

Agency Key Programs and Projects

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COMPLETED STUDIES

Project Name	Responsible Delivery Unit	Description of Program/Project	Delivery Unit 2016 Target/Milestones	Actual Accomplishment	Remarks
Impact Evaluation of the Agricultural Insurance Programs	Research	The project aims to assess the implementation of the Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation's (PCIC) insurance programs through evaluating the design, financial sustainability, as well as the impacts of the programs on participating farmers. Through considering the strengths and weaknesses of the current programs, the project also aims to come up with and pilot test an enhanced crop insurance scheme.	Final Report /Integrative Report (Discussion Paper)	Discussion Paper titled: 1) Agricultural insurance program: lessons from different country experiences, 2) Opportunities for strengthening agriculture insurance programs: Philippine Crop Insurance Corporation and LGU partnerships, 3) Evaluation of Registry Service for Basic Sectors in Agriculture	
Do Philippine Service Industries Innovate?	Research	Innovation in services is a relatively new area of research and empirical work is scant particularly in the context of developing economies. It is important to build our knowledge base on the issue as services innovation is necessary for increasing productivity and achieving higher growth.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Competition Reforms in Key Markets for Enhancing Social & Economic Welfare in Developing Countries (CREW Project)	Research	The project aims to develop an approach, which would help in assessing benefits of competition reforms on consumers and producers in staple food and passenger transport sectors. One of the main goals of this project is to demonstrate the benefits of competition reforms for consumers and producers, so that greater attention and support can be provided to this issue by policymakers.	1. Conduct of NRG VI 2. FCP Application report 3. FCP Application (Capacity Building) which includes National Orientation Workshop	1. Proceedings of the National Reference Group (NRG) VI Meeting 2. Proceedings of National Orientation Workshop- FCP Application (Capacity Building); 3. FCP Application (Research) report: (i)	
Assessment of Bus Transport Operator Consolidation along EDSA as a Regulatory Strategy: Benefits, Costs, and Implications for Market Competition	Research	The main objective of the study is to identify options for consolidating buses as part of the strategy of decongesting EDSA, Metro Manila's main thoroughfare. More specifically the proposed study aims to undertake the following: 1. Discuss the current regulatory issues confronting the provision of bus transport service along EDSA, with focus on the problem of traffic congestion; 2. Describe the consolidation strategy as a solution to these regulatory issues, in terms of target state to be achieved, as well as the steps towards achieving that state; 3. Evaluate benefits, costs, and risks involved in the consolidation strategy, as well as implications for fair competition, compared to major alternative strategies; 4. Arrive at a recommendation for bus transport sector regulatory reform in view of the analysis presented.	1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Final Report, Policy Notes	1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Final Report, Policy Notes	

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Comprehensive Study on Credit Programs to Small Holders	Research	This study will find out how much agrarian reform beneficiaries organizations (ARBOs) have helped in facilitating credit access and if indeed they are a crucial element in designing and implementing credit programs for smallholders in general and agrarian reform beneficiaries in particular. Specific gaps and issues related to meeting the credit needs of smallholders shall be identified and possible strategic interventions by both government and private sector shall be identified.	1. First Draft Report 2. Final Report addressing the comments/suggestions of the concerned key officials of DAR 3. 10 Hard Copies and Electronic Copy of the Final Report on the Conduct of Dissemination Forum and Audited Financial Report	1. First Draft Report 2. Final Report addressing the comments/suggestions of the concerned key officials of DAR 3. 10 Hard Copies and Electronic Copy of the Final Report on the Conduct of Dissemination Forum and Audited Financial Report	
Co-Principal Investigator for a Comprehensive Study on Credit Programs to Smallholders	Research	The Principal Investigator is expected to conduct a comprehensive review of the existing conditions in the credit market and policies for credit access of smallholders with due emphasis on the gaps and limitations of prevailing credit programs and how to properly address them.	Final Report (with abstract and keywords) and Policy Note	Final Report (with abstract and keywords) and Policy Note	
Research Associate for A Comprehensive Study on Credit Programs to Small Holders	Research	To assist in the credit study, the Research Associate will conduct desk research and review of literature of best practices on rural finance of countries similarly situated as the Philippines. She will also gather relevant data and information required for the comprehensive review and analysis of existing government credit policies, programs and activities for smallholders.	Final Report (with abstract and keywords) and Policy Note	Final Report (with abstract and keywords) and Policy Note	
Examining trends in ICT statistics: What does it say about the Philippines?	Research	This research undertaking is primarily designed to examine trends in ICT statistics, and look into issues on why internet in the Philippines is slow and in turn, give policy recommendations on how to improve its status.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Examining Statistics on Income Distribution -- Why inequality matters in poverty reduction (Why Inequality Matters in Poverty Reduction and Why the Middle Class Needs Policy Attention)	Research	While the Philippines has had a new economic growth trajectory in recent years, the country has had little progress in reducing poverty and in making growth more inclusive. This paper examines trends in macroeconomic statistics, and the progress government has had in its Philippine Development Plan and in achieving the Millennium Development Goals. It discusses the need to address the lack of political inclusion. It also looks into income distribution and income inequality; and proposes a definition of the middle-income class, laying down seven income classes based on the national poverty lines. It also profiles the middle-income class vis-a-vis other income classes given the potential of the middle-income class to sustain economic growth. It argues that government need not only focus its attention to the poor, but also strengthen the middle class toward improving opportunities and reducing inequalities.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	

