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<p>Increased investment and raised investors' confidence by having a More Responsive Judicial System</p>	<p>Support the Action Program for Judicial Reform (APJR) projects on case decongestion, judicial systems and procedure, human resource development, institutional integrity development and reform support systems</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete APJR projects on:</li> </ul> <p>Docket decongestion and judicial systems and procedure</p>	<p>Supreme Court (SC), all lower courts, administrative agencies performing quasi-judicial functions</p> <p>Continue the ongoing projects under the APJR:</p> <p>A. Decongesting Court Dockets</p> <p>Case Flow Management Pilot Project</p>	<p>The CFM system was pilot tested in Pasay City RTCs and MeTCs from 2003 to June 2005. The CFM Manual was approved by the SC En Banc; manual implementation started in</p>	<p>SC, Pasay City RTCs and MeTCs</p>	<p>APJR projects on case decongestion, judicial systems and procedure, human resource development, institutional integrity development and reform support systems supported</p> <p>CFM system established in Pasay City by 2005</p>	

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			<p>July 2003 for all cases filed on the day onward; software demonstration and launching held on Oct. 17, 2003; turn-over of CFM software and hardware from USAID/EGTA to Supreme Court held on March 11, 2004</p> <p>An assessment in April 2006 of the CFM Pilot Project in Pasay City showed that the pilot project need to be enhanced to include more case tracking features and generation of data for the CAMIS. Based on the recommendations, the Supreme Court implemented the Enhanced Case Flow Management (CFM) System. The project involves the design, development, testing, pilot implementation, and process and system documentation of the Enhanced CFM System that is integrated with the existing CAMIS of the OCA and other applica-</p>			

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		<p>Enhanced Caseflow Management System</p> <p>One-time Comprehensive Fast-Track Decongestion Activity</p> <p>Court Administration Management Information System (CAMIS) Project</p>	<p>tion systems that may be developed later</p> <p>Enhanced CFM software installed in Pasay City courts on Sept. 3, 2007. Pilot testing of the eCFM will also be done in Lapu-Lapu City</p> <p>Project concept paper prepared, for resource mobilization. A draft bill on the “judges-at-large” was formulated by OCA for referral to Congress and the Senate</p> <p>Construction Mission: Feb. 23 to March 1, 2004; training for SC Personnel on IT requirements: March 1-5, 2004; hardware installation and configuration June 14-25, 2004; implementation Phase Mission: June 28 to July 30, 2004; Strategic Planning Workshop conducted on July 1-2, 2004; data conversion and user acceptance testing done on June 29 to July 9, 2004;</p>	<p>SC, Pilot courts</p>	<p>Enhanced CFM system piloted in Pasay City, Lapulapu City and Quezon City HOJs by end of 2007</p> <p>Hiring of retired judges to assist in decongesting court dockets</p> <p>CAMIS installed in Office of the Court Administrator in 2004</p>	<p>SC intends to link the CAMIS with the Electronic Caseflow Management (eCFM) to further facilitate the generation of statistical reports necessary in evaluating the performance of courts</p>

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		<p>Rollout of Court Administration Management Information System (CAMIS)</p> <p>C. Automated Case Management and Information System in the Court of Appeals</p> <p>D. Technical Assistance to the Sandiganbayan</p>	<p>Users' Training on CAMIS conducted on July 22-23, 2004; CAMIS launched on Aug. 06, 2004</p> <p>The rollout of CAMIS to pilot courts in the National Capital Judicial Region started with training for lower courts. The Supreme Court decided to put on-hold the rollout of CAMIS to the rest of the NCJR courts pending the linking of eCFM with CAMIS</p> <p>Inventory of all cases of the Court of Appeals is on going. The Basic Training for Computer Operations to be held in October 2007</p>	<p>SC, Court of Appeals</p> <p>SC, Sandiganbayan</p>	<p>Roll-out in NCR, Regions 4, 7 and 10 by 2007; training on the use of the system completed by 2007</p> <p>CMIS developed by 2nd Quarter of 2008</p>	<p>On hold pending integration with eCFM</p>

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		<p>Use of Continuous Trial System on Selected Cases</p> <p>Continued Research Assistance on the Revision of Internal Rules of the Sandiganbayan</p> <p>Study on Rule 65 (on Interlocutory Appeals)</p> <p>Automated Case Management and Information System</p>	<p>The implementation of the continuous trial system in the six pilot cases is on-going</p> <p>The revisions are pending with the Supreme Court En Banc for its approval</p> <p>The revisions are pending with the Supreme Court En Banc for its approval</p> <p>The case tracking function of the Computerized Case Management Information System (CMIS) is operational. CMIS support activities are being conducted such as: training for justices and court personnel on the use of the CMIS conducted in 2006 and will be continued in 2007; a Change Management Workshop was conducted in the 1st quarter of 2006; digitization of Sandiganbayan decisions started in March 2006 and included in the CMIS</p>		<p>Piloting of continuous trial by 2006</p> <p>Review of internal rules completed by 2006</p> <p>Rule 65 of the Rules of Court revised by 2007</p> <p>Development of the CMIS for the Sandiganbayan completed by 1st Quarter of 2007</p>	<p>Piloting of continuous trial completed by 2008</p> <p>Prototype of CMIS Version II developed by November 2007</p>

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		<p>F. Technical Assistance to the Court of Tax Appeals:</p> <p>Study of Causes of Delay in the CTA</p> <p>Automated Case Management and Information System</p> <p>G. Strengthening the Rules on Asset Forfeiture on Money Laundering Cases</p> <p>H. Review of the Rules of Civil Procedures</p>	<p>Study entitled “Technical Assistance to the CTA to Improve its Efficiency and Effectiveness in Hearing and Resolving Cases” was completed in the 2nd quarter of 2006</p> <p>Work plans for prospective technical assistance on improved case flow management and the development of a case management information system was conducted in the last quarter of 2006</p> <p>Ongoing; conducted a Discussion Session on Anti-Money Laundering between the Court of Appeals and Sandiganbayan</p> <p>An assessment report entitled “Analysis of the Rules of Evidence and the Electronic Rules of</p>	<p>SC, Court of Tax Appeals</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC</p>	<p>Study completed by 2006</p> <p>Case Management Information System for the Court of Tax Appeals developed by 2007</p> <p>Workshop on strengthening rules on asset forfeiture conducted in 2006</p> <p>Rules of Civil Procedure reviewed in 2006</p>	

