

# Bridging the Gaps through Partnerships: The Philippine Procurement Network Report

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## Republic of the Philippines

Archipelago with 7,107 islands  
Land Area: 300,000 square kilometres  
Coastal Area: 36,289 kilometres  
(12,000 seashell species & 488 of 500 known corals found in the Philippines)

Population: 92 million (2008) with 11 million OFWs worldwide

Language: Filipino & English

Ethnic Groups: Indo-Malayan, Chinese

Predominantly Roman Catholic

Administrative Subdivisions: 17 regions, 80 provinces

GDP (2010): \$188.7m

Annual GDP rate (2010): 7.6%

GDP per capita (2010): \$2,180



# Background on Philippine Procurement Reforms

- Started in 1999
- Procurement Law enacted in January 2003
- Advocacy led by PWI to rally up support from legislators, private sector, other CSOs, youth groups, church-based organizations
- Provision under the law for CSO participation in procurement process as observers
- Feedback mechanism installed to address procurement-related concerns, among others

## How it all started?

- ANSA Open Doors 2009 in Hong Kong
- CSO groups: Ateneo School of Government, Concerned Citizens for Good Government, NAMFREL, Procurement Watch, Inc., Transparency and Accountability Network
- CSOs met back in Manila to form the Philippine Procurement Network (P2N)
- Included the private sector – Makati Business Club



# P2N Composition

- Steering Committee
  - Ateneo School of Government
  - ANSA-EAP (for Check my School)
  - Bishops-Businessmen's Conference
  - Concerned Citizens for Good Government
  - Diaspora for Good Governance
  - Makati Business Club
- 19 Provincial Network Partners
- 115 organizations



# Our Purpose for Existence



**Vision:** P2N is a network of procurement reform advocates effectively working for the transparent and accountable implementation of Republic Act No. 9184 that leads to quality public service delivery.

**Mission:** To unify different stakeholders to uphold procurement standards and strengthen existing procurement initiatives.

**Goal:** To serve as a conduit of resources and develop procurement performance standards for monitors.

# This is P2N





## Mapping of Procurement Observers & Monitors

- Conducted series of focussed group discussions to identify active groups
- Surfaced issues, concerns that the network could address

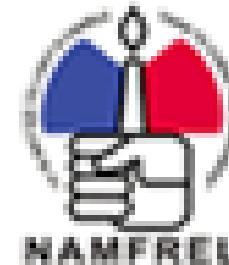




## Conducted Capacity Building Activities & Trainings

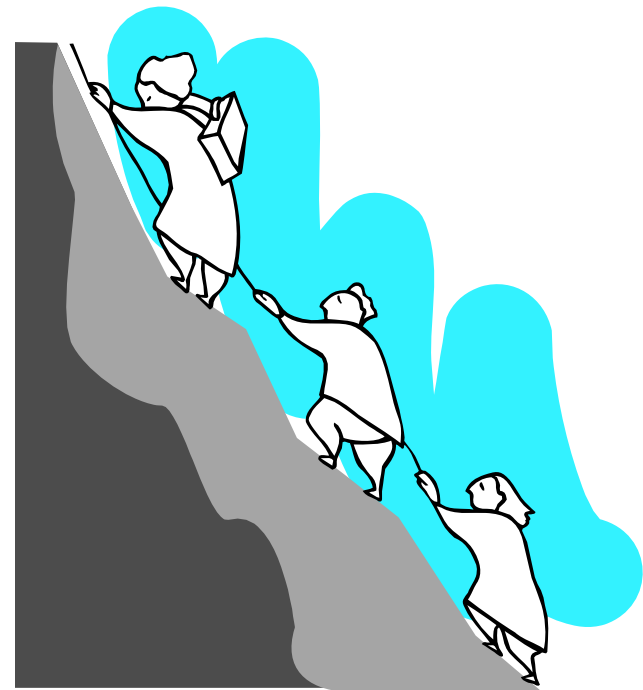
- Identifying capacity building needs
- Conducting training sessions on the Procurement Law
- Providing a menu of CSO tools, techniques for network partners to replicate & adapt
- Harmonization of CSO procurement manuals through the JSDF Grant

# Linking Dynamic CSO's Tools



# Our Challenges

- Reach out to more CSO groups in the ground
- Maintaining the linkage through communication
- Building capacity of network partners entail resources
- Resources to mobilize people on the ground
- Sustainability



# Way forward

- Setting regional desks for ease in communication & collaboration
- Organizational guidelines & criteria to manage the growth of network
- Create training pool to address capacity building needs
- Develop a sustainability & resource mobilization plan

