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I. Project Information

Project Code	: QGGAC
Project Title	: Capability Development on Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA)
Project Start	: 01 January 2024
Project End	: 31 December 2024
Project Price	: PHP 9,312,000.00
Client Organization	: Department of Budget and Management

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III. Project Details

Project Description	: With the goal of equipping local government units (LGUs) with better understanding of good regulatory practices through systematic, comparative, and data-driven processes for decision making and regulation development, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation, the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) intends to provide capability development on RIA for selected beneficiary LGUs.
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The Modernizing Government Regulations Program (MGRP) of the DAP offers the Capability Development on RIA to selected LGUs. The project is a packaged training and is composed of the following activities: Basic Course on RIA, Advanced Course on RIA, Technical Assistance on the Development of the RIS and the Panel Presentation of the Results of RIA. Participants are expected to comply and complete the corresponding requirements in these activities.

The project is open to all LGUs wherein the target participants are officers, directors, division chiefs, and technical staff of

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LGUs who have direct involvement in development, amendment, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of regulations at the following offices: business permits and licensing, planning and development, health, social welfare and development, agriculture, engineering, among others. Moreover, the participants are expected to have relevant experience in the following: planning, economics, legislation, regulation, policy research, industry research, operations of markets.

Project Objective : The project has several components which include the following activities: Basic and Advanced Course on RIA for selected LGUs, Seminar on Consultations in RIA, Course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment, and Panel Presentation on the Results of RIA for LGUS, Technical Review on the Results of RIA for Priority Agencies of ARTA, Technical Revalida on the Results of RIA for MARINA.

The project aims to enhance the capability of selected personnel of LGUs in conducting RIA. At the end of the project, the selected personnel of these agencies will be able to:

- A. Perform ex ante and/or ex dure or ex post RIA on identified regulations using various analytical methods; and,
- B. Develop RegulatoryImpact Statement (RIS) for identified regulations that underwent RIA.

Focus Areas : Government efficiency, Regulatory quality and coherence improvement

Project Type : Technical Assistance, Training

Project Beneficiary : Local Government Units, National Government Agencies

Regional Coverage : Nationwide

IV. Project Accomplishments

A. Key Activities Implemented

One of the key initiatives of the MGR Program is the conduct of capacity development activities on RIA, a good regulatory practice (GRP) that ensures the quality, coherence, and cost-effectiveness of regulations by critically measuring the positive and negative effects of existing regulations and regulatory proposals through a well-defined and evidence-based analysis. Over the years, the Modernizing Government Regulations Program has noted that there has been an increasing demand not only for agencies but also for LGUs. In line with this, the MGRP intends to enlist the help of DAP personnel in conducting both the Basic and Advanced Course on RIA which will help in capacitating the local government units.

1. Conduct of Three (3) Batches of Basic Course on RIA for LGUs

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The four-day Basic Course on RIA aimed to strengthen the capability of selected regulatory personnel of the qualified local government units. At the end of the course, the participants were able to:

- a. Identify the rationale for regulating and the situations when there is a need to regulate;
- b. Recognize the value of regulatory reform and the good regulatory practices necessary to achieve it;
- c. Define the importance of RIA in assessing present and in developing new regulations; and
- d. Identify the steps in conducting RIA.

The participants were directors, division chiefs, and technical personnel of LGUs who have direct involvement in the development, amendment, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of regulations among the following offices: business permits and licensing, planning and development, health, social welfare and development, agriculture, engineering, among others.

Table 1 below provides the details of the training for the Basic Course on RIA for LGUs.