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Program Evaluation of the Public Management Development Program (PMDP)	Research	The overall aim of proposed study is to conduct a process evaluation and intermediate outcome assessment of the implementation of the Public Management Development Program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raw and tabulated/processed data 2. Draft report containing preliminary findings and presentation of preliminary findings to the NGCESDP Steering Committee 3. Final Report 4. Presentation of the Final Report to the PMDP Program Management and NGCESDP Steering Committee 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raw and tabulated/processed data 2. Draft report containing preliminary findings and presentation of preliminary findings to the NGCESDP Steering Committee 3. Final Report 4. Revised Final Report 	
Research Associate for the Program Evaluation of the Public Management Development Program (PMDP)	Research	<p>Research Associate, is expected to perform the following tasks:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Assist in the conduct of online survey, key informant interviews and focus group discussions among PMDP graduates and institutional partners; 2. Assist in the consolidation of case studies and report write-up; and, 3. Provide coordinative support and perform other technical duties as required in the program evaluation of the PMDP. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidated Case Studies and Draft Report write-up 2. Final Report (abstract and keywords) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Consolidated Case Studies and Draft Report write-up 2. Final Report (abstract and keywords) and Turnover of data and materials used for the study 	
Organizational Development Specialist for the Program Evaluation of the Public Management Development Program	Research	The study aims to pursue a process evaluation of the PMDP focusing on course content and cost. It will look into how PMDP graduates perform in their respective work assignments after graduating from the program; It will also evaluate attributable intermediate program outcomes with respect to individual and institutional changes.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Final Report 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Final Report and Turnover of data and materials used for the study 	
Nutritional Status of the Population and Nutrition Programs of the Philippines: A Proposed Sector Review	Research	The Project aims to update past reviews of the nutrition sector to identify emerging nutrition issues arising from the demographic-epidemiologic and nutrition transitions that need to be mainstreamed into the development policy agenda. Moreover, the Project aims to review what assessments have been made regarding the impact of nutrition interventions to see how effective interventions can be scaled-up and sustained.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Report (with abstract and key words) 2. Policy Notes 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Final Report (with abstract and key words) 2. Policy Notes 	