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		<p>I. Training on the Use of the Modes of Discovery and Deposition</p> <p>J. Judicial Reform Initiatives Support (JURIS) Project</p>	<p>Evidence for the Republic of the Philippines,” was submitted to the Committee on Revision of the Rules of Court (CCRC) for consideration. The final report was submitted on April 9, 2006</p> <p>The Office of the Court Administrator conducted three trainings with an average of 400 participants per training session in 2006. The 1st and 2nd trainings were conducted on Oct. 6, 2006 and Nov. 10, 2006 for the National Capital Judicial Region. The third training was conducted on Dec. 8, 2006 for Region I. Four trainings were conducted in 2007</p> <p>For 2007, a total of 21 RTC judges and 55 mediators in Bacolod, 10 Judges and 41 mediators in San Fernando, Pampanga, and 12 Judges in Baguio were trained in the Court-</p>	<p>SC, OCA</p> <p>SC</p>	<p>Training programs completed by 2007</p> <p>Court Annexed Mediation (CAM) and Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) set up in the far flung areas of the five model sites</p>	

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			<p>Annexed Mediation (CAM) and Judicial Dispute Resolution (JDR) process. There are 88 mediators (49 male and 39 female) practicing the innovative approach as part of the court-annexed system of ADR</p> <p>Additonal ADR Model Courts were established in the adjacent areas of the pilot model courts, namely: Angeles City, Macabebe-Masantol, Guagua in Pampanga, La Carlota, Silay , Talisay, and Bago in Negros Occidental. In the Baguio City model site, certain areas of Benguet were also included like La Trinidad and Buguias; in Misamis Oriental, the municipalities of Jasa-an-Claveria, Opol-El Salvador, Tagaloan-Villanueva and Alubijid were included aside in addition to Cagayan de Oro City; and in La Union, in addition to San Fernando, the munici-</p>		<p>(Pampanga, Negros Occidental, Misamis Oriental, Benguet, and La Union) to increase the access by the People to mediation services. Project to end in 2008</p>	

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			<p>palities of Agoo, Bauang and Balaoan were also included.</p> <p>For Bacolod City and San Fernando, Pampanga, a total of 4,210 cases have already been referred for mediation in two years. Of the cases that have been referred to mediation, around 60% or 1,977 cases have been successfully settled. As for JDR, of the 1,571 cases that have undergone JDR (total of settled and not settled), 41% have been successfully settled were, thereby eliminating some 641 cases from going to trial.</p> <p>Other accomplishments include: (a) Mediation Fund Study finalized; (b) Integrated ADR Curriculum and Launching of the ADR Training Manuals; (c) conduct of the National Conference of Paralegals; (d) the</p>			

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		<p>K. Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP)</p> <p>L. Study on the Possible Expansion of the Scope of Recognizance</p> <p>M. Protection and enforcement of constitutional rights, including the protection of witnesses</p>	<p>successful launching of an intensive skills-based Advanced Course on Intellectual Property Law for Judges; and (e) ALG Gender Integration Workshop conducted</p> <p>The ISSP was published in 2004. The ISSP Plan will be revised to integrate the changes made in the Plan.</p> <p>Study completed in 2005. Four two-day focus group discussions were conducted among the Supreme Court, judges, lawyers and other stakeholders to get feedback on the validity of the recommendations of the study</p> <p>Conducted National Consultative Summit on Extrajudicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances - Searching for Solutions in July 2007; the summit's recommended actions for the judiciary substantially</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC, HLAF</p> <p>SC</p>	<p>Implementation of ISSP completed in 2010</p> <p>Recommendations on the rules on recognizance submitted to the Supreme Court En Banc by 2005</p> <p>Summit on extrajudicial killings conducted in 2007; 100% of judges oriented on the Writ of Amparo by 2008; guidelines for the accreditation of sanctuaries issued by</p>	<p>Revised ISSP approved in 2009</p>

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	Human resource development projects	<p>A. Develop alternative modes for training judges:</p> <p>E-Learning Modules Production on Remedial Law and Civil Law Project</p>	<p>incorporated in Writ of Amparo which took effect on Oct. 24, 2007;</p> <p>The Writ is a remedy available to any person whose right to life, liberty and security is violated or threatened with violation by an unlawful act or omission of a public official or employee, or of a private individual or entity. It covers extralegal killings and enforced disappearances of threats thereof.</p> <p>Ongoing. The project is a follow-through activity of the e-Learning Pilot Project for the Judiciary. Under this project, PHILJA offered three online courses: (1) Arrests, Searches and Seizures and Custodial Investigation;</p>	SC, PHILJA	<p>2008; guidelines for management of sanctuaries issued by 2009</p> <p>Implementation of e-learning for 3 modules initiated in 2005</p>	

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		<p>Video-Production and Training on Pre-Trial and Modes of Discovery</p> <p>Training on Student Apprenticeship: Implementation Guidelines for the Student Apprenticeship Program</p>	<p>(2) The Developing Jurisprudence in Civil Law; and (3) Philippine Laws on International Trade. The course on international trade has been completed. Of the 117 participants/enrollees, 39 have completed the course.</p> <p>Five videos were completed: 2 for pretrial in civil and criminal cases in 1st level courts, 2 for pretrial in civil and criminal cases in 2nd level courts, and 1 for Modes of Discovery. The production was completed in 2005. The videos produced are used in the training for judges on pretrial and modes of deposition.</p> <p>Judges and law deans in Metro Manila, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao were consulted on the proposed Apprenticeship Guidelines last March 2005. The Guidelines were revised according to the comments</p>	<p>SC, OCA</p> <p>SC, lower courts, PALS</p>	<p>Instructional Video on Pre-Trial and Modes of Discovery produced in 2005</p> <p>Trained student apprentices by 2005</p>	

