliwa Dam Project	MWSS	18,724.00	PPP
NEDA-PIS			



The NROs also conducted appraisals of the following, which were presented to the ICC-TB in 2015: Project Evaluation Report (PER) on Davao City Bypass Road Construction Project; Harnessing Agribusiness Opportunities through Robust and Vibrant Entrepreneurship Supportive of Peaceful Transformation (HARVEST); Zamboanga City Roadmap to Reconstruction and Recovery (Z3R); Panguil Bay Bridge Project; Feasibility Study for the Engineered Sanitary Landfill for Ifugao Cluster municipalities; Baguio Solid Waste Management Proposal, among others.

Value engineering/value analysis (VE/VA). Anchored on a conscious effort to increase efficiency in infrastructure spending, VE/VA studies were undertaken in 2015 to optimize investments in infrastructure, particularly by ensuring that infrastructure projects are appropriately designed, and to help minimize cost overruns, implementation delays, and changes in scope of work. As of December 2015, a study on the Development of a Unit Cost for the Irrigation Subsector is ongoing, while three studies were awarded for implementation in 2016. These are the Study for Water Security in Metro Manila, On-the-Job Capacity Building on VE/VA of Infrastructure Projects Phase 1 and the Study on Irrigation for Food Security.

Annual Investment Program (AIP). NEDA prepared the AIP in time for the preparation of the 2016 national government budget. Several regional offices issued guidelines for the 2017 AIP to provide a common framework and understanding on the rationale, objectives, and procedures of its preparation.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

NEDA determined whether plans, major programs, and projects are on track and effective in bringing intended results through ODA reports, reports on performance of GAA-funded programs and projects, Reconstruction Assistance on Yolanda (RAY), and other disaster-related programs.

2015 Socioeconomic Report (SER). As in previous years, NEDA prepared the draft 2015 SER to assess the performance of the country vis-à-vis the national targets and goals spelled out in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) Midterm Update. The Agency coordinated the meetings and workshops of sectoral focals of the SER; and drafted sections of the SER with inputs from and in consultation with relevant government agencies and other stakeholders.

2014 Annual Regional Development Reports (RDRs). In parallel with the SER formulation, NEDA, through the regional offices or NROs, prepared the 2014 RDRs. The reports serve as the tool for monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of PAPs under the Regional Development Plans (RDPs). The NROs also issued other regular socioeconomic reports such as the Annual Regional Economic Situationer (ARES), and Quarterly Regional Economic Situationers (QRES).

Regional Project Monitoring and Evaluation System (RPMES) Reports. The NROs prepared the reports on RPMES. It is a quarterly account of the progress of implementation of the government implemented programs and projects at the regional level, inclusive of programs and projects undertaken by national government agencies, LGUs, SUCs and the provincial cities, and municipal government units.

Field Monitoring Visit Reports. NEDA Central Office (NCO) and NROs conducted field visits to monitor and validate the status of the implementation of the programs and projects as reported in the RPMES. Reports were also prepared for each field visit conducted. Among the sites visited were schools in Cagayan Valley; PPP for School Infrastructure Projects Phase II (PSIP II); PAMANA projects in Tboli, SoCot, and Cotabato City; CHARMP2 and Tourism roads in CAR; Caticlan Airport Development Project in Malay Aklan, among others. Also included in the monitoring visits are the projects/programs implemented for the rehabilitation and recovery of affected areas of typhoons such as Sendong and Yolanda, among others.

Quarterly Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) Reports. The NROs regularly submit to the National Project Monitoring Committee the RPMC reports that include status of ongoing GAA-funded projects as well as validation of recently-completed projects, among others. The report also includes problem-

solving sessions conducted to resolve implementation issues raised or observed during field monitoring/validation visits.

2014 ODA Portfolio Review and regular ODA M&E.

As mandated by law, NEDA submitted to Congress the 2014 ODA Portfolio Review in June 2015. To address implementation bottlenecks of ODA-assisted programs and projects, NEDA conducted the said Portfolio Review in consultation with implementing and oversight agencies, NROs, development partners and representatives from civil society and the academe.

In 2015, NEDA prepared periodic assessment of ODA portfolio performance reports as part of its regular monitoring and evaluation function: (a) four quarterly loan reports; (b) two semestral grant reports; (c) four quarterly cost overrun reports; and (d) four quarterly alert mechanism reports. NEDA also monitored the level of ODA resources allocated for gender-responsive programs using the Harmonized Gender and Development (GAD) Guidelines for project development, implementation and M&E. The Agency also conducted missions/monitoring visits to assess ODA projects and GAD programs.

M&E of locally-funded programs and projects. NEDA prepared the final list of Locally-funded Programs and Projects (LFPs) to assist concerned implementing agencies in determining which government-funded programs and projects should be prioritized for monitoring. The list includes projects from the Strategic CIPs, projects approved by the NEDA Board and the Interagency Investment Coordination Committee (ICC), and

Secretary Arsenio M. Balisacan's monitoring visit of Yolanda reconstruction projects in Tacloban and Tanauan, Leyte last June 25, 2015



El Nino Task Force meeting with Socioeconomic Planning Secretary and NEDA Director-General Arsenio Balisacan as chairperson. With him are NEDA Assistant Director-General Rosemarie G. Edillon and ANRES Director Mercedita A. Sombilla



programs and projects approved by the President. The report focused on the magnitude of LFPs in the country, their distribution, physical performance and outputs.

Post-disaster monitoring and needs assessment.

In 2015, the coordination, monitoring, and evaluation of Yolanda rehabilitation programs, projects and activities (PPAs) was transferred to NEDA through Memorandum Order No. 79 signed by President Benigno S. Aquino III. In this regard, the Yolanda Project Monitoring Office (PMO) was established. The NCO and NROs provided technical support to the Yolanda PMO, coordinated Inter-Agency Cluster Meetings on the implementation of Yolanda Rehabilitation and Recovery (YRR) Programs as well as prepared rehabilitation and recovery plans for affected areas. NEDA also prepared monthly reports on the accomplishments of YRR Programs and Projects and on implementation issues. Monitoring visits were also conducted in various regions affected by the typhoon. Through the assistance of SUCs, focus area outcome monitoring of YRR Programs and Projects



Deputy Director-General Rolando G. Tungpalan chairs one of the meetings conducted by NEDA last year on Project Implementation Officers (PIO) meeting.



particularly on infrastructure projects in Region VIII, and livelihood projects in Regions VI and VII, were also conducted.

