

Budget Tracking for Transparent and Accountable Governance in Mindanao (BT TAG Mindanao)

*“Stakeholders’ journey towards enhancing
transparent accountable governance
through enhanced local budgeting”*

Presentation Outline

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I. Background

- PNoy's focus on good governance – anti-corruption
- There is a need to enhance wider civil society participation and engagement in local budgeting process
- Raise the standard of Transparent Accountable Governance of LGUs specially on critical resource
- Increase the access to, and accuracy of government information

II. Partners

Journey of stakeholders and stewards

- USAID
- The Asia Foundation
- MINCODE
- BMFI
- LGUs

III. BTTAG Mindanao Project

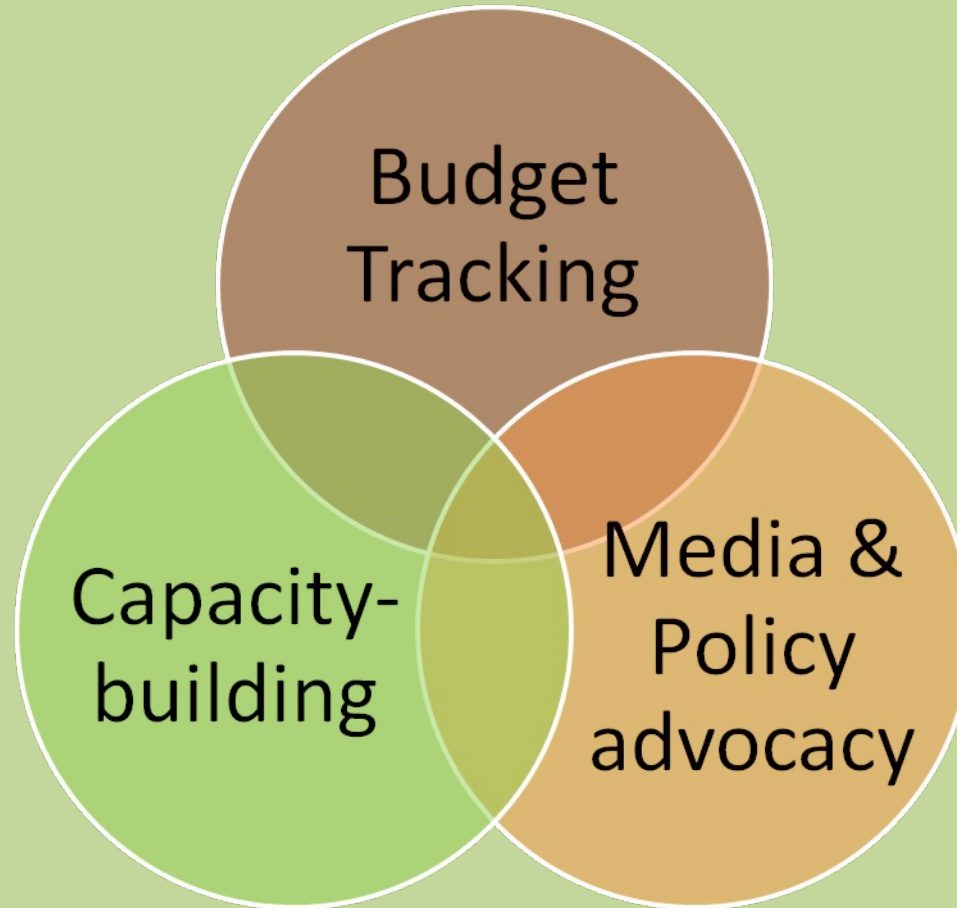
A. Project Brief

- 18-month project (July 2010 to January 2011)
- The project has been lodged to MINCODE's Governance Commission headed by MINCON
- Implementor – BMFI as MINCON Secretariat
- Involving 20 LGUs and 20 partner CSOs in Mindanao

B. Objectives

- To develop a mechanism (tools and technologies) for local BSFA tracking;
- To increase the transparency and accountability of 20 Mindanao local government units (province, city) in the formulation, authorization, utilization and accounting, and analysis of their budgets;
- To improve 20 Mindanao civil society organizations' access to local government fiscal information, especially the budget;
- To Conduct Policy Dialogues among local partners using reports containing assessments and recommendations on present BSFA
- To develop models of civil society – local government engagement in transparent and accountable budget tracking

