The project involves an evaluation of efforts of the revenue generation sector of government, i.e., the Department of Finance (DOF) and the agencies under its supervisory power, in order to eliminate corruption and improve the capacity in enforcing the rule of law.

It is primarily geared towards improving the anti-corruption and revenue collection efforts of the Philippines' Department of Finance (DOF) through its Revenue Integrated Protection Service (RIPS) and other related programs such as the Run Against the Tax Evaders (RATE) and Run Against the Smugglers (RATS). A technical group comprising of legal and policy consultants shall provide guidance, aid, and advice to the current DOF staff in handling the prosecution of graft and corrupt cases involving DOF’s attached agencies, the Bureau of Customs (BOC), the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and other special concerns of the Revenue Operations and Legal Affairs Group (ROLLAG) concerning Government-owned corporations (GOCCs), Government Financial Institutions (GFIs), and Public–Private Partnerships (PPPs), among many others.

The Project Laya lawyers and personnel shall likewise assist these agencies in creating better mechanisms to augment revenue collection and produce policies which will enable much better implementation of current laws. This project is also in line with the goals under the Millennium Challenge Compact (MCC) between the Philippines and the United States of America to detect and deter corrupt practices in order to contribute to long-term revenue generation and economic growth.

The project will involve a review of two (2) aspects of the overall anti-corruption and revenue collection strategy of the Department, namely, the Punitive and the Preventive. The Punitive aspect is aimed at improving the capability of personnel in RIPS, RATS, and RATE to prosecute their respective cases and thereby ensuring strict compliance with the Customs and Tariff code, Internal Revenue Code and Anti-Graft and Corrupt Practices Act. The Preventive aspect, on the other hand, is aimed at integrity build-up within the DOF and its attached agencies through a robust deterrent in the form of an efficient anti-corruption program and a strong prosecutorial arm. Assessment of the existing process flow, staffing pattern and compensation scheme shall also assist in increasing the speed and likelihood of cases and reducing the vulnerability of staff working in these areas respectively.