KONOWLEDGE AND PRACTICE AREA: SOCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Ateneo School of Government
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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 ANSA partners across different EAP countries so the quality of social accountability initiatives is enhanced.
4. To deliver training programs on effective social accountability tools and techniques.
5. To continue to disseminate information on 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 January 2009 – 31 December 2009

Funded by:
The World Bank

Project Background

In December 2009, 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 second year of operations of the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability in East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP). The Grant is made from the Bank’s FY2009 Development Grant Facility (DGF), with the amount of one million five hundred thousand United States dollars (US$ 1.5 million).

Project Goal

The objective of the Grant is to support the execution of the following main components:

1. Operationalization of the ANSA-EAP. This includes the strengthening of a dedicated administrative Secretariat, the engagement of a regionally representative advisory body (Executive Committee), and internal communication and networking functions (including development of website and database of practitioners and researchers, and issuance of publications associated with the Affiliated Network).

2. Country and multi-country social accountability initiatives and programs. This would be done through the provision of expert advice and technical assistance; quality control oversight on the design, implementation, and evaluation of social accountability initiatives; 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 program assessment and evaluation. This would involve country-to-country support.

3. Capacity building via regional training programs on specific social accountability tools and methodologies; higher education courses on social accountability integrated into on-going accredited degree programs; and country-to-country learning exchanges.

4. Research and Knowledge Management activities at country and regional level. This includes research to assess/evaluate social accountability initiatives, refinement of existing tools, and development and trial of new tools and approaches.

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