

#### REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

# NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

#### **MEMORANDUM**

FOR : ALL NATIONAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, GOVERNMENT-

OWNED OR -CONTROLLED CORPORATIONS, GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS, OTHER NATIONAL GOVERNMENT OFFICES AND INSTRUMENTALITIES. AND STATE UNIVERSITIES AND

**COLLEGES** 

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SUBJECT: Updating of the Public Investment Program 2023-2028 and

Formulation of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2028 as Input to the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Preparation: Submission of Priority Programs and

**Projects** 

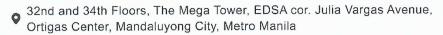
DATE : October 31, 2024

1. Further to the NEDA memorandum to agencies on the *Updating of the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028 and Formulation of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2028: Reconfirmation or Replacement of Existing PIP/TRIP Focals<sup>1</sup>, and Nomination of New Authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) dated September 18, 2024, this is to request your Offices to submit priority programs and projects (PAPs) for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028, which shall serve as input to the FY 2026 budget preparation.* 

## Background

- 2. As a six-year programming document accompanying the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), the PIP contains the priority PAPs to be implemented by the national government agencies, government-owned or -controlled corporations, government financial institutions, other national government offices, and state universities and colleges within the medium-term that contribute in meeting the targets in the PDP and achieving the outcomes in the Results Matrix (RM).
- 3. As provided under Section 3 of Executive Order (EO) No. 14 (s. 2023) on Approving and Adopting the PDP for the Period 2023-2028<sup>2</sup>, the PIP 2023-2028 shall be updated annually or when deemed necessary by NEDA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Copy can be accessed at the PIP page of the NEDA website: <a href="https://neda.gov.ph/public-investment-programs/">https://neda.gov.ph/public-investment-programs/</a>. <sup>2</sup> Copy of E.O. No. 14 (s. 2023), "Approving and Adopting the Philippine Development Plan for the Period 2023-2028", can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2023/01/27/executive-order-no-14-s-2023/">https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2023/01/27/executive-order-no-14-s-2023/</a>





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- 4. On the other hand, the TRIP, a subset of the PIP, is a key feature of the budgetary reform used to synchronize and tighten the link between planning and budgeting of all infrastructure PAPs of the Government. It shall be used to build the pipeline of strategic and other infrastructure projects needed to sustain inclusive economic growth.
- 5. In accordance with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM)-NEDA Joint Circular (JC) No. 2024-02 on the Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP, as approved by the NEDA Board Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM) on June 5, 2024, NEDA shall issue a notice to all concerned government agencies, including their attached bureaus and offices, to submit their infrastructure-related priority PAPs for inclusion in the TRIP.
- 6. The revised TRIP Policy Guidelines introduced the following amendments to the DBM-NEDA JC No. 2016-01, among others:
  - a. Incorporation of the Water Sector Program Convergence Budget (PCB);
  - b. Tagging of projects which are part of convergence programs; and
  - c. Updating of other TRIP guidelines and provisions (e.g., submission through the Public Investment Program Online [PIPOL] System, exclusion of non-developmental buildings [administrative buildings that do not directly provide service to, or have no direct transactions with, public and private clients, or those which solely serve as offices for government personnel] from TRIP coverage, updating of Prioritization Framework, etc.).
- 7. The **Updated PIP 2023-2028** is expected to:
  - a. Reconfirm priority PAPs for re-inclusion in the updated PIP 2023-2028, drop previously submitted PAPs that are no longer priorities, and update PAPs that are already ongoing, completed or expected to be completed as of third quarter of 2024;
  - b. Align PAPs with the corresponding outcome(s)/indicator(s) under the PDP-RMs<sup>3</sup>:
  - c. Identify proposed priority PAPs to be implemented through National Government (NG) or Official Development Assistance (ODA) financing, or Public-Private Partnership (PPP), including level of readiness;
  - d. Include (i) Core Investment Programs/Projects (CIPs) for Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) processing in 2024 and 2025, (ii) TRIP PAPs for FYs 2026-2028, and (iii) Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAPs), that would require FY 2026 budget allocation;
  - e. Identify PAPs to be proposed for inclusion under the existing PCB Programs<sup>4</sup>, if applicable; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Copy can be accessed through this link: <u>Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 Results Matrices-National Economic and Development Authority (neda.gov.ph)</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Existing Convergence Programs based on the FY 2025 Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing: (1) National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP), (2) Zero Hunger Program (ZHP), (3) Agricultural Development Program (ADP), (4) Export Development Program (EDP), (5) Tourism Development Program (TDP), (6) Pasig River Urban Development (PRUD), (7) Risk Resiliency Program (RRP), (8) Justice Sector Convergence

f. Report the status of ongoing priority PAPs in terms of (i) physical (percentage of completion), and (ii) financial (utilization rate) accomplishments; and update the annual costs of ongoing PAPs to reflect the (i) approved budget in the Government Appropriations Act for FYs 2023 and 2024, and (ii) amount reflected in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) for FY 2025.

#### **Guidelines and Procedures**

- 8. Attached, for reference and guidance, is the set of guidelines for the updating of the PIP 2023-2028 (including the guidelines for the formulation of the TRIP FYs 2026-2028) (*Attachments 1 and 2*) to facilitate the submission of agency inputs.
- 9. In submitting priority PAPs for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028, the agencies shall utilize the enhanced PIPOL System, a web-based project database system that manages data entry and updates on programs and projects, including the generation of reports.
- As indicated in the September 18, 2024 NEDA memorandum to agencies, only authorized users of agencies/offices will be granted access to the PIPOL System. The PIPOL System can be accessed at <a href="https://pipol.neda.gov.ph">https://pipol.neda.gov.ph</a> for the submission of priority PAPs.
- 11. Prior to submitting new priority PAPs in the enhanced PIPOL System, the agencies shall reconfirm their respective priority PAPs currently included under the PIP 2023-2028 in the PIPOL System.
- 12. Thereafter, agencies are advised to update/encode information of their priority PAPs. Only priority PAPs <u>duly endorsed/approved by both the Head of Agency and, if applicable, the Head of Parent Agency, and those that meet the criteria for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and the scope/coverage of the TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 should be submitted by the agencies in the PIPOL System from November 8, 2024 to December 6, 2024 (11:59 pm). Only priority PAPs submitted "as endorsed" on or before the closing of the PIPOL System will be processed by the NEDA Secretariat.</u>
- 13. Please refer to *Attachment 2* for the Calendar of Activities for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2029 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation.
- 14. The PIP Secretariat may issue supplemental advisories, as may be necessary, to provide further guidance on the PIP updating and/or updates on the submission to the PIPOL System.
- 15. For queries and technical concerns, you may contact the PIP and TRIP Secretariats through the following email addresses:

Program (JSCP), (9) Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS), (10) Water Resources Program (WRP), (11) PCB on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and (12) PCB on Livelihood and Employment

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| TRIP Secretariat | tripsecretariat@neda.gov.ph |

Thank you.

#### Attachments:

- 1. Guidelines for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 with the following Annexes:
  - A Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework
  - **B** DBM-NEDA Joint Circular No. 2024-02: Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP
  - C Supplemental Document on the Formulation of the TRIP for FYs 2026-2028
  - D List of Sample PAPs with Expected Contribution to PDP Chapter/RM
  - **E** Terms of Reference of the Authorized PIP/TRIP Focals for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation
  - **F** List of Other Planning-Programming References and Tools
  - G Roles of NEDA and the Planning Committees
- 2. Calendar of Activities for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and Formulation of the TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation

# Guidelines for the Updating of the Public Investment Program 2023-2028 as of October 31, 2024

# Legal bases and background

The updating of the Public Investment Program (PIP) is pursuant to the following legal and policy issuances:

- A. Executive Order (EO) No. 230 (s. 1987) provides that the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) shall be responsible for coordinating the formulation of continuing and integrated socioeconomic development plans, policies and programs, including the formulation of annual and medium-term public investment programs;
- B. Section 3 of EO No. 14 (s. 2023¹) on the implementation of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 provides that the PIP shall be updated annually or when deemed necessary by NEDA;
- C. Special Provision No. 3 under the NEDA portion of the General Appropriations Act (GAA) for 2024<sup>2</sup> states that NEDA shall submit a copy of the PIP and its updates to the House Committee on Appropriations, Senate Committee on Finance, and Committees on Economic Affairs of both Houses of Congress;
- D. Joint Circular No. 2017-1 dated June 30, 2017 issued by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Finance (DOF), and NEDA on the National Government (NG) Fiscal Calendar<sup>3</sup> tasks NEDA to spearhead the necessary activities for the formulation/preparation of development planning and investment programming reports (i.e., PDP, PIP, Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program, Core Investment Programs and Projects, Socio-Economic Reports) and other documents; and
- E. Section 13 of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act No. 11966 also known as the *Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Code of the Philippines*<sup>4</sup> states that implementing agencies shall also consider the Consolidated List of Investment Programs (CLIP)<sup>5</sup> in identifying PPP projects, and that only PPP projects included in the CLIPs may be included in the List

<sup>2</sup> Copy of the 2024 GAA Special Provision on the Public Investment Program can be accessed through this link: https://www.dbm.gov.ph/index.php/2024/general-appropriations-act-gaa-fy-2024

<sup>4</sup> Copy of the IRR of the PPP Code can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://ppp.gov.ph/implementing-rules-and-regulations-irr-of-republic-act-no-11966-or-the-public-private-partnership-code-of-the-philippines/#">https://ppp.gov.ph/implementing-rules-and-regulations-irr-of-republic-act-no-11966-or-the-public-private-partnership-code-of-the-philippines/#</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Copy of E.O. No. 14 (s. 2023) on "Approving and Adopting the Philippine Development Plan for the Period 2023-2028" can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2023/01/27/executive-order-no-14-s-2023/">https://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/2023/01/27/executive-order-no-14-s-2023/</a>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Copy of the DBM, DOF, and NEDA Joint Circular No. 2017-1 dated June 30, 2017 on the National Government Fiscal Calendar can be accessed through this link: <u>JOINT CIRCULAR NO. 2017-1 DATED JUNE 30, 2017 (dbm.gov.ph)</u>.

Fefer to national, local, regional, and sectoral investment programs such as, but not limited to, the PIP, Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program, Infrastructure Flagship Projects, Regional Development Investment Programs, Provincial Development Investment Programs, City Development Investment Programs, Local Development Investment Programs, Annual Investment Programs, Land Use Development and Infrastructure Plan, Institutional Development Plan, and their successors.

of PPP Projects to be prepared by the implementing agencies pursuant to Section 14 of the PPP Code IRR.

# II. The PIP in the Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework<sup>6</sup>

As a six-year programming document accompanying the PDP, the PIP contains the priority programs and projects (PAPs) to be implemented by the national government agencies (NGAs), government-owned or -controlled corporations (GOCCs), government financial institutions (GFIs), other national government offices, and state universities and colleges (SUCs) within the medium-term that contribute to meeting the targets in the PDP and achieving the outcomes in the Results Matrices (RMs).

The agencies are expected to ensure that priority PAPs to be allocated with resources or submitted for inclusion in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) and/or funded under the GAA are responsive to the PDP and its RMs, and included in the PIP. In general, PAPs included in the PIP are identified by the agencies through their respective investment programming activities. On top of such programming activities, PAPs in the PIP may also be identified or prioritized in accordance with other programming or prioritization processes, procedures, and/or guidelines (see Item III.C). DBM shall accord priority to PAPs included in the PIP in its review of the submitted budget proposals.

Main funding for priority PAPs in the PIP can come from the national government budget, internal cash generated by GOCCs and GFIs, private capital through partnership with the private sector, and loan and/or grants from official development assistance (ODA). Implementation, on the other hand, can be carried out through the Government Procurement Reform Act, ODA Act of 1996, or the PPP Code of the Philippines.

# III. Composition of Programs and Projects<sup>7</sup> in the PIP

The PIP is composed of the following:

**Program\*** is a group of activities and projects that contribute to a common particular outcome. A program should have the following: (i) unique expected results or outcomes; (ii) a clear target population or client group external to the agency; (iii) a defined method of intervention to achieve the desired result; and (iv) a clear management structure that defines accountabilities.