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		B. Strengthen Judiciary-Media Relations	<p>of the stakeholders and submitted to the Committee on Legal Education and Bar Matters for endorsement to the Supreme Court En Banc. The Court En Banc approved the project on April 26, 2005 and thereafter, an orientation for apprenticeship supervisors and clerks of court was held. Subsequently, 76 law students were deployed to first and second courts in Metro Manila and Metro Cebu to undertake their 240-hour apprenticeship from May to June 2005.</p> <p>A series of nationwide dialogues between the Court and the media sector was conducted. Final outputs included materials such as a “Glossary of Legal Terms for Journalists”, “Guidebook for Journalists Covering the Courts” and “Reader on Judiciary-Media Relations.”</p>	SC, AIJC, PHILJA	Guidebooks for Journalists and the Judiciary published in 2005	

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		C. AusAID CY 2005 – 2006 PAHRDF short-term and long-term HR Activities	Four (4) short term HR activities have been completed: (1) Towards A Strengthened HRMD of the Judiciary - CY 2005 (18 participants); (2) Management Development Course for Court Administrators - CY 2005 (9 participants); (3) Performance Monitoring and Evaluation of the APJR in the Philippines - CY 2006 (27 participants); and (4) Managing Change in the Judiciary - CY 2006 (15 participants). For the long term HR activities, 4 courses are currently availed of, namely: (1) Court Management Development Course SY 2005-2006 (2 participants); (2) Strategic Human Resource Management SY 2005-2006 (2 participants); (3) Capability Building in Management of Court Operations SY 2006-2007 (2 participants); and (4) Capability Building in E-Law (2 participants) SY 2006-2007.	SC, CA, Sandiganbayan, CTA, PHILJA, OCA, OCC, JRO, OAS, RTC	4 participants in 2 long-term courses; 3 short-term courses	

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			<p>Outputs of the training courses include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Comprehensive Career Development and Management Plan - approved by the SC En Banc for implementation for nonadjudicative personnel of the Judiciary</li> <li>b. Manual of Operations - preparation of Manual suspended pending the approval of revised policies and processes which should form part of the Manual</li> <li>c. Monitoring and Evaluation System for the APJR - for finalization and endorsement to the SC En Banc</li> <li>d. Graduate Diploma in Human Resources for 2 personnel of the Office of Administrative Services; reentry action plan approved for implementation</li> </ul>			

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		D. Judge-to-Judge/ Justice-to-Justice Dialogue	<p>Conducted four Judge to Judge Dialogues on Docket Management from June to November 2006 in Manila (June 1, 42 participants), Ilocos Norte (Sept. 15, 34 participants) and Aklan (Nov. 10, 25 participants). For 2007, two Judge to Judge dialogues were conducted in August. Dialogues on The Role of Trial Court Judges in Pre-Trial and Courtroom Management and The Role of Judges in the Reform Process (3 dialogues) were also conducted.</p> <p>Conducted 3 Justice to Justice dialogues from 2004 to 2006 to provide information and insights on the role and functions of the Judiciary as follows: (1) Role of the Judiciary as the Third Branch of Government; (2) The Role of the Judiciary in a Global Economy; and (3)</p>	SC, lower courts	10 Judge to Judge/ Justice to Justice Dia- logues conducted in 2005-2006	Conduct 3 Judge to Judge Dialogues in 2007

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		E. Training on Courtroom Issues	<p>Corporate Principles on Judicial Administration</p> <p>A one-day training was conducted in September 2006 for trial judges on courtroom issues including the use of subpoena and contempt powers, speedy trial issues, and how to deal with ex parte communications. The training involved the use of case studies, role plays, open discussion and identification by the participants of the issues they face.</p> <p>Training of commercial court judges on the new forfeiture rules held in January 2006</p>	SC, lower courts	Training on courtroom issues conducted in 2006	
		F. Judicial Ethics Symposium	Conducted 8 symposia in 2004. The symposia served as venue to: (1) determine whether there is a need to amend/revise the Code of Professional Responsibility, or any of its component, including its current implementation and	SC, PHILJA	Trained professors on the New Code of Judicial Conduct	

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		G. Annotation to the New Code of Judicial Conduct	<p>enforcement mechanisms; (2) identify specific areas where reforms are required or desired; and (3) come up with reform proposals. Discussions covered the Philippine judicial disciplinary system, the foundation for the new code of judicial ethics, applicability of the Bangalore Principles in the Philippines, and application and interpretation of the New Code of Judicial Conduct.</p> <p>The distribution of the annotation/ commentary on the Code of Judicial Conduct developed jointly by Filipino and American experts to judges throughout the country is ongoing. In cooperation with PHILJA, the distribution to courts of posters and brochures detailing the Code of Conduct requirements for court personnel throughout the country is being undertaken. An-</p>	SC, PHILJA	Annotated New Code of Judicial Conduct released by 2006	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve functional administrative and operating structures in the Judiciary</li> </ul>	<p>H. Train Court Personnel on the New Code of Judicial Conduct</p> <p>Implement a more functional and operative structure in the Judiciary including agencies performing quasi-judicial functions</p> <p>A. ADBTA 3693-PHI: Strengthening the Independence and Defining the Accountability of the Judiciary</p>	<p>notated Code launched in February 2007.</p> <p>Conducted 162 orientations to court personnel including judges and justices from 2005 to December 2007. As of end of 2007, 64% of all court personnel were trained.</p> <p>17-volume report submitted in December 2005; Revised Final Report consisted of reform measures on decentralizing administrative and financial management authorities and systems (decentralized administrative set-up), improving judicial education and strengthening the capability of the JBC</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC, lower courts</p> <p>SC, CA, Sandiganbayan, CTA, PHILJA, JBC</p>	<p>Train at least 50% of the total court personnel including judge and justices by 2006</p> <p>Functional administrative and operative structure in the Judiciary including agencies performing quasi-judicial functions implemented</p> <p>Revised Final report submitted to SC En Banc by December 2005</p>	<p>The Court aims to cover all other court personnel within the next two years or by 2010</p>

