

14 December 2022

**DIR. SOFIA C. GEMORA**

*Director IV*

Commission on Audit (COA)  
NGS Cluster 1 – Executive Offices  
Commonwealth Avenue, Quezon City

Thru: **Ms. Cherrie Lou C. Arguilla**  
Supervising Auditor

**Ms. Benilda L. Mercado**  
State Auditor III / Audit Team Leader

Dear **Director Gemora**:

We are pleased to submit the Philippine Competition Commission Report on Status of Prior Year's (Calendar Year 2021) Recommendation in the Annual Audit Report.

We hope you find our submission in order. Thank you.

Very truly yours,



**ATTY. JOSEPH MELVIN B. BASAS**

*Director IV*

Finance, Planning and Management Office

Attachment: As stated

**REPORT ON STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION  
OF PRIOR YEARS' AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE  
ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT  
For Calendar Year 2021  
As of 14 December 2022**

As of December 2022, **100%** (1/1) of the audit recommendation was **fully implemented**.

No.	Ref.	Audit Observations	Audit Recommendations	Status of Implementation and Actions Taken
1	COA AAR FY 2021, pp. 42	There were delays in the payment of Establishment Allowance (EA) and Contribution to Living Expenses (CLE) ranging from 16 to 90 days and 1 to 212 days, respectively due to delayed submission of documentary requirements by the scholars caused by the absence of specific date of submission of the documentary requirements resulting in delayed processing of payments, contrary to the prescribed timeline on the release of said allowances as provided under the operational Guidance on the processing of allowable expenses.	PCC Management to instruct the PMU to issue a Memorandum directing the scholars to submit the required documentary requirements on or before ten (10) working days prior to their departure or first week of the quarter to ensure that payments of EA and CLE are processed/released within the prescribed timeline.	<p><b>FULLY IMPLEMENTED</b></p> <p>The Project Management Unit (PMU) had taken the following actions to further strengthen internal control when submitting reports.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. GSDPC updated guidelines already indicates a deadline for the scholars to submit the required documents in order for the PCC to process their claim in a more timely manner.</li> <li>2. Continuous coordination between and among the offices concerned is being done to ensure that the claims of the scholars are released timely.</li> </ol> <p>The Finance, Planning, and Management Office (FPMO) had taken the following actions to further strengthen internal control when submitting reports.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The provision on the</li> </ol>

				<p>conversion rate (<i>rate at the time of the preparation payment</i>) to be used on every payment of CLE and EA is also being implemented.</p> <p>Refer to Annex A – GSDPC Guidelines Addendum - Allowable Expenses and Requirements, for reference.</p>
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**Note:** Status of implementation may either be (a) Fully Implemented, (b) Ongoing, (c) Not Implemented, (d) Partially Implemented, or (e) Delayed.

Agency Sign-off:

  
KENNETH V. TANATE, PhD  
 Executive Director