Also in 2015, NEDA was designated as Chair of the El Niño Task Force. The mandate of the Task Force is to identify the possible impact of El Niño particularly on food security, health, and energy and to formulate an action plan or the Roadmap to Address the Impact of El Niño (RAIN). Thus, the NEDA through its regional offices prepared the action plans for RAIN in the regions. The NROs also prepared the following: (a) report on the effects of Typhoon Ineng on Region II; (b) Strategic Action Plan (SAP) on Typhoon Lando; (c) report on the outcome monitoring of Yolanda projects in Coron; and (d)

formulation of the Eastern Visayas Yolanda Recovery and Rehabilitation Results Framework (Y3RF), among others. The NROs also provided technical assistance on Project REBUILD or “Resilience Capacity Building for Cities and Municipalities to Reduce Disaster Risks from Climate Change and Natural Hazards.”

Project facilitation. In 2015, NEDA continued to conduct regular meetings to facilitate project implementation, monitoring, and evaluation at the national, regional and sub-regional levels. These included four quarterly Project Implementation Officers (PIO) meetings and three National Project Monitoring Committee (NPMC) meetings.

2015 Physical and Financial Accomplishment Reports.

NEDA prepared the Physical and Financial Accomplishment Reports on the F/S fund in 2015 pursuant to the special provision of the GAA of 2014 on the F/S Fund. The reports were submitted to the DBM and Congress, relative to the implementation of the said fund.

NEDA Ex-Post Evaluation (EPE) Manual. NEDA initiated the crafting of the NEDA Ex-Post Evaluation Manual that aims to: (a) establish a standard criteria for the evaluation of public sector project/programs in the country two to three years after completion, based on the Development Assistance Committee of the Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD-DAC) criteria; (b) standardize concepts and principles; (c) provide a menu of tools and methodologies; and (d) prescribe a rating system. The Manual was enhanced through a series of writeshops and consultations with the NROs. In 2015, it was pilot-tested and the following activities were undertaken for the pre-testing of the said Manual: (a) launch of EPE and mobilization of EPE teams; (b) regional trainings on the conduct of ex-post evaluation study and preparation of reports; (c) project site visits; (d) conduct of survey data collection and analysis; (e) workshops on report writing; and (f) presentation of EPE reports to NEDA sector staffs and selected NROs.

Impact evaluation study. In 2015, NEDA completed the impact evaluation study of the Agrarian Reform Communities Development Project (ARCDP) Phase II. It was conducted to assess the following: (a) achievement of the project’s development objectives; (b) benefits and gains and impact of the project to the beneficiaries; (c) effectiveness of the sustainability mechanism that was put in place; and (d) innovativeness and effectiveness of approaches and strategies including lessons learned in the implementation of the project.

POLICY AND TECHNICAL ADVICE

To guide decision-making on development policy and programs, NEDA provided vital, independent and objective assessments of public policies, technical analysis, and related secretariat support that helped steer the economy and strengthened structural reforms in the country.

In 2015, more than 1,400 policy papers and recommendations were prepared, reviewed, and submitted to a diverse set of external stakeholders at the national and regional levels such as the Office of the President, Senate, House of Representatives and other government agencies. Specifically, NEDA provided analyses on the socioeconomic and development implications of the following proposed legislation and policies, among others.

MACROECONOMY AND FINANCE

- Economic impact of the Salary Standardization Law 2015 (SSL4)
- Comprehensive Tax Reform Program
- Tax Incentives Transparency and Management Act (TIMTA)
- Proposed National Strategy for Financial Inclusion
- Paper on Contribution of Mining to Employment and Wealth Distribution for CAR and Region 1
- Theme paper for APEC Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting (SRMM)
- Jobstart Philippines Forum on Filipino Youth in the Labor Market
- Electoral Reform Bill that Seeks to Increase the Limit of the Aggregate Amount for Campaign Expenditures
- Fiscal Transparency Action Plan
- G77 and China Draft Resolution on Development Cooperation with Middle-income Countries (MICs)
- Sunset review of RA 10121 or the Disaster Risk Reduction Management Act List
- Senate Bill (SB) 2572: Proposed Amendments to RA 10693: An Act Strengthening Non-Government Organizations Engaged in Microfinance Operations for the Poor
- SB 2315: An Act Promoting the Creation of Green Collar Jobs, Providing a Strategic Initiative for its Implementation, and for other Purposes, and its alternative, the SB 2893
- Analysis on the Proposed Higher Tax Exemption Threshold on Bonuses
- Impact of Greek Crisis on the Philippine Economy
- Impact of Government Underspensing on GDP Growth
- Impact of Slowdown of China's Economy on the Philippines
- Impact of Higher Railway Transport Fare
- Impact of Reduction in Bus and Taxi Fares
- Fiscal Risk Statement 2015-2016

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

- House Bill (HB) 1494: An Act Expanding the Coverage of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) by Providing Government Scholarship Grant to the 4Ps Beneficiaries
- Initiatives for the Implementation of the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law
- HB No. 5012: Mandatory PhilHealth Coverage for Indigent, Abandoned and Orphaned Persons with Disability (PWDs)
- Proposal to increase the amount of subsidies for the Education Service Contracting (ESC) and the Teacher Salary Subsidy (TSS) under the Government Assistance to Students and Teachers in Private Education (GASTPE) Program for School Year 2015-2016
- COA, DBM and DSWD Joint Resolution 2014-001 on Guidelines for Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations as Implementing Entities of Government or Public Funds
- Department of Education (DepEd) Policy on Child Labor

