

# Survey on the effectiveness of Anticorruption Authorities

## Background Information

1. Please enter country name in the space below

Philippines

2. The name of the agency

Office of the Ombudsman

3. The date of establishment

1987

4. Contact Information

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## Legal Environment

6. What are the main anticorruption laws of your country?

1987 Constitution  
1989 Ombudsman Act

7. Does your government have a single or primary anticorruption strategy?

Yes, 2006 Anti-corruption Plan

8. Does your country have freedom of information legislation?

Yes       No

9. Does your country have conflict of interest legislation?

Yes       No

10. Does your country have a financial disclosure system to help prevent conflicts of interest?

Yes       No

## Institutional Environment

11. What are the main functions and operations of your agency? Please check all that apply

Research     Prevention     Investigation     Prosecution     Forensic     Accounting     Policy

12. Is there one agency in charge of coordinating AC efforts across agencies?

Yes       No

If Yes, Please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Does your agency have the ability to share information or data with**

**(a) Other agencies within your government, and**

Yes       No

**(b) Government partners from other countries?**

Yes       No

**14. Please enter current size of permanent staff in the space below**

1073

**15. Number of prosecutors (if applicable)**

320

**16. Number of investigators (if applicable)**

753

**17. Number of cases handled annually (if applicable)**

20,000 (of all types)

**18. Please enter the name of other agencies with similar functions.**

Presidential Anti-corruption Commission, Bureau of Internal Revenue, Commission of Audit, Bureau of Customs, Civil Service Commission, Dept Management and and Budget.

**19. Does your agency have a system to monitor performance of staff?**

Yes       No

**20. Are the human resource management, i.e. recruitment, promotion, termination built on the emphasis of staff integrity and professionalism?**

Yes       No

**21. Who appoints the head of your agency?**

President

**22. Who has the authority to remove the head of the ACA?**

Fixed Term, only impeachment by the Legislature

**23. Is there any term limit for the head of the ACA?**

Yes       No

If Yes, Please specify: Seven Year

**24. Is the agency subject to judicial review?**

Yes       No

**25. Is the agency subject to expenditure reviews?**

Yes       No

**26. Does your agency publish an annual report of activities?**

Yes       No

**27. Does your agency measure performance?**

Yes       No

***If yes, against what indicators?***

- Number of investigations conducted
- Number of investigations concluded
- Ratio of number of investigations/staff
- Percentage of total budget allocated to outreach activities and communication
- Other, please specify, Conviction rate; big fish successfully prosecuted

**28. Does your agency keep a comprehensive skill list of its staff?**

Yes       No

**29. Is the staff provided with regular training and refresher training to ensure that their skills are up-to-date?**

Yes       No

**30. Are employees protected by law from recrimination or other negative consequences when reporting corruption (i.e. whistle-blowing)?**

Yes       No

**31. Does your agency have a communication strategy?**

Yes       No

**32. Does your agency have a comprehensive corporate plan?**

Yes       No

**33. Is there a strategy in formulating partnership with outside agencies in fighting corruption?**

Yes       No

**34. Is there strategy in dealing with media?**

Yes       No

**Resource Mobilization**

**35. Does your agency have budgetary autonomy?**

Yes       No

**36. What is the annual budget of your agency?**

US \$ 22.05 Million

**37. Is the annual budget determined by (Please choose the answer/s that best fits your agency)**

<input checked="" type="radio"/>	Number of staff
<input type="radio"/>	Number of investigations
<input type="radio"/>	Budget is constitutionally mandated
<input type="radio"/>	Other, please specify

**38. How much does it roughly cost to (please enter the dollar amount per stated activity)**

\$	File a case	\$	Manage a paper case	\$	Analyze a case
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**39. Any Donor Involvement?**

Yes       No

**40. Does your agency use a computerized system to handle cases?**

Yes       No

**Social Environment**

**41. Does your agency offer a mechanism for citizens to report anonymously complaints or offer information on corrupt activities?**

Yes       No

**42. Does your agency or government provide a hotline to report corruption?**

Yes       No

**43. Does your agency produce regular public reports of its activities?**

Yes       No