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		B. ADBTA 4832-PHI Component A: Fiscal and Administrative Autonomy of the Judiciary	<p>Revised Final Report on Strengthening the JBC on Jan. 23, 2007</p> <p>The SC En Banc approved the pilot implementation of the decentralized administrative structure in Region 7 through A.M. No. 06-11-09-SC dated Nov. 14, 2006 which establishes the organizational infrastructure to support the pilot implementation, establishes the Judiciary Autonomy Fund, adopts the staffing pattern of pilot offices, designates the Court Administrator as the Implementation Head of the Pilot Project, defines the Court Administrator's authority and responsibility, and defines the relationship between the pilot project operations and the regular functions of the Office of the Court Administrator. Implementation of Component A started with a consultation with Region 7 executive judges in November 2006.</p>	SC, OCA, lower courts	<p>Complete updating of JBC report by December 2006</p> <p>Pilot offices (CCAO, CFMO, RCAO in Region 7) established; 1st user training conducted in December 2005</p>	<p>Pilot RCAO in Region 7, CCAO and CFMO established in 2008. User trainings conducted in 2008.</p>

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		<p>C. Develop a Manual on Judicial Writing</p> <p>D. Technical Assistance to the 14 branches of the RTC of the ARMM</p>	<p>Position descriptions of core positions in pilot offices have been submitted to OCA; waiting for designation of key personnel in pilot offices by SC En Banc</p> <p>100 copies of the manual printed and launched on Dec. 15, 2005. Additional 500 copies of the manual were printed in 2006. Copies of the manual were distributed to the Offices of the SC justices, PHILJA and SC offices, e-file of the Manual is posted at the SC e-library</p> <p>5 Branch-based Planning Workshops and 1 Consolidation Conference were conducted for 180 personnel from 14 ARMM RTCs from November to December 2006. The workshops aimed to assist judges and court personnel in their situational analysis, goals and objective setting and identification of required</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC, PHILJA</p>	<p>Manual on Judicial Writing developed by 2005</p> <p>Conduct of branch-based planning workshops for ARMM RTCs; provision of basic office equipment end of 2006</p>	

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			<p>immediate reform and development initiatives</p> <p>Initial training of 10 trial court judges and 23 clerks of court on case flow and docket management was conducted in August 2006</p> <p>Project assistance from USAID included the donation of basic court equipment and 397 copies of various legal research materials. The Deed of Donation was approved by the SC En Banc and signed by the USAID/ROLE and the SC in November 2006. Basic court equipment consisted of 706 pieces of furniture, 12 fax machines, 12 stenographer's machines, 6 typewriters, 14 locked safe, 70 filing cabinets, 14 storage facilities for evidence, 14 electric fans, 14 audio recording device, 14 computers, and 14 printers</p>			

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	- Reform support systems	<p>A. Study on the Development of Criteria for Creation of Courts and Judgeship Positions</p> <p>B. Bar Reforms:</p> <p>Develop standards and procedures for the accreditation of law schools by the Legal Education Board</p> <p>Develop the calibration method for the bar examination</p>	<p>A Judicial Action Mapping was conducted on Aug. 24, 2007 to determine the training needs of the ARMM RTCS</p> <p>Proposed</p> <p>Legal Education Board still need to be organized</p> <p>4 roundtable discussions (RTDs) entitled “Examining the Bar Examinations”, were conducted in the NCR, Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao from November 2003 to March 2004.</p> <p>The Supreme Court’s Committee on Legal Education and Bar Matters (CLEBM) formulated an</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC, Legal Education Board</p> <p>SC</p>	<p>Study completed and proposed criteria submitted to legislative branch</p> <p>Standards and procedures for the accreditation of law schools developed by the Legal Education Board</p> <p>Calibration method used</p>	

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		Administration of multiple-choice objective type of examination questions	<p>implementation plan of the proposed bar reforms known as Bar Matter No. 1161, which took effect on July 15, 2004.</p> <p>A knowledge-Sharing Forum on Professional Examinations was held on Aug. 12, 2005 for the sharing of best practices in the regulation of professions and conduct of large-scale examinations.</p> <p>The hiring of consultants, i.e., testing experts and IT firm, for the development and automation of the multiple-choice bar exam was approved by the Court En Banc in May 2006.</p> <p>A Seminar-Workshop for Law Professors on the Formulation of Multiple-Choice Questions was conducted on Oct. 6, 2005. Around 40 participants attended. Multiple choice questions com-</p>		MCQ adopted in 2006 Bar Examination	

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		<p>C. Judicial Reform Index</p> <p>D. Survey and seminars on the MCLE</p> <p>E. Training of staff of the Judicial and Bar Council</p>	<p>prised 40% of bar exam questions in 2006</p> <p>The project is an assessment of the effectiveness of judicial reforms and judicial independence using the Judicial Reform Index (JRI) using 30 indicators applied through interviews and in-depth analysis and discussion. The Final Report was launched and submitted to the Supreme Court on Sept. 23, 2006.</p> <p>The survey among the legal community on the effectiveness of MCLE providers was completed in 2006</p> <p>An Action Planning Workshop was conducted in March 10-11, 2006 to determine the strategic actions needed to enhance the capacity of the JBC staff Construction of Lapu-Lapu City HOJ and Angeles HOJ ongoing. Manila HOJ is at</p>	<p>SC</p> <p>SC</p> <p>JBC</p>	<p>JRI completed in 2006</p> <p>Survey on effectiveness conducted</p> <p>Strategic action plan formulated for the JBC offices</p>	