- SB 2752 and HB 5217: An Act on Strengthening Non-Government Organizations Engaged in Micro Finance Operations for the Poor
- Implementing Procedures on the Accreditation of Civil Society Organizations as Implementing Entities of Government or Public Funds
- Adjustment of the Economic Housing Loan Ceiling
- Administrative Order for the Reconstitution of the Philippine Country Coordinating Mechanism (PCCM) in Support of the Implementation of the Global Fund to Fight Against AIDS, TB and Malaria (GFATM) Grants in the Philippines
- Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework for the Responsible Parenthood and Reproductive Health (RPRH) Law
- Republic Act 10648: Iskolar ng Bayan Act of 2014 Implementing Rules and Regulations
- Implications of ASEAN Integration on the Philippine Labor Market and Skill Requirement
- Assessment Using the Enhanced Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF)
- Draft Poverty Monitoring Framework
- Global Poverty Project Initiative
- 2015 United Nations (UN) State of Food Insecurity (SOFI) Report
- International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESR) Chapter of the Philippine Human Rights Plan (PHRP) II
- Draft JMC 2015-01 entitled "Guidelines on the Localization of Magna Carta of Women"
- Gender Assessment of the ASEAN Economic Community Trade and Competitiveness
- SB 1152 and 2858: Institutionalizing a Conditional Cash Transfer
- Indigenous Peoples Strategic Plan for Health
- Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Ladderized Education Act
- Regional Framework and Action Plan to Implement the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Social Protection
- Draft Joint Memorandum Circular in Mainstreaming Sectoral Concerns in Local Plans in Conflict-Affected Areas

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Manila Bay Redevelopment Master Plan
- Hybrid Electric Road Train
- SB 2834 / HB 4397: An Act Providing for the Modernization of the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), Providing Funds Therefor and For Other Purposes
- Project for Capacity Development on Monitoring for Solid Waste Management (SWM)
- Draft Energy Efficiency and Conservation Substitute Bill
- Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Procurement process
- Draft Policy Circular on the Determination of Project Cost for PPP Projects.
- HB 4393 : An Act Institutionalizing Sustainable Energy Efficiency and Conservation, Enhancing the Efficient Use of Energy, Granting Incentives to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects, and For Other Purposes
- HB 5053: An Act Institutionalizing Energy Efficiency and Conservation, Promotion of Renewable Energy for Energy Security, Providing Guidelines and Granting Incentives to Energy Efficiency and Conservation Projects, and for other Purposes

TRADE AND INDUSTRY

- ASEAN Integration Report 2015
- HBs 3586, 5367 and 5843: Establishing Fiscal Regime and Revenue-Sharing Arrangements for Mining
- Post-2015 ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Document
- World Trade Organization (WTO) Import Licensing Procedures
- EU and Indian proposals on Transparency Provisions on Domestic Regulations for the 10th WTO Ministerial Conference
- Post 2015 Agenda for ASEAN connectivity Phase 3-Implementation of the Master Plan on ASEAN Connectivity (MPAC)
- SB 3023 and HB 6395: Amending Specific Laws Governing Adjustment Companies, Lending Companies, Financing Companies and Investment Houses cited in the Foreign Investment Negative List

DUTY EXEMPTION	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	TOTAL
SECTION 105	5	2	2	9	18
SECTION 105 (r)	55	66	81	110	312
TOTAL	60	68	83	119	330

NEDA also provided technical inputs to 18 requests for duty exemption as indicated under the last clause of the last paragraph of Section 105 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP) within the prescribed time frame under the Citizen's Charter. It also provided technical inputs to 312 requests for duty exemption in accordance with the TCCP and PD 1362.

GOVERNANCE

- SB 2750: Public Financial Accountability Act
- SBs Proposing Amendments to Board of Claims Act
- HB 3938: National Commission on Nongovernmental Organizations Act
- HB 5883: An Act Repealing Batas Pambansa (BP) 36 on Imposing an Energy Tax on Electric Power Consumption
- HB 4407: Amending the Corporation Code
- HBs Declaring Local Holidays
- Revised Manual of Corporate Governance of the Light Rail Transit Authority

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Bangsamoro Basic Law
- Pre-Zero Draft of Asia Regional Plan for the implementation of Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Batangas-Manila Natural Gas Pipeline Project
- Establishing a Regional Disaster Response, Research and Training Center (RDRRTC) in Negros Occidental
- Support to Improving Fishery Sector Productivity and Governance
- Matnog Port Congestion
- Creation of the Mindanao Power Corporation with reference to HBs 676, 2621 and 4883
- 11th BIMP-EAGA Leaders' Summit Action Agenda
- Abra River Master Plan
- Evaluation of Minimum Wage Fixing System
- ASEAN Integration Paper (Province-Centric Development)
- Proposed Bill Creating a Metropolitan Cebu Development Authority (MCDA)
- Competitiveness Action Plan
- Gender Economic Action for the Transformation of Women Project 2 (GREAT Women 2)
- Agribusiness Venture Arrangements (AVAs) in Agrarian Reform Lands
- Tertiary Health Specialization and Complementation in Mindanao Regions
- Think paper on the establishment of the National Government Center

