

**2009 ODA ORTFOLIO REVIEW  
Implementation Issues/Problems  
As of 31 December 2009**

Nature of Problem	Project Title	Implementing Agency	Key Implementation Issues	Measures Taken/Remarks
<b>Start-up Problem</b>	Milk Feed Plus Project	DA	Project proposal was prepared in 2003, but budget was only released in December 2006. Original target areas already became recipients of other projects.	National Dairy Authority still needed to evaluate other cooperative beneficiaries of the milk processing plants, which further delayed the project.
	Enhancing the Access of the Pillars of Justice	SC	Delay in the start-up of project implementation.	No actions taken yet in 2009 to address the issue, but the Court recognizes that there is a need to harmonize the schedules of IP and RP activities with the budget cycle of UNDP to ensure timely delivery of outputs.
<b>Budget and Funds Flow Bottlenecks</b>	Enhancing the Implementation of IPM	DA	Delayed releases of funds for CY 2008 and 2009.	Releases were completed in 2009.
	Infrastructure for Rural Productivity Enhancement Sector Project	DA	Slow preparation of liquidation reports by the LGUs as well as slow processing of these reports by MDFO delayed the release of civil works funds to the LGUs.	The Project Office, DA-RFUs, and MDFO continue to undertake coaching and mentoring assistance to LGUs.
	Agrarian Reform Communities Project II	DAR	Differing views between DOF-MDFO and DAR on whether pre-implementation cost can be considered as an illegible cost item in the computation of sharable cost between the national and local government slowed down implementation.	The ICC-CC in its 11 February 2010 meeting approved DAR's request that pre-implementation costs (e.g. feasibility study, right-of-way, survey, clearance and permit costs, etc.) be considered as eligible item in the computation of NG-LGU cost sharing. The said endorsement is with the understanding that cost sharing for pre-implementation costs shall be capped at 3% of the total subproject cost.

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	Education Performance Incentive Partnership	DepEd	Insufficient funds to cover the expense required for the implementation of the EA and its component ICT projects.	Phase I was completed with assistance from Oracle. Sourced out additional funding from other sources. AusAID signified its support for the implementation of the EA.
	National Program Support for Basic Education and Support to the Philippine Basic Education Reforms	DepEd	Difficulty encountered in the engagement of an external auditor to validate the downloaded SBP grants both for NPSBE and SPHERE, as stated in the loan and grant covenants. Non compliance with the said covenant will result in non-disbursement of funds.	COA has accepted DEpED's proposal/ invitation to validate SBM grants issued in 2006-2007.
	Support to the Philippine Basic Education Reforms	DepEd	Slow disbursement due to tedious process of replenishment, which takes about two months prior to release in the designated account  Delayed release of NCAs. It takes about 20-57 days from the time WB paid the withdrawal application to actual receipt of the NCA by DepED.	DepED to monitor closely the fund transfer for replenishment. Since WB has agreed to forego the minimum ceiling to request fund replenishment, DepED should be able to immediately process and submit requests.  Explore other payment options (i.e. direct payment to creditors, use DepED local funds for reimbursement by WB) aside from using the designated account. Even with the onetime temporary increase in the said account by US\$3M, it will not be sufficient to fully cover the pending claims under SBP and other components.  Convene a high level discussion among DepED, DOF, BTr, WB and AusAID to thresh out issues in allotment and cash releases.
	Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project	DENR	Delayed submission of statement of expenditures by the implementing units causing ADB to not replenish the funds immediately resulting in untimely downloading of funds.	DENR conducted training on ADB disbursement procedures particularly on preparation of SOEs; and correct interpretation of financing ratio.

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	National Program Support for Environment and Natural Resources Management	DENR	Delayed submission of liquidation reports of ROs to CO.	DENR plans to conduct trainings to expedite processing of liquidation reports.  Undertake regular coordination with MDFO, PO, and ADB to ensure smooth and effective review and processing of liquidation reports.
	Health Sector Development Project	DOH	FY 2009 deferred allotment of Php 26.545 million was not released	DOH discussions with DBM ongoing to address the problem.
	Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project	DOH	Allotments are not released on time resulting in delays in PBG payments.	
	Laguindingan Airport Development Project	DOTC	Resolve whether to source the fund from Nordic Investment Bank as planned or shift to Export-Import Bank of Korea.	The ICC Chair and its members have withheld their decision pending further studies by the DoF Secretariat.  WB already indicated its willingness to provide additional funding of US\$ 10 million.
	Participatory Irrigation Development Project	NIA	Need for additional funding requirement due to damages on facilities caused by Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng.	NEDA advised NIA to submit to ICC the proposed changes in the current PIDP project design, including additional covered areas, and proposal for additional financing and new loan resources, for review and re-evaluation.
	North Rail Project Phase I	NLRC	Insufficient budget cover for North Rail was encountered due to the cost increase, which will not be covered by supplemental loan per NEDA Board decision. The additional budget cover will have to compete with local funds.	