**Project\*** is a special undertaking carried out within a definite time frame and intended to result in some predetermined measure of goods and services. Projects in the PIP are classified as either:

- a. Sub-project of a Program defined as a project with more specific method of intervention or more defined target clients that is contained within a bigger program of an agency; or
- Stand-alone project all other projects that are not contained within a bigger program of an agency, usually
  with a separate line item in the budget.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> For details on the Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework, please see Annex A.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Programs and projects included in the PIP are defined as follows:

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Sections 4.10 and 4.13 of the National Budget Circular No. 569 dated 8 February 2017 on the Adoption of Program Expenditure Classification-Based Performance-Informed Budgeting for the Preparation of the Proposed National Budget for Fiscal Year 2018.

- A. Core Investment Programs/Projects (CIPs) refer to the proposed bigticket PAPs for Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) and/or NEDA Board action, and ongoing PAPs with ICC and/or NEDA Board approval. The following proposed priority PAPs are classified as CIPs:
  - Locally-funded major capital PAPs<sup>8</sup> with total project cost of at least PHP 2.5 billion<sup>9</sup>;
  - ODA grant-assisted PAPs with total project cost of at least PHP 2.5 billion;
  - ODA loan-assisted PAPs (including relending PAPs) regardless of amount requiring NG borrowing or guarantee;
  - National PPP PAPs requiring ICC and/or NEDA Board review and approval, as enumerated in Section II of the NEDA Board-ICC Guidelines on the Review and Approval of PPP Proposals Requiring ICC and/or NEDA Board Approval<sup>10</sup>;
  - All new PAPs which will require ICC approval based on existing laws, rules, and regulations; and
  - Ongoing programs/projects that have been previously approved by the ICC and/or NEDA Board.
  - B. Non-CIPs refer to proposed and ongoing priority PAPs that do not need to undergo the ICC and/or NEDA Board review and approval process.
  - C. Further, the PIP, <u>either CIPs or non-CIPs</u>, can be classified as any of the following PAPs, based on the applicable programming or prioritization processes/procedures indicated below:
    - 1. PAPs under the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2028. The TRIP is a key feature of the budgetary reform used to synchronize and tighten the link between planning and budgeting of all infrastructure PAPs of the Government. It shall be used to build the pipeline of strategic and other infrastructure projects needed to sustain inclusive economic growth. For detailed guidelines on processing proposed projects for inclusion in the TRIP, please refer to Annex B: DBM-NEDA Joint Circular No. 2024-02: Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the

<sup>9</sup> Based on the June 27, 2017 ICC Memo to Agencies on the PHP 2.5 Billion Project Cost Threshold for ICC Review and Approval of Project Proposals. Copy of the ICC Memo can be accessed through this link: Revisions-on-ICC-Guidelines-and-Procedure-2.5-Billion.pdf (neda.gov.ph).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A major capital program/project (MCP) involves investments in physical and human capital through expenditures or transfers by the NG. As a rule, MCPs can be evaluated, specifically in terms of financial and economic viability (*Source: ICC Guidelines and Procedures as of March 4, 2005*).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> Copy can be accessed in the NEDA website through this link: <a href="https://neda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-0429-ICC-Memorandum-on-the-NEDA-Board-ICC-Guidelines-on-the-Review-and-Approval-of-National-PPP-Proposals-Requiring-ICC-and or-NEDA-Board-Approval-as-of-25-April-2024.pdf">https://neda.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/2024-0429-ICC-Memorandum-on-the-NEDA-Board-ICC-Guidelines-on-the-Review-and-Approval-of-National-PPP-Proposals-Requiring-ICC-and or-NEDA-Board-Approval-as-of-25-April-2024.pdf</a>

TRIP, and **Annex C:** Supplemental Document on the Formulation of the TRIP for FYs 2026-2028.

- 2. Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAPs). The ARNIPAPs refer to regional priority PAPs which were identified by the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) and select agencies<sup>11</sup>. These PAPs underwent the process of alignment of regional priorities with the national/sectoral priorities during the Regional-National Investment Programming (RNIP) Dialogue held in August 2024 and its preliminary activities<sup>12</sup>, and are considered as the priority NG-implemented PAPs of the regions.
- Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs). The IFPs are game-changing, transformative, and urgently needed infrastructure projects of national significance that aim to showcase the overall Build-Better-More Program. The IFPs highlight the efforts of the Government in pushing the infrastructure agenda of the Administration. IFPs are identified pursuant to the Guidelines for the Formulation, Prioritization, and Monitoring of the Government's IFPs. The IFPs are preloaded to the PIP Online (PIPOL) System based on the list of IFPs approved by the NEDA Board on February 27, 2024 and June 25, 2024. Nonetheless, for projects proposed to be included during the updating of the IFP List (which will commence in the 4th Quarter of 2024) and those already included in the current IFP list, the concerned implementing agencies shall ensure that project details submitted in the PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP FYs 2026-2028, as applicable, are consistent with those to be submitted during the updating of the IFPs and/or the 3rd Quarter monitoring of the current IFP list.
- 4. NG-implemented PAPs under the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP). The RDIP serves as the accompanying document of the Regional Development Plan (RDP) and contains priority PAPs of the regions which will operationalize the strategies laid out in their respective RDPs. All RDC-endorsed and NG-implemented PAPs under the RDIP which meet the criteria for inclusion in the PIP should be submitted by the agencies.

# IV. Objectives of the updating of the PIP 2023-2028

This set of guidelines provides the framework and process for the updating of the PIP 2023-2028. The Updated PIP 2023-2028 is expected to:

A. Reconfirm priority PAPs for re-inclusion in the updated PIP 2023-2028, drop previously submitted PAPs that are no longer priorities, and update PAPs that are already ongoing, completed or expected to be completed as of third quarter 2024;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> 12 pilot Agency Central Offices (ACOs), i.e., DA, DepEd, DENR, DHSUD, DICT, DILG, DOE, DOH, DOST, DOTr, DSWD, and DPWH.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> NEDA issues the Call to all RDCs and 12 ACOs for the conduct of the RNIP Dialogue for the alignment of priority regional programs/projects with national/sectoral priorities, as well as the Guidelines on the RNIP Dialogue.

Note: For proposed PAPs earlier included in the PIP and remains unfunded as of third quarter of 2024, update and adjust the investment target schedules based on the expected starting year of implementation for the PAP.

- C. Align PAPs with the corresponding outcome(s)/indicator(s) under the PDP-RMs<sup>13</sup>;
- D. Identify proposed priority PAPs to be implemented through NG or ODA financing, or PPP, including level of readiness;
- E. Include (i) CIPs for ICC processing in 2024 and 2025, and (ii) TRIP PAPs for FYs 2026-2028, and (iii) ARNIPAPs, that would require FY 2026 budget allocation;
- F. Identify PAPs to be proposed for inclusion under the existing Program Convergence Budget (PCB) Programs<sup>14</sup>, if applicable. Please refer to the guidelines on the implementation of the PCB Programs issued by DBM and/or the respective Lead Agency for the PCB Program<sup>15</sup>; and
- G. Report the status of ongoing priority PAPs in terms of (i) physical (percentage of completion), and (ii) financial (utilization rate) accomplishments; and update the annual costs of ongoing PAPs to reflect the (i) approved budget in the GAA for FYs 2023 and 2024, and (ii) amount indicated in the NEP for FY 2025.

#### V. Criteria for inclusion of PAPs in the PIP

The PIP shall contain both **proposed** and **ongoing**<sup>16</sup> priority PAPs of NGAs, GOCCs, GFIs, other NGA offices and instrumentalities, and SUCs.

- A. Criteria for Inclusion. Priority PAPs for inclusion in the PIP should satisfy ALL of the following criteria:
  - 1. Responsiveness. PAPs should be:

<sup>13</sup> Copy can be accessed through this link: Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 Results Matrices-National Economic and Development Authority (neda.gov.ph)

a. if locally funded - upon issuance of Notice to Proceed

c. if PPP- upon signing of concession agreement

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Existing Convergence Programs based on the FY 2025 Budget of Expenditures and Sources of Financing: (1) National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP), (2) Zero Hunger Program (ZHP), (3) Agricultural Development Program (ADP), (4) Export Development Program (EDP), (5) Tourism Development Program (TDP), (6) Pasig River Urban Development (PRUD), (7) Risk Resiliency Program (RRP), (8) Justice Sector Convergence Program (JSCP), (9) Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS), (10) Water Resources Program (WRP), (11) PCB on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and (12) PCB on Livelihood and Employment

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> For Water PCBs, the INFRACOM Secretariat will issue the Implementing Guidelines for the PCB for the Water Sector.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> A program or project is considered ongoing as follows:

b. if ODA loan/grant-assisted - upon effectivity of loan or grant agreement

- a. Responsive to the PDP 2023-2028<sup>17</sup> and the outcome and indicator statements in the PDP 2023-2028 RMs;
- b. Responsive to the Eight-Point Socioeconomic Agenda<sup>18</sup>; and
- c. Included in or has any of the following as basis of implementation:
  - GAA for FY 2024;
  - ii. NEP for FY 2025;
  - iii. Multi-Year Obligational Authority (MYOA)/Multi-Year Contracting Authority (MYCA);
  - iv. Existing masterplans, sector studies, or procurement plans;
  - v. List of RDC-endorsed NG PAPs;
  - vi. Signed Agreements/International Commitments (e.g., peace agreement);
  - vii. Regular program (e.g., Health Facilities Enhancement Program);
  - viii. List of ARNIPAPs identified and agreed upon during the RNIP Dialogue; or
  - ix. Other existing laws, rules, or regulations.

## 2. Readiness

**Proposed PAPs** should qualify under one of the following levels of readiness:

| Level of<br>Readiness | CIPs  | Non-CIPs   |  |
|-----------------------|---|--|--|
| 1                     | With NEDA Board and/or ICC project approval but not yet ongoing   |  |  |
| 2                     | With project preparation document <sup>19</sup> completed, for ICC processing in 2024 or 2025; and     If for NG funding, included in | With project preparation<br>document completed, for<br>approval of appropriate<br>approving body in 2024 or<br>2025; and |  |
|                       | the NEP for FY 2025 or for inclusion in the FY 2026 budget proposal   | If for NG funding, included<br>in the NEP for FY 2025 or<br>for inclusion in the FY 2026<br>budget proposal              |  |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Please refer to the PDP 2023-2028 accessible through this link: Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 - Philippine Development Plan (neda.gov.ph)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Please refer to Annex A of the Guidelines for the Formulation of the PDP and RDPs 2023-2028. Copy of the 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda can be accessed through this link: <a href="https://bit.ly/8pointSocioeconomicAgenda">https://bit.ly/8pointSocioeconomicAgenda</a>
<sup>19</sup> Refers to feasibility study (F/S), business case, project proposal, concept note, etc., whichever is applicable.

| Level of<br>Readiness | CIPs   | Non-CIPs  |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| 3                     | With project preparation<br>document to be completed in<br>2025-onwards, for ICC<br>processing in 2026-onwards;<br>and | <ul> <li>With project preparation<br/>document to be completed<br/>in 2025-onwards, for<br/>approval of the appropriate<br/>approving body in 2026-<br/>onwards; and</li> </ul> |
|                       | If for NG funding, for inclusion in FY 2027 budget proposal or succeeding years  | <ul> <li>If for NG funding, for<br/>inclusion in FY 2027 budget<br/>proposal or succeeding<br/>years</li> </ul>   |

Note: Ongoing priority PAPs should also satisfy the criteria on responsiveness and typology (Items V.A.1 and V.A.3 of this Guidelines).

- 3. <u>Typology.</u> The following types of PAPs may be submitted for inclusion in the PIP:
  - a. <u>Capital investment PAPs</u> to deliver public goods and services that contribute specifically to the country's productive capacity (e.g., infrastructure development projects<sup>20</sup>, delivery of social services).

For ICT PAPs, these refer to capital outlay components of the Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) of the agencies.

Consistent with National Budget Memorandum No. 149 (dated December 27, 2023), infrastructure capital investments shall factor in resiliency to withstand natural calamities.

- <u>Technical assistance PAPs</u> such as research and development, institutional development, human resource capacity building, or system/process improvement PAPs;
- c. Relending PAPs to local government units (LGUs) or other target beneficiaries; and
- d. Government facilities which include the construction, rehabilitation, and improvement of government facilities for the performance of the agencies' function or mandate to support the attainment of the goals contained in the PDP 2023-2028 and its RMs. Only those government facilities that contribute to an outcome/output indicator in the PDP RMs should be included in the PIP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> In accordance with Section 4, Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP, this refers to PAPs involving the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, or maintenance of physical structures, systems, and facilities needed for the operation of the government and for the provision of government services.

For further guidance, please refer to the list of sample project types for inclusion in the PIP in **Annex D**: List of Sample PAPs with Expected Contribution to PDP Chapter/RM.

