Ateneo School of Government
The Graduate School of Leadership and Public Service

KNOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE AREA: SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA) – East Asia Pacific

OBJECTIVES

1. To support the formal launch of the ANSA-EAP.
2. To develop cross-country collaboration on social accountability and demand-side governance initiatives.
3. To provide technical assistance to and across different East Asia and Pacific countries so the quality of social accountability initiatives is greatly enhanced.
4. To deliver training programs on rigorous social accountability tools and techniques.
5. To share country experiences and lessons from social accountability and demand-side governance initiatives regionally and globally.

OUTPUTS

The following are the expected outputs of the agreement:

Project Period:
01 July 2007 – 31 December 2008

Funded by:
The World Bank

Project Background

In December 2007, the Ateneo de Manila University - School of Government and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (The Bank) entered into a grant agreement to support the formal launching and start-up operations of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP). The Grant is made from the Bank’s FY2008 Development Grant Facility (DGF) Window 2, with the amount of five hundred thousand United States dollars (US$ 500,000).

Project Goal

The objective of the Grant is to support the initial phases of the following activities:

1. Operationalization of the ANSA-EAP which includes: (a) establishment of an administrative Secretariat with sufficient number of qualified staff and adequate resources; (b) activation of a regionally representative advisory body/governance mechanism and internal communication; and (c) launching of networking functions including website development, database of practitioners and researchers, and issuance of publications associated with the Affiliated Network.

2. Carry out country and multi-country social accountability initiatives and programs through the: (a) provision of: (i) expert advice and technical assistance, (ii) quality control oversight on the design, (iii) implementation, and evaluation of social accountability initiatives, (iv) leveraged financial support to social accountability/demand-side governance initiatives that are well-designed, innovative, and for which assessments of progress will be made; and (b) assessment and evaluation of the program. This will involve country-to-country support.

3. Carry out capacity building activities to include: (a) training and skills building via regional training programs on specific social accountability tools and methodologies; (b) higher education courses on social accountability integrated into on-going accredited degree programs; and (c) country-to-country learning exchanges.

4. Carry out research and knowledge management activities at country and regional levels. Research to include: (a) assessments/evaluations of social accountability initiatives; (b) refinement of existing tools; and (c) development and trial of new tools and approaches. Knowledge Management to include: (a) distillation; and (b) dissemination of country experience and lessons.

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