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Poverty Alleviation of Women and Children with Disabilities	Research	Study team will conduct a survey of at least 200 households of PWDs in Cebu. The study aims to contribute to a better understanding of the difficulties and prospects of women and children with disabilities in livelihood and empowerment.	1. First Progress Report 2. Second Progress Report 3. Final Report with raw survey data and summary report of survey results	1. First Progress Report 2. Second Progress Report 3. Final Report with raw survey data and summary report of survey results	
Embedding the Agricultural Model for Policy Evaluation (AMPLE) in a CGE Model to Analyze Inter-sectoral and Economywide Policy Issues	Research	The AMPLE will be developed into a CGE model by mid-2017. To be completed in 2016 is an updating of AMPLE, application to agricultural sector scenarios, and compilation of database for CGE version of AMPLE.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Can pursuit of food security worsen hunger? The case of rice self-sufficiency in the Philippines	Research	The paper shows how the rice self-sufficiency policy, implemented in the name of food security, pushed up the price of rice, to the detriment of the poor. Self-sufficiency policy by itself need not cause the price of rice to increase. The strategies pursued by government to achieve self-sufficiency was what drove up the price of rice. There are better ways of pursuing food security, than the flawed policies that have made rice more expensive.	Final report (Discussion Paper)	Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Re-thinking Executive Order 23 for Effective Forest Protection and Wood Industry Revitalization	Research	In 2011, Executive Order 23 was issued to protect the country's natural forests by imposing a total ban over logging activities and stronger measures against illegal cutting. Despite the EO's noble intentions, this paper presents evidence that EO 23 has led to damaging unintended economic and social consequences without accomplishing much of its avowed objectives. It asserts the immediate need to re-think EO 23 and carefully consider alternative solutions promoting the protection of the forests while supporting the wood industry - an industry that has, for many years, provided a decent source of income and livelihood for many Filipinos in its supply chain.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Reducing the Unintended Consequences of Over-Fishing: Learning from The Zamboanga Experience	Research	This paper presents a case study of how and why the stakeholders of Zamboanga City, recognizing the overfishing problem, chose to act collectively in ways that effectively minimize the consequences of over-fishing and keep the sardine industry sustainable and profitable over the long haul.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	

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Understanding the role and contribution of services in supply/value chains	Research	Proposed study relates to the "Manufacturing Resurgence" priority. The study addresses the issue of weak linkages in manufacturing, agriculture & services. It hopes to provide improved understanding of the role of services in improving the competitiveness of industries and its contribution to the economy beyond the information technology-business process management and tourism sectors.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Resilience to Natural Disasters of Households, Firms, and Communities in Selected Sites in the Philippines (Disaster Recovery and Resilience to Different Disasters in the Philippines)	Research	This study will look into resilience to both typhoon and non-typhoon related disasters. The purpose is to see if there are similarities and differences in the recovery and resilience approaches in light of different disasters. The study further investigates not just the recovery and resilience approaches of communities but also of households and firms.	Final report (Discussion Paper)	Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Rapid Review of PhilHealth's Initiatives and Programs for the Indigents	Research	This study will look into the different aspects of PhilHealth support for the Indigent and Sponsored Program, and how these programs operate within the entire sphere of PhilHealth and national health service delivery.	1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Draft Report, and Presentation in a research seminar 4. Final Report and Policy Notes	1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Draft Report, and Presentation in a research seminar 4. Final Report and Policy Notes	
Unintended Consequence of the Manila truck ban (Additional study for the Book Project)	Research	The paper looks at the benefits and unintended consequences of the Manila truck ban, which provided immediate relief to commuters and non-truck drivers. Reduced gas emissions were definitely a benefit. However, it turned out that the common sense solution is simple to implement but it is also simplistic. While there were private gains, there also were huge losses to society. The expected benefits seemed obvious but the unintended consequences seemed not, at least at the time when the ordinance was framed.	Final report (Discussion Paper)	Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Further Examination of Out of School Children	Research	This study aims to revisit the PIDS-UNICEF "Out-of-school Children" study to look into further issues on primary school aged children; looking at secondary school age children.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	

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The impact of legal minimum wages on employment, income and poverty incidence in the Philippines	Research	It is commonly believed that mandating higher legal minimum wages (LMWs) is needed to help the poor earn a level of income that would allow them to live healthy and dignified lives and to protect the weak against exploitation. However the study finds that in the Philippines higher LMWs: (i) are likely to reduce the hours of work of average workers; (ii) can be disadvantageous against the very groups that LMWs are intended to protect; (iii) decrease the employment probability of the young, inexperienced, less educated and women laborers; and (iv) tends ironically to reduce average income and raise household poverty rate.	Final report (Discussion Paper)	Final report (Discussion Paper)	
The Irony of RH Law Critics' Opposition to Comprehensive Sex Education	Research	Filipinos especially teenagers and young adults are not well informed about sex-related issues that could intimately and personally affect them. Addressing this information deficiency with appropriately designed sex education can be beneficial.	Final report (Discussion Paper)	Final report (Discussion Paper)	
On the efficient functioning of labor markets and the role of temporary employment contracts (Additional study for the Book Project)	Research	This paper examines the "contractualization" issue in the light of the European country experience of persistently high unemployment rates and lagging job creation during periods of economic growth. The purpose of this paper is simply to articulate a cautionary note based on preliminary reading of immediately available data. By raising questions about the analytical and empirical grounding of the "anti-contractualization" policy proposal, the study hopes to slow down the rush to judgment about the use of temporary employment contracts (TECs). A more informed view of the policy proposals would allow time to find more efficient and less counter-productive alternatives to the proposed curtailment of TEC use.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	