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	<p>- Provide adequate resources to improve infrastructure facilities of courts</p>	<p>A. Judicial Reform Support Project (JRSP) Component C: Strengthening Institutional Capacity</p> <p>B. Construction and Renovation of the PHILJA Development Center</p> <p>C. Integrated Electronic Library System</p> <p>D. Establishment of the Judiciary Data Center and ICT Network Infrastructure</p>	<p>the design stage. Lapu-Lapu City HOJ inaugurated in December 2007.</p> <p>Preparation of the Detailed Architectural and Engineering Design on going; procurement of CMS consultants in process</p> <p>The E-library System is now functional. It provides all the latest SC decisions, in electronic format, to the courts, court libraries, some law schools and to the general public. This library network is linked to the Supreme Court's webpage.</p> <p>The Judiciary Data Center (JDC) became operational on May 31, 2007. All the servers originally residing at the old data center had</p>	<p>SC</p>	<p>Construction of Pilot Model Courts (Lapu-Lapu, Angeles and Manila) completed in 2008 (Lapulapu City and Angeles City) and 2009 (Manila)</p> <p>Detailed Architectural and Engineering Design completed by 1st quarter of 2008; construction started in 2008 and completed in 2009</p> <p>e-Library established in 2005</p> <p>Establishment of Judiciary Data Center on March 2007</p>	

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			<p>been transferred to the JDC. An eLibrary server was also placed in the JDC to give access to its users using the newly installed Local Area Network (LAN) infrastructure.</p> <p>The JDC and LAN installations of SC, CA, CTA and SB were operationally accepted on Sept. 12, 2007</p> <p>The structured cabling and network equipment project implementation for CA was completed on May 24, 2007</p> <p>The CTA Data Room became operational in May 21, 2007.</p> <p>As of May 21, 2007, the structured cabling installation in Sandiganbayan has been completed. All network equipment is in place. The router, switches and 6KVA UPS for the temporary</p>			

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide sufficient public information and collaboration with society</li> </ul>	<p>E. Electronic Courts</p> <p>Implement the effective and efficient system of public information, education and communication (IEC) system</p> <p>A. Access to Justice for the Poor Component 1: Decentralization and Institutionalization of Information Function of the Judiciary</p>	<p>back-up power source of the SB Data Center are properly configured and installed.</p> <p>Ongoing in the cities of Makati and Marikina. The local government of Marikina City procured 8 computers for the Marikina e-courts</p> <p>OCA Circular No. 16-2007 was issued which delegated one clerk of court as Municipal Court Information Officer (MCIO) for each of selected 36 first-level circuit courts in the project area. Recently, the Office of the Clerk of Court has designated a total of 17 clerks of court as MCIOs. At least 70% of the judges in the five</p>	<p>SC, Office of Senator Pimentel</p> <p>SC, lower courts, DOJ, DILG</p> <p>SC, lower courts, PHILJA</p>	<p>Pilot electronic courts (E-courts) established in the cities of Makati, Marikina, Mandaluyong, Quezon and Cebu</p> <p>Effective and efficient system of public information, education, and communication (IEC) System</p> <p>Designate one clerk of court as Municipal Court Information Officer (MCIO) for each of selected 36 circuit first-level courts in the project area by 2007</p>	<p>The publication of Court of Appeals decisions will start in 2008</p>

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		<p>B. Public Education on the Rule of Law Advancement and Support (PERLAS) Phase 1 and 2 (Originally titled Judiciary Awareness and Development in Education)</p>	<p>selected provinces have already been trained.</p> <p>The Supreme Court launched information wallsheets and brochures on the stages of Civil and Criminal Actions aimed to guide and inform litigants of the processes involved in filing a case. Copies of these materials will be distributed to courts, offices of the different pillars of justice and other public places nationwide.</p> <p>Phase 1 was completed in the 2nd quarter of 2006. It consisted of the drafting of exemplars for elementary and secondary schools and a High School Student Manual to augment existing teaching modules and to enhance students' learning competencies and concepts on the principle of the Rule of Law. Phase 2 will involve the pre-testing of the exemplars. The draft MOA between</p>	<p>SC, DepEd</p>	<p>Publication of wallsheets and brochures on the stages of Civil and Criminal Actions by 2007; dissemination of wall sheets until 2008</p> <p>Two books of Teaching Exemplars developed for classroom use of elementary and high school students, as well as a Student Handbook for High School by 2006</p>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide access to justice by the poor</li> </ul>	<p>C. Judicial Reform Support Project (JRSP) Sub Component B.2: Development of Alternative Feedback Mechanism</p> <p>Improve access to justice by the poor:</p> <p>A. Access to Justice for the Poor Component 1: Decentralization and Institutionalization of Information Function of the Judiciary</p>	<p>Libertas and the Department of Education is being reviewed for refinements.</p> <p>The Court has undertaken various forms of alternative feedback mechanisms such as the conduct of stakeholder consultations, user perception surveys, judge-to-judge and chamber-to-chamber dialogues.</p> <p>A total of 17 clerks of court as MCIOs. At least 70% of the judges in the five selected provinces have already been trained.</p> <p>The Supreme Court launched information wallsheets and brochures on the stages of Civil and Criminal Actions aimed to guide and inform litigants of the processes involved</p>	<p>SC, lower courts, PHILJA</p>	<p>Alternative feedback mechanism for the judiciary developed</p> <p>Access to justice by the poor improved</p> <p>Designate one clerk of court as Municipal Court Information Officer (MCIO) for each of selected 36 circuit first-level courts in the project area by 2007</p> <p>Publication of wallsheets and brochures on the stages of Civil and Criminal Actions by 2007; dissemination of wallsheets until 2008</p>	

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		<p>B. Study on Addressing Affordability Constraints on Access to Justice by the Poor and the Disadvantaged</p> <p>C. Establish Justice Links</p>	<p>in filing a case. Distribution of copies of these materials to courts, offices of the different pillars of justice and other public places nationwide ongoing.</p> <p>To solicit insights and recommendations from stakeholders on how to address affordability constraints, 24 FGDs in Angeles City, Bacolod City, Surigao, Cagayan de Oro City, Bukidnon and Baguio City were conducted from November to December 2004. Validation of findings was conducted in March 2005. A post-validation workshop was conducted in May 2005 and the final report was submitted in August 2005</p> <p>The project was cancelled</p>	<p>SC, lower courts</p>	<p>Study completed in 2005</p> <p>Alternative feedback mechanism developed in 2005</p>	