in Calabarzon

- Review on the Improvement of Health Services and Facilities
- Analysis of RDC Budget Review Process
- CLUP and Zoning Ordinance of Lucena City
- Regional Disaster Response Plan
- Localizing Industrial Development Project of the Action for Economic Reform Industrial Policy
- Establishment of a One-Stop Processing Center for OFWs in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
- Improvement of Health Services and Facilities and Medical/Health Specialization among Major Tertiary Hospitals in Mindanao
- Halal Industry Roadmap
- Western Visayas Disaster Risk and Management Plan
- Creation of Negros Island Region
- Paper on Disaster Risk Management: the Case of Typhoon Yolanda
- 2005-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action National Report
- Post 2015 Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Tier 2 Proposals for 2016 Budget of OPAPP, DND, DILG, and ARMM Agencies
- Draft Amendatory Bill to RA 10121 or the Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act
- SB 2217: An Act Exempting Start-Up Enterprises from Taxes Arising from the First Two Years of Operation
- SB 1898: An Act Declaring Verde Island Passage as a Marine Protected Area and Ecological Tourism Zone, Creating for the Purpose the Verde Island Advisory Council, Defining its Powers and Functions, Providing Funds Therefor, and for other Purposes
- SB 1942: An Act Adjusting the Level of Net Taxable Income and Nominal Tax Rates for Purposes of Promoting the Individual Income Tax Amending Section 24 (a) of the National Internal Revenue code of 1997, As Amended, and for other purposes
- HB 3103: An Act Providing for the Establishment of the Northern Mindanao Institute for Good Governance and Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB 4241: An Act Creating the Metro Cagayan De Misamis Development Authority, Defining its Powers and Functions, Providing Funding Therefor and for Other Purposes
- HB 5161: An Act Regulating the

Establishment and Implementation of Agribusiness Venture Agreements (AVAs) in Agrarian Reform Lands

- HB No. 5439: An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone in the Island Garden City of Samal, Creating for that Purpose the Samal Island Special Economic Zone Authority, Appropriating Funds Therefor and for Other Purposes
- HB No. 5345: An Act Establishing a Special Economic Zone and Freeport in the Municipality of Mansalay Providing Funds Therefor, and for Other Purposes
- HB 4658: An Act Establishing the Final Forestland Boundary of the Province of La Union and HB 5114: An Act Establishing the Final Forestland Boundary of the Province of Siquijor
- HB 3103: An Act Providing for the Establishment of the Northern Mindanao Institute for Good Governance and Appropriating Funds Therefor
- HB 5612: Providing for the Construction of Concrete Brgy. Roads/Multi-Purpose Pavements in all Barangays
- HB 4629: An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region

AGRICULTURE

- HB 4611: An Act Creating the National Food Security Council and HB 5210: An Act Creating the National Food Security
- HB 5161: An Act Regulating the Establishment and Implementation of Agribusiness Venture Arrangements (AVA) in Agrarian Reform Lands
- HB 6062: National Food Security Act of 2015
- Proposed increase in Support Price for Palay

ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES

- HB 2332: Integrated Coastal Ecosystem Management Act
- HB 2909: An Act Providing for the Allocation of Funds Received from the Utilization of Offshore Natural Resources, Creating for the Purpose the Provincial Offshore Natural Resources Economic Development Authority (PONREDA), Appropriating Funds Therefore and for Other Purposes

- HBs 4658 and 5114: An Act of Establishing the Final Forestland Boundary in the Province of La Union and Siquijor, respectively
- SB 553: Coral Protection and Preservation Act
- SB 2673: An Act Providing for the Development and Promotion of Farm Tourism in the Philippines and for Other Purposes
- SB 2315: An Act Promoting the Creation of Green Collar Jobs, Providing a Strategic Initiative for its Implementation, and for Other Purposes
- Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization (ABS) under the UN Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)
- HB 4800: An Act Establishing a Comprehensive Philippine Environmental Assessment System
- HB 3637: An Act Enhancing the Philippine Environmental Impact
- National Action Plan on Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought (NAP-DLDD)
- Host Agreement on the Establishment of Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) Office in the Philippines
- Philippine-European Free Trade Association (PH-EFTA) Free Trade Agreement: Sustainable Development (SD)

PUBLIC INVESTMENT

- Draft Policy Circular on Public Consultation for Undertaking PPP Projects
- Draft Policy Circular on Material Adverse Government Action
- Integrating Gender and Development Concerns in the ICC Process
- Technical Proposal on the Approval of PPP Projects
- Draft Policy Circular on Monitoring Framework and Protocols
- Revisions on the Current ICC Guidelines and Procedures Regarding RDC Endorsement

Country Partnership Strategy Framework.

NEDA provided inputs and conducted consultations with development partners in 2015 to effectively align ODA with the PDP and harmonize policies related to financing national government PAPs. The Country Partnership Strategy Framework signed were: (a) The European (EU) Multiannual Indicative Program (MIP) for the Philippines, 2014-2020; and (b) Mutual Accountability Framework (MAF) or Development Cooperation between Governments of the Philippines (GPH) and Canada (GC), 2015-2020. Other consultations conducted include: The GPH-WB Meeting on the WBG Lending Pipeline for 2016-2018, GPH-AFD Bilateral Consultations, UNDAF National Steering Committee Meeting, 2nd Philippines-Germany Political Consultations, GPH-ADB Consultations for the Country Operations Business Plan 2016-2018, Philippines-Japan High Level Policy Consultations, Korea Export-Import Bank-Economic Development Cooperation Fund (KEXIM-EDCF) Country Program Mission Consultations; Technical Working-Level Committee and Ministerial-Level Steering Committee Meetings on Cooperation Roadmap for Quality Infrastructure Development in the Transport Sector in Metropolitan Manila Area, 2015 WB/IMF Annual and Spring Meetings, among others.

Country policy statements in international conferences.

NEDA provided inputs as well as coordinated and participated in sub-committee and inter-agency committee meetings in relation to the preparation of the Philippines' positions in bilateral, regional, and multilateral fora. Certificates of Concurrence (CoCs) were issued on the following: Philippines Reservation List, PH-EU Partnership Cooperation Agreement, WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement, Protocol on the 9th Package of Commitments under the ASEAN Framework Agreement, ASEAN Agreement on Movement of Natural Persons, and various protocols between ASEAN, China and Korea. The issuance of CoCs for these agreements will allow the relevant Philippine officials to sign/and or the President to ratify the agreements. Ratification of the agreements will allow the country to implement commitments in the relevant international organization or forum.

