

ADB Transport Forum 2008

Philippines Road Watch -
Teamwork to Achieve Transparency

Bantay*Lansangan*
(Road Watch)

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Background

- A series of consultations were held between the DPWH and the road sector stakeholders starting last June 2006
 - Initiated by WB as a safeguard for NRIMP2
 - Discuss issues and problems facing the department
 - Ways by which civil society organizations, non-governmental organizations, road users, road service providers and others can help
 - DPWH is a willing partner

Background

- In 2007, the DPWH, civil society organizations and the private sector formed a partnership called *Bantay Lansangan (Road Watch)*

What is Bantay Lansangan?

- A strong and sustainable partnership in the national road sector for the delivery of quality road services responsive to users' needs, through the efficient and transparent use of public resources, thus ensuring value for money and corporate integrity.
- ...in other words, a partnership that will work towards minimizing corruption in DPWH

Bantay Lansangan Principles

- Accountability
- Participation
- Predictability and Consistency
- Transparency
- Commitment
- Independence and Integrity

Bantay Lansangan members

Road Users:

- Alliance of Unified Transport and Telecom Organizations, Automobile Association of the Philippines, Federation of Jeepney Operators and Drivers Association of the Philippines, Inter City Bus Operators Association, Provincial Bus Operators Association of the Philippines

Governance Advocates:

- Ateneo School of Government - Government Watch Procurement Watch, Inc., Concerned Citizens of Abra for Good Government, Transparency and Accountability Network

Media:

- Catholic Media Network, Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (observer)

Road Service Providers:

- Confederation of Filipino Consulting Organizations of the Philippines, National Constructor Association of the Philippines, Philippine Contractors Association

Bantay Lansangan members

National Road Asset Managers:

- Department of Public Works and Highways,

Government Partners:

- Office of the Ombudsman, Presidential Anti-Graft Commission

Regulators and Enforcers:

- Land Transportation Office

Centers of Expertise:

- National Center for Transportation Studies

Development Partners:

- World Bank

Key Areas of Engagement

- Training
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Communications and Advocacy

Training

- Development of road monitoring manual
- Training of trainers and volunteer monitors
- Member education on the road sector

Monitoring and Evaluation

- Monitor the national road network:
 - Deployment of trained monitors
 - Conduct of a Road Sector Status Report Card
 - Both locally and ODA funded roads
 - Full cycle: road planning to maintenance
- Conduct study on external influence in the DPWH
- Conduct mapping of corruption vulnerabilities

Communications and Advocacy

- Public reporting
 - Regular Reports to the public
 - Regular Media Briefings
 - Special Reports
- Promote awareness of comparable and relevant global developments
 - Networking and Linkages

Program Updates

- First General Assembly (January 23, 2008)
- Training of Trainers (May 5-7, 2008)
- Development of:
 - Road Monitoring Manual
 - Road Users Satisfaction Survey
- Ongoing mapping of corruption vulnerabilities in the DPWH and on external influences
- Implementation of the Road Sector Status Report Card (RSSRC) by year end
- Training of monitors nationwide

Thank you.

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