Table 1. Training details on the Basic Course on RIA for LGUs

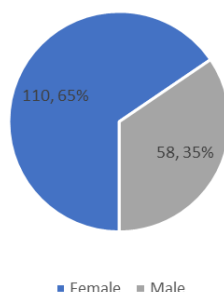
Activity	Dates	Platform	Resource Persons	Pax	Rating (5, highest)	
					Course	RP
30th Basic Course on RIA for LGUS	18-20 & 25 March 2024	Zoom	Lea S. Peralta Rosario E. De Castro Adelina D. Alvarez	56	4.5	4.6 4.6 4.6
31st Basic Course on RIA for LGUs	27-28 & 30-31 May 2024	Zoom	Lea S. Peralta Rosario E. De Castro Christian S. Eparwa Reuel R. Hermoso	49	4.7	4.5 4.5 4.5 4.5
32nd Basic Course on RIA for LGUs	11-12 & 15-16 July 2024	Zoom	Lea S. Peralta Rosario E. De Castro Adelina D. Alvarez Melonie J. Tejol	63	4.5	4.6 4.6 4.6 4.7

Overall, 168 participants - 110 females and 58 males, from 17 LGUs were trained in the three (3) batches of the basic course. Figure 1 shows the sex-disaggregated data on the total number of participants.

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Figure 1. Participants of the Basic Course on RIA for LGUs disaggregated by sex

Participants of the Basic Course on RIA



Refer to Table 2 for the details on the participating agencies and the total number of personnel trained.

Table 2. Participating LGUs and number of participants trained for the Basic Course on RIA

Agency	Total Pax
30th Basic Course on RIA for LGUs	56
1. City Government of Trece Martires Cavite	10
2. Municipal Government of Concepcion Romblon	7
3. Municipal Government of Goa Camarines Sur	8
4. Municipal Government of Moncada Tarlac	9
5. Municipal Government of Santa Fe Nueva Vizcaya	6
6. Municipal Government of San Isidro Isabela	10
7. Municipal Government of Santa Praxedes Cagayan	6
31st Basic Course on RIA for LGUs	49
8. City Government of Ormoc Leyte	24
9. City Government of Tagbilaran Bohol	6
10. Municipal Government of Guiguinto Bulacan	6
11. Municipal Government of Narra Palawan	7
12. Provincial Government of Northern Samar	3
Development Academy of the Philippines	3
32nd Basic Course on RIA for LGUs	63
13. City Government of Butuan	14
14. City Government of Koronadal	9

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Agency	Total Pax
15. City Government of Tagum Davao Del Norte	13
16. Municipal Government of Calauan Laguna	15
17. Provincial Government of Davao Del Norte	12
Total	168

2. Conduct of Three (3) Batches of Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs

The six-day Advanced Course on RIA aimed to strengthen the capability of selected regulatory personnel of the qualified LGUs. At the end of the course, the participants were able to:

- a. Demonstrate the processes in conducting RIA;
- b. Perform detailed RIA on identified regulations using various analytical methods; and
- c. Develop RIS for the identified regulations that underwent RIA.

Similar to the attendees of the Basic Course, the participants consist of personnel who have direct involvement in the development, amendment, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of regulations of the previously specified offices. The participants of the Advanced Course are mostly those who attended the basic course. Participants who have not attended the Basic Course are still allowed to join the Advanced Course as long as they are joined by those from their respective LGUs who have previously attended the Basic Course.

Table 3 below summarizes the dates of implementation, platform, resource persons, number of participants and agencies, and ratings on the course and resource persons for each batch of the Advanced Course on RIA.

Table 3. Training details on the Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs

Activity	Dates	Platform	Resource Persons	Pax	Rating (5, highest)	
					Course	RP
22nd Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	22-26 & 30 April 2024	In person at DAP Conference Center, Tagaytay City and via Zoom	Lea S. Peralta Reuel R. Hermoso Adelina D. Alvarez	19	4.9	4.8 4.8 4.8
23rd Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	24-28 June & 10 July 2024	In person at Go Hotels, Iloilo City and via Zoom	Lea S. Peralta Reuel R. Hermoso	38	4.6	4.8 4.9

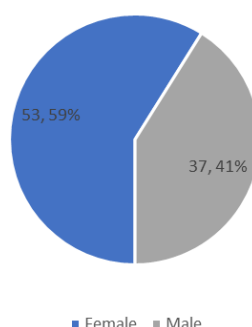
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Activity	Dates	Platform	Resource Persons	Pax	Rating (5, highest)	
					Course	RP
24th Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	5-9 & 12 August 2024	In person at Acacia Hotel, Davao City and via Zoom	Lea S. Peralta	33	4.7	4.7
			Reuel R. Hermoso			4.8

Overall, 90 participants - 53 females and 37 males, from 12 LGUs were trained in the three (3) batches of this course. Figure 2 below shows the sex-disaggregated data on the total number of participants.