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<b>Prolonged Procurement</b>	Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway Project	BCDA	Continuing search for a long-term operator.	In the meantime, BCDA hired the services of an interim operator to manage the toll operations of the entire expressway while intensifying the search for a long-term operator.
	Second Cordillera Highland Agricultural Resource Management Project	DA	Delayed hiring of NGOs who will facilitate the project investment plans (PIPs).	Negotiation with the prospective bidders ongoing. Signing of the contract is scheduled in the first quarter of 2010 or early April 2010.
	Rapid Food Production Enhancement Program	DA	Delayed seed procurement due to adoption of RA 9184.	Consulted with the Government Procurement Policy Board to wave public bidding and to adopt direct contracting
	Strengthening of the Agro-Industrial Sector in Bicol and CARAGA	DA	Delayed procurement and delivery of machineries and equipment due to bid failures.	Constant monitoring and preparation of catch-up plan were carried-out by the PCO. Procurement was fast-tracked by the BAC.
	Credit Facility for Environmental Management Project	DBP	Restriction on eligibility of projects/tied to projects with Swedish component. There is a credit agreement provision that at least two Swedish suppliers be included in the competitive bidding for procurement.	In response to DBP's request to relax the procurement requirements, SIDA has amended the original agreement and allowed one supplier to bid, instead of two (November 2009). DBP requested for more flexibility by opening the fund to projects with non-Swedish interest.
	Integrated Coastal Resources Management Project	DENR	Delayed procurement of goods such as IT equipment.  Delayed procurement of consultant. Consultants have not been hired since the project was made effective (2 years).	Winning bidder failed to make a performance security bond. Bidding documents were again prepared and submitted to ADB

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	Second Women's Health and Safe Motherhood Project	DOH	<p>Cancellation of 2 contracts for Monitoring Evaluation Research and Dissemination Specialist. The first does not want to work full time and the second lacked the technical knowledge and skill.</p> <p>Two packages are now taking more than a year to procure:  a) TA firm to design and pilot an intervention model to improve reach to adolescents  b) TA firm to develop and pilot test the CEmONC curriculum (no bidders)</p>	<p>A recommendation is for the DOH-TACT to provide information to the COBAC TWG on experts in particular fields.</p> <p>The long procurement process for the intervention model compelled the DOH technical bodies to deliver the TOR themselves. This affected the disbursement rate of the project.</p> <p>EmONC is a new government protocol known only to government health experts. The contract for the development of the CEmONC curriculum may take a longer time considering that there are policies that prohibit government experts from taking on the role of private consultants.</p>
	Health Sector Reform Project	DOH	Delayed procurement of an international consulting firm that would review and recommend LGU sub-projects to be funded through MDFO.	The contract for the consulting firm was already awarded in October 2009.
	Mindanao Health Sector Policy Support Programme	DOH	Extensive delay in the processing of TOR for short-term experts which delay planned activities.	A technical assistance personnel was stationed at the DOH-BIHC to improve communication and coordination.
	Metro Manila Urban Road Transport Integration Project	DPWH	Awarding of the civil works contract for Don Mariano Marcos Avenue (DMMA) extension was delayed due to non-concurrence of the World Bank	

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	Rural Micro-Enterprise Promotion Program	DTI-SBCorp	<p>(WB) to the bid evaluation results. Per WB, some bids were rejected incorrectly at the bid opening and post-qualification evaluation stages, which are bases for declaration of bidding failure.</p> <p>Long overdue contracts for the: (a) supply and installation of equipment for MIS; and (b) strengthening Internal Audit System.</p> <p>a.) Piecemeal approach to business development service (BDS) project packaging and implementation, and</p> <p>b.) Overly centralized and tedious BDS contracting and fund management process.</p>	<p>Already being finalized while still awaiting for the DBM TOR for IAs strengthening (currently being drafted) as guide by national agencies in performing internal audit functions.</p> <p>Immediate downloading/implementation of the Amended and Decentralized BDS Project Proposal/TOR Evaluation and Procurement Procedures.</p> <p>Preparation of sector- and value-chain-based integrated/comprehensive BDS project proposals in lieu of piecemeal and activity-based proposals</p> <p>Enhanced complementation with other DTI programs (e.g. OTOP, CARP), government initiatives, and relevant private sector projects operating in the same target areas (e.g. partnership with MASICAP MSME Development Foundation).</p>
	Northrail Project Phase I	NLRC	Failure to mobilize more local subcontractors to start the scheduled construction at various sectors.	NORTHRAIL expects the commencement of work on various construction sites during the 1st Quarter of 2010.
	Judicial Reform Support Project	SC	Bottlenecks in formulation of technical specifications and adherence to RA9184-prescribed timelines.	<p>Conduct of procurement orientation on all members of the BAC-TWG.</p> <p>- Dispatch of personnel from BAC-APJR and</p>