# B. PAPs excluded from the PIP

PAPs which fall under any of the following **should not be submitted** in the PIPOL System, and if submitted by the agencies, will be excluded from the PIP during the validation stage:

- Recurrent/non-recurrent spending for general administrative and support to operations of agencies (e.g., standalone lease of office space, acquisition of service vehicles, procurement of supplies/equipment/ materials and services, outsourcing of personnel services, etc.);
- 2. Guarantee-related activities to private institutions;
- PAPs to be financed purely from LGU funds and independent projects of the private sector;
- Creation/establishment of an office or organizational unit, right-sizing, and other reorganization-related activities;
- Formulation/preparation of roadmap, masterplan, and ISSP of implementing agencies, including continuing or operating ICT expenses. However, priority PAPs mentioned in the roadmap or plans that are responsive to the PDP and its RMs should be included in the PIP;
- 6. Stand-alone preparatory activities for infrastructure PAPs such as resettlement action plan, right-of-way acquisition, pre-F/S, F/S, and detailed engineering design, among others;
- 7. Funding facilities managed by implementing agencies as part of their regular program/mandate (e.g., financing for project pre-investment activities, F/S Fund, Quick Response Fund);
- 8. Acquisition of lots;
- Disaggregated work items which should have been part or component of a bigger program or project such as construction, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration or maintenance of a single unit of a building/structure (e.g., office, room, elevator, basketball court, rappelling tower, etc.), unless they shall be done for the protection and preservation of cultural properties as defined by R.A. No. 10066 or the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009;
- 10. Landscaping, site development, installation of permanent fixtures, (e.g., perimeter fence, gate, pathways, lamp posts), or similar non-infrastructure items which do not contribute specifically to the country's productive capacity, unless they shall be done for the protection and preservation of

- cultural properties as defined by the National Cultural Heritage Act of 2009; and
- 11. Government buildings that are non-developmental in nature (i.e., administrative buildings that do not directly provide service to or have no direct transactions with public and private clients, and are not responsive to the outcome and indicator statements in the PDP-RMs (e.g., building that solely provides office space to government personnel, and other facilities like canteen, gym or wellness area).

# VI. Submission and Validation in the PIPOL System

- A. <u>Preparatory stage</u>. The agencies shall undertake the following investment programming activities at the agency level:
  - 1. Authorize Agency PIP/TRIP focals, led by an official with at least Director IV-level position and two technical staffs, who will access the PIPOL System and encode the data requirements that need to be reflected in the PIPOL System. Agencies shall be guided by the Terms of Reference of the Authorized Agency PIP/TRIP focals. Please see Annex E.
  - 2. Ensure that all priority PAPs are responsive to the objectives of the PIP updating and the criteria for inclusion of PAPs in the PIP, and are consistent with the planning-programming references and tools in **Annex F**.
  - Reconfirm and prepare updates on priority PAPs in the PIP 2023-2028 which were endorsed by the agencies during the previous PIP updating exercise.
  - Identify new priority PAPs, if any, that will qualify for inclusion in the PIP based on the criteria provided in Item V above.
  - 5. For the 12 agencies involved during the RNIP Dialogue, prepare updates on their ARNIPAPs.
  - Ensure that all NG PAPs included in the RDIPs and/or endorsed by the RDCs, which contribute to the outcomes in the PDP and its RMs, are included in the Agency PIP.
  - 7. In relation to items 5 and 6 above, coordinate with their regional offices, bureaus and attached agencies to seek their inputs in the preparation of the agency submission for the updating of the PIP 2023-2028, including information on the regional priorities and proposed investment targets at the regional level. The agencies shall submit their justification to the concerned RDC/s in case the agency fails to endorse the ARNIPAP, priority NG-implemented PAPs in the RDIPs, and RDC-endorsed NG PAPs.
  - 8. Participate in other PIP-related meetings, as necessary.

- B. <u>Project submission stage</u>. The agencies shall submit inputs through the PIPOL System:
  - 1. Prior to encoding new PAPs and/or updating the information of existing PAPs, agencies are required to reconfirm their existing priority PAPs in the PIP 2023-2028 through the PIPOL System. Should agencies decide to no longer pursue any of their priority PAPs included in the previous PIP updating, the agencies shall provide the reason for dropping said PAPs. The agencies shall also identify which of their PAPs are already ongoing, completed or expected to be completed as of the third quarter of 2024.
  - Encode and/or update only priority PAPs <u>endorsed/approved by the Head of Agency and/or the Head of the Parent Agency</u>, if applicable, in the PIPOL System <u>not later than December 6, 2024 (11:59 pm)</u>. Encoding and/or updating in the PIPOL System shall not be possible once the System closes on the specified date.
  - 3. Encode the requested information through the PIPOL System and ensure the complete and timely submission of PAPs. <u>PAPs that are saved as draft, with incomplete entries, or not saved as endorsed in the PIPOL System will not be included in the list of Agency PAPs for validation by the NEDA PIP Chapter Focals. After updating/encoding the project information, the Agency focals have two options in saving PAPs:</u>
    - a. Save as **Draft** The Agency focals may temporarily save the PAPs as Draft in case the encoding of all the information on the PAPs are yet to be completed. Draft PAPs may still be edited during the PIP encoding period.
    - b. Save as Endorsed Once all project data entry requirements are encoded and finalized, the Agency focals shall ensure that the PAPs are saved as Endorsed. Otherwise, PAPs not saved as Endorsed or are only saved as Draft will not be considered for validation by NEDA. PAPs are no longer editable once saved as Endorsed by the Agency focals and will be subjected to the validation of NEDA.
  - 4. For the 12 agencies involved during the RNIP Dialogue, the agencies shall update the details of and endorse their respective ARNIPAPs through the ARNIPAPs Module in the PIPOL System.<sup>21</sup> As stated in Item VI.A.7 of these Guidelines, agencies who fail to endorse all their ARNIPAPs shall submit their justification to the concerned RDC, copy furnished the RNIP Secretariat.
  - Identify new and ongoing PAPs proposed to be included under a PCB Program(s). The agencies shall ensure that the PAPs in the PIP tagged as part of a PCB Program are consistent with their submission to DBM.

# C. Validation stage

- The NEDA PIP Chapter focals shall validate the agency submissions in the PIPOL System, in coordination with the Agency focals during the validation stage.
- The Agency focals are expected to coordinate with the concerned NEDA PIP Chapter focals regarding details of their submitted PAPs and with the PIP/TRIP Secretariats for any concerns on submissions of PAPs using the PIPOL System.
- 3. The Planning Committees, as provided in the PDP 2023-2028, shall confirm the list of priority PAPs, including ARNIPAPs, for inclusion in the PIP under their respective PIP Chapters based on the inputs of the NEDA PIP Chapter focals. The Planning Committees shall also act on the recommendations of the respective Planning Committee Secretariats pertaining to priority PAPs under the PIP Chapters within their purview.

For the roles of NEDA and the Planning Committees, please refer to **Annex G**.

# VII. The PIPOL System

The PIPOL System is a web-based project database system that facilitates the data entry of priority PAPs and submission of updates from Agency PIP/TRIP focals, validation by the NEDA Secretariat of the priority PAPs, and report generation. This can be accessed by authorized Agency PIP/TRIP focals at <a href="http://pipol.neda.gov.ph">http://pipol.neda.gov.ph</a>.

**Logging in to the PIPOL System**<sup>22</sup>. Agency focals shall use the user credentials provided by the PIP Secretariat sent through the email addresses which the focals provided during the registration period. For security purposes, newly registered focals shall change their password after logging in. After changing the password, the focals will be asked to log in again using their new password. Existing focals may use their existing passwords in logging into the PIPOL System.

The PIPOL System video tutorials on the (i) Sign-Up and Authorization of PIP-TRIP Focals, and (ii) Create Project Module will also be made available in the PIPOL System, for reference and guidance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> For user access to the PIPOL System, please refer to the September 18, 2024 NEDA Memorandum to Agencies on the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and Formulation of the TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation: Reconfirmation or Replacement of Existing PIP/TRIP Focal(s), and Nomination of New Authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) accessible through this link: <a href="https://pipol.neda.gov.ph/login">https://pipol.neda.gov.ph/login</a>

VIII. Supplemental Guidelines/Advisories. The PIP Secretariat may issue supplemental advisories, as may be necessary, to provide further guidance on PIP updating and/or updates on the submission to PIPOL System.

#### Annexes:

- A Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework
- **B -** DBM-NEDA Joint Circular No. 2024-02: Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP;
- C Supplemental Document on the Formulation of the TRIP for FYs 2026-2028
- D List of Sample PAPs with Expected Contribution to PDP Chapter/RM
- E Terms of Reference of the Authorized PIP/TRIP Focals for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation
- F List of Other Planning-Programming References and Tools
- G Roles of NEDA and the Planning Committees

# Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework

The Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework below (Figure 1) maps out how the outputs of the planning and programming processes serve as inputs to the budgeting process.



Figure 1. Plan-Program-Budget Linkage Process Framework

# Planning Process

The Philippine Development Plan (PDP) or the Plan is a national planning document prepared at the start of a new Administration, which highlights the goals of the country for the next six years. At the regional level, the Regional Development Plans (RDPs) reflect the development agenda and strategic priorities of the regions, in support of the PDP's overall objectives, goals, and outcomes.

One of the accompanying documents of the Plan is the Results Matrix (RM) that contains the statements of results to be achieved (goals, outcomes, and outputs) and corresponding indicators, baseline information, targets, and responsible agencies.

## **Programming Process**

The Public Investment Program (PIP)<sup>1</sup>, as another accompanying document to the Plan, translates the PDP and RM into specific programs and projects (PAPs) during the programming process. Each agency or office formulates or updates its rolling list of priority PAPs which contribute to meeting the Plan targets and achieving RM outcomes. The lists of priority PAPs of the agencies are submitted to NEDA, for possible inclusion in the PIP.

Similarly, the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) serves as the accompanying document of the Regional Development Plans (RDPs). It contains priority

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The PIP is composed of Core Investment Programs/Projects (CIPs) and Non-CIPs. In the formulation/updating of the PIP, agencies, in coordination with their bureaus, attached agencies, and regional offices, take into consideration the regional priorities, particularly priority national government (NG)-implemented PAPs included in the Regional Development Investment Programs (RDIPs) and RDC-endorsed NG PAPs.

PAPs at the regional level which will operationalize the strategies laid out in the respective RDPs.

Currently, there are efforts to strengthen the linkage between the PIP and the RDIPs. One of these is the conduct of the Regional-National Investment Programming (RNIP) Dialogue<sup>2</sup>. In the RNIP Dialogue process, pilot agencies<sup>3</sup> and the Regional Development Councils (RDCs) discussed their respective sectoral and regional development plan targets, and corresponding PIP and RDIP timelines. Accordingly, the agencies and RDCs mutually identified corresponding priority PAPs at the regional level. The resulting Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAPs) from the RNIP Dialogue were included by the agencies in their submission of priority PAPs during the updating of the PIP 2023-2028 as input to the FY 2025 budget preparation, and submission of agency budget proposal to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). NEDA is coordinating with the agencies and DBM in tracing the inclusion of the ARNIPAPs in the National Expenditure Program (NEP) and General Appropriations Act (GAA).

The Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP), on the other hand, is a subset of the PIP. It aims to synchronize the infrastructure planning, programming, budgeting and execution processes of the government both at the oversight and implementing agency levels. This shall ensure that the agencies' annual budget ceilings are optimized and utilized in the funding of priority infrastructure PAPs that are responsive to the outcomes and outputs under the PDP and are readily implementable to minimize underspending, expenditure realignments, and cost overruns.

The Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs), which are included in the PIP and TRIP, highlight the efforts of the Government in pushing the infrastructure agenda of the Administration. The IFPs are game-changing, transformative and urgently needed infrastructure projects of national significance that aim to showcase the overall "Build-Better-More" Program. The infrastructure projects proposed for inclusion in the list of IFPs are submitted/endorsed by the agencies to NEDA during the updating of the list of IFPs<sup>4</sup>.

