

For discussion for USAM re: MoCCoV Project Phase II Implementation

1. Accountability for DOST-MIMAROPA Personnel:

Issue: During the MoCCoV project implementation, DOST-MIMAROPA personnel are held accountable for all equipment until the project's completion. However, there is a significant risk associated with this, as some equipment may be out of MIMAROPA's control during the project.

Concern: This situation places an undue burden on DOST-MIMAROPA staff, who may be responsible for equipment not in their possession or oversight. This could lead to issues of liability and accountability, particularly if equipment is lost, damaged, or misused.

2. Value for Money Assessment:

Issue: The responsibility for assessing the value for money of the equipment falls solely on DOST-MIMAROPA, even though the benefits of the equipment are distributed across all regions.

Concern: The assessment might not consider the different needs and benefits of other regions, which could result in inefficiencies or priorities that do not align with the actual requirements.

3. Procurement of Equipment Outlay:

Issue: There is a question of whether the fund can be released to DOST-MIMAROPA, considering the hold order on using Grants-In-Aid (GIA) for procurement of equipment outlay and the fact that DOST-MIMAROPA is part of the Office of the Secretary (OSec).

Concern: The hold order on GIA funds complicates the procurement process, potentially leading to delays or restrictions on acquiring necessary equipment.

4. Non-Transferability of MoCCoV Unit's 4-Wheel Vehicle:

Issue: There are concerns regarding the non-transferability of the 4-wheel vehicle used by the MoCCoV unit.

Concern: This restriction could limit the operational flexibility and mobility of the MoCCoV units.

5. Downloading of Project Funds to Co-Implementing Agencies:

Proposal: There is a proposal to download project funds to different co-implementing agencies.

Benefit: This approach could decentralize financial management, allowing regions to tailor the use of funds to their needs aligned to the

project objective. It may also encourage more efficient and targeted spending, as well as foster local accountability and transparency.

6. Adjustment of Specifications for Bid Posting:

Proposal: There may be a need to adjust the specifications for the bid posting due to the availability of other MoCCoV units or suppliers.

Benefit: Adjusting the specifications can allow for better alignment with available suppliers and current market offerings, potentially leading to cost savings and more efficient procurement. This flexibility can help ensure that the project stays within budget and meets its goals while still acquiring high-quality and functional equipment.