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Philippines Comments Received on the End of Term Report for the 2013-2015 National Action Plan

1. General comment on page 1:
"It should be noted that the timing of the publication of the IRM end of term report for the 2013-2015 PH-OGP NAP is quite late, considering that the Philippines submitted its updated version of the Self-Assessment Report in the last quarter of 2015. The consultation period for this IRM Report also overlaps with the IRM Assessment period for the 1st year of the PH-OGP NAP 2015-2017.
Related to this, findings of the report may serve only as reference in implementing the current plan and in crafting of the 4th Action Plan for 2017-2019.
May we also ask if this is the complete version of the Report? Because in previous IRM Progress Reports, other sections (i.e. Self-Assessment Checklist, Country Context, general recommendations, etc) were also included. This End of Term Report that was posted for public consultation does not contain those sections."

-   *Commenter1, Philippines Government*

2. General comment on page 1:
"Kindly fix the formatting of this first page. The last line of the blue text is hidden in the text box. The table also overlaps with the text."

-   *Commenter1, Philippines Government*

3. Regarding text "*However, in practice, the OGP secretariat, housed in the Department of Budget and Management, coordinated commitment implementation and served as the communication center for the Steering Committee.*" (page 1):

"The GGACC Secretariat is DBM. It also serves as Secretariat of PH-OGP SC."

-   *GOV, Philippines Government*

4. Regarding text "*However, participation in Steering Committee meetings was by invitation only*" (page 2):

"Participants are elected representatives of the sectors"

- *GOV, Philippines Government*

5. Regarding second question from Table 3: Action Plan Consultation Process (page 2):

Table 3: Action Plan Consultation Process		
Phase of Action Plan	**OGP Process Requirement (Articles of Governance Section)**	**Did the government meet this requirement**
During Implementation	Regular forum for consultation during implementation?	Yes
	Consultations: Open or Invitation-only?	Invitation-only
	Consultations on IAP2 spectrum	Consult

 "However, stakeholders who attend consultation activities without an invitation are allowed to participate in the workshops."

- *PH-OGP Secretariat, Philippines Government*

6. Regarding completion level for Commitment 4 from Table 4. Overview: Assessment of progress by commitment

Commitment Overview	Specificity				OGP value relevance (as written)				Potential Impact				Completion				Did it open government?				
	None	Low	Medium	High	Access to Information	Civic Participation	Public Accountability	Technology & Innovation for Transparency & Accountability	None	Minor	Moderate	Transformative	Not started	Limited	Substantial (Mid-term)	Completed	Worsens	Did not change	Marginal	Major	Outstanding
4. Enhance performance benchmarks for local governance			✔		✔		✔			✔					✔ (Mid-term)				✔		
															✔ (End of term)						

"Should be completed. Commitment of DILG on Implementing additional performance benchmarks on accountable, transparent, and participatory governance, and frontline service performance done (2014-2015) Results were released after Q3 2015. It can be accessed through the following link: http://dilg.gov.ph/PDF_File/reports_resources/dilg-reports-resources-2015915_f05b70a93d.pdf"

7. Regarding text *"This commitment aims to maintain the status quo of reporting on budget data. However, it did not achieve these aims, with a decline in disclosure by NGAs from 100% to* <mark>97%</mark> *according to the government's self-assessment report."* For completion level at the mid-term for commitment 1 (page 7):

"Contrary to this data, overall Transparency Seal compliance average was up from an average of 89% in the 2013 compliance assessment round to 98% after the 2014 compliance assessment was completed.

100% compliance rate however was the performance target for this commitment."

- *PH-OGP Secretariat, Philippines Government*

8. Regarding text *"Data displayed is either not updated in real time or is displayed on a bulletin board in the local government office rather than online."* For completion level at end of term for commitment 1 (page 8):

"There is a centralized disclosure portal at fdpp.blgs.gov.ph"

- *PH-OGP Secretariat, Philippines Government*

9. Regarding text *"Update: After the May 2016 presidential elections, CSOs reported that President Duterte promised an executive order on FOI. "* For completion level at end of term for commitment 2 (page 10):

"Within a month after his assumption of office, President Rodrigo Duterte issued last July 24, 2016, Executive Order No. 02, s. 2016, "Operationalizing in the Executive Branch the People's Constitutional Right to Information" . Currently, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) is developing the Freedom of Information Manual to support the implementation EO on FOI as well as the rest of the national agencies and government corporations. The target launch of the FOI model manual is within November 2016"

- *PH-OGP Secretariat, Philippines Government*

10. Regarding text *"The October 2015 government self-assessment reported this commitment substantially completed and noted that the results of the SGLG assessment would be released in the second quarter of 2015. However, the IRM staff was unable to find a publicly available version of this assessment. "* For completion level at end of term for commitment 4 (page 15):

"The results of the SGLG 2014 compliance round has been published after the submission of the October 2015 Assessment Report in Q3 2015. 254 LGUs were awarded with the SGLG. The list can be accessed through the following link: http://dilg.gov.ph/PDF_File/reports_resources/dilg-reports-resources-2015915_f05b70a93d.pdf."

- *PH-OGP Secretariat, Philippines Government*