During the programming process, possible funding sources for the priority PAPs (i.e., through government funds, partnership with the private sector, or through official development assistance [ODA]) are identified. Priority PAPs are subject to the appraisal and approval process of the appropriate Approving Body. In the case of PAPs for ODA funding, these are subject to the programming exercises, NEDA Secretariat review, as well as the Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) and NEDA Board review, approval, or confirmation<sup>5</sup>, where applicable.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The first and second RNIP Dialogue were held in August 2023 and August 2024, respectively.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Twelve (12) pilot national government agencies (i.e., DA, DepEd, DENR, DHSUD, DICT, DILG, DOE, DOH, DOST, DOTr, DSWD, and DPWH) that had the highest region-specific investment targets in the formulated PIP 2023-2028, and were recommended by the NEDA Regional Offices representing the Area Committees.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Please refer to Section C of the Revised Guidelines for the Formulation, Prioritization and Monitoring of the Government's IFPs. Copy can be accessed through this link: <u>Revised-Guidelines-for-New-IFPs-NEDA-Board-Approved-23-August-2023 pdf</u>

Flease refer to the ICC Guidelines and Procedures for the nature of PAPs that are subject to ICC/NEDA Board review and approval, which can be accessed through this link: Investment Coordination Committee (ICC) - National Economic and Development Authority (neda.gov.ph)https://neda.gov.ph/investment-coordination-committee/.

# **Budgeting Process**

The agencies are expected to ensure that priority PAPs to be allocated with resources or submitted for inclusion in the NEP and/or funded under the GAA are priority PAPs in the PIP, including the ARNIPAPs and, specifically for the priority infrastructure projects, in the TRIP which includes projects under the NEDA Board-approved list of IFPs. Through this, the PIP and TRIP will serve as tools in improving resource mobilization towards PAPs that contribute to meeting the Plan targets and achieving RM outcomes. The DBM shall accord priority to PAPs included in the PIP and TRIP, particularly the IFPs, in its review of the submitted budget proposals.





# DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT (DBM) - NATIONAL **ECONOMIC AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (NEDA)** JOINT CIRCULAR No. 2024-02

TO

: All Departments, Bureaus, Offices, and Agencies of the National Government (NG), Including State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Government-Owned and -Controlled

Corporations (GOCCs)

SUBJECT

: Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the

Formulation of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure

Program (TRIP)

#### 1.0 BACKGROUND AND RATIONALE

The NEDA Board Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM), during its 27 October 2014 meeting, approved the reinstitution of the TRIP in order to build the pipeline of strategic and other projects needed to sustain inclusive economic growth. It shall synchronize the infrastructure planning, programming, budgeting, and execution processes of the government both at the oversight and implementing agency (IA) levels. This shall ensure that the agencies' annual budget ceilings are optimized and utilized in the funding of priority infrastructure programs/activities/projects (PAPs), which are responsive to the outcomes and outputs under the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) and are readily implementable so as to minimize underspending, expenditure realignments, or cost overruns.

The different stages of the projects listed under the TRIP shall be determined so that the TRIP can indicate the type and magnitude of budgetary resources needed by the projects, i.e., for resettlement action plans (RAP), development of feasibility studies (F/S), right-of-way (ROW) acquisition, detailed engineering design (DED), preconstruction expenses, or construction implementation. The objective is to ensure that well developed and readily implementable projects queue up for the budget and a more rigorous program and project appraisal system can also be put in place. This shall contribute to confidence that the agency proposals shall indeed have a positive net contribution to national economic and social welfare through proper complementation and convergence of programs/projects (e.g., roads/rail to ports/airports).

The TRIP can also be used by the government as a programming and monitoring mechanism in ensuring that the NG's target spending on public infrastructure, as determined by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC),1 shall be met.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> As percentage of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

## 2.0 PURPOSE AND COVERAGE

This Joint Circular is being issued to guide all concerned Departments, Bureaus, Offices and Agencies of the NG, including SUCs and GOCCs, in the development and updating of the TRIP. It shall cover all nationally-funded infrastructure projects irrespective of cost and financing source, e.g., whether foreign-assisted projects or locally-funded projects, based on the synchronized planning, programming, and budgeting process of the government, including public-private partnership (PPP) projects.

#### 3.0 GENERAL POLICY

It is the policy of the State to promote the optimum utilization of public resources consistent with the priorities and strategies in the PDP. For this purpose, any available fiscal space shall be allocated to readily implementable priority programs/projects, especially to support infrastructure that promotes economic growth and inclusive development in priority sectors/industries.

The infrastructure policy shall be an instrument towards growth of regions/corridors.

#### 4.0 DEFINITION OF TERMS

- 4.1 Infrastructure PAPs these are PAPs involving the construction, improvement, rehabilitation, restoration, or maintenance of physical structures, systems, and facilities needed for the operation of the government and for the provision of government services.
- 4.2 Infrastructure projects shall refer to the following:
  - Highways, including expressways, roads, bridges, interchanges, tunnels, viaducts, and related facilities;
  - Land transportation systems, including railways, road-based transportation systems, bus rapid transit, high priority public utility vehicle systems, active transportation, transit-oriented developments, public utility vehicle stations, transport plazas, intermodal terminals, park and ride, and related facilities;
  - c. Transport and traffic management projects, including transportation databases, automated fare and toll collection systems, traffic signaling, traffic monitoring systems, traffic enforcement systems, congestion and management systems, and related facilities:
  - d. Port infrastructure like piers, wharves, quays, storage, handling, roll-on roll-off facilities, and other related facilities;
  - Maritime infrastructure like navigable inland waterways, shipping and ferry services, shipping vessels or components thereof, shipping and freight enterprises, and related facilities;
  - f. Airports, air navigation, and related facilities;

- g. Power generation, transmission, sub-transmission, distribution, including hydropower plants, and related facilities;
- Downstream oil and gas industry facilities, and other energyrelated facilities;
- Energy efficiency and conservation, renewable energy, electric vehicle charging stations, and related facilities;
- j. Telecommunications, backbone network, terrestrial, aerial, and space infrastructure, and related service facilities:
- Information technology networks and database infrastructure, geo-spatial resource mapping, cadastral survey for resource accounting and planning, and related facilities;
- Irrigation and related facilities;
- m. Water supply, sewerage, drainage, wastewater and water treatment, desalination, and related facilities;
- Educational infrastructure, including technological equipment used to facilitate learning and teaching, and related facilities;
- o. Health infrastructure, hospitals, clinics, research facilities, clinical laboratories, and other related facilities;
- Multipurpose water resources projects covering a combination of irrigation, power, water supply, flood control, and related facilities;
- q. Land reclamation, dredging, flood control projects, and related facilities;
- r. Industrial and tourism estates or townships, including ecotourism projects, such as terrestrial and coastal/marine nature parks, among others, and related infrastructure facilities and utilities;
- s. Government buildings, convention centers, and other related facilities:
- t. Urban redevelopment, townships, and housing projects:
- Heritage preservation and adaptive reuse projects;
- v. Markets, slaughterhouses, trading posts, and related facilities:
- Warehouses and post-harvest facilities;
- x. Public fish ports and fishponds, including storage and processing facilities;
- Agri-fishery industrial hubs, agribusiness facilities, agricultural research facilities, agricultural estates, agrilogistics systems, contract farming, and related facilities;
- z. Cold chain systems or centers, and related-facilities;
- aa. Prisons, lease of security-related government assets, operation and maintenance (O&M) of military facilities and equipment, and other national defense or security-related facilities:
- bb. Environmental and solid waste management related facilities, such as but not limited to waste collection, transportation and disposal facilities, transfer stations, composting plants, material recovery, landfill, and tidal barriers, among others;

- cc. Climate change adaptation and mitigation and disaster risk reduction and management infrastructure projects, biodiversity conservation projects, and related facilities; and
- dd. Other infrastructure projects, as may be approved by the INFRACOM.
- 4.2.1 Government buildings that are non-developmental in nature (i.e., administrative buildings that do not directly provide service to or have no direct transactions with public and private clients, or those that solely serve as offices to government personnel) shall be included as part of the asset management systems of government agencies pursuant to the Department of Finance (DOF)-DBM-NEDA Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2020-1<sup>2</sup>. As such, only government buildings that are developmental in nature (e.g., schools, hospitals, among others) shall be covered by these Guidelines.
- 4.2.2 Exceptions include items related to "stand alone" capital equipment (e.g., computers, printers, and motor vehicles) classified under General Administrative and Support Services (GASS) and Support to Operations (STO) and as may be identified in the projects for exclusion under the Public Investment Program (PIP) Guidelines.
- 4.3 Readiness of Project considers the readiness of agencies/units to implement the construction phase of projects/programs, such that the projects are readily implementable within the prescribed timeline, armed with the required approvals by the appropriate authorities (e.g., NEDA Board, Investment Coordination Committee [ICC], Regional Development Council [RDC], etc.) and have undergone F/S and/or with pre-F/S and DEDs, RAP, and with no issues related to ROW acquisition, if applicable.
- 4.4 Infrastructure PAP preparatory activities include activities such as RAP, ROW acquisition, pre-F/S, F/S, DED, and capacity development, among others.
- 4.5 Ongoing projects projects that are included and funded through the General Appropriations Act (GAA) and already in the actual implementation/construction stage of the project.
- 4.6 Core Investment Programs/Projects (CIPs) refer to the proposed big-ticket PAPs requiring ICC and/or NEDA Board action and ongoing PAPs with ICC and/or NEDA Board approval which may include:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Entitled "Implementation of a Philippine Government Asset Management Policy (PGAMP)"

- Locally-funded major capital PAPs with total project cost of at least PHP 2.5 billion (or any such adjusted threshold as may be adopted by the ICC);
- Official Development Assistance (ODA) grant-assisted PAPs with total project cost of at least PHP 2.5 billion (or any such adjusted threshold as may be adopted by the ICC);
- ODA loan-assisted PAPs (including relending PAPs, program loans such as budget support, etc.) regardless of amount requiring NG guarantee;
- d. Solicited national PPP PAPs<sup>3</sup>;
- NEDA Board-approved unsolicited national PPP PAPs that are IFPs; and
- All new PAPs, which will require ICC approvals based on existing laws, rules, and regulations.
- 4.7 Non-CIPs refer to proposed and ongoing priority PAPs that do not need to undergo the ICC and/or NEDA Board review and approval process.

#### 5.0 GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 5.1 The TRIP shall be submitted by NEDA to the DBM upon approval/confirmation of the INFRACOM for: (a) the determination of program spending levels for presentation/approval of the DBCC; and (b) consideration in determining agency budget ceilings. This shall then serve as the basis for the list of infrastructure-related PAPs (new and ongoing) to be included by DBM in the National Expenditure Program (NEP). Further, it shall be updated annually to guide the Forward Estimates (FEs) for ongoing and new infrastructure PAPs for budgeting purposes.
- 5.2 In the formulation of the TRIP, agencies covered by these Guidelines shall be required to submit to NEDA the list of their priority infrastructure PAPs for funding in the corresponding fiscal years through the Public Investment Program Online (PIPOL) System. Said submission shall be aligned with the forthcoming notice/call for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> In accordance with the PPP Code, projects costing PHP 15 billion and above shall secure NEDA Board's approval upon recommendation of the ICC. On the other hand, a project costing below PHP 15 billion shall secure ICC's approval if it:

a. physically overlaps with a project approved by a government authority or with a project being developed by another government entity based on national or sectoral development plans;

negatively affects the economic benefits, demand, and/or financial viability of a project approved by a government authority or a project being developed by another government entity based on national or sectoral development plans;

c. requires financial government undertakings to be sourced and funded under the GAA;

d. involves Availability Payments to be sourced and funded under the GAA; and

e. The contribution of an IA in a proposed Joint Venture (JV) exceeds 50% of its entire assets based on its latest audited financial statements and other pertinent documents, and subject to Subsidy as defined in the Code.

proposals to be issued by NEDA. The information that agencies need to provide includes the PAPs': (a) outcomes; (b) outputs; (c) spatial coverage; (d) funding/financing source; (e) total project cost; (f) breakdown of annual investment targets by region and province if nationwide/interregional; (g) implementation period; and (h) project status. Water sector infrastructure PAPs shall preferably come from the list of priority PAPs in the Water Sector Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB) duly endorsed by the PCB participating agencies and approved by the INFRACOM — Sub-Committee on Water Resources (SCWR). Notwithstanding, agencies may still submit water sector infrastructure PAPs which are not part of the Water Sector PCB in the TRIP, although these will be accorded will lower priority (see Section 6.4.1.4), unless part of another PCB.