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				<p>PMO to a training on World Bank Procurement Guidelines</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Requested the Committee on Computerization and Libraries (CCL) to reduce from five years to three years the warranty of IT equipment in order to encourage bidders.</li> <li>- Reorganization of the BAC composed of the following TWGs: (a) TWG for infrastructure; (b) TWG for IT equipment; and (c) TWG for ICT Consultancy</li> </ul>
<b>Right-of-Way (ROW) and Resettlement Issues</b>	Iloilo Flood Control Project, Phase II	DPWH	Delayed ROWA. The total lots to be acquired are 86.4 hectares of which 99% are workable area and 1% are unworkable area.	<p>The PMO has proposed a revised plan, specifically, changed the sequence of remaining works for the closure dike and approach channel while simultaneously continue the construction in the identified workable areas.</p> <p>The Office of the Solicitor General has filed 23 petitions out of 29 cases at Initao Trial Court of Region 10, Cagayan de Oro City. OSG to expedite its judicial action.</p>
	Agno River Basin Flood Control Project, Phase II	DPWH	Contract Package 2 posted a slippage of (-)25.35% as of the end of March 2009 because of ROW problems in the areas of Closure Dike & T-Head Spurdikes and Approach Channel. No lot became workable for CP-2 in June 2009. 36 lots / 137,025m <sup>2</sup> / 15.2% are not workable in CP-2 area. There are 20,460 newly planted trees, and claimants are demanding P1,500 per tree. Lot owners do not want to sell their properties unless the mahogany trees, which the PMO/AFS claim were newly planted and planted in bad faith, are paid for, so expropriation proceedings are currently underway at the Regional Trial Court, Branch 50, Villasis, Pangasinan.	
	Laguindingan Airport Development Project	DOTC	Judicial action on issuance of titles of acquired properties.	

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	Manila Third Sewerage Project	LBP	<p>Properties belonging to the heirs of Cornelio Apus (2.86 hectares).</p> <p>Petition filed by the FERACIC to facilitate the immediate relocation of 25 families still occupying the project site.</p> <p>Implementation still behind original schedule because of the difficulty experienced by the water provider in finalizing land agreements for several treatment plants (STPs).</p>	<p>Pertinent documents were forwarded to the Office of Solicitor General for appropriate action. A decision made by the Court of Appeals on 22 Sept. 2008 concerning claims of the two different groups of heirs is favorable to the defendants.</p> <p>A partial compromise agreement was made between the petitioners and Ayala Corp. during the 23 April 2009 preliminary conference before the Court of Appeals w/ the ff. conditions: a) each family of the remaining 25 structures within the runway will be provided with a house and lot at Tubajon, Laguindingan, Misamis Oriental, P10,000 cash and livelihood; b) a Memo Circular shall be provided by NHA that there is no need to apply cost recovery scheme for the construction of resettlement site; and c) the petition vs. Ayala Corp. will continue until the case will be resolved by the CA.</p> <p>Physical progress on various STP sites are in varying stages. However, there are sites previously identified which are considered for replacement and deletion. The water provider proposes that the enhancement to the Taguig project be the replacement for the STPs to be dropped.</p>
	Northrail Project Phase I	NLRC	ROW Acquisition	NLRC continuously addressing the legal issues of the ROWA and other related ROW acquisition activities. For areas where negotiations are expected to take long, possible engineering redesign is being explored.