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Unintended Consequences of the Rent Control Law	Research	The specific objectives of this study are: (1) review how the rent control law has been applied in the Philippines; (2) determine the benefits of the law to the renters; (3) determine the effects of rent control on housing investments.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program: Boon or Bane?	Research	In this paper, three interrelated questions are explored. How helpful actually is Pantawid Panmilya to the poor – and to the country as a whole? How solid are the critic's arguments and evidence for their claim that the program should be de-funded or abolished due to its alleged weaknesses and detrimental unintended consequences? What lessons can the upcoming new government learn from the experience of Pantawid Pamilya?	Final report (Discussion Paper)	Final report (Discussion Paper)	
An Assessment of the Sectoral and Institutional Implementation of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (old title: Translating the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan)	Research	Republic Act 10121 or the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act provides for the crafting and implementation of a National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Plan (NDRRMP). This study aims to review the grounding and sectoral translation of NDRRMP five years hence. Focus will be on four thematic areas: disaster prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final report (Discussion Paper)	
What does ASEAN mean to ASEAN peoples	Research	The Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA) is sponsoring a public opinion survey and focus group discussions that aims to make inferences about the aspirations, concerns, and hopes of ASEAN peoples in ASEAN. Target respondents of this survey are various groups of people in ASEAN including people in the business, youth, culture, civil society, government, education, labor, SME sectors and the like.	Final report (survey and FGD outputs)	Final report (survey and FGD outputs)	

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ONGOING STUDIES

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Measuring and Examining Innovation in Philippine Business and Industry	Research	The study aims to look at the extent of innovation practices across the entire Philippine business and industry, and to determine policy issues that can foster innovation, toward improved productivity and economic growth. A key component of said study is the conduct of a nationally representative sample survey of one (1) thousand establishments and enterprises to measure innovative performance of economic actors across all major sectors of the economy, and for providing internationally comparable data on innovation that are systems-oriented and policy-relevant in the Philippine setting.	Sampling Frame, Survey Design, Questionnaire Design and Manuals	Sampling Frame, Survey Design, Questionnaire Design and Manuals	• Ongoing data processing by PSA.
Capacity Building activities for the Impact Evaluation of Key Government Programs and Projects and Capacity Building of Oversight Agencies on Impact Evaluation	Research	The participation in international trainings is part of the capacity building component of "Impact Evaluation of Key Government Programs and Projects and Capacity Building of Oversight Agencies on Impact Evaluation." These international training are geared towards training the staff of PIDS and oversight agencies on the use of impact evaluation for identification of the most effective, efficient and value for money policy initiatives; knowing the recent developments in impact evaluation techniques; and learning how to institutionalize results-based monitoring and evaluation systems for measuring and reporting on progress.	Participation in International Trainings on Impact Evaluation	Attendance of representatives from PIDS, NEDA, and DBM in the training on "Regulatory Impact Analysis (RIA): Methodology for Cost-Benefit Assessments of Regulations" held on August 8-19, 2016 in Washington D.C., USA.	
Study and Survey on Intra-ASEAN Non-Tariff Measures (NTMs) on Trade and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)	Research	This study aims to understand how prevalent and important these impediments are in the ASEAN region. To do this, a significant task of the study is to undertake a survey about existing non-tariff barriers (NTBs) among local or multinational firms, industry associations or chambers of commerce and other federation of exporting industries and services to the ASEAN six countries (Indonesia, Singapore, Thailand, Philippines, Malaysia, Vietnam) as well as outside ASEAN markets.	Research Workshop Final Report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop	• Ongoing writing of report