- 5.3 For new/proposed CIPs, agencies shall seek and/or secure ICC Cabinet Committee and/or NEDA Board approval at least two years before the target year of start of implementation (i.e., projects programmed to start implementation in 2026 shall be ready to secure approval and/or submit the proposed project to the ICC for approval by 2024), in time for the submission of PAPs to NEDA for inclusion in the TRIP (in accordance with Section 6.1). This shall also allow about 12 months to prepare the necessary loan agreements and DEDs; to settle ROW issues/acquisition; or to undertake the necessary procurement activities prior to actual start of project. Otherwise, the project may not be included in the NEP. This measure is being put in place to ensure that resources are allocated to readily implementable projects.
- 5.4 For new/proposed Non-CIPs, agencies shall seek/secure necessary approval from the appropriate bodies (e.g., Head of Agency, RDC) at least two years before the year of target implementation, similar to Section 5.3.
- 5.5 All proposed information and communications technology (ICT) related PAPs shall be included in the agency's Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP), which shall be prepared subject to compliance with the rules and regulations issued by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).
- 5.6 For projects proposed to be implemented through PPP, which shall require subsidies and/or availability payments and/or other strategic support from the NG, the amount and timing of the subsidy and/or availability payment shall be accordingly indicated.

For guidance, IAs are reminded that the submission/updating of the list of PPP projects, as stipulated under the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the PPP Code, is different from the submission of priority PAPs in the PIP and TRIP.

Projects, which are part of a convergence program (e.g., Water Sector PCB, Department of Public Works and Highways [DPWH], and Department of Tourism [DOT] convergence projects, etc.), shall be explicitly declared and tagged as such by the agencies in their submission in the PIP and TRIP.

#### 6.0 SPECIFIC GUIDELINES4

- 6.1 Process Flow and Timelines The following process flow and timelines on the formulation of the TRIP shall be observed:
  - 6.1.1 Every 3rd quarter of the year, NEDA shall issue a notice for updating and/or submission of list of both Tier 1 (ongoing) and Tier 2 (new and expanded) infrastructure PAPs.
  - 6.1.2 Upon issuance of the notice for submission, agencies shall submit to NEDA their respective TRIPs through the PIPOL System.
  - 6.1.3 These submissions shall be reviewed, processed, and incorporated by the INFRACOM/TRIP Secretariat, in consultation with relevant agencies, into a consolidated TRIP.
  - 6.1.4 Thereafter, the consolidated TRIP shall be presented to the INFRACOM in the 1st quarter of the year for its approval.
- 6.2 For Tier 1 spending proposals
  - 6.2.1 Agencies shall be guided by DBM issuances on the management of the FEs for infrastructure-related PAPs and on the procedures, information, and documentation requirements.
- 6.3 For Tier 2 spending proposals
  - 6.3.1 Only PAPs that are consistent with Section 7.0 of these Guidelines shall be prioritized and be given appropriate funding according to the stage of project development. On the other hand, agency proposals that are not aligned with the PDP priorities and agency's organizational outcomes/output targets shall be disapproved or discarded to give way to other priority infrastructure PAPs that require additional funding support.
  - 6.3.2 Agencies shall indicate preparatory activities (Section 4.4), which would require budgetary support. To cite, for CIPs for

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Process flow and timelines attached as Annex.

- implementation in 2028, agencies shall include the projects' F/S development in its TRIP for 2025 or earlier in order to be ready for the ICC appraisal process by 2026.5
- 6.3.3 Any new or expanded program/project submitted for budget allocation in the TRIP shall cite, among others, the problem/issue being addressed, the objective, strategy, and expected outcome/s of the project, the resulting increase in operational efficiency with the adoption of technology improvements, the risk mitigation strategy, and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan. These are specified in BP Form 206.
- 6.3.4 Funding for the new expenditure proposals shall be subject to the available fiscal space and priority sectoral spending to be determined by the DBCC.
- 6.4 Water Sector Programs/Projects
  - 6.4.1 Water Sector PCB
    - 6.4.1.1 Agency proposals for the water sector shall first undergo the PCB vetting and approval process, in accordance with the procedures and timelines, as provided for in the Water Sector PCB Implementing Guidelines or any amendments thereto. The list of Water Sector PCB infrastructure PAPs approved/ endorsed by the INFRACOM-SCWR shall be submitted to NEDA for purposes of TRIP validation.
    - 6.4.1.2 The concerned agencies shall submit their respective Water Sector PCB PAPs for inclusion in the PIP and TRIP, as applicable, through the PIPOL System. In the process of encoding, the priority PAPs shall be tagged/coded as "Water Sector PCB" by the agencies.
    - 6.4.1.3 Infrastructure water sector programs/projects that are included in the list of priority PAPs under the Water Sector PCB and duly approved/endorsed by the INFRACOM-SCWR shall be accorded with higher priority in the TRIP scoring and be given appropriate funding according to the stage of project development.
    - 6.4.1.4 On the other hand, infrastructure water sector PAPs not included in the PCB (e.g., part of agency's regular

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> For projects targeted for implementation in 2026 or 2027, preparatory activities including F/S development shall be undertaken in 2024 and 2025, respectively.

- budget program) may still be accommodated in the TRIP, however, these PAPs shall be accorded with lower priority than those that are included in the PCB.
- 6.4.1.5 Water sector PAPs shall consider multipurpose use, such as for domestic water supply, irrigation, flood control, hydropower, aquaculture, eco-tourism, etc., as applicable.
- 6.4.2 Flood control projects within a single river basin
  - 6.4.2.1 Multiple flood control projects (Tier 2) located within a single major or principal river basin, to be implemented in the same year or in multiple years, shall be submitted by the agencies in the PIP/TRIP pursuant to existing policies or those that may be approved by policy-making bodies.
  - 6.4.2.2 Flood control and management infrastructure shall integrate nature-based solutions to the extent feasible, such as reforestation and land cover restoration.

#### 7.0 PRIORITIZATION AND BUDGET PROGRAMMING

The prioritization framework serves as general basis or guidelines for agencies in establishing their own internal prioritization frameworks that shall be used in determining the agency's list of proposed priority new infrastructure PAPs for inclusion in the TRIP.

- 7.1 Categorization of submitted PAPs classifies the CIP typology of the submitted PAPs.
- 7.2 Implementation Readiness ensures that the project is implementation ready. For CIPs, a PAP is considered readily implementable if it has NEDA Board and/or ICC project approval but not yet ongoing. Furthermore, a CIP PAP may also be considered readily implementable if it has a completed project preparation documents, such as F/S, business case, project proposal, concept note, whichever is applicable, and for ICC processing at least two years before the budget year (e.g., for FY 2026 GAA, projects with completed project preparation documents or that are for ICC processing within 2024 to 2025). If for NG funding, it should be included in the NEP or proposed for inclusion in the budget year (e.g., projects for NG funding in 2026 should be included in the NEP 2026 or proposed for inclusion in the 2026 budget by 2025).

For non-CIPs, a PAP is deemed ready for implementation if it has approval of appropriate approving body but not yet ongoing. Moreover, a non-CIP PAP may also be considered readily implementable if it has a completed project preparation documents, such as Work and Financial Plan (WFP), F/S, business case, project proposal, concept note, and/or necessary approval from RDC or the Head of Procuring Entity (HOPE), whichever is applicable. If for NG funding, it should be included in the NEP or proposed for inclusion in the budget year (e.g., projects for NG funding in 2026 should be included in the NEP 2026 or proposed for inclusion in the 2026 budget by 2025).

- 7.3 Contribution to identified gaps to achieve development targets considers the program's/project's contribution in addressing the identified development gaps as well as adherence to the national objectives (i.e., in the PDP).
- 7.4 Programmatic Approach ensures that utilization of the investment gap shall be anchored on a programmatic approach and considers complementation of proposed infrastructure programs/projects, either by a sectoral or spatial/geographical approach, with the other productive sectors of the economy (e.g., agriculture & fisheries, tourism and micro- and small-scale industries, among others), and through PCB (for the water sector). In relation thereto, the priority infrastructure PAPs submitted for funding shall be consistent with relevant programs/projects/roadmaps/master plans/convergence programs.
- 7.5 Spatial/Geographical Context ensures that there is equitable access/allocation to infrastructure facilities/services based on the most critical needs/gaps in the regions for specific infrastructure facilities/services and other emerging priorities and considers the urgency to expand economic opportunities to the marginalized sectors deemed as having the highest poverty incidences among the basic sectors in the Philippines<sup>6</sup> (e.g., fisherfolks and farmers) by promoting viable economic growth and development in priority areas identified as emerging growth corridors/centers outside of Metro Manila.
- 7.6 Priority Areas for Increased Spending provides a premium for PAPs aimed at providing/improving basic infrastructure facilities/services; building climate change-resilient infrastructure; enhancing or expanding physical and destination infrastructure; promoting climate-change adaptation and environmental protection; supporting sustainable agriculture initiatives; promoting the development or expansion of digital infrastructure; incorporating sensor and smart grid technologies to facilitate smart infrastructure; supporting the development of agri-tourism, eco-tourism, and cultural tourism;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Based on the poverty statistics of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA)

reconstruction, improvement, and development; and other areas which may be identified under the annual Budget Priorities Framework.

#### 8.0 AMENDMENT AND ADDENDA

NEDA and DBM may amend this Circular as may be necessary. NEDA may formulate supplemental guidelines in the form of addenda or annexes for the review process as stipulated in Section 6.1 hereof without need of amending this Circular.

#### 9.0 EFFECTIVITY

This Joint Circular shall be effective immediately in line with the Issuance of Budget Call by the DBM starting the 2026 Budget.

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# Supplemental Document on the Formulation of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program for Fiscal Years 2026-2028

# I. Legal bases and background

- A. Following the approval of the NEDA Board Committee on Infrastructure (INFRACOM) for the reinstitution of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) in the budget process, Joint Circular No. 2024-02 entitled "Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP" was issued by NEDA and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).
- B. This policy ensures the alignment of prioritization mechanisms and procedures, with processing by both NEDA and DBM towards determining the infrastructure programs and projects (PAPs) that may be recommended for consideration in the budget. The alignment in policy is further substantiated under the National Budget Call issued by the DBM annually, which provides that the approved TRIP, as endorsed by NEDA to DBM, shall be used as basis in the review/prioritization of the department/agencies' infrastructure projects during the technical budget hearings (TBHs) taking into consideration, among others, the implementation readiness, agency budget utilization capacity, and available fiscal space.

# II. Considerations when submitting priority PAPs for inclusion in the TRIP FYs 2026-2028

- A. All concerned agencies are requested to focus the submission of PAPs based on continuing priorities, which shall be guided by DBM issuances on the management of forward estimates (FEs) for infrastructure-related PAPs.
- B. The submission of PAPs shall be subject to the prioritization framework (defined under the DBM-NEDA Joint Circular No. 2024-02).
- C. Projects already included in the NEDA Board-confirmed list of Infrastructure Flagship Projects (IFPs)¹ have been pre-tagged in the PIPOL System. On the other hand, with regard to the updating of the IFP list which will commence in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2024, concerned implementing agencies shall ensure that projects proposed for inclusion in the list of IFPs are also submitted during the updating of the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028 and the Formulation of the TRIP FYs 2026-2028. Likewise, the concerned implementing agency shall ensure that project details submitted in the PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP FYs 2026-2028, as applicable, are consistent with those to be submitted during the updating of the IFPs and/or the 3rd Quarter monitoring of the current IFP list.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The updated list of IFPs consists of 186 projects as of June 2024. Source: <u>National Economic and Development Authority (neda.gov.ph)</u>

- D. <u>Inclusion under Convergence Program</u>. The concerned agencies shall identify PAPs to be included under a Convergence Program<sup>2</sup>.
- E. Moreover, the prioritization process and submission for the TRIP FYs 2026-2028 should consider and/or undertake the following:
  - 1. Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028. All agencies concerned shall consider the priorities as laid out in the PDP 2023-2028, particularly in expanding and upgrading infrastructure, which will enable economic transformation for a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society. Among the vital development interventions in infrastructure development include, among others:
    - a. Basic infrastructure facilities/services:
    - b. Physical connectivity, mobility, and logistics infrastructure;
    - c. Climate change adaptation/mitigation and environmental protection;
    - d. Agricultural sustainability;
    - e. Digital infrastructure;
    - f. Smart infrastructure, and science, technology, and innovation (STI) infrastructure:
    - g. Tourism infrastructure; and
    - h. Disaster resilience and safety-related infrastructure.
  - Devolution of Functions to Local Government Units (LGUs). All concerned agencies shall consider in the submission of PAPs the appropriate role of the National Government in the provision of certain functions, services and facilities which were devolved to LGUs pursuant to Republic Act No. 7160, or the Local Government Code of 1991, and other relevant laws and issuances.
  - 3. Geographical/Spatial allocation of investments. The concerned agencies are enjoined to prioritize their proposed PAPs towards a more equitable regional allocation of investments based on the most critical needs/gaps in the regions for specific infrastructure facilities/services and other emerging priorities while also considering the urgency to expand economic opportunities to the marginalized sectors deemed as having the highest poverty incidences among the basic sectors in the Philippines (e.g., fisherfolk and farmers) by promoting viable economic growth and development in emerging growth corridors/centers outside of Metro Manila. From the foregoing the following spatial/geographical considerations should be taken into account:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Existing Convergence Programs: (1) National Program on Population and Family Planning (NPPFP), (2) Zero Hunger Program (ZHP), (3) Agricultural Development Program (ADP), (4) Export Development Program (EDP), (5) Tourism Development Program (TDP), (6) Pasig River Urban Development (PRUD), (7) Risk Resiliency Program (RRP), (8) Justice Sector Convergence Program (JSCP), (9) Philippine Anti-Illegal Drugs Strategy (PADS), (10) Water Resources Program (WRP), (11) PCB on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), (12) PCB on Livelihood and Employment