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		<p>D. Support and rehabilitate Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Communities in Southern Philippines</p> <p>E. Coordinate with IBP and other institutions on free legal service to the poor</p>	<p>Completed in 2005. One (1) Justice Center was constructed in Malabang, Lanao del Sur and five (5) Justice Centers renovated in ARMM (Cotabato City, Marawi City, Jolo in Sulu, Isabela in Basilan and Zamboanga City). Various office equipment (such as Desktop computers, fax machines, filing cabinets, AVRs and printers) procured and distributed.</p> <p>Legal Literacy and Education Seminars about ARMM Justice System and workshops with local sectors to discuss and develop reform alternatives in ARMM were conducted</p>	SC, MEDCO	<p>Construction/renovation of 6 Justice Centers in Mindanao by end of 2005</p> <p>Improved legal service by IBP and other legal institutions to the poor</p>	

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		<p>F. Coordinate with the courts and DILG to strengthen the Barangay Justice System</p> <p>ADB TA 4832-PHI: Integrating Barangay Justice System into the Court System</p> <p>G. Regular training for the members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa (conciliators)</p> <p>H. Promoting and Strengthening the Shari'a Justice System</p> <p>Development of IEC Materials on Shari'a and relevant Philippine Laws</p>	<p>Survey on BJS in Region 7 completed; analysis of results ongoing</p> <p>Final Report: Institutional Strengthening of the Shari'a Justice System was submitted on 2005</p> <p>This project is implemented by the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAS) with support from The Asian Foundation. The inventory of IEC materials on the Code of Muslim Personal Law (CMPL) was completed in 2006</p>	<p>DILG, courts</p> <p>SC, DILG</p> <p>King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAS)</p>	<p>Barangay Justice System strengthened with the coordination of DILG and the courts</p> <p>Business processes integrating BJS in court process developed by November 2007</p> <p>Formulation of the IEC Plan by 2007</p>	

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		Strengthening of Shari'a legal education system	<p>and the report thereon is being finalized. In December 2006, the Center conducted separate focus group discussions and key informant interviews with around 58 women and sectoral representatives, Shari'a judges, lawyers and experts, and NGO representatives in Marawi City and Cotabato City. The results of these discussions and interviews will be used to develop the IEC Plan on the CMPL.</p> <p>This project is implemented by the King Faisal Center for Islamic, Arabic and Asian Studies (KFCIAS) with the support of The Asian Foundation. The KFCIAS will publish two issues of an academic journal on the Code of Muslim Personal Laws (CMPL). Collection and preparation of articles for the first issue of the journal are on-going</p>	KFCIAS	2 issues of an academic journal on the Code of Muslim Personal Laws published by 2007	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support the mandatory continuous trial system and Speedy Trial Act of 1998</li> <li>• Pursue advocacy on the Alternative Dispute Resolution</li> </ul>	<p>Supporting the development of the Shari'a Law and Jurisprudence Department of PHILJA</p> <p>Use of Continuous Trial System on Selected Cases</p> <p>Dispute prevention and settlement program:</p>	<p>The Supreme Court created the Department of Shari'a and Islamic Jurisprudence within the Philippine Judicial Academy in April 2006. The Department shall be an instrument in continuing the legal reform in the administration of the Code of Muslim Personal Law (CMPL).</p> <p>PHILJA has conducted the 4th of 5 training programs on Strengthening the Implementation of the CMPL last April 2007</p> <p>The implementation of the continuous trial system in the 6 pilot cases is ongoing</p>	<p>SC, PHILJA</p> <p>Sandiganbayan</p>	<p>Creation of the Department of Shari'a and Islamic Jurisprudence within the Philippine Judicial Academy</p> <p>Conduct of 5 trainings on CMPL by 2007</p> <p>Piloting of continuous trial in 2006</p> <p>Advocacy on the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Act of 2005 under RA 9285</p>	

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	<p>tion (ADR) Act of 2004 under RA 9285 in the judicial system</p>	<p>A. Alternative Dispute Resolution Program</p> <p>Nationwide Expansion of Court-Annexed Mediation</p> <p>Justice on Wheels Project</p> <p>B. Establish ADR Model Courts</p>	<p>Established 1 PMC for 12 political regions</p> <p>125 PMC units have been established nationwide</p> <p>Deployed 2 buses for the Court Annexed Mediation on Wheels in Luzon (Bulacan and Rizal); 358 cases were referred for mediation, 219 of which were successfully mediated</p> <p>A total of 751 courts are serviced by the 125 PMC units established by</p>	<p>SC, other lower courts, Office for Alternative Dispute Resolution</p> <p>SC, PHILJA, lower courts</p> <p>SC, PHILJA, lower courts</p> <p>SC, PHILJA</p>	<p>in the judicial sytem pursued</p> <p>Establish at least 1 PMC for each political region (14)</p> <p>Establish 1 Philippine Mediation Center unit for each court nationwide by 2010</p> <p>ADR Model Courts established</p>	

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	Expedite resolution of cases	<p>C. Promote use of ADR in the business sector:</p> <p>Chamber-to-Chamber Phase II: Dialogues with the Foreign Business Sector and integration of Mediation in Business</p> <p>D. Training Program on ADR in Family Courts</p> <p>Expedite resolution of cases</p>	<p>PHILJA and 706 mediators trained</p> <p>Business mediation was pursued, more than 150 business mediators comprise the National Center for Mediation</p> <p>22 dialogues were conducted with local and foreign Chambers of Commerce and the Bankers' Association of the Philippines. The dialogues included advocacy for the use of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms</p> <p>Training in Canada for PHILJA professors on development of module completed. Module on Orientation on ADR in Family Courts and Training of Family Courts being finalized. Conduct of training targeted to be done in 2007.</p> <p>For the years 2005 to 2007, disposition rate has</p>	<p>SC, PHILJA, CORE</p> <p>SC</p> <p>SC, PHILJA, lower courts</p> <p>DOJ</p>	<p>Training of mediators for the business sector by 2005</p> <p>Conduct 11 dialogues with foreign chambers and 10 dialogues with local chambers</p> <p>Training module developed in 2006; training program conducted in 2007</p> <p>Resolution of cases expedited</p>	<p>Disposition rate progressively increased to at</p>

