

Minutes of the Network Fellows' 9th Audio Conference

- 1. The 9th audio conference was held last 14 April 2011, at 3:00 P.M., GMT +8. Attendees from the network fellows include Bejo, as representative of Danardono Siradjudin (Java, Indonesia), Okto, from East Indonesia, and Armen Ria Toquero (Northern Luzon). Edsel Naguit for Philippine Procurement Network (P2N), Mia Aquino for the Learning Component, and Redempto Parafina, Jecel Censoro, and John Aldrich Telebrico, for the Networking Component also joined the conference. Technical problems hindered Sokleang (Cambodia), and Gaddi Alawi (Young Moro Network, Philippines) from participating in the meeting. Ms. Undral Gombodorj (Mongolia) asked to be excused from the meeting because of another meeting for SACLAP.
- 2. Mr. Parafina facilitated the audioconference. Updates of the current activities under the supervision of the network fellows, as well as updates from ANSA-EAP Operations team, were discussed in the meeting.
- 3. In Northern Luzon, Ria reported about the finalization of all community-based training, which should be completed by May 2011. NLCGG has also successfully received the Partnership for Transparency Fund's approval of its proposal to continue the same community-based training. It is also planning a training on procurement, which it will coordinate with P2N through Mr. Edsel Naguit.
- 4. In East Indonesia, Okto shared updates on their work on the forestry program. It is a continuation from last year. They also intend to shift focus on education.
- 5. In Java, Indonesia, Bejo informed the group about the right to information workshops that were conducted in three regions, namely Solo, Bandung, and Surabaya. They focused on health and education sectors. The workshops are generating positive feedback from participants. For instance, people from the riverside who were displaced by a project to build apartments appreciated receiving copy of construction plans. The Java Conveners Group plans to present to the public all the outputs of the workshop soon.
- 6. For the Philippine Procurement Network, Edsel enumerated various engagements with government. These include the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Government Procurement Policy Board (GPPB), and some barangays. In DPWH, the P2N already identified CSOs that could be deployed in 81 provinces; 116 of 181 districts had been matched with P2N network partners. In DILG, a Memorandum of Understanding had already been signed, which recognizes CSOs' attendance in LGU procurement activities. With GPPB, the CSO Procurement Manual is already being finalized.
- 7. For the Learning Component, Mia gave an account of ongoing work to customize the Social Accountability Training Manual in local languages and that utilizes examples from partner countries. In the planning stage are (a) training manual on constructive engagement, (b) 2nd toolkit on basic documentation, (c) 3rd toolkit on facilitation as an offshoot of the training in Bangkok. Mia informed the group about a manual developed by Komunitaas untuk Demokrasi (KID) under the leadership of Dr. Ignas Kleiden. She promised to send Bejo and Okto a copy of the manual so they could comment on it. She will also link them to KID. Regarding the Network Fellows' workshop in Baguio City, Mia said the full documentation would be sent soon.
- 8. From the Networking component side, Dondon informe the group about the ongoing work on country proposals for which Mr. Paul Gangoso had been commissioned to assist. Research on Conveners Group experiences is likewise being undertaken with Mr. Aldrich Telebrico. He also reminded everyone to send stories and photos of activities, which could be featured in the website, and the next day's audioconference on Mongolia CG scorecard.