- a. Highest poverty incidence and magnitude of poor families;
- b. Exposed and prone to multiple hazards;
- c. Geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA); and
- d. Emerging growth corridor/critical growth area.
- 4. Alignment with the regional development plans/programs. The agency central offices (ACOs) shall ensure that their respective budget allocation framework and prioritization criteria have also duly considered the prioritized list of PAPs endorsed by the Regional Development Councils (RDCs), including, if applicable, the Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAPs³), with the objective of addressing the current and emerging infrastructure development gaps at the regional level.
- 5. Regional and provincial level disaggregation of costs. To aid the TRIP Secretariat in processing PAPs submissions and in the analysis of the regional infrastructure investment allocations, the budget proposals for PAPs should be submitted with regional and provincial level disaggregation, including for priority PAPs that are nationwide and interregional in scope.
- F. ICT-related Items All proposed projects/programs shall be included in the agency's Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP), which shall be prepared subject to compliance with the rules and regulations issued by the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).
- G. Non-developmental Government Buildings Per the revised DBM-NEDA Guidelines on the Prioritization of Tier 2 (New/Expanded) Proposals, only government buildings that are developmental in nature shall be subjected to the prioritization criteria for Tier 2 proposals. In the case of non-developmental government buildings (i.e., administrative buildings that do not directly provide service to or have no direct transactions with public and private clients, or those that solely serve as offices to government personnel), these shall be included as part of the asset management systems of government agencies pursuant to the Philippine Government Asset Management Policy (PGAMP)<sup>4</sup> or covered by other applicable issuances particularly those issued by DBM relevant to processing of budget proposals from various agencies.

# III. Prioritization of Tier 2 (New/Expanded) Proposals

The revised DBM-NEDA Guidelines on the Prioritization of Tier 2 Proposals<sup>5</sup> will be used to facilitate the processing and subsequent prioritization of priority PAPs submitted by the concerned government agencies and offices for the formulation

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> ARNIPAPS refer to regional priority PAPs identified by the RDCs and 12 pilot ACOs and agreed for inclusion in the updating of the PIP 2023-2028 during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional-National Investment Programming (RNIP) Dialogue conducted in August 2024.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> As embodied in DOF-DBM-NEDA Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2020-1, accessible at: DOF-DBM-NEDA-JOINT-MEMORANDUM-CIRCULAR-NO-2020-1.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Signed by DBM and NEDA Secretaries in December 2022

of the TRIP FYs 2026-2028. Provided below is the general process flowchart to be followed under the revised prioritization criteria:

# Step 1. Categorization of submitted programs/activities/projects (PAPs) in terms of:

- Core Investment Programs/Projects (CIPs) big-ticket PAPs requiring ICC and NEDA Board action
- Non-CIP proposed priority PAPs that do not need to undergo the ICC or NEDA Board review and approval process

#### Step 2. First level prioritization criteria (both shall apply for CIPs and Non-CIPs)

- Contribution to achieving the identified Philippine development targets
- Implementation readiness (i.e., level 1 and level 2 CIPs and non-CIPs)

#### Step 3. Second level prioritization criteria (both shall apply for CIPs and Non-CIPs)

- · Priority areas for increased spending
- · Spatial/geographical context
- · Programmatic approach

**Step 4.** Premium for selected priority PAPs of agencies with disbursement Budget Utilization Rate (BUR) of at least 85% and above.

# List of Sample Programs and Projects (PAPs) with Expected Contribution to Philippine Development Plan (PDP) Chapter/ Results Matrices (RM)

as of October 31, 2024

Below is the list of sample PAPs with recommended PDP Chapter assignment based on corresponding PDP-Results Matrix outcome statements and indicators. This is a reference or guide for the Agencies in tagging their PAPs for submission in the PIP Online (PIPOL) System, and for the NEDA Secretariat in validating Agency PIP submissions. The validation of PAPs for inclusion in the PIP is subject to the completeness and accuracy of information provided, and contribution to the appropriate PDP-RM outcome(s) and indicator(s).

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| NATURE OF PAPs   | MAIN PDP CHAPTER AND  |
|  | OTHER PDP CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT  |
| Construction, Rehabilitation, Retrofitting, and/or Upgrading of Government Facilities  | Chapter 14 (with Chapter 12 as Other<br>PDP Chapter) for the construction,<br>rehabilitation, retrofitting, and/or upgrading<br>of training facilities for civil servants and<br>local government units   |
|  | <ul> <li>Examples:</li> <li>Construction of a four-storey Learning and Development Center</li> <li>Improvement of Conference Center Training Facility</li> <li>Construction of a 3-storey Regional Office Training Centers</li> <li>Construction of Local Government Resource/Training Centers</li> </ul> |
|  | Subchapter 2.3 (with Chapter 12 as Other PDP Chapter)   |
|  | <ul> <li>Multipurpose halls that are primarily built<br/>for the use of indigenous peoples (e.g., IP<br/>Hall) and Muslim community centers</li> </ul>  |
|  | <ul> <li>Composting facilities for biodegradable<br/>wastes (with Subchapter 3.1 as Other<br/>PDP Chapter)</li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>Programs involving the construction<br/>of environmental testing labs</li> </ul>   |
|  | Chapter 12 for the following:   |
|  | - School Buildings (with Subchapter 2.2 as Other PDP Chapter)   |
|  | <ul> <li>Hospitals and Health Centers (with<br/>Subchapter 2.1 as Other PDP<br/>Chapter)</li> </ul>   |

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|  | <ul> <li>Subchapter 3.1 for the following:         <ul> <li>Border examination/inspection facilities to ensure safety of imported agri-food commodities and help curb agricultural smuggling (with Chapter 5 as Other PDP Chapter)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Agricultural trading centers and facilities to bring agricultural commodities closer to consumers</li> </ul> |
|  | Chapter 5 (with Subchapter 3.1 as Other PDP Chapter)     Warehouses and cold storage facilities for agricultural commodities   |
| Establishment/Construction of Police Stations, Fire Stations, Facilities of the Police, Armed Forces, and Government Arsenal, and other Security Sector-related Infrastructure | <ul> <li>Subchapter 13.1 (with Chapter 12 as Other PDP Chapter)</li> <li>Construction of Police Station Buildings</li> <li>BFP Mobile Communications Networking Project for Disaster and Specialized Applications</li> <li>Maritime Safety Capability Improvement Project for the Philippine Coast Guard, Phase III</li> </ul>                                       |
| Establishment/Construction of Halls of Justice, Jail and Corrections Facilities, and Rehabilitation Centers (particularly on livelihood and skills training)                   | Subchapter 13.2 (with Chapter 12 as Other PDP Chapter)     Construction of Halls of Justice     Creation of the MIMAROPA Office of the Regional Prosecutor     Establishment of the Office of the City Prosecutor in Sto. Tomas, General Trias, Baliauag, and Carmona     Construction and repair of penal facilities  |
| Development of Justice<br>Sector Information Systems   | <ul> <li>Subchapter 13.2 (with Chapter 14 as Other PDP Chapter)</li> <li>Development of National Justice Information System</li> <li>Development of Criminal Justice Information Exchange</li> </ul>   |
| Trainings for Justice sector actors (e.g., legal   | <ul> <li>Subchapter 13.2 for PAPs with the<br/>objective to provide capacity building to</li> </ul>  |

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| practitioners, policymakers, drug education practitioners, etc).   | enhance administration of justice, such as:  - Training and Technical Assistance for both Prosecutors and Law Enforcers for active involvement in the buildup of cases before filing in court  - Training of ADR mediators   |
| Construction/Establishment of Regional Inclusive Innovation Centers and Knowledge, Innovation, Science and Technology (KIST) Park  | Chapter 8 with Chapter 6 (as other PDP Chapter for PAPs related with industrial dispersion, industry applications)   |
| Fish Ports   | <ul> <li>Chapter 5 (with Chapter 12 as Other PDP Chapter) for the construction and upgrading of fish ports and community fish landing centers, including the following:         <ul> <li>Investments for the establishment of Sustainable fisheries infrastructure, such as green ports</li> <li>Upgrading of processing, postharvest and storage facilities in the fisheries cold chain (with Subchapter 3.1 and Chapter 4 as Other PDP Chapters)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>                            |
| Construction of Farm-to-<br>Market Roads and Bridges,<br>Farm-to-Mill Roads and<br>Irrigation Systems  | <ul> <li>Chapter 12 (with Chapters 4, 5, and Subchapter 3.1 as Other PDP Chapters) for interconnected transport systems, investments on agricultural transport and logistics infrastructure, particularly the construction and rehabilitation of farm-to-market roads</li> <li>Chapter 5 (with Chapters 3.1, 4, and 12 as Other PDP Chapters) building more and improving the interconnectedness of multimodal transport and logistics, especially those required for perishable products</li> </ul> |
| Establishment of Drug Rehabilitation Centers for PAPs that will include medical treatment as a component   | Subchapter 2.1 (with Chapters 12 and Subchapter 13.1 as Other PDP Chapters)  |
| Law enforcement PAPs related to Anti-Illegal Drugs   | Subchapter 13.1  |

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| Campaign   | OTHER PDP CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT   |
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| Micro-, Small, and Medium-<br>sized Enterprises (MSMEs)<br>or Cooperative-related PAPs | <ul> <li>Chapter 5 for PAPs involving farmers, fisherfolk, and their organizations, and Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries (AFF)-based enterprises covering the following value chain interventions:         <ul> <li>Productivity-enhancing support services</li> <li>Production, processing, post-harvest machinery and equipment</li> <li>Operationalization of various integrated farming systems and commodity system based-planning approach in the production of food and non-food commodities, value- adding, and other segments of the value chain</li> <li>Marketing and logistics</li> <li>Livelihood and enterprise development assistance</li> <li>Capacity building and extension</li> </ul> </li> </ul>   |
|  | <ul> <li>Chapter 6 for MSME-related PAPs which includes the following interventions:         <ul> <li>Business mentoring, and entrepreneurship training to help establish more MSMEs</li> <li>Linking MSMEs with startups and multinational corporations (MNC) or companies/GVC clusters</li> <li>Conducting extensive innovation pitching for MSMEs and startups</li> <li>Conducting capacity-building activities for preparation of business continuity plans and strengthen MSMEs entrepreneurial capabilities and competitiveness</li> <li>Encouraging/Promoting MSMEs to adopt international standards and international certifications</li> </ul> </li> <li>Chapter 8 for PAPs related to the development and use of cutting-edge technology (e.g., 3D Printing, Artificial Intelligence, etc.)</li> </ul> |
|  | Subchapter 11.1 for general PAPs with  |

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|  | the objective to provide access to finance   |  |
| PAPs in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable communities                      | Subchapter 13.1 for PAPs with<br>beneficiaries defined as MILF, MNLF,<br>CBA/CPLA, RPMP/RPA/ABB, former<br>combatants and violent extremists, their<br>families and communities  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>For sector-specific PAPs that will be implemented in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, the Chapter assignment will be based on the sector concerned (e.g., Chapter 5 for agriculture, Subchapter 2.2 for education, Chapter 12 for infrastructure)</li> </ul>  |  |
| Information and Communications Technology (ICT)-related PAPs (soft infrastructure) | • Chapter 14 for PAPs involving development of information systems/ websites/mobile apps which will enhance government processes and systems for internal efficiency and faster service delivery to the public, except for sector-specific ICT PAPs (e.g., enrollment systems, SUCs' information systems, electronic health records, enhancement of weather systems, or those related to science and technology, etc.) |  |
|  | Examples:  - Human Resource Information System  - Modernizing the Philippine Civil Service  - Digital Government e-Government Systems Development  - Anti-Red Tape Electronic Management and Information System  - National Government Portal Project  - eGovPH Super App  |  |
|  | Subchapter 2.3 (Chapter 12 as other chapter for PAPs with infrastructure component) for PAPs involving the monitoring of surface water, ground water, sediments data, and environmental quality  |  |