NEDA also provided inputs in the UN and High Level Political Forum reports on the Post 2015 Agenda such as the UN Secretary General Synthesis Report, Philippines statement and position on the Means of Implementation and Follow up of Post 2015 Agenda during the Intergovernmental Negotiations, Survey on ASEAN Regional Assessment of Millennium Development Goal (MDG) Achievement and Post-2015 Development Priorities, among others. Moreover, it also provided technical assistance to the Intergovernmental Negotiations on the Means of Implementation and Global Partnership for Sustainable Development, Addis Ababa Accord of the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, UN Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and Law of the Sea, among others.

NEDA also provided inputs as well as coordinated and participated in the 3rd UN World Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) in Sendai, Japan wherein the 2015-2030 Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR) was adopted by 187 UN Member States. NEDA also participated in the assessment of the 2005-2015 Hyogo Framework for Action (HFA) as input to the post 2015-Framework for SFDRR. Moreover, as member of the Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Working Group on Indicators and Terminology relating to DRR, NEDA participated in various sessions held in Geneva, Switzerland on the formulation of indicators and standardization of terminologies for the implementation and monitoring of the SFDRR.

Technical consultations with multilateral organizations and credit rating agencies.

NEDA conducted technical consultations on economic and financial developments as well as policy issues with multilateral organizations and credit rating agencies. In 2015, the Agency participated in the regular Article IV Consultations conducted by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to assess the country's economic and financial developments. It also participated in the regular consultation meeting with the ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) and the regular economic briefings and consultations with major credit rating agencies such as the Standard & Poors, Fitch Ratings, and Moodys.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) country statements and reports.

In 2015, NEDA also participated in and provided inputs to country statements and reports for the various APEC documents such as: APEC 2015 Economic Performance Report, APEC Individual Economy Report, APEC Services Cooperation Framework, theme papers for the Structural Reform Ministerial Meeting, APEC Action Plans for Food Security and Blue Economy, draft APEC-DRR Framework, and draft Declarations for the ASEAN Summits and related meetings. The NEDA, as chair of the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Structural Reforms, led the preparation of the Renewed APEC Agenda for Structural Reform(RAASR), and two of the five theme papers that were used as inputs to the RAASR. The NEDA also supported the country's efforts to push the adoption of the APEC Services Cooperation Framework (ASCF) in 2015.

Think tank policy analyses. The Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), as the government's think tank, provided high-level policy analyses on various socioeconomic issues through the following studies for decision makers and the public: Consolidated Bill on the National Land Use Policy Act; House Bills on Coastwise Trade/ Cabotage; Customs Modernization and Tariff (CMTA) bill; Discussion Paper on Readiness of the Philippine Agriculture and Fisheries Sectors for the 2015 ASEAN Economic Community: A Rapid Appraisal; Institutional Efficiency and Effectiveness of Agricultural Credit Policy Council (ACPC) on Credit Financing; Sources and Utilization of Funding of State Universities and Colleges; Comprehensive National Industrial Strategy; Manufacturing Industry Roadmap, Creative Industry Roadmap, Philippine Services Roadmap, and Roadmap for Agro-Industrial Development; Philippine-Taiwan Economic Cooperation Agreement (PH-Taiwan ECA) Feasibility Study; House Bill 4407 "An Act Amending Batas Pambansa blg. 68 or the Corporation Code of the Philippines," among others.

Tariff policy services. The Tariff Commission (TC) issued 378 tariff classification rulings to provide trade assistance and facilitate domestic industries. It also issued the following four reports on applications for tariff modification under Section 401/402 of the Tariff and Customs Code of the Philippines (TCCP): 2015 Comprehensive MFN Tariff Review

SECOND APEC STRUCTURAL REFORM MINISTERIAL MEETING (SRMM)

September 07 - 08, 2015 | Cebu City, Philippines



NEDA serves as chair in the 2nd APEC Structural Reforms Ministerial Meeting.

(CTR 2015); Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP); Philippines-European Free Trade Association (PH-EFTA); and the World Trade Organization Information Technology Agreement II (WTO-TA II). TC also investigated four trade remedy measure cases such as safeguard measure case against newsprint imports.

Volunteer coordination and policy

services. The Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) continued to take the lead in advocating volunteerism for nation-building and international cooperation. The Agency facilitated the deployment of 576 local and foreign volunteers in development programs and projects and assisted 397 local partner institutions in 54 provinces especially those areas with high poverty incidence.

Like in previous years, PNVSCA conducted the Search for Outstanding Volunteers (SOV) in 2015 wherein five individual winners and five organizations were recognized for their selfless dedication and exemplary volunteer work in the country.

The PNVSCA also facilitated the institutionalization of volunteerism as a strategy for both rural and national development by providing technical inputs

to the Development of the Proposed House Bill 6271. It also produced the 50th Anniversary publication on “Filipino Volunteering Stories through the Years.” The publication is about the contributions of volunteerism in Philippine development in the last five decades.

Statistical policies. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) issued 16 Board Resolutions in the areas of Budgetary Thrusts of the Philippine Statistical System (PSS), 2015 Census of Population, declaring 2015-2024 as Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Decade (CRVS), support and participation in the nationwide observance of World Statistics Day, among others. The PSA Board which has the NEDA Director-General as the Chairperson, also approved two methodologies, namely: the methodology for the 2010 Census of Population and Housing-Based Provincial Population Projection, and methodology for Interim Population Estimates for Cities and Municipalities for 2015-2020. In addition, the PSA Board also issued memorandum orders creating various interagency committees on statistics.

Gender and development. NEDA prepared the 2014 Official Development Assistance-Gender and Development (ODA-GAD) Report. This document is mandated by Republic Act (RA) 7192 to determine gender responsiveness of ODA projects.

STATISTICAL AND CIVIL REGISTRATION PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

NEDA generated and disseminated relevant and accessible statistics for evidence-based decision making and recorded vital information on every Filipino as a means of protecting his or her civil rights.

Statistical products and services. The PSA regularly compiles and disseminates key economic, environment and social statistics to provide information as basis for economic analysis and policy formulation. Among the major statistical releases of the PSA in 2015 were the Gross Domestic Product; Gross Regional Domestic Product; Poverty statistics; Foreign Trade statistics; Labor Force and Employment Statistics; Consumer Price Index and Inflation; Crops, Livestock and Poultry Statistics, among others.