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		<p>ORIGINAL ACTIVITY: Intensify recruitment of the 500 prosecutors needed to expedite resolution of cases</p> <p>REVISED ACTIVITY: Intensify recruitment of prosecutors</p>	<p>increased from 76% to 80% and pending cases decreased by 13%.</p> <p>For the years 2005 to 2007, a total of 682 new prosecution officers (prosecutors and prosecution attorneys) were recruited effectively exceeding the target of 500. However, while the intensified recruitment has been effective so far in achieving the target, there has been a high separation rate of prosecutors from the NPS resulting to high vacancy rates—at least 25% or more than 600 vacancies out of 2,402 authorized positions as of midyear-2008. Turnover to the Judiciary has increased for the past few years due to higher compensation. The revenues of the Judiciary from legal fees enabled the grant of special allowances for judges at the maximum rate of 100% of basic salaries (2004 level), while the DOJ has only been able to</p>	DOJ	Recruitment of 500 prosecutors needed to expedite resolution of cases intensified	<p>least 85% and backlogs further reduced by the year 2010</p> <p>At least 600 more prosecutors recruited for the years 2008-2010</p>

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		<p>Establish information technology system for the prosecution service</p>	<p>grant around 25% based on income collected. This is besides the special retirement compensation package that judges receive that also attracts prosecutors to the Judiciary.</p> <p>With the approval and implementation of the 2006-2008 DOJ-OSEC Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP), the partial requirements of the IT infrastructure of the NPS, particularly around 600 computers with printers for prosecution offices nationwide, were acquired and distributed using available appropriations for IT equipment. Much more are being procured and support systems were installed. Critical activities for the development of the Prosecution Case Management System (PCMS) including system analysis and design are already ongoing since 2007.</p>	<p>DOJ</p>	<p>Information technology system for the prosecution service established</p>	<p>The PCMS fully developed and operational in the DOJ Proper and NCR by 2011, and the NPS adequately equipped with the IT infrastructure necessary to support the nationwide rollout of the PCMS</p>

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		<p>ORIGINAL ACTIVITY: Inventory all cases for preliminary investigations, evaluations, and petitions for review</p> <p>REVISED ACTIVITY: Fully rationalize the reporting and performance monitoring system of the NPS</p>	<p>In line with the ongoing NPS Organizational Development Program (discussed later), for 2007 and 2008, the DOJ developed and implemented a unified reporting and performance monitoring system for the NPS wherein reporting procedures and requirements were partially rationalized. The said system enabled the DOJ to gather and generate adequate information on NPS accomplishment, pending cases, and manpower and basic physical resources nationwide. The information derived therein has guided the DOJ in assessing operational performance, evaluating internal management, and coming up with further organizational improvements.</p>	DOJ	All cases for preliminary investigations, evaluations, and petitions for review inventoried	Fully rationalized system implemented by the end of 2008, resulting to increased effectiveness and efficiency of system in generating/monitoring relevant management information

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		<p>Support existing programs of the Supreme Court on expeditious resolution of cases</p> <p>NEW ACTIVITY: Enhance the overall institutional capacity of the NPS</p>	<p>The DOJ actively participated in various undertakings of the Supreme Court (e.g. development of the 2007-2010 Medium-Term Development Plan for the Criminal Justice System, design of the National Justice Information System), and strengthened its partnership with the Supreme Court in terms of information sharing and cooperation on other reforms.</p> <p>The DOJ developed and commenced the NPS Organizational Development Program in 2006. The Program comprehensively planned out the efforts to be done relating to key institutional areas in the NPS such as case management and monitoring, organizational structure, systems and procedures, internal management, resource programming, accountability and integrity mechanisms, and human resource development. The said Program</p>	<p>DOJ</p> <p>DOJ</p>	<p>Existing programs of the Supreme Court on expeditious resolution of cases supported</p>	<p>Same</p> <p>Legal, case management and administrative systems and procedures rationalized and documented; resources effectively managed; human resource development programs for prosecutors and staff institutionalized; organization and staffing structure rationalized; and integrity and accountability mechanisms put into place.</p>

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	Improve free legal services	<p>ORIGINAL ACTIVITY: Regionalize the DOJ Action Center  REVISIED ACTIVITY: Strengthen nationwide operations of the DOJ Action Center</p> <p>DOJ to conduct lectures / seminars for policemen on legal procedures, law, tactical investigation without violating due process</p> <p>Upgrade skills of public attorneys</p>	<p>includes various plans and projects for the medium-term. Some projects have been implemented, partly with foreign donor support on some projects requiring substantial funding that cannot be covered by existing resources.</p> <p>The DOJ Action Center has been fully regionalized as of 2006 and continues to provide free legal services to the public. More than 50,000 clients were provided legal assistance nationwide.</p> <p>The DOJ has conducted/ spearheaded, and/or prosecutors acted as resource persons in, trainings/seminars to policemen nationwide on various matters such as child protection and trafficking in persons</p> <p>PAO lawyers have been able to attend various trainings and conferences conducted by the Office and other institutions</p>	<p>DOJ</p> <p>DOJ</p> <p>PAO</p>	<p>DOJ Action Center regionalized</p> <p>DOJ lectures / seminars for policemen on legal procedures, law, tactical investigation without violating due process conducted</p> <p>Skills of public attorneys upgraded</p>	<p>Free legal services to the public continually provided by the DOJ Action Center</p> <p>Same</p> <p>PAO lawyers to continually attend and provided with various trainings and capacity building programs</p>

