

NATIONAL YOUTH COMMISSION
Highlights of Accomplishments (2nd 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 2nd Quarter 2013 Performance

Except for the formulation/development of policy recommendations/plans/studies, most of the agency’s MFO performance targets for second quarter were met and exceeded, specifically covering the areas of coordination of programs that promote youth participation, and assistance/mobilization of organizations to promote youth development.

MFO Indicators	2013 Target	2nd Quarter Target	Accomplishment as of 30 June 2013
#1 No. of policy recommendations, plans, studies, formulated/developed	65	17	6
#2 Number of programs/projects/activities coordinated/showcased that promote youth participation	32	8	9
#3 Number of organizations mobilized/assisted to promote youth development	2800	747	1038

A. Making Policies and Making It Work

Policy Recommendations. Living up to its branding as the Voice and Advocate of Youth, the Commission came up with four (4) policy recommendations on various concerns related to youth, to wit:

- Inclusion of ASRH module in the Youth Leadership Summit
- Support to Senate bill 3085 otherwise known as “An Act Establishing Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Abuse Programs in Every School”

- Urging the MMDA and Metro Manila LGUs to Improve the Walkability of the Streets of Metro Manila
- Supporting the Children's Declaration and Agenda as a Policy Resolution of the Summit on the Rights and Welfare of Children

Initial Enabling Policy for Out-of-School Youth. After a series of meetings, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) disseminated DILG MC No. 2013-18 providing barangays the process of recording out-of-school youth (OSY) and reporting it for inclusion in a nationwide database. This is one of the outputs expected in the NYC-DepEd Abot-Alam Project for OSYs.

Research Study. Another output met in support of policy development is the Assessment Evaluation Study on the Ship for Southeast Asian Youth Program or SSEAYP. The study's recommendations, specifically those with implications on the program's beneficiaries were adopted by the Commission, and the implementation of which shall be taken on a gradual phases.

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

Demonstration of Mandated and Special Projects. Through the implementation of phases of the following programs/projects/initiatives, certain opportunities for meaningful engagement were ensured, including those at the international level:

NYC level:

- Youth Voters Education Campaign
- Abot-Alam Project for Out-of-School Youth (OSY)
- Search for Youth-friendly LGUs

International:

- KIZUNA Bond Project
- 1st AYESE
- 13th MIYD
- JENESYS 2.0
- AYDP Okinawa 2013
- China ASEAN Youth Camp 2013

C. Responsive Service Provision through Technical Assistance

253 Organizations/Individuals Assisted. Most of those assisted were from pre-departure orientations for youth participating to international exchange programs. The remaining were mostly beneficiaries of speaking engagements and other technical support.

785 Organizations/Individuals Mobilized. Most of the organizations/individuals mobilized were for NYC programs and the others were in response or assistance to requesting partner organizations.

D. Strengthening Institutional Capacity towards Good Governance

Pilot-testing of the SPMS. With CSC's conditional approval of the agency's SPMS, a series of workshops has been undertaken to pilot-test the system in the second semester.

Finalization of Agency's 2014 MFO. As part of the call for the review of programs and projects on all government agencies, the major final output (MFO) of the agency has been revised and set to be measured by one (1) performance indicator set that covers quantity, quality, and timeliness elements. Preparations are being undertaken to have a clear framework for the new MFO as it shall be the guide during the 2013 year-end assessment and review of the 2014 work & financial plan.

Bottom-up Budgeting. In response to the government-wide policy for good governance and transparency, the agency conducted island-wide consultations in the preparation of its 2014 budget proposal. Most of the recommendations obtained during the consultations were considered and reflected in the proposal submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). It was also resolved to continue the BUB approach considering the results of the post evaluation.

18th Anniversary Milestone. The celebration of the agency's 18th milestone as an agency was a time to review and reflect on its accomplishments in relation to its clients and the administration's call for reforms. The milestone activities were also an opportunity to call the Commission's former officials, many of whom are now occupying key positions in Congress, to be partners in the renewed commitment of the agency in serving the Filipino youth.

III. Outlook in the 2nd Semester of 2013

The approval of the PYDP 2012-2016 Executive Order shall jumpstart national and regional activities related to policy development, program monitoring, and assistance to claimholders.

By the second half of the year, it also expected that a bidder for related services on the Youth Development Index shall be chosen to implement the said priority project that would provide updated information essential in the development of policy recommendations.

Other special programs/projects on youth participation shall be fully implemented, including mechanisms that promote convergence among various government and non-government agencies both at the national and regional levels. The Abot-Alam Project for OSYs shall be a showcase related to this plan.

Technical assistance to local organizations and individuals shall continue, including those related to the Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) issue.

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

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