In October 2015, the 26th National Statistics Month was organized by the PSA to instill awareness and appreciation of the importance of statistics among the different sectors of society and to elicit public support in upgrading the quality and standards of statistics in the country. The Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute (PSRTI), on other hand, produced 35 research outputs from 15 completed research projects in 2015. It was able to have 131 percent accomplishment rate (of its targeted output of 75 percent) of completed research outputs over the last three years that are published or presented in a recognized conference, convention or adopted for practical application.

Civil registration products and services. A total of 14,832,240 applications for birth, marriage and death certificates, certificate of no marriage record (CENOMAR), and petitions decided were processed and released by the PSA through its Census Serbilis Centers Helpline plus, e-Census and other channels. The following are some of PSA's performance indicators related to civil registration services: 96 percent of 13,120,724 digitized copy of birth certificates were released within two hours; 99 percent of 1,481,165 CENOMAR documents were released within four working hours; and 94 percent of 326,451 non-digitized documents were released within 10 working days, among others.

CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

To empower stakeholders and achieve desired results, NEDA equipped stakeholders with tools, knowledge and skills needed to provide services related to development planning and policy formulation, investment programming, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), and statistics.

Development planning and policy formulation.

In 2015, NEDA provided the following capacity development activities for local stakeholders:

2015 CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

- Briefing for AFP in Region 2 on Cagayan Regional Development Thrusts
- Cagayan Valley Planner's Convention
- Capability Building Training for Provincial Competitiveness Committees (PCCs), City Competitiveness Committees (CCCs), and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs),
- Training on the Preparation of Prescribed Financial Reports Forms, Selecting Appropriate and Proper Accounting for Income Generating Projects
- Capacity Building on Impact Evaluation
- Capacity Building on Project Monitoring and on Protocol
- Trainings on Project Development for LGUs and for the Action for Economic Reform Industrial Policy (AERIP) on Localizing Industrial Development Project for LGUs and SUCs.
- Orientation on the Mainstreaming DRR/CCA into RPFPP Formulation and RDC VIII and RLUC VIII-TPG Officers and Members Orientation on the Integrated Ecosystems Management (IEM) approach into Regional and Physical Planning
- Orientation for Catanduanes on Short Course Project Proposal and Feasibility Study for Provincial and Municipal Government Employees
- Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) Trainings for World Bank and Project Partners and ODA-GAD Network and Partners
- Executive Leadership Program
- Integrated Gabay ng Paglilingkod Training Course Session
- Training Orientation on the Formulation of ZamPen RSDF, 2016-2045
- Orientation Open Data for Poverty Reduction & Monitoring Project
- Training Orientation on Mainstreaming Climate and Disaster Risks in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan
- Public Management Development Program (PMDP)
- Training on Developing, Implementing and Sustaining Local M&D Services
- Forum on Value Chain Integration for the Agriculture and Fisheries Sectors
- Orientation on Post Disaster Needs Assessment



NEDA Regional Office XII conducts orientation/training on post-disaster needs assessment.

In 2015, NEDA also conducted the Capacity Building for the Development of Threshold 21 (T21) Model for the Philippine Long-Term Vision Project. The T21 aims to help simulate and analyze policy scenarios that will guide the development of the country's long-term vision. Hands-on training sessions, coaching and mentoring of the Philippine Technical Team on T21 were conducted in August, November and February.

Investment programming. The Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center conducted at least 50 capacity building activities nationwide, resulting in 194 institutions and organizations with deeper understanding of the fundamentals of PPP as well as empowering a total of 1,469 participants with the competencies necessary in crafting well-structured PPP projects. Moreover, knowledge-sharing series on various topics such as value for money, value for engineering, and alternative dispute resolutions, as well as experiences in UK and Australia were facilitated for PPP stakeholders including those from the private sector.

Monitoring and evaluation. In November 2015, a two-day group workshop on basic evaluation was held during the 5th M&E Network Forum. It apprised participants on the NEDA-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) and the results of the DBM's M&E Capacity Assessment of Ten Pilot Agencies. The workshop also discussed the Philippines' position in terms of national global evaluation agenda in support of the recently adopted Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also provided participants with basic knowledge on establishing the value of projects and managing evaluations.

Statistical capacity building program. The PSRTI conducted a total of 51 capacity-building training courses on basic to advanced statistics, monitoring and evaluation, and national accounts. Seventeen of these 51 training programs were regular offerings of PSRTI, while the rest were customized to suit the needs of the requesting agency or institutions. An international training was also conducted by PSRTI in collaboration with UN ESCAP.

The PSRTI also conducted trainings on project impact evaluation or the Impact Evaluation of Development Projects using STATA from September 28 until October 2, 2015. It also conducted 33 training courses including one international course to provide participants with practical knowledge, skills, and experience in various aspects of statistical work. These regular and customized courses covered the areas of data collection and processing, database management, data analysis and statistical modelling, among others. Customized training courses were conducted in collaboration with different agencies, including NEDA, TESDA, PSHS, PAG-IBIG Fund, ERBSI-EWS-CAR, ARMM, UNESCAP/SIAP, among others.



The 5th M&E Network Forum held last November 2015.

PART 2:

STEERING THE ECONOMY, SOLIDIFYING STRUCTURAL REFORMS

THROUGH EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP, MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATION

For NEDA to facilitate the country's attainment of inclusive growth, it is important that the Agency exercise leadership, manage effectively, and promote innovation inside the organization.

To achieve these outcomes, two strategies were pursued in 2015:

- Pursue organizational development to improve productivity; and
- Optimize strategic linkages to attain organizational effectiveness.



