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CPED Updates for September – October 2007

I. Executive Course on Aid Management for Officials of the Royal Government of Cambodia – Completed

With funding support from the United Nations Development Programme, the Royal Government of Cambodia has engaged the Center for Policy and Executive Development (CPED) to manage the conduct of an executive course on effective aid management for 28 government officials of Cambodia. The course started last 17 September 2007 and ended last Saturday, 29 September 2007 at the NCPAG Assembly Hall.

The general objective of the course is to provide the participants with the knowledge, skills and attitude to be able to effectively and efficiently manage aid/ODA.

A mix of interactive learning approaches was used in the delivery of the training course such as case studies, lecture-discussions, individual and group exercises, workshops/panel discussions, agency visits, learning diaries, and action planning. Of particular importance is the interaction with key Filipino executives and expatriates who are engaged and who have direct experiences in aid coordination and management. Among these resource persons were: Former Finance Undersecretary Nieves Osorio, Former NEDA Director-General Dr. Cayetano Paderangga, Former NEDA Deputy Director-General Dr. Dante Canlas, Former NEDA Deputy Director-General Dr. Gilberto Llanto, Former Customs and Internal Revenue Commissioner Guillermo Parayno, Gawad Kalinga founder Antonio Meloto, and Prof. Leonor Magtolis-Briones.

II. Strengthening the Capacity of Philippine Anti-Corruption Agencies on Results-Based Program and Project Management

Funded by Management Systems International – Rule of Law Effectiveness (MSI-ROLE), the Presidential Anti-Graft Commission (PAGC) has engaged CPED to conduct a training on project development and management. The said training hopes to ensure that the One Billion-Peso anti-corruption fund of the Government is well-spent and will lead to successful implementation of reform measures against corruption.

The training will be attended by 30-35 project managers representing the five institutions/agencies who are recipients of the 1 Billion-Peso anti-corruption fund. The course will start this Monday, 08 October and will end on 06 November 2007 every Mondays and Tuesdays for a total of 10 days at the NCPAG audio-visual room.

III. National Forum on Social Accountability

CPED is now designing a National Forum on Social Accountability that is envisioned to be a gathering of practitioners as well as potential adherents of Social Accountability (Sac) initiatives in the Philippines.

The forum expects 100 participants who may not have had direct Sac experience but occupy positions of leadership in their sector/institutions and may be able to become champions of Sac.

The national forum aims to:

- broaden the base of Sax advocates and expand the field of Sac;
- achieve broad consensus on the concepts of Sac;
- share experiences, strategies, tools, and other knowledge and learning products; and
- generate ideas for scaling up Sac in the country.

The forum will be held on 7-9 November 2007 at Cebu City.

IV. Judicial Reform Activity – Institutional Strengthening of the Supreme Court

With funding support from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), ROLE with CPED and the Centre for human Resource Strategies Asia, Inc. as proponents, will be implementing a Judicial Reform Activity. The Activity focuses on a comprehensive diagnostic to address the perceived declining public confidence on the judiciary. By systematically identifying areas and practices that are vulnerable to corruption, the Supreme Court of the Philippines will have adequate basis for approaching the problems. This activity will contribute to ROLE's goal of reducing corruption opportunities. It seeks to support the efforts in reducing corruption in the judiciary by providing the tools for diagnosing the problem and installing effective corruption reform measures.

This activity will be implemented from September 2007 – January 2008.