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	<p>Maximize utilization of the Katarungang Pambarangay</p> <p>Improve records system to avoid any delay in the release of prisoners</p>	<p>Utilization of Katarungang Pambarangay maximized</p> <p>Public Attorneys/Prosecutors to conduct nationwide trainors' and barangay officials' trainings</p> <p>Legal education assistance to barangay officials thru the Barangay Outreach Program of the PAO</p> <p>Systematically monitor prisoners' carpetas/prison records</p>	<p>Strict implementation of the Katarungang Pambarangay rules vis-à-vis internal procedures on the filing of complaints before prosecution offices</p> <p>Prosecutors in field offices have acted as resource persons in various trainings of Barangay officials on the implementation of the Katarungang Pambarangay</p> <p>119 Barangays assisted</p> <p>Improvements to the monitoring and records system resulted to a total of 16,996 carpetas forwarded to Board of Pardons and Parole (BPP) for evaluation. Pardons and Parole Information System of the BPP has aided in monitoring of carpetas and other prisoner records, thereby expediting action thereon and evalua-</p>	<p>DOJ</p> <p>DOJ</p> <p>DOJ</p> <p>DOJ, BU-COR</p>	<p>Utilization of Katarungang Pambarangay maximized</p> <p>Nationwide trainors' and barangay officials' trainings conducted by the prosecutors / public attorneys</p> <p>Legal education to barangay officials thru the Barangay Outreach Program of the PAO assisted</p> <p>Records system to avoid any delay in the release of prisoners improved</p>	<p>Procedural rules in preliminary investigation vis-à-vis the Katarungang Pambarangay formalized and standardized</p> <p>Prosecutors acted as resource persons in trainings on the Katarungang Pambarangay continued</p> <p>231 more barangays assisted</p> <p>15% annual increase in the carpetas forwarded to Board of Pardons and Parole as a result of improved monitoring and records system, and continued expeditious action on carpetas and other prisoner records</p>

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	<p>Improve prison facilities</p> <p>Strengthen rehabilitation programs for prisoners</p>	<p>ORIGINAL ACTIVITY: Repair furniture and other equipment REVISED ACTIVITY: Rehabilitate, upgrade and expand facilities</p> <p>Continue to provide formal and informal education to interested inmates in coordination with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and appropriate school: elementary, high school, and college degree major in B.S. Commerce (for Entrepreneur) education</p>	<p>tion of prisoners who may be eligible for parole and executive clemency.</p> <p>One dormitory in Davao and another therapeutic community dormitory in the Reception and Diagnostic Center constructed as a result of external donations; female prison facility established in the Davao Prison; and six-units of modular panel buildings for installation in the various prisons acquired.</p> <p>20% average yearly education rate for elementary, high school, college (B.S. Entrepreneurship), vocational, and literacy classes. With 45% and 82% annual average of total number of prisoners engaged in sports and recreation and spiritual activities.</p>	<p>BUCOR</p> <p>BUCOR, DepEd, CHED, and appropriate schools</p>	<p>Prison facilities improved</p> <p>Rehabilitation programs for prisoners strengthened</p>	<p>Modern correctional facilities included in the transfer of NBP to Tanay, Rizal under EO 568 s. 2006</p> <p>Formal and informal education and livelihood programs strengthened, tapping support from the private sector including educational institutions</p>

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	<p>EXISTING STRATEGY: DOJ directive to all prosecutors to conduct inventory of detention prisoners who might be considered for release whose cases are pending due to long delays</p> <p>REVISED STRATEGY: Maximize the Jail Decongestion Program</p>	<p>Encourage and generate more citizens' participation in rehabilitation activities: volunteerism, employment, training of volunteer probation aides (VPAs)</p> <p>ORIGINAL ACTIVITY: Conduct inventory of detention prisoners who might be considered for release whose cases are pending due to long delays</p> <p>REVISED ACTIVITY: Coordinated and joint efforts of participating agencies</p>	<p>From 2004 to first semester of 2008, 6,415 volunteer probation aides (VPAs) recruited, 4,120 trained and 8,005 deployed/utilized due to foreign donor support—far exceeding the 2005-2010 yearly target of 350 officers and 350 volunteers to be trained.</p> <p>From 2004 to the first semester of 2008, the PPA conducted 24,786 jail visits, and assisted/referred to other agencies 93,318 detention prisoners. The PAO in 2007 to the first semester of 2008 visited 45,455 detainees/inmates and rendered legal assistance to 6,966, resulting to the release of 4,217.</p>	<p>PPA</p> <p>DOJ, PPA, PAO</p>	<p>350 officers and 350 volunteers trained every year from 2005-2010</p> <p>All prosecutors to conduct inventory of detention prisoners who might be considered for release whose cases are pending due to long delays directed</p>	<p>Total of 10,000 VPAs recruited, 6,000 trained and 9,000 deployed/utilized within 2004 to 2010.</p> <p>The Jail Decongestion Program maximized</p>

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	<p>EXISTING STRATEGY: Implement the Memorandum of Agreement among the DOJ, DILG, SC, and IBP</p> <p>REVISED STRATEGY: Strengthen cooperation among justice sector institutions towards improved administration of justice</p>	<p>ORIGINAL ACTIVITY: Create National Council on the Administration of Justice</p> <p>REVISED ACTIVITY: Develop and implement a medium-term reform program for the entire justice system using a sector-wide approach (SWAP)</p>	<p>The DOJ has supported and actively participated in justice system reform efforts spearheaded by the Supreme Court and international development institutions. The NPS Organizational Development Program is also responsive to justice sector cooperation and reform.</p>	<p>DOJ, DILG, SC, IBP</p>	<p>Memorandum of Agreement among the DOJ, DILG, SC and IBP implemented</p>	<p>Strengthened participation and involvement in the development and implementation of a sector-wide framework of reforms for the entire justice system, resulting to greater cooperation, harmonized plans, policies, programs and projects, and ultimately improved administration of justice</p>