ORGANIZATION DEVELOPMENT

Capacity building. To create awareness on the emerging good global regulatory practices, and in preparation for the eventual establishment of a regulatory management system in the country, NEDA through the Governance Staff, conducted training workshops on Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA). The four trainings conducted last year focused on the key elements of RIA, tools and methods on impact analysis, and the drafting of regulatory impact statements (RISs) on four regulatory issues: (a) Quantitative Restrictions on Rice Imports; (b) Cabotage Restrictions in Maritime Transport; (c) Prohibition on the Use of Plastic Shopping Bags; and (d) Proposed Regulation of Uber. The NEDA Good Governance Movers was also formed in 2015, as the core group on RIA. The group, comprising of senior technical personnel, shall serve as RIA Champions that will be at the forefront of the institutionalization of RIA in NEDA and in the whole government.

Through the Human Resources Development Division, the following training courses were conducted for a total of 520 NEDA employees in the Central Office to equip them with skills, knowledge and competencies to achieve the Agency's goal and provide better service to the public. Among the trainings conducted were:

- Training on Coaching and Mentoring;
- Procurement Laws and Procedures;
- Disaster Preparedness and Basic Emergency Response;
- Applied Geotagging;
- Introductory Course on Investment Appraisal;
- Basic Statistics;
- Terms of Reference Preparation for Consulting Services;
- Public-Private Partnership – Capacity Building Program on Legal Framework and Contract Management (4 batches);
- Contract Management of PPP Capacity Building (Part 2);
- Basic Photography;
- IPAD Tips and Tricks and Some Useful Applications;
- How to Make Effective PowerPoint Presentations.



Training on Disaster Preparedness and Basic Emergency Response held last October 2015. The training was participated in by personnel from the NEDA Central Office

NEDA personnel in the central and regional offices also participated in different capability building activities on programming in STATA, leadership and management, impact evaluation, policy analysis, tariff classification, RPMES orientation, inclusive growth and regional development planning, disclosure policy and records management, coaching and mentoring, project development, Orientation Seminar on Executive Order 608, Training on Integrating GAD in Planning Project Development, Monitoring and Evaluation and Developing a Results-Based Management Framework, RA 9184 orientation, among others.

The NROs also participated in the following trainings and seminars to build capacity building in core areas:

- Technical Report Writing, Photojournalism, Design and Production of Print Communication Materials;
- Project Development and Project M&E;
- Writing Communication & Enhancement Skills Training and Workshop
- PPP Training Workshop Legal Framework and Contract Management;
- Orientation on Post-Disaster Needs Analysis (PDNA);
- Refresher on Complete Staff Work ;
- Basic Infographics;
- NEDA Project Tracking Database;
- News and Feature Writing;
- Statistical Report Writing;
- Sampling and Data Analysis;
- Audio-visual Presentations;
- Executive Leadership Program.
- Basic Economics and Geographic Information System (GIS)

Foreign and local scholarships. A total of 77 NEDA officials and employees availed of scholarships offered within the country and abroad in 2015.

The scholarships further honed the skills of NEDA personnel in technical, management and leadership. Moreover, eight NEDA employees graduated from the Senior Executive and Middle Managers Courses, Public Management Development Program of the Development Academy of the Philippines.

Systems improvement. In 2015, NEDA's systems improvement in the NCO was guided by a series of internal audit reports on the compliance and management of property, plant, and equipment (PPE) Management and Tracking System; budget utilization process, and procurement system/procedures; and grant and utilization of cash advances. The Baseline Assessment of Internal Control System (BAICS) of selected staffs/units of the NCO was also completed in December 2015. As a result, a Strategic Internal Audit Plan was completed and submitted. An Operations Manual was also produced containing details, structure, responsibilities, quality forms and programs for the conduct of internal audit in the organization.

About 38 information systems in the NCO and NROs were enhanced and developed. These systems include: (a) the Financial Management Information System-New Government Accounting System; (b) NEDA Personnel Information; (c) Inventory; (d) Attendance Monitoring; (e) IAS Document Archiving; (f) Government Application and Accounting Management; (g) Document Assignment and Tracking System; (h) Programs and Projects Information Exchange System (PPIES); (i) NEDA Statistics and Publication; (j) Budget Management and Monitoring; (k) General Services Management System; (l)

Integrated Personnel Management System; (m) PRIME-HRM SPMS Information System; (n) Library Information; (o) ISO-Certifiable Quality Management System (QMS) on the ICC Process; and (p) Inventory System of Supplies and Materials and Property Plant and Equipment.

Websites developed include: (a) the Yolanda Rehabilitation and Recovery Programs; (b) Good Governance; (c) Legislative Executive Development Advisory Council (LEDAC); (d) Philippine Development Plan; and (e) NEDA Today (WordPress version) daily NEDA online news publication.

At the regional level, several NROs continued their compliance with ISO 9001:2008 and quality management system (QMS) certifications as well as upgraded the Local Area Network (LAN).

Upgrading of physical assets. The NCO and NROs continued building renovations that were started in 2013. New office buildings were completed for NRO XII and NRO-Caraga while NRO VIII had its building rehabilitated last year. Building improvements and renovations were also completed in the NCO including the installation of modular cubicle units. The NROs IV-B and IX, on the other hand, transferred to new offices. The renovation of the façade and landscaping of the front office of NRO VI were also completed. Meanwhile, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and its attached agencies moved to Eton Centris in Quezon City in July to consolidate business operations. The move is in accordance with RA 10625 or Philippine Statistical Act of 2013 which aims to harmonize and integrate the collection and compilation of data by various government agencies.

NRO VIII building then and now.



STRATEGIC LINKAGES

In 2015, NEDA continued to build strong partnerships with different stakeholders nationwide to achieve sound economic and development management.

Building strong partnerships with multi-stakeholders is an effective way for collaborating and coordinating government programs and projects to achieve inclusive growth. Strategic linkages were forged with regional and national partners.

