

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION
Highlights of Accomplishments (1st Quarter, 2013)

I. Introduction

Guided by its vision, mission, goals, thrusts, and rallying cry to be the ***Voice and Advocate of the Youth***, the National Youth Commission (NYC) with a total national government budget allocation of P78.058 Million in 2013, is ready to pursue its commitment to promote youth development at the midterm of the Aquino administration.

Its major final output or MFO being ***“Policy/plan formulation, coordination of program development and promotion, and provision of technical support services on youth development”***, the Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP) 2012-2016, and the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2011-2016 serves as its results guide in terms of output, outcome, and impact respectively.

II. Snapshot of 1st Quarter 2013 Performance

All of the agency’s MFO performance targets for the first quarter were met; the target number of policy recommendations formulated and number of organizations mobilized/assisted was exceeded.

MFO Indicators	2013 Target	1st Quarter Target	Accomplishment as of 31 March 2013
#1 No. of policy recommendations, studies, plans, formulated/developed	65	3	7
#2 Number of programs/projects/activities coordinated/showcased that promote youth participation	32	10	10
#3 Number of organizations mobilized/assisted to promote youth development	2800	472	537

A. Making Policies and Making It Work

EO on PYDP 2012-2016. Building on the approval of the Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP) 2012-2016 by the NEDA SDC-Cabinet Level last September 2012, coordinative efforts were undertaken to have the draft Executive

Order on PYDP approved. With the assistance of NEDA and the PMS, most of the agencies concerned have already signified their support for the EO.

Youth Component of the RH Law. With the approval of the Reproductive Health (RH) bill, the Commission, in partnership with the Department of Health (DOH) and other government agencies, has started consultations on the age-appropriate education on adolescent reproductive health.

Initiatives have also been undertaken to include an adolescent sexuality and reproductive health (ASRH) module in the Youth Leadership Summits conducted by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP).

Policy Stand on Proposed Measures and Emerging Issues. Living up to its branding as the Voice and Advocate of Youth, the Commission came up with seven (7) positions on certain proposed policy measures in Congress.

Most of the policy positions were in support of the following:

- “Crowdsourcing Act”
- “Stay Clean and Sober Act”
- Anti-Drunk and Drugged Driving Act
- Agriculture and Fisheries Mechanization Law
- Proposed Ordinance Prohibiting the Use of Polyethylene (Plastic) Advertisement and Propaganda Materials within Quezon City
- Enactment of HB No. 6479 or An Act to Ensure Safety and Security in All Universities and Colleges, Creating a Crime Prevention Committee for this Purpose

A single resolution likewise urges the DILG for the inclusion of the SK in the reporting framework of the Full Disclosure Policy and the Seal of Good Housekeeping.

The Commission also presented its view on the underage drinking viral video, violent acts of abusive teachers, role of the youth in the 2013 elections, and the hiring exemption Government Internship Program (GIP) beneficiaries from the COMELEC hiring ban, among others. All these views gained landings through the press and media guestings.

B. Ensuring Young People’s Engagement through Programs on Youth Participation

Demonstration of Mandated and Special Projects. Through the implementation of the initial phases of the following programs/projects/initiatives, certain opportunities for meaningful engagement were ensured, which could also be replicated by other national government agencies and local government units:

- Government Internship Program (GIP)
- 11th Annual Search for the Ten Accomplished Youth Organizations (TAYO)
- Registration program for youth organizations (YORP)
- Volunteers Program
- Students Rights and Welfare (STRAW) Desk
- 40th Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program (SSEAYP)
- NYC-DDB Anti-Drug Abuse Caravan

Providing Assistance to International Partners. The Commission also coordinated other international exchange programs for youth organized by Japan and Korea, thereby ensuring the participation of hundreds of Filipino youth delegates to such activities.

- 14th ASEAN-Korea Future Oriented Programme;
- 3rd ASEAN-Korea Frontier Forum; and
- KIZUNA Dispatching Program

C. Responsive Service Provision through Technical Assistance

135 Organizations/Individuals Assisted. Almost 75% of those assisted were provided with data and other information requested while remaining 25% were mostly beneficiaries of capacity-building sessions and speaking engagements.

402 Organizations/Individuals Mobilized. Most of the organizations/individuals mobilized were in response or assistance to requesting partner organizations.

Partnership with International Funding Agencies. The Commission has renewed its partnership with the UNICEF and UNFPA through programs that promote youth statistics development and adolescent youth health, and conduct of a participatory gender audit (PGA). A total of P1.880 Million workplan has been approved for 2013.

D. Strengthening Institutional Capacity towards Good Governance

Reach of Institutional Messages Expanded. From 17,000 at the start of the year, the agency's Facebook followers have reached more than 19,000 by end of March. Likewise, there are more than 1,800 Twitter followers, and average landing of press releases is on the rise.

Finalization of the Strategic Performance Management System (SPMS). As part of the reforms in performance management, the agency has finalized its SPMS with the continued deliberations of the Performance Management Team (PMT).

Continuing Better Financial Stewardship. Unliquidated cash advances has remained at below 1%, budget obligation reached almost 18% of the total allocation as of end

of the quarter, and audit observations have been adequately responded. The agency has also been vigilant on adherence to the Procurement law with its functional Bids and Awards Committee (BAC).

III. Outlook in the Next Three Quarters

With the expected approval of the PYDP 2012-2016 Executive Order, most of the activities in the area of policy development would center on mainstreaming the PYDP at the national, regional, and local levels.

Other special programs/projects on youth participation shall be implemented, including mechanisms that promote convergence among various government and non-government agencies both at the national and regional levels.

International partners shall be assisted to ensure access of young people to its variety of activities, and technical assistance to local organizations and individuals shall continue.

The agency's capacity to mobilize the youth in meaningful projects of partners shall continuously be utilized, and ensuring that the agency's messages to the public through various media shall be a priority.

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