Figure 2. Participants of the Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs disaggregated by sex

Participants of the Advanced Course on RIA by sex



Refer to Table 4 below for the details on the participating agencies and the total number of personnel trained.

Table 4. Participating LGUs and number of participants trained for the Advanced Course on RIA

Agency	Total Pax
22nd Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	19
1. Municipal Government of Concepcion Romblon	4
2. Municipal Government of Goa Camarines Sur	8
3. Municipal Government of San Isidro Isabela	4
4. Municipal Government of Santa Fe Nueva Vizcaya	3
23rd Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	38
5. Provincial Government of Northern Samar	2

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Agency	Total Pax
6. Municipal Government of Narra Palawan	7
7. City Government of Ormoc Leyte	19
8. City Government of Trece Martires Cavite	10
24th Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	33
9. City Government of Koronadal	9
10. City Government of Butuan	11
11. Provincial Government of Davao Del Norte	10
12. City Government of Tagum Davao Del Norte	3
Total	90

Of the 90 participants, 91.11% were able to attend the prerequisite Basic Course on RIA. Table 5 shows the details on the number of participants that progressed from the basic course to the advanced course.

Table 5. Percentage of participants who progressed from the Basic Course on RIA for LGUs

Activity	Total Pax	Pax who progressed from the Basic Course on RIA	
		Total Pax	% of Total
22nd Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	19	13	68.42%
23rd Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	38	38	100.00%
24th Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs	33	31	93.94%
Total	90	82	91.11%

3. Conduct of Five (5) Sessions of Panel Presentation of the Results of the RIA for LGUs

The Panel Presentation of the Results of the RIA aimed to enable further analyses of the draft RIS to identify opportunities for improvement. Participants presented their respective Draft RIS and sought feedback from the panel consisting of experts from the DAP and senior official/s of their respective local government units.

Participants to the activity were those that attended and progressed from Basic Course to the Advanced Course on RIA. For the panel presentation of the LGUs, senior official/s are requested to provide comments/feedback on the RIS output of their respective LGU.

Table 6 below summarizes the dates of implementation, platform, list of agencies, number of participants that attended per session. The session received an overall satisfaction rating of 4.7.

Table 6. Activity details of the LGU Panel Presentation on the Results of the RIA

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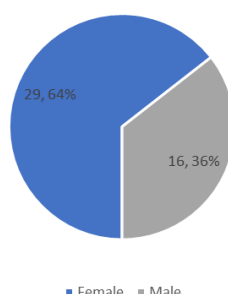
Session No.	Dates	Platform	Beneficiary Agency	Pax
1	December 12	Zoom	1. PLGU Northern Samar 2. LGU Butuan	12
2	December 13	Zoom	3. LGU Koronadal 4. PLGU Davao Del Norte 5. LGU Narra Palawan	16
3	January 8	Zoom	6. LGU San Isidro Isabela	2
4	January 9	Zoom	7. LGU Trece Martires Cavite 8. LGU Ormoc Leyte	13
5	January 10	Zoom	9. LGU Concepcion Romblon	2

Note: This activity is reported as an accomplishment of the Modernizing Government Regulations Program 2024 - Capacity Development Component, P3 (QGGAC) as part of funding provided by the DBM.

Overall, 45 participants - 29 females and 16 males, from 9 local government units attended the session. Figure 3 below shows the sex-disaggregated data on the total number of attendees.