For stronger coordination of programs with national and local institutions

- Western Mindanao State University, Development Academy of the Philippines and with MOU on Water PPP Projects involving PPP Center, LWUA, NIWRB, PAWD, and DILG, among others;
- UNDP and Commission on Filipinos Overseas for the implementation of Migration and Development Initiative in Western Visayas Project;
- 3rd Congressional District of Negros Occidental for the conduct of District Strategic Planning and Identification of Priority Projects;
- Partnership with the Philippine Commission on Women on Local GAD Resource Program to promote the localization of Magna Carta for women, strengthen mainstreaming efforts at the local level, and respond to technical assistance needs of LGUs and RLAs in the region;
- Creation of Special Committee on Academe-Industry Linkages to address and discuss issues and concerns on job-skills mismatch and promote employment for students. The Committee is composed of the academe and industry leaders and relevant agencies such as TESDA, DepEd, DOLE, NEDA, CHED and DOST, among others;
- Partnership with the DILG, DBM, Provincial Government of Surigao del Norte for the implementation of the LGU Public Financial Management (LGU-PFM) 2 Programme.

For stronger support for program and projects for volunteers

- National Youth Commission (NYC) as official member of the PNVSCA Multi-Sectoral

Advisory Board (MSAB); Catholic Educators Association of the Philippines (CEAP) as member of the PNVSCA MSAB representing the private sector; Quezon City Government for the celebration of the National Volunteer Month and Implementation of the Volunteer Citizenship Program; and Foundation of our Lady of Peace Mission for the National Volunteer Month activity.

For stronger evaluation of major projects and programs of government

- Formulation of the National Evaluation Policy Framework (NEPF) through the NEDA-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2015-01 (signed by NEDA and DBM on July 15, 2015). This is to support evidence-based decisions and ensure program improvement and accountability for government programs and projects.



The formulation of the National Evaluation Policy Framework through the NEDA-DBM Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2015-01 was signed by NEDA and DBM on July 15, 2015.

Knowledge-sharing on new models of development and institution building

- Migrant Coordinating Group, league of Local Planning and Development Coordinators of Region VI, UN Resident Coordinator's Office, ILOILO Confederation of NGOs, Asian Productivity Organization, among others.

Development of NRO-CAR library

- Partnership with Saint Louis University.

Enhancement of Tariff Finder

- Memoranda of agreement on the Information Interchange for the Enhancement of the Philippine Tariff Finder (PTF) and on the Electronic Information Interchange between the Bureau of Customs and the TC.



Joint press briefing on the progress of Typhoon Yolanda post-disaster recovery and reconstruction activities.

INTENSIFYING NEDA'S COMMUNICATION AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

In 2015, NEDA intensified its communication and stakeholder engagement to promote greater awareness on government policies and projects, and raise the public's understanding of current economic issues.

To create wider public understanding and support for NEDA's advocacy in achieving inclusive growth through good communication and engagement strategies, the Agency developed the NEDA Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Framework.

Guided by this framework, NEDA intensified its communication efforts through mass and social media to raise awareness about current economic issues and the NEDA's role in economic development through the conduct of the following press briefings and conferences:

- APEC Press Briefings on Pre-SRRM, SRMM Ministerial, among others. NEDA also provided communication assistance in terms of media releases, coverages, and other media assistance for the First APEC Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM1) held on January 26 until February 5 at Clark Pampanga
- UN Summit and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Signing of the National Evaluation Policy Framework
- NEDA- International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) Policy Forum
- Launch of the Socioeconomic Report 2014 wherein NEDA discussed the policy priorities of the government until 2016
- Cooperation Roadmap on Quality Infrastructure
- Preliminary Results of the Philippine Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (Phil-WAVES)
- Joint press briefing on the progress of post-disaster recovery and reconstruction in time for the second anniversary of Typhoon Yolanda, a coordinated communication effort among implementing agencies led by NEDA
- Quarterly formal briefings and year-end briefing with the media

NEDA also engaged stakeholders to ensure that NEDA's views are clearly communicated through knowledge sharing, provision of timely information, education, and communication materials for the PDP and related development plans and programs. Among these activities were:

- Briefings for students, national, local and foreign government delegates on the PDP
- Knowledge-sharing brown bag lecture with Government Information Officers on the Philippine Wealth Accounting and Valuation of Ecosystem Services (Phil-WAVES);
- Appreciation seminar for media held in Bicol, where in-depth discussion on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management was held, among others.

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For the Year Ended December 31, 2015
(In Philippine Peso)

REVENUE

Service and Business Income	497,403.61	
Shares, Grants and Donations	3,686,252.69	
Total Revenue		4,183,656.30

LESS CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES:

Personal Services	624,620,982.29	
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	283,429,312.40	
Financial Expenses	3,470.00	
Non-Cash Expenses	41,358,142.97	
Total Expenses		949,411,907.66

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FROM CURRENT OPERATIONS

(945,228,251.36)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE/SUBSIDY

1,132,023,516.10

OTHER NON-OPERATING INCOME

Sale of Assets	312,500.00	
Gains	269,497.89	
Losses	266,744.91	315,252.98

SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD

187,110,517.72

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of December 31, 2015
(In Philippine Peso)

ASSETS

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	61,856,805.52	
Receivables	132,342,529.80	
Inventories	12,396,870.89	
Other Current Assets	23,038,894.15	229,635,100.36

Non-current Assets

Long-Term Investments	233,120.00	
Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE)	1,216,771,352.52	
Intangible Assets	1,048,949.58	
Other Non-Current Assets	30,902,795.82	1,248,956,217.92

Total Assets

1,478,591,318.28

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities

Financial Liabilities	40,082,336.55	
Inter-Agency Payables	3,694,390.70	
Intra-Agency Payables	12,946,753.40	
Trust Liabilities	24,677,866.74	
Deferred Credits/Unearned Income	1,750,309.26	
Other Payables	4,368,796.70	87,520,453.35

Non-current liabilities

Deferred Credits/Unearned Income	75,155.00	
Trust Liabilities	20,283,877.25	
Other Payables	5,256,169.83	25,615,202.08

Total Liabilities

113,135,655.43

NET ASSETS/EQUITY

Accumulated Surpluses/(Deficits)	1,365,455,662.86
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

1,478,591,318.28

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