



Program Summary

The Philippines' program is focused on enhancing anti-corruption efforts by strengthening the Office of the Ombudsman, improving revenue administration and increasing enforcement capacity within the Department of Finance.

Program Highlights

- The Ombudsman initiated preliminary investigations on a number of prominent corruption cases involving high-level officials, including the hotly-debated National Broadband Network case.
- The lifestyle check workshop at the Office of the Ombudsman has made a marked improvement in the number of cases investigated: 80 cases have been investigated in the first 2 months of 2008 compared to 33 during all of 2007.
- The information technology equipment software provided to the Bureau of Customs has reduced the customer accreditation processing time of importers by half. With documentary records now scanned, verification times are nearly instantaneous compared to the previous 1-3 month waiting period.
- At the Bureau of Internal Revenue, 33 district offices and 2 regional offices have been computerized under the Threshold program, resulting in a 7% increase in new individual taxpayer registrations.

Threshold Status

Status.....Implementation, Year 2

Threshold Information

Total Amount.....\$21 million

Agreement Signed.....July 26, 2006

Country Information

Population.....83,054,480*

GNI Per Capita Income.....\$1,300*

*World Development Indicators, World Bank, 2005