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	Philippine Rural Electrification Service Project	NPC	<p>Insufficient access to the project sites along the embankment areas</p> <p>Difficulty in designating a Qualified Third Party. While the DOE and NPC started considering potential QTPs other than the PAMATEC by posting invitations to bid on their websites, none expressed interest so far.</p>	<p>NLRC and consultants are studying alternative routes. NLRC coordinating with LGU and private lot owners for the acquisition of lots or grant access for the project</p> <p>It was resolved the NPC-SPUG, while acting as the interim operator, should demonstrate and make known to the public that the project can be operated just like any other electric provision business, although its operation is subject to laws governing missionary electrification.</p>
<b>LGU-related Problems</b>	Establishment of Modern Rice Processing Centers	DA	The LGU of Davao del Sur was unable to fulfil its financial obligation to undertake site development works. DA was constrained to assume some of these financial obligation.	The DA assumed some of the financial obligation of Davao del Sur LGU.
	Support to Emergency and Livelihood Assistance Program	DA	Sub-projects implemented at the municipal level, but led by the provincial office, were delayed.	Continuous follow-up conducted
	Rapid Food Production Enhancement Program	DA	Poor participation of seed growers.	A number of seed growers withdrew from the project due to NFA existing procedures. Many seed growers are not used to the requirements of the process.
	Infrastructure for Rural Productivity Enhancement Sector Project	DA	Limited subproject management capacity (construction supervision, contract management and financial management) was observed at the LGU level.	<p>Project Office and DA-RFUs to continue providing intensified technical assistance to LGUs on construction supervision, contract management, and financial management.</p> <p>Finalized the compilation of best practices on civil works implementation and share such information to other LGUs through regional workshops.</p>

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	Tulay ng Pangulo Pang-Agraryo	DAR	DAR locally funded programs and projects provide 100% grant to LGUs. Average cost/grant per 1 infra sub-project (e.g., FMR) is about PhP 1 M. No NG LGU cost sharing policy is applied; some LGUs are merely required to provide for the approaches.	
	Agrarian Reform Communities Project II	DAR	There appears to be a need to operationalize the ICC decision allowing inclusion of pre-construction costs in the NG LGU cost sharing to avoid conflicting interpretations which may cause bottlenecks in the future.	
	Credit Line for Solid Waste Management Project	DBP	<p>LGUs have limited technical capability to prepare and develop SWM projects/programs</p> <p>Environmental investment particularly on SWM is not among the top priority projects of LGUs.</p> <p>Difficulty of LGUs/private enterprises in locating and acquiring RA 9003 compliant project sites.</p>	<p>Provide technical assistance to LGUs in the development of SWM projects/programs.</p> <p>Continuously conduct briefings for LGUs and possible private partners nationwide.</p>
	Development of Poor Urban Communities Sector Project	DBP	<p>LGUs continue to be reluctant to invest in socialized housing due to (a) collection problems at implementation; (b) lack of borrowing capacity of LGUs; (c) lack of capability for LGUs to carry-out large-scale project like housing; and (d) LGUs not committed to investing significant local resources for pro-poor and low-income housing.)</p>	<p>Vigorously pursue close coordination with DENR-National Solid Waste Management Commission not only to promote facility but also to assist LGUs and clients with necessary environmental permits and address environmental issues/problems.</p> <p>Encourage LGUs to tie up with MFIs to increase their collection efficiency for housing projects. Increase tie ups with private groups, national shelter agencies, etc</p>

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	Health Sector Development Project	DOH	Inability of Ifugao LGU to open a bank account exclusively for HSDP is delaying the release of funds to the province.	Letter to Ifugao LGU emphasizing the need to have a separate special account for the project already transmitted to the LGU.
	Developing the Philippine Business Registry	DTI-SBCorp	<p>Non-readiness of LGUs and agencies to electronically connect with PBR.</p> <p>Limited staff to address online applications 24/7 prevented real-time processing of applications.</p> <p>Conflicting policies/laws between the national government and local government, and among the national government agencies (NGAs), made it difficult to have a common logical business registration procedure for PBR adoption.</p>	<p>Alternative solutions for non-e-ready agencies to participate in the PBR project are being undertaken, such as but not limited to, development of PBR printable form for LGUs and linking PBR to the concerned agency websites for application forms of permit/license-issuing agencies. However, this does not meet the target of the project to electronically connect 50 LGUs as well as core and other permit/license-issuing agencies with PBR.</p> <p>At the most, a law is needed to repeal existing policies and laws in order to harmonize business registration procedure. Such procedure can then easily be implemented in the PBR. At the least, PBR can just provide a single online application form to avoid repetitive submission of similar information across agencies and inform the applicants in advance of the information and requirements of an agency so that applicants will not physically go to agencies several times.</p>
	Kapitbisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services Project	DSWD	Cash subsidy is directly granted to the community, without passing through the LGU, which is the mandated entity providing for basic social services at the community level. While such mechanism	

