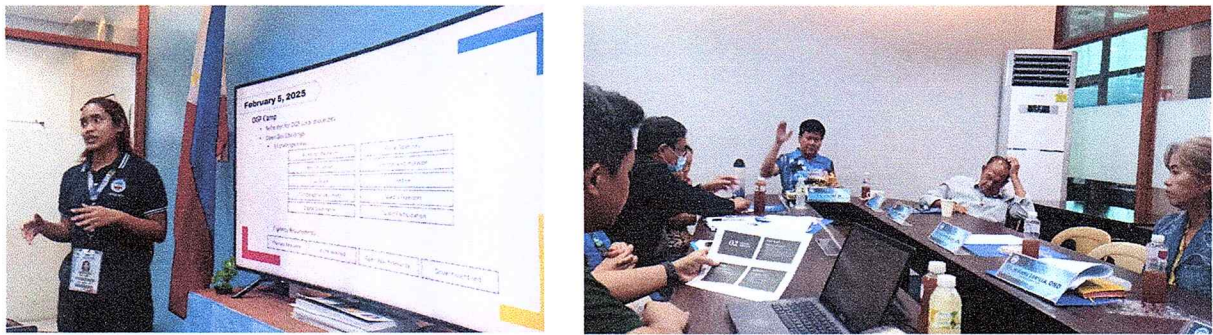




SOUTH COTABATO INTEGRITY CIRCLE ACTIVITY REPORT
As of June 2025

The SCIC conducted the 1st Quarter Regular Meeting dated March 6, 2025 at the OPPDC Board Room, 3rd Floor, Provincial Capitol Compound, Alunan Avenue, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato. The active participation of the thirteen members out of 21 witnessed the updates from the Open Government Partnership (OGP) Asia Pacific Regional Meeting 2025, and contributed in the upcoming activities and updates of the OGP Additional Commitments for the 2nd Action Plan.



1st SCIC Quarter Regular Meeting conducted last March 6, 2025, at the OPPDC Board Room, 3rd Floor, Provincial Capitol Compound, Alunan Avenue, City of Koronadal

The South Cotabato – Open Government Partnership (SC-OGP) Secretariat was invited to the Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting Philippines 2025 dated February 5-7, 2025 at Manila. The event was refresher for the OGP Local Process, revisiting the Anti-Corruption and Public Integrity Commitments through a presentation, together with other presenters from Yerevan and Armavir, newly implemented Open Gov Challenge with the ten (10) challenge areas: Access to Information, Anti-Corruption, Civic Space, Climate and Environment, Digital Governance, Fiscal Openness, Gender and Inclusion, Justice, Media Freedom and Public Participation.

Followed with the Opening Plenary with the Honorable Reynaldo S. Tamayo Jr. as one of the speakers, together with Incoming Global Civil Society Co-Chair of the OGP Steering Committee Stephanie Muchai, Indonesian Ambassador to the Philippines Agus Widjojo, Secretary of Budget and Management Amenah Pangandaman, Secretary of Budget and Management Eka Gigauri, and Publish What You Pay Philippines President Cielo Magno. Along with the global and regional partners, to discuss the progress of key open government initiatives and explore ways to address the region's most critical issues.



Asia and the Pacific Regional Meeting Philippines 2025 last February 5-7, 2025 at Manila, Philippines

The OGP 2nd Action Plan Additional Commitments has been in the stage of formulation since September 2024 with the encouragement from Mr. Jose Marie Marin, Lead OGP Local. The SC-OGP conducted the three (3) series of coordination meetings for the formulation and implementation of the commitments: Open Information – *“Enhancing Transparency through Information and Cybercrime Education”* and Open Monitoring – *“Increasing the Access of Participation on Monitoring Infrastructure Projects at the Barangay Level”* targeted to the Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and People’s Council in raising awareness and public participation. With the lead implementors from the Provincial Information Office, and the OPPDC – Research, Evaluation, and Monitoring Division

The partnered agency for the implementation of the Open Information was the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) XII and Provincial Legal Office while for Open Monitoring was the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Region XII and the Department of Economy, Planning, and Development (DEPDev) XII. The Provincial Cooperative Development Office was also requested for the invitation of the People’s Council and CSOs as participants throughout the activity.



