

Commitment 4	
Thematic Area: Digital Governance	
DIGITAL GOVERNANCE: Relaunching the Integrated Provincial Online Database (IPOD) to Provide Reliable Information on Government Plans and Programs	
June 2026 - March 2028	
Lead Implementing Agency/Actor	Office of the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator
Commitment Description	
What is the public problem that the commitment will address?	South Cotabato, being a diverse population situated in all kinds of environments, limited access to digital tools is inevitable. Digital information is not as accessible since you often need to look at multiple sources to get the whole picture. There has been a movement across platforms globally to harmonize legitimate news and information sources but there is still a lack of awareness and skills in navigating digital platform, exacerbated by the disparity in technology and internet connectivity across the digital and physical landscapes.
What the current state of the policy issue at the beginning of an action plan?	Data can indeed be easily requested with the aid of the Freedom on Information (FOI) Ordinance, but it can still be improved in terms of efficiency by removing the need to request in the first place.
What is the commitment?	One way to remove the need to request data or documents via the FOI portal is to make the data available online. The modular relaunching of the IPOD on the South Cotabato website can achieve this, and is one step towards limiting the confusion about where to get reliable information and how to access government services. A mechanism where users of the portal can interact with the data will also be included so they can filter data by sector, year, etc. and download them. Users will also be allowed to leave feedback on the posted data and documents. An IEC on its features will also be rolled out to make sure that the public not only knows of its existence—they should also be informed on how to use it.
How will the commitment contribute to solve the public problem?	With a singular source of reliable data and news upon the launching of the IPOD, more citizens will be kept informed on updates on both issues and other non-confidential government documents, such as development plans.
What long-term goal as identified in your Open Government Strategic Vision does this commitment relate to?	In the long run, the improved access to good services and quality data will increase rural-urban integration, support economic growth and improve access of the poor to basic socio-economic services such as health, education and livelihood development. Hence, this commitment impacts the achievement of all the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). As for the outcome, the relevant SDGs include 10 (Reduce Inequalities), Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions (16), and 17 (Partnerships for the Goals).
Primary Policy Area	Digital Governance
Primary Sector	Public Services (general)
Why is this commitment relevant to OGP values?	Transparency – publishing data and info on an easily accessible website akin to a one-stop-shop for data Accountability – the embedded feedback mechanism in the IPOD gives the public an avenue to raise concerns

	Public Participation – the community with easier access to data and services, can provide feedback on the services they have availed
Additional information	

Milestone Activity with a Verifiable Deliverable	Responsibility	Source of Fund	Start Date	End Date
AIP and Budget proposal - Finalizing the plan and submitting it for funding	OPG-ITD, OPIO		June 2026	April 2027
Relaunching of IPOD a. Local Development and Testing - Finalizing what content to be uploaded, starting with the existing development plans and the Statistical Yearbook - Designing the user interface - Development b. Local Launching - The portal can be accessed by those connected to the Local Access Network of the Provincial Government c. Uploading to the cloud and going online - Official Launch - Roll out of IEC on how to use the portal d. Integration of other portals - LTS - Procurement Portal - Assessors - Health/e-Konsulta	OPG-ITD, OPIO, OPPDC (for the plans and the yearbook), OSP (LTS), OPG-BAD (Procurement Portal), etc.	OPPDC	June 2026	March 2028