C. Project Components

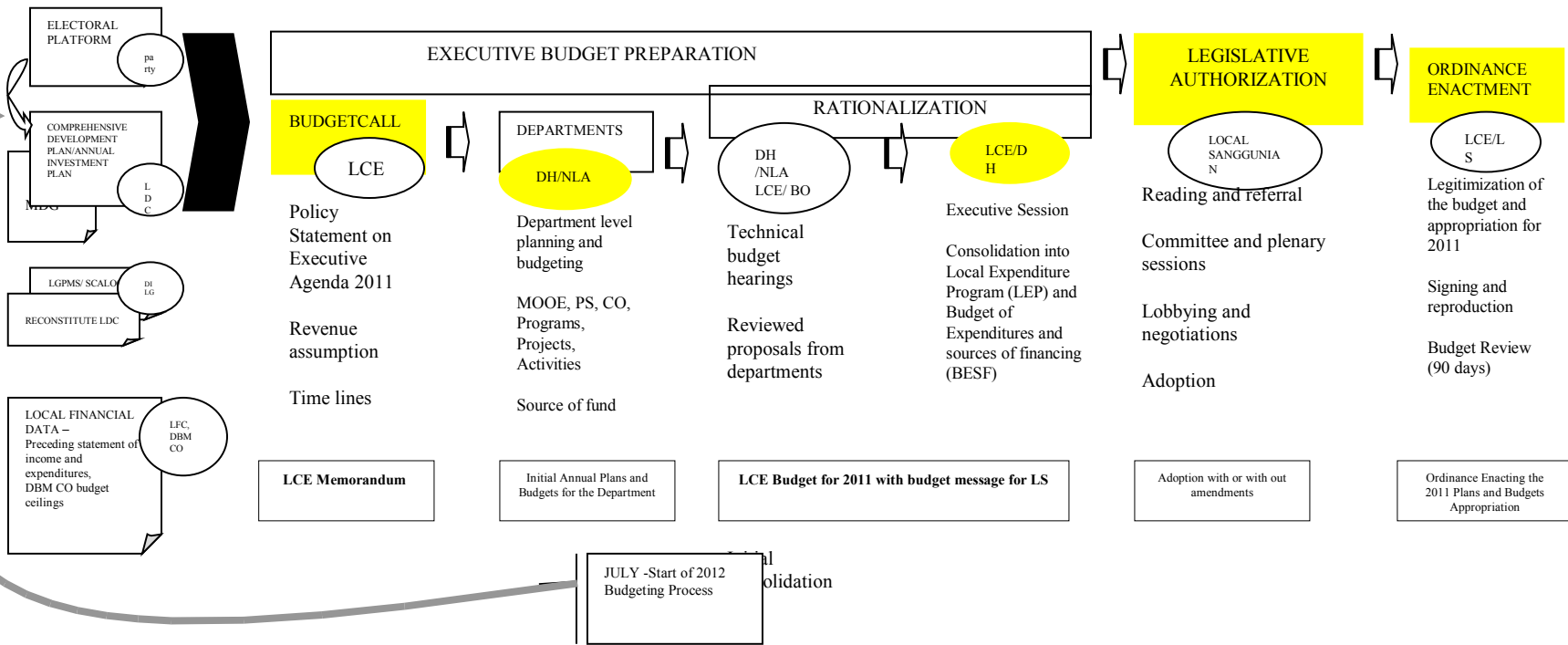


Budget Tracking

- Understanding the situation (budget landscape)
 - CDP, Campaign Platform
 - Previous Approved budget 2010
 - Previous ELA, AIP
 - LGPMS
 - Drawing the local budget process/ practice and its nuances