Figure 3. Attendees of the Panel Presentation on RIA by LGUs disaggregated by sex

Attendees of the Panel Presentation on the Results of RIA



4. Conduct of Three (3) Batches of Seminar on Consultations in RIA

The seminar aims to strengthen the capability of selected personnel of regulatory agencies to adopt good regulatory practices such as consultations in the context of RIA. At the end of the seminar, the participants were able to identify principles and processes underpinning the effective conduct of consultations in regulation making. Particularly, the participants from the regulatory agencies learned

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to recognize the value of consultations in the context of conducting RIA; determined the guiding principles in conducting consultations; and identified the steps in conducting consultations.

Table 7. Training details on the Seminar on Consultations in RIA

Activity	Dates	Platform	Resource Persons	Pax	Rating (5, highest)	
					Course	RP
17th Seminar on Consultations in RIA	22-23 February 2024	Zoom	Lea S. Peralta	96	4.7	4.7
			Adelina D. Alvarez			4.7
18th Seminar on Consultations in RIA	7-8 March 2024	Zoom	Lea S. Peralta	94	4.7	4.7
			Adelina D. Alvarez			4.7
19th Seminar on Consultations in RIA	2-3 May 2024	Zoom	Lea S. Peralta	98	4.8	4.8
			Adelina D. Alvarez			4.8
			Rosario E. De Castro			4.7
			Reuel R. Hermoso			4.7

The figure below shows the sex-disaggregated data for the three (3) batches consisting of twenty (20) agencies of the Seminar on Consultations in RIA, among which 177 female and 111 male attended the training sessions.

Figure 4. Attendees of the Seminar on Consultations in RIA disaggregated by sex

Participants of the Seminar on Consultations in RIA

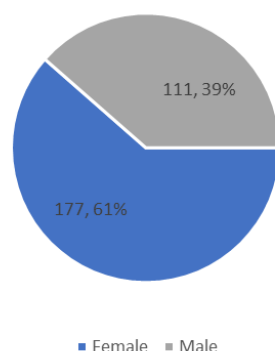


Table 8. Participating Agencies and number of participants trained for the Seminar on Consultations in RIA

Agency	Total Pax
17th Seminar on Consultations in RIA	96

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Agency	Total Pax
1. Department of Agriculture - Western Visayas (DA-WV)	9
2. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT)	24
3. Department of Health Central Luzon Center for Health Development (DOH-CLCHD)	26
4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Region VI	18
5. Movie and Television Review and Classification Board (MTRCB)	14
Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)	5
18th Seminar on Consultations in RIA	94
6. Games and Amusement Board (GAB)	14
7. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) Regional Office 2	9
8. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) -Region X	11
9. National Privacy Commission (NPC)	14
10. Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI)	10
11. Department of Agriculture (DA) - Regional Field Office 12	9
12. Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)	22
Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)	5
19th Seminar on Consultations in RIA	98
13. Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)-Region 3	13
14. Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) - CARAGA Regional Office	16
15. BFP - Region 7	9
16. DOH - Center for Health Development Northern Mindanao (DOH-CHDNM)	15
17. DOH - Davao Center for Health Development (DOH-DCHD)	11
18. Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP)	16
19. Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS)	12

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Agency	Total Pax
Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP)	6
Total	288

At the end of the sessions, participants were made aware of the principles of public consultation in the context of RIA. They also completed a preliminary consultation strategy for their identified regulations for RIA.

5. Conduct of One (1) Batch of Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment (RCCA): Cost Modeling and Streamlining

The course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment aims to contribute to the enhancement of regulatory compliance costs to ensure that the most efficient options are chosen in all areas of regulation.

The conduct of the course was done via Zoom during the first day, and in-person at the Bayleaf Hotel Intramuros, Manila for the succeeding days last 26-29 November 2024.