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Analysis of the Wood Processing Industry of the Philippines (Study on Value Chain of the Wood Industry of the Philippines)	Research	The rapid and indiscriminate logging of Philippine forests over the years with limited reforestation has led to more frequent, widespread and damaging floods and landslides as well as other environmental damages. With strong political will and noble intentions, President Benigno S. Aquino III issued Executive Order (EO) 23 in 2011. The EO sought to decisively protect the natural forests by totally banning the logging of their trees and by imposing stronger measures against their illegal cutting. This proposed study will look into the effects of EO 23 on the Philippine wood processing industry and its potential as a contributor to the national economy. Furthermore, Paqueo et al. (2016) found that wood processing is the highest employment generator in the forestry sector. The impact of EO 23 on employment generation will be particularly analyzed.	1. Inception Report 2. Draft Report	1. Inception Report	• Ongoing writing of report
Understanding the new Philippine Competition Act	Research	The enactment into law of the Philippine Competition Act or Republic Act 10667 in 2015 is a breakthrough legislation, especially in view of the developments in technology, and in global business and trade that have created new business models and intensified international production sharing and interlinked supply chains. While the new, long-awaited competition act is very much welcome, the passing of the law is only the first step toward creating a truly working competition law and fairly competitive environment. There is a need for dissemination, information and education for the law to create the intended efficient regulatory regime. This paper attempts to contribute toward this end, by examining the provisions of the new law, and providing a view of what it covers, what it can do, and what could be the possible implications for related policies.	1. Inception Report 2. Research Workshop 3. Draft Report	1. Inception Report 2. Research Workshop 3. Policy Notes	• Policy Note submitted. • Ongoing writing of final report
Review of Government Post- Disaster Financing Schemes (Review of Government Disaster Financing Schemes)	Research	The study aims to assess the financial response capacity of government in the aftermath of natural disasters. It will examine the different financial instruments available, their relative disbursement speeds for different phases, extent of exposure of government budgets that follow a disaster. The study will also examine governance mechanisms at the organizational and at the institutional level.	1. Inception Report 2. Preliminary Report 3. Draft Report and Research Workshop	Inception Report	

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Social Enterprises and community development	Research	This aims to assess what makes social enterprises work and how it is integrated into community and industrial development.	1. Inception Report 2. Draft Report	1. Inception Report 2. Draft Final Report	
Welfare issues in price control on occasions of calamities, emergencies and like occurrences	Research	Republic Act 7581 or the '1992 Price Act' establishes a mechanism that supposedly protects consumers from inadequate supply of goods and unreasonable price increase. This study will focus on the implications of RA7581 during disaster events, and answer issues on the effects of price control on consumer protection and local economic recovery. This study is consistent with the mandates of the Institute of doing policy research, and falls under the key result area of 'managing disaster risks in order to prevent the loss of lives, properties and livelihood'.	Inception Report	Inception Report	
Institutional Issues on Disaster Risk Reduction and Management	Research	This will provide discourse on the Institutional/bureaucratic platform underpinning disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) and Crisis management in the country. It will identify gaps and assess options for capacity/structural augmentations.	Inception Report	Inception Report	
Action ready climate knowledge to improve disaster risk management for small holder farmers in the Philippines	Research	This proposed project follows the previous ACIAR project "Bridging the gap between seasonal climate forecasts and decision makers in agriculture". The new project focuses on disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation and how these concepts can be applied to agricultural development to minimize the damage from extreme events and build more climate resilient farming systems. The project aims to improve the exchange between the country meteorological agency, PAGASA, and key decision makers involved in managing and weather risk of small holder farmers.	1 Review of literature, projects and programs on DRR and CCA for small holder farmers a.) Annotated bibliography of projects and programs relating to DDR and CCA in the Philippines relevant to rural agriculture b) Case study reports on selected study sites / Farming Systems in Benguet c) Review of Policy Settings on Climate Change and Disaster Risk and Reduction Management in the Philippines - December 2016	1 Review of literature, projects and programs on DRR and CCA for small holder farmers a.) Annotated bibliography of projects and programs relating to DDR and CCA in the Philippines relevant to rural agriculture b) Case study reports on selected study sites / Farming Systems in Benguet c) Review of Policy Settings on Climate Change and Disaster Risk and Reduction Management in the Philippines - December 2016	