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|                         | OTHER PDP CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT  |  |  |
|                         | (i.e., water quality, air quality, and waste management)  |  |  |
|                         | Subchapter 3.1 for PAPs related to the following:     Price and supply-demand monitoring of commodities (e.g., mobile and web-  |  |  |
|                         | based platforms/applications) to<br>anticipate possible shortages and<br>forestall sudden price increases; and  |  |  |
|                         | - Online marketing channels to connect producers and consumers  |  |  |
|                         | Chapter 5 for PAPs related to planning tools and information systems to guide policies and rationalize investments (with Subchapter 3.1 as Other PDP Chapter)   |  |  |
|                         | Chapter 8 for PAPs involving software innovation and development of highly-advanced technology  |  |  |
|                         | Subchapter 11.2 for PAPs aiming to<br>streamline and fully automate major tax<br>and customs administration processes   |  |  |
|                         | Chapter 12 for PAPs involving construction, expansion, improvement, enhancement, deployment, rehabilitation or restoration of hard ICT infrastructure (i.e., cables, communication towers, fiber optic networks, physical network, etc.)  Examples: |  |  |
|                         | - National Broadband Program  |  |  |
|                         | National Government Data Center     Free Wi-Fi for All  |  |  |
|                         | Chapter 15 for PAPs involving natural resources monitoring, as well as national and local climate and disaster risk data and information management Systems   |  |  |
| Climate/Weather         | Chapter 15 for PAPs which include   |  |  |
| Monitoring-related PAPs | establishment of monitoring stations and/or installations of weather stations   |  |  |
|                         | Chapter 5 for the adoption of site-<br>specific, timely, and simplified climate   |  |  |

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| <b>《中心》是"这种"的</b>                             | OTHER PDP CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT   |  |  |
|   | outlook and weather forecasts, including the development and mainstreaming of early warning systems and anticipatory mechanisms (with Subchapter 3.1 as Other PDP Chapter)   |  |  |
|   | Chapter 8 for PAPs related to the development of new space technologies for monitoring   |  |  |
| Research and Development (R&D) - related PAPs | Chapter 8 for sector-specific R&D PAPs. The Other PDP Chapter assignment will be based on the sector concerned (e.g., Subchapter 2.2 if the beneficiaries are teachers, Chapter 5 if the beneficiaries are farmers, Chapter 5 for R&D of SUCs that are agriculture-related, etc.)  |  |  |
|   | Chapter 6 for industry applications  |  |  |
|   | Chapter 14 for research-related PAPs focusing on governance, and those aligned with the outcomes of the said chapter. The beneficiary of the said PAPs should be the government/public sector. This excludes stand-alone studies/research and sector-specific studies.      Examples:     Policy Research for Evidence-Based Legislation     Reseach Program on Futures Thinking for |  |  |
|   | the Public Sector  • Subchapter 3.1 for PAPs that will contribute to the following:  |  |  |
|   | <ul> <li>Improving storage and preservation of food to reduce losses</li> <li>Enhancing food safety and quality of food product</li> <li>Increasing nutritional content (food fortification) and shelf-life of food</li> </ul>   |  |  |
|   | products     Chapter 5 for PAPs that will contribute to  |  |  |
|   | boosting productivity and resiliency of agriculture and fisheries sector (with Subchapter 3.1 as Other PDP Chapter)  |  |  |

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|  | Chapter 8 for PAPs involving innovation or cutting-edge technologies  |  |  |
|  | Chapter 15 for PAPs that will contribute to<br>ecosystem protection and rehabilitation,<br>natural capital accounting and valuation of<br>ecosystem services, and harnessing genetic<br>resources for nature- based products,<br>pharmaceuticals, and nutritional<br>supplements  |  |  |
| Construction and Rehabilitation/Retrofitting of New and Existing Laboratory Facilities with Equipment, and Upgrading of Laboratory Equipment in Existing Laboratory Facilities               | Chapter 8 for the construction of<br>laboratories for cutting-edge<br>technologies/ innovation (e.g., Additive<br>Manufacturing, Robotics, Space<br>Technologies)   |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Subchapter 3.1 for laboratory facilities related to the following:         <ul> <li>Managing risks (e.g., pests and animal diseases) and ensuring food safety</li> <li>Strengthening compliance to food labelling and quality standards</li> <li>Developing safe and nutritious foods (e.g., fortified foods)</li> <li>Improving packaging and prolonging shelf-life of food products</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |  |  |
| Training PAPs for Civil Servants, LGUs, and CSOs (except if the training pertains to sector-specific concerns, e.g., real estate taxation, disaster risk reduction, social protection, etc.) | technical competencies of civil servants, increase their productivity, or to enhance capacity of CSOs to engage with government.  |  |  |
|  | Subchapter 11.2 for PAPs aiming to<br>strengthen the capacity of LGUs to raise<br>more revenues and implement devolved<br>functions   |  |  |

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| Competition-related PAPs | Chapter 10 for PAPs with the objective to promote free and fair competition in economic activities and improve regulatory efficiency such as:  |  |
|                          | <ul> <li>Capacity building of agencies on promoting competition in various sectors, and on undertaking competition impact assessments and regulatory impact assessments</li> <li>Regulatory review and market studies on competition in sectors/ industries (e.g., MGR Program)</li> </ul>   |  |
|                          | <ul> <li>PAPs on strengthening enforcement of<br/>competition law (e.g., establishment of<br/>iStations, establishment of forensics<br/>laboratory, etc.)</li> </ul>   |  |
| Infrastructure PAPs      | Chapter 12 for the following:  |  |
|                          | - Transportation: Construction/improvement/rehabilit ation/restoration, and/or operation and maintenance of roads and bridges including highways, expressways, interchanges, tunnels, non-rail based mass transit facilities, railways (passenger and freight), airports, seaports including navigable inland waterways, piers, wharves, quays, active transport facilities including bicycle lanes and pedestrian walkways, and other infrastructure PAPs with the main objective of moving people and goods through modernized transport |  |
|                          | - Water Resources: Construction, improvement, rehabilitation, or restoration of irrigation, flood control, drainage, water supply (i.e., rainwater harvesting/collection facilities, -water impounding projects, multipurpose reservoirs/dams, underground utility corridors), sanitation, sewage and  |  |

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|  | septage management systems and facilities   |  |  |
|  | - Social Infrastructure: Construction, improvement, rehabilitation, or restoration of health facilities, basic education facilities (i.e., school buildings), solid waste management facilities (e.g., sanitary landfills, materials recovery facilities, waste-to-energy facilities)   |  |  |
|  | <ul> <li>Power-Electrification: Construction, improvement, rehabilitation or restoration of power facilities (e.g., generation, transmission, and distribution), missionary/ household electrification, energy and conservation, electrical vehicle support facilities (e.g., charging stations) and alternative energy technologies</li> </ul>   |  |  |
| Housing-related PAPs   | Chapter 2.3   |  |  |
|  | Housing programs of various key shelter agencies (e.g., 4PH; Housing Program for Calamity Victims, Government employees)  |  |  |
| Education and skills-<br>related PAPs  | Chapter 2.2     Basic education learning resources and programs     Higher education programs on scholarship and student assistance (e.g., UAQTE)   |  |  |
| Social Protection-related PAPs   | Chapter 3.2 covers PAPs that mainly and directly benefit the vulnerable population including the poor, children, women, senior citizens, persons with disabilities, farmers and fisherfolk, informal sector, internally-displaced persons, and persons of concern, among others. These include provision of social assistance, social insurance, social safety nets, labor market interventions, and other social welfare interventions to all eligible Filipinos inside or outside of the country. |  |  |
| Employment-related PAPs  | Chapter 4 covers PAPs related to labor and employment and skills development that are supportive of the strategies to increase the  |  |  |

| NATURE OF PAPs          | MAIN PDP CHAPTER AND OTHER PDP CHAPTER ASSIGNMENT   |  |
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|                         | income-earning ability of Filipinos. The PAPs should involve (i) investments for upskilling and retooling (e.g., training credentials, skills, and competencies) that enhance employability and (ii) interventions that improve employment facilitation services and labor market governance. |  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Examples:</li> <li>Training for Work Scholarship Program (TESDA)</li> <li>Special Training for Employment Program (TESDA)</li> <li>Labor Market Information (DOLE)</li> <li>Labor Inspection Program (DOLE)</li> </ul>   |  |
| Governance-related PAPs | Chapter 14 for PAPs aimed at facilitating good governance and improving bureaucratic efficiency by:  - Deepening participatory governance (e.g., enhancing CSO participation in the budget process, Freedom of Information program, raising literacy of voters for elections,                 |  |
|                         | localization of the Philippine Open Government Partnership);  - Bolstering public accountability and integrity (e.g., Bantay Korapsyon Program, Integrity Management Program, Strengthening public feedback mechanisms, Citizens' Participatory Audit);                                       |  |
|                         | - Rationalizing and strengthening government functions, systems, and mechanisms [see examples from ICT-related PAPs (soft infrastructure as well as other PAPs such as Government Quality Management System, ISO Integration, among others)]; and   |  |
|                         | <ul> <li>Supporting competent, motivated, agile, and resilient public servants [see examples from ICT-related PAPs (soft infrastructure) and Training PAPs for Civil Servants, LGUs, and CSOs]</li> </ul>   |  |

Terms of Reference of the Authorized
Agency Public Investment Program (PIP)/
Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) Focal(s)
for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and Formulation of the TRIP
for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation

To ensure the accountability, accuracy, and timeliness of the submission of Agency/Office¹ inputs to NEDA, all concerned agencies/offices are required to designate their authorized Agency Public Investment Program (PIP)/Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) Focal(s) who will access and encode the data requirements in the PIP Online (PIPOL) System using the PIPOL System-generated² *Authorization Form*. The Authorization Form should be duly signed by the Head of Agency/Office³ and, if applicable, by the Head of Parent Agency⁴.

Based on the authority granted by the Head of Agency/Office and, if applicable, the Head of Parent Agency, it is understood that all information on the priority programs and projects (PAPs) encoded by the authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) are *correct, complete* and *duly endorsed/approved* by both the Agency and, if applicable, its Parent Agency. For reporting purposes, and in response to the request for information on the priority PAPs under the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028, the information encoded in the PIPOL System by the Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) will be considered by NEDA as official and can be used for quotation.

The Agency Lead PIP/TRIP Focal to be authorized should at least be of Director IV level position or its equivalent who will oversee the submission of PAPs in the PIPOL System by the other Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s). The duties and responsibilities of the authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) shall include the following:

a. Coordination within their respective agencies, particularly with their offices involved in planning, budgeting, and implementation of priority PAPs to ensure that the priority PAPs to be endorsed for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as input to the FY 2026 budget preparation,

a. Agencies attached to parent agencies - the Head of the Parent Agency shall sign the parent agency field of the authorization form of the concerned attached agency

c. GOCCs/GFIs attached to NGAs under issuances - the Head of the Parent Agency shall sign the parent agency field of the authorization form of the concerned GOCC/GFI

d. SUCs - the Chair of the Governing Boards of each SUC shall approve the authorization through coordination with the Commission on Higher Education-Office of Planning, Research, and Knowledge Management

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All National Government Agencies, Government-Owned or -Controlled Corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), Other National Government Offices and Instrumentalities, and State Universities and Colleges (SUCs)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Authorization Form for the Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) shall be automatically generated from the PIPOL System reflecting the details encoded in the PIPOL System Sign-Up Page (<a href="https://pipol.neda.gov.ph/sign-up">https://pipol.neda.gov.ph/sign-up</a>).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The President or the counterpart highest level official for GOCCs, GFIs, and SUCs

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Kindly note the following considerations:

Agencies under the Office of the President and Other Executive Offices - the signature of the Head of the concerned agency will suffice

through the PIPOL System, are correct, updated, and with complete and accurate information.