Table 9. Training Details of the 12th Course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment

Activity	Dates	Platform	Resource Persons	Pax	Rating (5, highest)	
					Course	RP
12th Course on RCCA	26-29 November 2024	Online via Zoom and In-person at The Bayleaf Hotel Intramuros Manila	Lea S. Peralta	33	4.6	4.7
			Reuel R. Hermoso			4.6
			Christian S. Eparwa			4.7
			Amado Bonifacio L. Alto			4.5

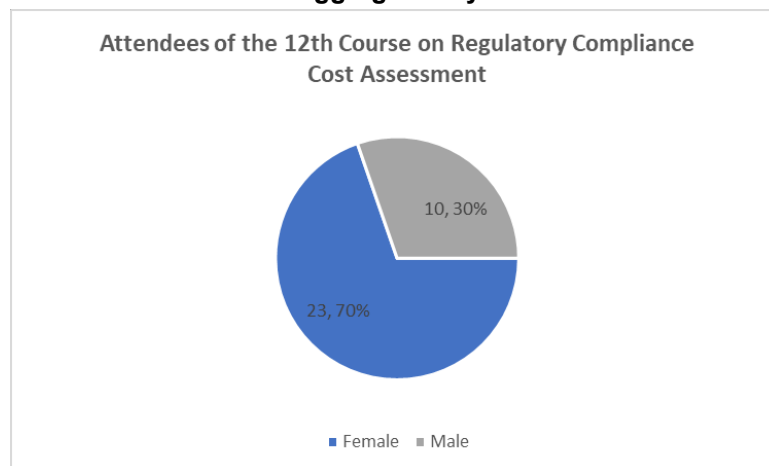
The table below shows the agencies as well as the number of participants who attended the training course:

Table 10. Participants of the 12th Course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment

Agency	Total Pax
1. Philippine Ports Authority (PPA)	9
2. Energy Regulatory Commission (ERC)	12
3. Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA)	12
Total	33

The figure below shows the sex disaggregated data for the single batch of the 12th Course on RCCA.

Figure 5. Attendees of the 12th Course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment disaggregated by sex



For the four-day training session, the participants learned about recognizing and estimating various regulatory compliance costs such as administrative burdens (AB), substantive compliance costs (SCC), administration and enforcement costs (AEC) and others such as costs of delay (COD) and direct financial costs (DFC) through the Regulatory Cost Model (RCM) calculator; and, defining processes where regulatory costs can be reduced.

The participants immediately applied their learnings through the workshop sessions where they populated a template providing the details of the selected regulation, SIPOC table of the status quo, process matrix of the status quo, and compliance cost assessment of the status quo. Then, they later provided a proposed process which featured a streamlined process. Similar to what was done to the status quo, the participants also provided information for their proposed process: the SIPOC, the process matrix, and the compliance cost assessment. Finally, using the RCM calculator, the participants computed for the comparison of costs for the status quo and the proposed process.

As part of the post-training requirements, the participants are also tasked to prepare an action plan to set targets and determine the necessary resources for cascading learnings in the workplace, while they consider the possible implementation of cost assessment and process streamlining initiatives. The participants are tasked to submit the action plan on or before 14 February 2025.

6. Conduct of Three (3) Batches for the Panel Presentation on the Results of RIA for the Priority Agencies of the Anti-Red Tape Authority

After the conduct of the Basic and Advanced Courses on RIA, wherein the priority agencies produced their RIS, the agencies are then tasked to present the results of the RIA to a panel of experts from the DAP, the ARTA, and senior officials from the beneficiary agencies.

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Below is the list of priority agencies that presented their RIS as well as other relevant details:

Table 11. Activity details of the Technical Review of the Results of RIA for Priority Agencies of ARTA

Session No.	Dates	Platform	Beneficiary Agency	Pax
1	22 August 2024	Zoom	1. Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) - Central Office 2. ARTA - Regional Field Office 3. Food and Drug Administration – Policy and Planning Service (FDA-PPS)	17
2	29 August 2024	Zoom	4. Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)– Bureau of Competitive Development (BCD) 5. DTI - Strategic Trade Management Office (STMO) 6. National Irrigation Administration - Engineering and Operations Sector (NIA-EOS)	12
3	30 August 2024	Zoom	7. Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) – Ministry of	2