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Assessment of the Bottom-up Budgeting Program: Alleviating Poverty and Strengthening Social Capital	Research	The study will have a two-fold objective. First, it will provide an assessment of how well the poverty alleviation objective of the BUB has been addressed. Second, it will extend the focus of earlier studies on community empowerment by attempting to look more closely at how well the BUB has strengthened social capital.	First progress report	Preliminary findings	
Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens and Engendering Informed Regulatory Conversations in Priority Integration Sectors In ASEAN	Research	This project focuses on reducing unnecessary regulatory burden in priority integration sectors in ASEAN, specifically in a selected integration sector in each ASEAN Member States that is of significant export interest in that country. By reducing unnecessary regulatory burden, it is hoped that the sector becomes more attractive to investments and be competitive in an increasingly integrated ASEAN. The project also involves informed regulatory conversation between and among the regulators and stakeholders. Informed Regulatory Conversations are mediated conversations among the concerned government and various stakeholders who may have different perspectives and interests at play.	1. Description, discussion and mapping out of the procedures and processes to meet regulations on each of the value chain of interest to the country 2. Issues paper draft: Mid-March 2016; revised issue paper; validated issue paper ; 3. Final Country Report and Report of Informed Regulatory Conversation activities	1. Description, discussion and mapping out of the procedures and processes to meet regulations on each of the value chain of interest to the country 2. Issues paper draft: Mid-March 2016; revised issue paper; validated issue paper ; 3. Final Country Report and Report of Informed Regulatory Conversation activities	
Research Associate for the "Drink Deeply and Be Sober" Book Project	Research	The book is proposed to contribute to sustainable, rapid, and inclusive development by making available accessible research findings and encouraging leaders and citizens to think more deeply about the country's problems and craft evidence-based solutions accordingly. Under the guidance and technical oversight of a PIDS Research Fellow who acts as Project Director, the consultant will be engaged as the Research Associate.	1. Inception Report 2. Progress Report 3. Preliminary Report containing the status of activities and six Contributors' Chapters 4. Draft write-up containing draft manuscripts incorporating feedback from readers' survey and ready for copy editing 5) Final Report containing the draft manuscript	1. Inception Report 2. Progress Report 3. Preliminary Report containing the status of activities and six Contributors' Chapters 4. Draft write-up containing draft manuscripts incorporating feedback from readers' survey and ready for copy editing 5) Final Report containing the draft manuscript	• Final manuscripts submitted but Project Director advised endorsement of final payment after the consultant has addressed further queries from RIS after the proofing of the revised galley.

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Editorial Services for the "Drink Deeply and Be Sober" Book Project	Research	The consultant, under the guidance and technical oversight of a PIDS Research Fellow, is expected to help rewrite contributed articles that need to be reworked to ensure that they would be easily understood by and would resonate with the intended audience of the book.	1. Inception Report and technical revision of two (2) Contributors' Chapters (first draft) 2. Technical Revision of Four (4) Contributors' Chapters (second draft) 3. Technical Revision of all Five (5) Contributors' Chapters (final draft) incorporated with the feedback from the Readers' Survey 4. Final Manuscript	1. Inception Report and technical revision of two (2) Contributors' Chapters (first draft) 2. Technical Revision of Four (4) Contributors' Chapters (second draft) 3. Technical Revision of all Five (5) Contributors' Chapters (final draft) incorporated with the feedback from the Readers' Survey 4. Final Manuscript	• Final manuscripts submitted but Project Director advised endorsement of final payment after the consultant has addressed further queries from RIS after the proofing of the revised galley.
The Promises and Pains in Procurement Reforms in the Philippines (Study on Public Procurement Best Practices)	Research	This study will look at the public procurement best practices that promote efficiency, recognize proportionality, and balance controls and flexibility.	Research Workshop Final Report (Discussion Paper)	Research Workshop Final Report (Discussion Paper)	
Study on regulations Component study: Technical Assistance for "Reducing Unnecessary Regulatory Burdens in the Philippine Food Manufacturing Industry"	Research	The study aims to assess the Philippine food manufacturing sub-sector and the regulatory system governing it, to enable the country to maximize the trade and investment opportunities from the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) and address the challenges arising from it.	1. Inception Report - 2. Preliminary Report containing the results of FGDs and KIIs - 3. Draft Report and Research Workshop 4. Final report, PN and data turnover	1. Inception Report - 2. Preliminary Report containing the results of FGDs and KIIs - 3. Draft Report and Research Workshop 4. Draft Final report	
Technical Assistance to the Study on Federalism: Prospects for the Philippines (Phase 1)	Research	The study aims to assess the current state of fiscal decentralization under a unitary system of government in the country and the experience with local governance and service delivery, examine gaps under this system, and provide options on improving the system of governance at the local level, with federalism as one of the options.	Inception Report	Inception Report and Research Workshop	
Study on the Renewable Energy Policy Debate in the Philippines	Research	This study proposes to examine the opposing views and see which side has weightier evidence. The study also proposes to examine other issues that have not yet been explored in the debate.	1. Research Workshop 2. Final Report (Discussion Paper)	1. Research Workshop 2. Draft Final Report	