- b. Coordination with the <u>respective Agency Regional Offices (AROs)</u> to ensure that all PAPs implemented by the national government (NG) under the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) and NG PAPs endorsed by the Regional Development Council (RDC) (if available) are included in the submission of the agency for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028. The agency shall provide feedback to the concerned RDCs on the reasons for the non-inclusion in the PIP of the priority NG PAPs in the RDIPs and RDC-endorsed NG PAPs.
- c. Coordination with <u>respective attached agencies/offices</u>, if applicable, to ensure that PAP submissions of attached agencies/offices are included in the submission endorsed by the Parent Agency for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028.
- d. <u>Encoding PAPs and validation</u> of the completeness of the data of the agency's endorsed/approved priority PAPs for inclusion in the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for FYs 2026-2028, through the PIPOL System, on or before the set deadline.

Agencies shall also endorse the Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAPs) agreed upon by the RDCs and select Agency Central Offices<sup>5</sup> during the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional-National Investment Programming Dialogue held on August 22 to 23, 2024. In case there are ARNIPAPs which the concerned agency failed to endorse, the agency shall provide feedback to the concerned RDCs on the reasons for not endorsing the ARNIPAPs for inclusion in the PIP.

- e. Familiarization with the guidelines on the PIP updating and TRIP formulation, and the PIPOL System, participation in the briefing, and use of the online briefers/materials to be shared by the PIP Secretariat as references. The authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) are expected to cascade the briefing and share the briefers/materials with their respective regional offices and attached agencies, as needed.
- f. Coordination with the concerned NEDA PIP Chapter Focals, as necessary, on the validation of the submitted inputs, and with the PIP and TRIP Secretariats on any concerns on submissions of inputs using the PIPOL System.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Department of Agriculture, Department of Education, Department of Energy Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Department of Health, Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development, Department of Information and Communications Technology, Department of the Interior and Local Government, Department of Public Works and Highways, Department of Science and Technology, Department of Social Welfare and Development, and Department of Transportation.

# List of Other Planning-Programming References and Tools

Agencies are expected to consider the following in their submission of priority programs and projects (PAPs) for the updating of the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028:

- A. Regional Development Council (RDC) endorsement and inclusion in the Regional Development Investment Programs (RDIP). All RDC-endorsed and national government-implemented PAPs under the RDIP, which meet the criteria for inclusion in the PIP, should be submitted by the agencies.
- B. Regional-National Investment Programming. The RNIP Dialogue Process aims to facilitate the linking of the RDIPs to the PIP by aligning the regional priorities with the national/sectoral priorities. The selected ACOs and all the RDCs harmonized their respective sectoral and regional development plan targets and corresponding timelines over the PIP-RDIP period, i.e., 2023 to 2028, and mutually identified and agreed on the priority National Government (NG)-implemented programs and projects (PAPs) in the regions. The Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAP) are the identified regional priority PAPs resulting from this process and are included by the agencies in the updated PIP.
- C. Program Convergence Budgeting (PCB). Pursuant to the National Budget Memorandum (NBM) No. 150 dated February 5, 2024 and NBM No. 146 dated January 12, 2023, the PCB is an approach that aims to focus government resources on key programs and projects which shall be coordinated in a holistic approach across Departments or Agencies working towards the same goals. NBM No. 146 states that each PCB has their respective lead agency and participating agencies, which are tasked to ensure that the preparation of PCB proposals is done in a coordinated and holistic manner. NBM No. 150 further states that the adoption of the PCBs' integrated approach in identifying key needs and priorities is considered evidence of a well-planned proposal.
- D. Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) for investment programming. The agencies shall use the sector-appropriate HGDG checklist for project development, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation in the preparation of the Agency PIP. The guide and the generic/sectoral HGDG checklists can be accessed through this link: https://neda.gov.ph/gender-and-development/.
- E. Disability-inclusive development. When applicable, agencies should integrate disability-sensitive measures into the design, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation of development policies and PAPs. A reference material with brief discussion on the "twin-track approach" on addressing disability-related concerns, including its mainstreaming in plans, policies and programs, can be accessed through this link: <a href="http://bit.ly/30uZSfw">http://bit.ly/30uZSfw</a>.
- F. Good governance and rights-based approach (RBA) to investment programming. Agencies shall ensure the priority PAPs' consistency with the principles of good governance: (1) rule of law and fairness; (2) inclusiveness; (3) participation, openness and transparency; (4) performance orientation and accountability; (5) leadership and stewardship; (6) ethics and probity; and (7) service orientation and responsiveness. It shall also be guided by rights-based parameters,

principles and standards to promote inclusive, equitable and sustainable development towards the achievement of our long-term vision or *AmBisyon Natin* 2040.

The agencies are recommended to follow pertinent guidelines from the Good Governance Toolkit and RBA questionnaire in the screening and selection of priority PAPs for inclusion in the PIP updating. The checklists can be accessed through the following links:

- Good Governance Toolkit for PIP (process checklist): https://bit.ly/3Dpx7HU
- Good Governance Toolkit for PIP (content checklist): https://bit.ly/3BGb4LY
- 3. RBA Mainstreaming Checklist: http://bit.ly/RBAChecklist

### Roles of NEDA and the Planning Committees

#### A. The PIP and TRIP Secretariats shall:

- 1. Coordinate the overall preparation for the updating of the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028 and formulation of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2028, including, among others, the dissemination of the Guidelines and necessary references, responding to queries or requests for clarification addressed to the PIP and/or TRIP Secretariats, and issuance of advisories or updates in the course of the updating of the PIP or formulation of the TRIP, as necessary.
- 2. Organize a briefing for the agencies on the updating of the PIP 2023-2028 and formulation of the TRIP FYs 2026-2028.
- 3. Prepare the lists of priority programs and projects (PAPs) under the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation, including priority PAPs that are ready for implementation (i.e., with information on the FY 2026 investment targets down to the provincial level)<sup>1</sup>, and Agency Regional-National Investment Programs and Projects (ARNIPAPs), among others, and submit to appropriate bodies [e.g., Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and Congress].

### B. The NEDA PIP Chapter Focals shall:

- 1. Validate the submission of priority PAPs (including the ARNIPAPs of the pilot agencies) by the agencies in the PIP Online (PIPOL) System under respective PIP Chapters in terms of compliance with the criteria for inclusion of priority PAPs under the Updated PIP 2023-2028, and completeness and accuracy of submissions [e.g., responsiveness of PAPs to the PDP 2023-2028 Results Matrices and 8-point Socioeconomic Agenda, investment targets, funding sources, mode of implementation, spatial coverage, level of readiness and status (physical and financial accomplishment), among others].
- 2. In the case of ARNIPAPs, should there be inconsistencies between the list of ARNIPAPs and the priority PAPs submitted by the pilot agencies:
  - a. Report to the respective Planning Committees on the non-inclusion/inconsistencies; and
  - b. Advise the concerned agencies and Regional Development Councils.
- 3. In the course of validation, the NEDA PIP Chapter Focals can drop/remove from the agency submitted PAPs those that do not satisfy the criteria (e.g., not responsive to the PDP 2023-2028 RM and 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda, recurrent cost, etc.) or with incomplete information. The NEDA PIP Chapter Focals may coordinate with the concerned agencies on the matter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> These are the PAPs that are for priority endorsement to the DBM for FY 2025 budget preparation.

- Provide technical assistance to agencies under respective sectors, especially regarding concerns on compliance with the criteria for inclusion of priority PAPs in the Updated PIP 2023-2028.
- Draft and finalize the PIP Chapter document (e.g., lists of priority PAPs, accompanying summary tables) and present/submit the same to the appropriate Planning Committees and other relevant bodies (as may be directed).
- Report to the Planning Committee the progress of the priority PAPs under the Updated PIP 2023-2028 in terms of reconfirmed priority PAPs under the PIP 2023-2028, ARNIPAPs, confirmed tagging of infrastructure flagship projects (IFPs) based on NEDA Board-approved list of IFPs, and dropped, completed, and additional PAPs.
- 7. Ensure confirmation of the lists of priority PAPs under respective PIP Chapters by the appropriate Planning Committee. The NEDA PIP Chapter Focals will provide technical and logistical support in the conduct of Planning Committee and other PIP-related meetings under the respective PIP Chapters.
- Transmit to the PIP Secretariat a copy of the Planning Committee-confirmed lists of priority PAPs by PIP Chapter (including ARNIPAPs), consistent with records of priority PAPs in the PIPOL System.
- Assist the PIP/TRIP Secretariats in the dissemination of the PIP Updating Guidelines, TRIP Formulation Guidelines, and other references, and participate in PIP-related meetings, as necessary.

#### C. The NEDA Regional Offices (NROs) PIP Focals shall:

- 1. Assist in disseminating the PIP Updating Guidelines, TRIP Formulation Guidelines, and other references to agency regional offices and state universities and colleges (SUCs), including the list of respective priority PAPs in the Regional Development Investment Programs (RDIPs), and Regional Development Council (RDC)-endorsed national government-implemented PAPs (if available), to facilitate agency regional offices' submission of timely inputs to their respective agency central offices.
- 2. Review and confirm the submitted priority PAPs (region-specific) by the agencies (including SUCs) in the PIPOL System in terms of consistency with regional priorities (e.g., RDC endorsement and RDIP).
- 3. Validate the ARNIPAPs in the PIP and TRIP submission of pilot agencies.
- Coordinate with the pilot agencies on ensuring that the ARNIPAPs are included in the submission, and complete information on the ARNIPAPs is encoded in the PIPOL System.
- Provide feedback to agency regional offices (including SUCs) on priority PAPs submitted by their respective parent agencies in the PIPOL System.

6. Participate in PIP/TRIP-related meetings, as necessary.

## D. The Planning Committees shall:

- 1. Upon validation and submission by the respective NEDA PIP Chapter Focals, confirm the lists of priority PAPs (including the ARNIPAPs) for inclusion in the PIP under the respective PIP Chapters.
- 2. Act on the recommendations of the respective Planning Committee Secretariats pertaining to priority PAPs under the PIP Chapters within its purview.

Indicative Calendar of Activities for the Updating of the Public Investment Program (PIP) 2023-2028 and Formulation of the Three-Year Rolling Infrastructure Program (TRIP) for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation as of November 8, 2024

| Indicative<br>Timelines                 | Concerned Agency/ies   | Activities  |
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| September 18, 2024                      | PIP and TRIP<br>Secretariats,<br>Implementing Agencies<br>(IAs)      | Issuance of Call for PIP 2023-2028 Updating and Formulation of TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation:  A.1 Reconfirmation/Replacement of Authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s)  A.2 Submission of New Authorized Agency PIP/TRIP Focal(s) |
| October 31, 2024                        | PIP and TRIP<br>Secretariats   | Issuance of Call for PIP 2023-2028 Updating and Formulation of TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 as Input to the FY 2026 Budget Preparation:  B. Guidelines for the Updating of the PIP 2023-2028 C. Revised Policy Guidelines and Procedures for the Formulation of the TRIP  |
| November 8 to<br>December 6, 2024       | IAs, PIP/TRIP Focal(s)   | Submission and endorsement of priority PAPs for inclusion in the PIP/TRIP through the PIPOL System  |
| December 9, 2024 to<br>January 10, 2025 | IAs, NEDA, PIP/TRIP<br>Focal(s)                                      | Validation of PAPs and TRIP submission by NRO/NEDA PIP Focal(s)   |
| January 13 to 17, 2025                  | NEDA PIP Chapter<br>Focal Staffs, NEDA<br>Regional Offices<br>(NROs) | Preparation of the lists of priority PAPs validated by the NEDA PIP Chapter Focals for Planning Committee (PC) Confirmation   |
| January 20 to 31, 2025                  | PDP PC,<br>PC Secretariats   | PC Confirmation of List of Validated PAPs (except Chapter 12) and submission of PC-confirmed lists of priority PAPs to the PIP Secretariat  |

| February 2025<br>(Week 4) to<br>March 2025<br>(Week 2) | Chapter 12 Focal Staff/<br>TRIP Secretariat | Presentations to NEDA Board Committee on Infrastructure – Technical Board (INFRACOM-TB):  a. PIP Chapter 12 (as PC), for approval/confirmation; and b. TRIP for FYs 2026-2028*, for endorsement to INFRACOM – Cabinet Level |
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|  | TRIP Secretariat                            | Presentation of TRIP for FYs 2026-2028 to the INFRACOM-Cabinet Level <u>for approval</u>  |
| March 2025   | PIP Secretariat                             | Finalization of the consolidated Validated PIP PAPs (including Chapter 12)  |
| March 2025   | NEDA  | Submission to DBM of the List of PAPs of<br>the Updated PIP 2023-2028 and TRIP for<br>FYs 2026-2028   |

<sup>\*</sup>including TRIP from all PDP Chapters