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Session No.	Dates	Platform	Beneficiary Agency	Pax
			Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy (MENRE)	
4	20 November 2024	Zoom	8. Movie and Television Review Classification Board (MTRCB)	6
5	21 November 2024	Zoom	Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) - Regional Field Offices ARTA - Central Office 9. Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) 10. Commission on Population and Development (CPD)	19
6	22 November 2024	Zoom	11. Department of Energy (DOE) - Electric Power Industry Management Bureau (EPIMB) 12. DOE - Energy Policy and Planning Bureau (EPPB) 13. DOE - Renewable Energy Resources Compliance Division (RERCD)	9

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Session No.	Dates	Platform	Beneficiary Agency	Pax
7	26 November 2024	Zoom	14. Food and Drug Administration - Center for Food Regulation Research (FDA-CFRR) 15. National Council on Disability Affairs (NCDA)	10
8	27 November 2024	Zoom	16. Department of the Interior and Local Government - Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (DILG-BJMP) 17. Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD) 18. Philippine Coast Guard (PCG)	13
9	28 November 2024	Zoom	19. Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA) 20. Department of Trade and Industry - Small Business Corporation (DTI-SBC) 21. Zamboanga City Special Economic Zone Authority and Freeport (ZamboEcoZone)	15

7. Conduct of Two (2) Sessions for the Technical Revalida on the Results of RIA for the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)

Table 12. Activity Details on the Technical Revalida on the Results of RIA for MARINA

Session No.	Dates	Platform	Beneficiary Agency	Pax
1	4 December 2024	Zoom	1. Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA)	23
2	5 December 2024	Zoom	MARINA	19

8. Development of Competency Framework for Regulators

The project team started and continued working on an action plan to develop the Competency Framework for Regulators. This also involved the review and improvement of the plan by gathering and assessing related materials and aligned it as part of a larger multi-project under the P3 component. At the same time, the team worked on the application for Technical Expert Services (TES) to the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), including doing desk research to define its scope. A draft proposal to APO was also prepared and refined with additional inputs. Lastly, the team began identifying different levels of regulators and their related behavioral and functional competencies as a foundation for the framework.

9. Initialization of Regulatory Quality Management System (RQMS)

The project team began by preparing a draft for the design and development plan for the Regulatory Quality Management System (RQMS), which included identifying an appropriate program and potential resource persons. This initial plan was then enhanced and revised multiple times to improve its structure and content, resulting in a more refined action plan for the intervention package. The enhancements were carried out in phases, with continued efforts to ensure the plan's relevance and effectiveness. Finally, the RQMS standard was packaged in preparation for its application to the Philippine National Standards (PNS).

10. RIA Case Studies

The project team began by preparing an action plan for the conduct of Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) case studies, followed by the identification of selected case studies based on Regulatory Impact Statements (RIS) previously submitted by LGUs and NGAs. A pre-screening of RIS outputs from 2020 to 2023 was conducted, and these were endorsed to RIA experts for scoring. The scoring was carried out by multiple reviewers, with each RIS assessed by at least two individuals to obtain an average score. While the team initially planned to hire case study writers, they eventually decided to write the case studies internally due to delays in the hiring process. Six RIA topics were identified and assigned to team members: three (3) case studies for Mr. Hermoso, two (2) for Mr. Gamboa, and one (1) for Mses. Peralta and Fariscal/RRH. Draft outlines have been developed and shared with the writers, who are currently in the process of drafting the RIA case studies.

11. Enhancement of the RCM Calculator

The team began by gathering and summarizing user feedback on the use of the RCM (Regulatory Cost Model) calculator, which was then converted into a narrative report. Alongside this, work was initiated on developing a backend management plan for the calculator. As part of this process, the program manager planned to coordinate with the calculator's developer to address key issues raised, including concerns that the calculator might not be producing accurate results. Continuous monitoring of user evaluations was also carried out to support the development process. Feedback collected from the year

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2022 to 2024 was consolidated, and suggestions for additional features and improvements to the calculator were identified for future implementation.