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Improving the chances of success in assisting the poor households through better beneficiary sorting and employment facilitation in the Philippines	Research	The project aims to look into two evaluation questions of interest. The primary evaluation questions are: (a) for the first evaluation: Do characteristics-based sorting schemes improve the chances of success in the ME and EF tracks of SLP; (b) For second evaluation: Does employment facilitation through the PESO compared to the readily available alternative (RAA) in employment programs of NGAs and cooperating private firms improve the chances of landing in sustainable employment in the private sector.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project timeline with key dates and Stakeholder Engagement and Evidence-uptake Plan (SEEP) 2. Letter(s) of support and commitment from major implementing agencies and Approved SEEP 3. Evaluation progress and learning report and fund utilisation statement; SEEP progress report; Sampling design; Draft survey instruments; Power calculation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project timeline with key dates and Stakeholder Engagement and Evidence-uptake Plan (SEEP) 2. Evaluation progress and learning report and fund utilisation statement; SEEP progress report; Sampling design, preferably including a diagrammatic display; Draft survey instruments; Power calculation 	
Poverty Assessment: Evaluation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (Poverty Assessment: An Update (Social Protection in the Philippines: Current trends and Issues))	Research	The study aims to provide a better understanding of who are actually able to benefit from the major social protection programs of the government. The specific programs that will be examined will include the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, Philhealth, SSS/GSIS, Government scholarships, Supplemental feeding program and Cash/Food for work program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inception Report 2. Research Workshop 3. Draft Report 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inception Report 2. Research Workshop 	Ongoing writing of the report
Regulatory measures affecting services trade and investment	Research	The services sector is the biggest sector in the economy and is recognized as the "glue that binds all sectors together" in the government's Comprehensive National Industry Strategy (CNIS). An efficient regulatory framework is a condition for developing a services market that supports competitiveness and offers opportunities for export diversification. Creating such a framework requires a comprehensive understanding of the laws, regulations, and practices affecting trade and investment in services currently in place. Thus, this study will map laws and regulatory measures affecting trade and investment in the distribution, multimodal transport and logistics services.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project mobilization (Terms of Reference for hiring of study team members) 2. Inception report 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Project mobilization (Terms of Reference for hiring of study team members) 2. Inception report 	

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Fiscal Issues in Federalism (Assessment of Proposals to Adopt a Federal Form of Government)	Research	Study aims (i) to put together a dataset that will support the conduct of an a priori data-based evaluation of alternative proposals to adopt the federal form of government, (ii) to assess the internal consistency of the functional assignment, tax assignment and intergovernmental transfer (including equalization transfers) provisions of the said proposals, and (iii) to recommend needed adjustments that will ensure the internal consistency of the fiscal provisions of these alternative federal models with the end in view of promoting greater local accountability and autonomy and mitigating the risks of widening disparities across state/ regional jurisdictions.	1. Inception Report 2. Research Workshop	Research Workshop	
Examining Divergence of National Accounts and Survey Based Estimates of Household Expenditure	Research	The study aims to describe conceptual issues on expenditure from national accounts and surveys, focusing on definition, scope and coverage, and statistical unit. It will also perform a comparative assessment of estimates of expenditures from surveys and national accounts, looking into data disaggregation of major expenditure items and identify likely causes for discrepancies in estimates and evidence on these causes. This study will further contribute to a growing literature that has implications on policies on poverty reduction.	Inception Report	Inception Report	
Survey and Focus Group Discussions to Support AANZFTA Review Study	Research	The Agreement establishing the ASEAN-Australia-New Zealand Free Trade Area (AANZFTA), which entered into force in 2010, is ASEAN's most comprehensive and highest quality FTA to date. The AANZFTA Agreement provides a periodic review mechanism to ensure that it remain a high quality agreement with commercial relevance. In this regard, ERIA was invited to assist ASEAN in conducting the Regional Assessment/review. ERIA then collaborated with PIDS for the conduct of survey and FGDs to support the review of the following components: Rule of Origins, Non-tariff Measures, Investments, Impact of AANZFTA on trade, Impact of AANZFTA on investment.	Complete study team and preparatory activities	Complete study team and preparatory activities	