

Philippines 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 Office of the Ombudsman's training activities were expanded to include investigation techniques of abuse of funds, contract fraud, procurement, lifestyle checks and asset forfeiture. In addition, the training program for mediators graduated 105 trainees, and as a result of this program, more than 623 cases have been successfully mediated.
- ★ A draft bill was finalized to align Philippines Customs administration and operations with World Customs Organization standards. This bill will reduce opportunities for corruption at the Bureau of Customs as a result of increased transparency and automation.
- ★ 17 additional regional and district offices under the Bureau of Internal Revenue were computerized last quarter bringing the total number of computerized offices to over one hundred.

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*