B. Major Outputs

The following were the major outputs produced by the project:

1. 168 participants trained for the three (3) batches of the Basic Course on RIA for LGUs
2. 90 participants trained for the three (3) batches of the Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs
3. 45 attendees for the five (5) sessions of the Panel Presentation on the Results of the RIA for LGUs
4. 288 participants trained for the three (3) batches of the Seminar on Consultations in RIA
5. 33 participants trained for one (1) batch of the Course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment (RCCA): Cost Modeling and Streamlining
6. 88 attendees for the three (3) batches of the Technical Review on the Results of RIA for priority agencies of the Anti-Red Tape Authority
7. 42 attendees Technical Revalida on the Results of RIA for the Maritime Industry Authority
8. Packaged RQMS Standard
9. Draft RIA Case Studies
10. Summary of the feedback received for the RCM Calculator

C. Project Impact

The Capability Development on RIA for LGUs supports the implementation of Republic Act 11032, also known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018, by strengthening the capability of decision-makers to develop, implement, and manage regulations in an efficient and effective manner

Specifically, the project contributes through the following:

1. Enhancing the quality and coherence of regulations by deepening the understanding of regulatory authorities on Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs);
2. Addressing market and regulatory failures by introducing systematic, comparative, and data-driven decision-making tools such as Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA); and
3. Promoting policy efficiency and cost-effectiveness by exploring a range of regulatory alternatives, including non-regulatory or mixed instruments.

At the end of the project Capability Development on RIA for LGUs, the following are the benefits for the selected personnel who participated in the project:

1. Certification of the personnel of the LGU to Basic Course on RIA and Advanced Course on RIA
2. At least one (1) full-blown RIA conducted by the beneficiary LGU

The Seminar on Consultations in RIA contributes to strengthening the institutional capacity of regulatory agencies by promoting the adoption of Good Regulatory Practices (GRPs), particularly meaningful consultations within the Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) process. As a result of the seminar, regulatory personnel are better equipped to the following:

1. Appreciate the critical role of consultations in evidence-based and participatory policymaking
2. Apply key principles that ensure transparency, inclusiveness, and accountability in the consultation process; and
3. Effectively plan and implement structured consultation activities as part of regulatory development.

The course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment supports the improvement of regulatory quality by equipping regulatory agencies with the tools and knowledge to streamline compliance costs. By promoting the use of cost-effective and efficient regulatory options, the initiative contributes to more responsive and less burdensome regulations.

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As a result, the project contributes to the development of streamlined, less burdensome regulations—ultimately improving service delivery, supporting economic productivity, and fostering a more business-friendly regulatory environment.

D. Lessons Learned

1. Overall, the project implementation team was successful in conducting and implementing the activities of the project. For the in-person training sessions, one crucial task of the team is the proper selection of a training venue. It is noteworthy to emphasize the selection of a good training venue, as this should not be solely based on the price offerings; other provisions of the hotel such as the rooms, food, carpool, among others, should also be considered.
2. For the year 2024, the team has been effective in implementing the project and this can be attributed to the team's clear and constant communication, effective planning and execution of tasks, and the prompt response to the needs of the team and external clients. In the future, the team can bear these things in mind to ensure effective implementation.

V. Attachments

- Photo Documentation
- Summary of Evaluations for Course and Resource Persons of the Basic Course on RIA for LGUs (Three Batches)
- Summary of Evaluations for Course and Resource Persons of the Advanced Course on RIA for LGUs (Three Batches)
- Summary of Evaluations for the Sessions of the Panel Presentation on the Results of RIA for LGUs (Three Batches Collated as One Summary)
- Summary of Evaluations for Course and Resource Persons of the Seminar on Consultations on RIA (Three Batches)
- Summary of Evaluations for Course and Resource Persons of the Course on Regulatory Compliance Cost Assessment (RCCA): Cost Modeling and Streamlining (One Batch)
- Summary of Evaluations for the Sessions of the Technical Review of the Results of RIA for Priority Agencies of ARTA (Three Batches Collated as One Summary)
- Summary of Evaluations for the Sessions of the Technical Revalida of the Results of RIA for MARINA (Two Sessions Collated as One Summary)

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