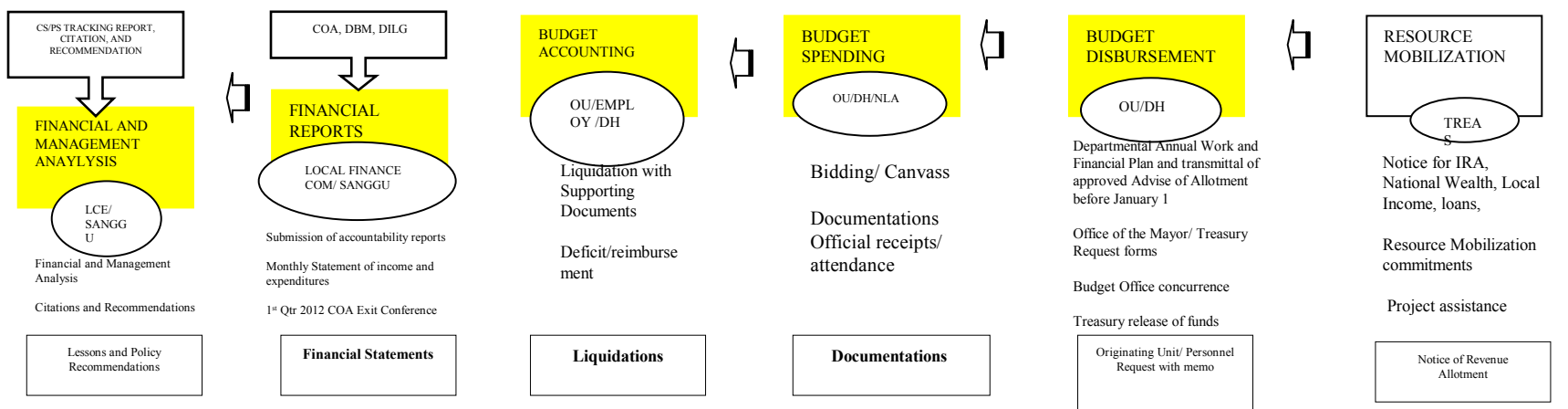
PRE BUDGET CALL PREPARATIONS

BUDGET PLANNING PHASE



BUDGET ACCOUNTING PHASE

BUDGET EXECUTION PHASE



Capacity-Building

- Project Orientation
- Local Budget Tracking (LBT) Seminars for partner CSOs
- Monitoring, mentoring and coaching

Media and Policy-advocacy

- 2 end-of-phase policy dialogues
- Citation Program
- Publication

D. BTTAG Partners

- 16 cities, 1 municipality and 3 provinces
- 20 MINCODE member CSOs

City/Province	Organization
Butuan	Educational Discipline in Culture & Area- Based Development Services, Inc (EDCADS,
Dipolog	Center for Social Concerns & Development, Incorporated (CESCOD)
Gen. San	Coalition of Social Development Organization South Cotabato (CSDO-SC)
Oroquieta	Paglaum Community Development Foundation, Inc. (PCDFI)
Ozamiz	Misamis Occidental Federation of Cooperatives (MOFECO)
Panabo	Institute of Primary Health Care - Davao Medical School Foundation (IPHC-DMSF)
Malaybalay	Agri-Aqua Development Coalition (AADC)
Tacurong	Notre Dame of Tacurong – Community Extension Service (NDT-CES)
Mis. Or. Province	Katilingbanong Pamahandi sa Mindanaw Foundation, Inc. (KPMFI)
Cotabato	Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS)
El Salvador	Katilingbanong Pamahandi sa Mindanaw Foundation, Inc. (KPMFI)
Iligan City	MSU-IIT Multi Purpose Cooperative (MSU-IIT MPC)
Marawi	Maranao People Development Center (MARADECA)
Surigao	Rural Enterprise Assistance Center Foundation (REACH)
Pagadian	Xavier Agricultural Extension Service – Xavier Science Foundation (XAES-XSF)
Maguindanao Province	Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS)
Digos	Balay Davao Sur, Inc. (BDSI)
Davao	Mindanao Coalition of Development NGO Networks (MINCODE)
Sarangani Province	Sarangani Province Empowerment For Social Transformation Forum (SPECTRUM)
Gingoog	Katilingbanong Pamahandi sa Mindanao Foundation, Inc. (KPMFI)

IV. Some Insights

- Pagadian and Tacurong LGUs deferred their participation in the project: pursued Pagadian because the CSO was willing to continue; had a problem at first w/ Tacurong because the CSO is avoiding conflict with the LGU
- The LGUs who agreed to be tracked are more likely the more transparent ones, but agreed because they believe the CSOs will be able to help them – to understand how priorities are worked out to guide future interventions

Some insights (continued)

- LGUs are motivated to the idea of recommending policies for improvement of the process
- The process encouraged the CSOs to also be transparent to the LGUs
- Promoting the spirit of dialogue between LGUs and CSOs

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GOOD GOVERNANCE and
to GENUINE DEMOCRACY**

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