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			leads to faster implementation, there is a risk that the institutions and regular processes at the LGU level may be undermined.	
<b>Low Utilization of ODA Credit/Relending Facilities</b>	Development of Poor Urban Communities Sector Project	DBP	<p>Lower interest rate offered by BSP and funds from commercial banks are readily available to MFIs at lower rates than the facility.</p> <p>Long gestation period of socialized housing</p> <p>DPUCSP pricing continue to become an impediment to successful marketing of accounts due to availability of cheaper funds in the market.</p>	<p>More aggressive marketing with private developer groups, LGUs and other private sector organizations conducted. Reformulation of marketing/promotional campaign to include the E-Tools project as an additional incentive for proponents to enroll in the DPUCSP facility. Such promotional campaign shall focus on the salient features of the E-Tools project such as the estate management component. Diversify product offering to MFI. Evaluate the possibility of an extension based on current pipeline of projects.</p> <p>Prioritize projects in order to maximize time and efforts of Project Development and Technical Assistance Team.</p> <p>The Bank through the PMO, evaluate housing projects on a per case basis to determine its developmental impacts and recommend lower pricing than standard interest rates.</p>
	Credit Line for Solid Waste Management Project	DBP	Long gestation period of solid waste management projects.	DBP conducted workshops aimed at assisting LGUs in preparation of documentary requirements to facilitate loan approvals. Continued advocacy work/marketing strategies in coordination with various project partners were conducted.
	Manila Third Sewerage Project	LBP	Prevailing commercial rates are much lower than the program rates	LBP to review the interest structure and cost components and make recommendation to LBP management.

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	Micro, Small and Medium Enterprise Program	SB Corp	Liquid banking sector and recounting facility of BSP with its low rates is competing with the facility.	More aggressive marketing of KfW funds by SBC to the PFIs.  Loans are coupled with technical assistance/ grants for selected banks/PFIs.
<b>Low Utilization of National Program Support (NPS) Loans</b>	Diversified Farm Income and Market Development Project	DA	<p>Low utilization of NPS loans may be attributed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preparing and finalizing policy guidelines and operations manuals to implement key reforms, and operationalizing these into work processes take time to undertake;</li> <li>Difficulties in tagging (identifying or committing to) eligible activities for cash support financing;</li> <li>Ownership at all levels in implementing the reforms under the NPS arrangement was not sustained;</li> <li>The relatively better financial situation after the NPS arrangement was designed, facilitated regular cash releases, which negated the leverage offered by NPS for readily available cash;</li> <li>Weak procurement and public financial management (PFM) capacities; and,</li> <li>Inadequate human resources assigned to NPS-related activities.</li> </ul>	
	National Program Support for Tax Administration	BIR		
	National Program Support for Environment and Natural Resources Management	DENR		
	National Support for Basic Education	DEPED		
	National Sector Support for Health Reform	DOH		
<b>Peace and Order</b>	ARMM Social Fund Project	ARMM	Traditional family feud and unstable peace and order in some municipalities delay project implementation.	Involvement of Local Government Unit and Council Elders in the resolution of problems in the community.
	Mindanao Health Sector Policy Support Programme	DOH	Increasing violence in Mindanao poses security concerns for personnel working and travelling in the region.	Security plan was updated. Land travel to these areas was limited during November and December and efforts were focused on safer areas.

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	Unified Support to the Philippine Health Sector Reform Agenda (Phase 2)	DOH	Peace and order problems in Maguindanao delayed the submission of the design and output of the Baseline Survey for the province.	Baseline Survey ongoing in Maguindanao.
	Sustainable Health Improvement through Empowerment and Local Development	DOH	The continuing heightened security alert in Basilan made it difficult to convene the local health boards in Tipo Tipo, Tuburan and Sumisip. Local chief executives were more focused on solving the peace and order problem in their areas.	Instead of convening the LHBs, SHIELD municipal health personnel conducted consultations directly with the Sangguniang Bayan and with Loccal Chief Executives.with inputs from the Provincial Health Officer.
	Philippine Rural Electrification Service Project	NPC	Security threat to project personnel and equipment from insurgents in Masbate.	
<b>Others</b>	ARMM Social Fund Project	ARMM	Scarcity or non-availability of construction materials in the project site, particularly in the island provinces, e.g. Timber Port subprojects.	Purchase of construction materials even from outside source though it entails an added cost to the project.
	Infrastructure for Rural Productivity Enhancement Sector Project	DA	Slow rate of subproject completion and delays in turn over and financial closure.	<p>Sustain the execution of key actions undertaken by the Project relative to the issue.</p> <p>Immediately finalize the development of a Compendium of Best Practices and share these to LGUs through regional workshops.</p> <p>In 2010, the Project Office shall carry out training workshops on subproject closing and turn over, including the preparation of subproject completion reports and benefit and impact assessment.</p>