OGP Coordination Meeting conducted last January 21, 2025 at the OPPDC Board Room



OGP Coordination Meeting conducted last January 30, 2025 at the OPPDC Board Room



OGP Coordination Meeting conducted last February 20, 2025 at the PDC Hall, OPPDC

With the series of meetings and preparations for the implementation, the SC-OGP has successfully implemented the 2nd Action Plan Commitment for the Open Information. Senior Agent Jay Salanguste of NBI presented the Orientation for the Cybercrime Prevention Awareness and Ms. Karen Latumbo of the Provincial Legal Office for the Orientation of the South Cotabato Freedom of Information to the respective C/MLGU as a collaboration of the District 1,2 and 3.



OGP Open Information Implementation conducted last March 11, 2025 at the Municipality of Surallah



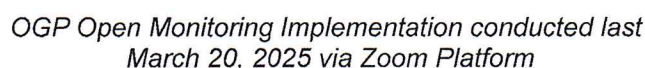
OGP Open Information Implementation conducted last March 12, 2025 at the City of Koronadal



The following week, the SC-OGP has successfully implemented the Commitment for the Open Monitoring with topics: DILG Memorandum Circular 2020-070 and Monitoring for People's Council and Barangay Project Monitoring and Evaluation Committee through the collaboration of the DILG and DEPDev XII via Zoom Platform.



OGP Open Monitoring Implementation conducted last
March 19, 2025 via Zoom Platform



On April 2, 2025, the SC-OGP Committee conducted the Final Learning Exercise, together with the lead implementors to evaluate the implementation of the both commitments: Open Information and Open Monitoring. It was raised that to the committee that issues and concerns were prior and during the implementation as defined: Inadequate communication to the participants and lack of proper timeline for implementation and Fluctuating Internet Connectivity.



SC-OGP Final Learning Exercise conducted last April 2, 2025 at OPPDC Board Room

The SC-OGP conducted the information dissemination on April 15, 2025 to the offices of PGSC for the launching and submission of the Open Gov Challenge to encourage more ambitious and impactful reforms to the communities. In April 22, 2025, the SC-OGP Secretariat was invited to the South Cotabato People's Council Meeting to present the Process of the OGP Local and the current submission for the Open Gov Challenge to the council. It piques the interest to also submit to the Open Gov Challenge and as well encourage their own municipal to be part of the OGP journey.



SC-OGP Local Secretariat presented during the South Cotabato People's Council 4th Monthly Meeting last April 22, 2025 at Blue Haven Resort

The submissions were consolidated and presented during the May 14, 2025, the 2nd Quarter Regular Meeting was held at the OPPDC Board Room, 3rd Floor, Provincial Capitol Compound, Alunan Avenue, City of Koronadal, South Cotabato. During the meeting, the members discussed the OGP-creation Roadmap and the presentation of the PGSC Best Practices for submission to the Open Gov Challenge and other matters.



2nd SCIC Quarter Regular Meeting conducted last May 14, 2025, at the OPPDC Board Room, 3rd Floor, Provincial Capitol Compound, Alunan Avenue, City of Koronadal

Launched during the June 3, 2025, the SC-OGP conducted the first Co-creation Module No. 1 workshop: Opportunity Area Identification together with the CSOs, and South Cotabato People's Council were invited to participate into the workshop. During the workshop, participants were categorized per challenge thematic areas and instructed to thoroughly examine concerns/issues, as well as projects that existed that mitigated the concern/issues which be implemented for

adoption by the committee for the 3rd Action Plan. The thematic area that topped during the workshop was the Access to Information, Anti-Corruption, Climate & Environment, Digital Governance, and Public Participation based on the conducted survey last May 2025.



1st Co-creation Module No. 1 workshop conducted last June 3, 2025 at PDCHall, OPPDC

Regarding the Updates on DSCCIA, there were two (2) meetings conducted, during which the council members reviewed the IRR for Employee and Enterprise Awards, and amendments for the Ordinance No. 23 Series of 2017. All suggestions were consolidated in the Revised IRR and Ordinance.



1st DSCCIA conducted last April 14, 2025 at OPPDC Board Room



2nd DSCCIA conducted last June 16, 2025 at OPPDC Board Room