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	Environmental Development Project	DBP	Stalled implementation of EDP PWRF (Co-financing scheme for water district projects) due to difficulty in securing waiver for WDs to be allowed to borrow from PFIs.	DBP focuses on LGUs and Private Water Service Providers. Request JICA to waive co-financing requirement for projects PHP 50 Million below.
	Land Administration and Management Project II	DENR	LAMP-OSS system and LRA-Land Titling Computerization Project not yet harmonized; (LARA enactment within the current Congress unlikely).	DENR/PMO closely coordinating with LRA on how the two systems could possibly be harmonized and complement each other even in the absence of LARA.
	Emergency Operations Philippines – Immediate Support to Conflict-Affected Mindanao	DSWD	There is a need to orient the Food Aid Monitors (FAM) on their roles and responsibilities.	Meetings were held with the FAMs to reiterate their need to submit a monthly report to DSWD Central Office regarding the status of EMOP-ISCAM programs in their respective areas.
	Comprehensive Pilot Intervention Plan against Gender Violence in CARAGA	DSWD	There is no operations manual specifying the following information:  a) Role of AECID and DSWD (National and Regional); b) Supporting documents for the conduct of activities; and c) Use of 496 (MOOE) and 796 (capital outlay) funds.	In response to this, an operation's manual for the CoPIPAGV 13 Project is currently being developed which incorporates the existing Technical and Financial Guidelines. The manual shall contain the project's logical framework which illustrates the strategies and approaches per activity, deliverable documents, indicators, timelines and responsible persons. The manual shall also cover the communication lines; monitoring and evaluation mechanisms; project management structures, roles and responsibilities, etc
	Global Fund	DOH	Slow-down of coordination and follow-up activities due to floating employment status of project staff and simultaneous handling of Rounds 5 and 6 issues.	

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	Laguindingan Airport Development Project	DOTC	Land use conversion from agricultural to commercial of 94.39 has. Ayala lots for donation to DOTC.	Conversion Order already issued by DAR . Supplemental Order extending the development period was granted last 23 Dec. 2008. Deed of Donation is now being finalized
	Participatory Irrigation Development Project	NIA	<p>Insufficient manpower to conduct DE activities and design works specifically in Region II where 16 sub-projects will be covered.</p> <p>Need for additional funding requirement due to damages on facilities caused by Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng.</p>	<p>NIA to expedite hiring of manpower to reinforce the existing personnel for the DE activities and consultants that will undertake design works.</p> <p>WB already indicated its willingness to provide additional funding of US\$ 10 million. NEDA advised NIA to submit to ICC the proposed changes in the current PIDP project design, including additional covered areas, and proposal for additional financing and new loan resources, for review and re-evaluation.</p>
	Southern Philippines Irrigation Sector Project	NIA	Low utilization of the completed irrigation facilities. Actual irrigated area is about 3,922 hectares or 54% of total generated and rehabilitated areas. The major problem raised by farmers is the lack of capital for farm inputs and land development for the conversion of current use of farms to rice and/or vegetables.	<p>Per NIA and DA discussion, the Project Management Office shall undertake the following:</p> <p>a) Continue to provide training to strengthen the organized beneficiaries, Federation of Irrigators' Associations/ Irrigators Associations (FIAs/IAs);</p> <p>b) Support and encourage the networking and linkages established by the FIAs/IAs with different agricultural support service providers in the subproject areas; and,</p> <p>c) Encourage the FIAs/IAs to lobby to the LGUs (Provincial and Municipal) for the possible integration of their plans and programs to the Provincial/ Municipal Development Programs particularly in agricultural development aspect.</p>

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	Pasig River Rehabilitation Project	PRRC	<p>Resuspension of sediment materials during operations.</p> <p>Dredging operations affected by the 10 meter easement policy set by the DPWH Pasig Banking Channel Improvement Project</p>	<p>PRRC used closed bucket to mitigate resuspension of sediment materials.</p> <p>PRRC conducted survey on affected areas.</p>