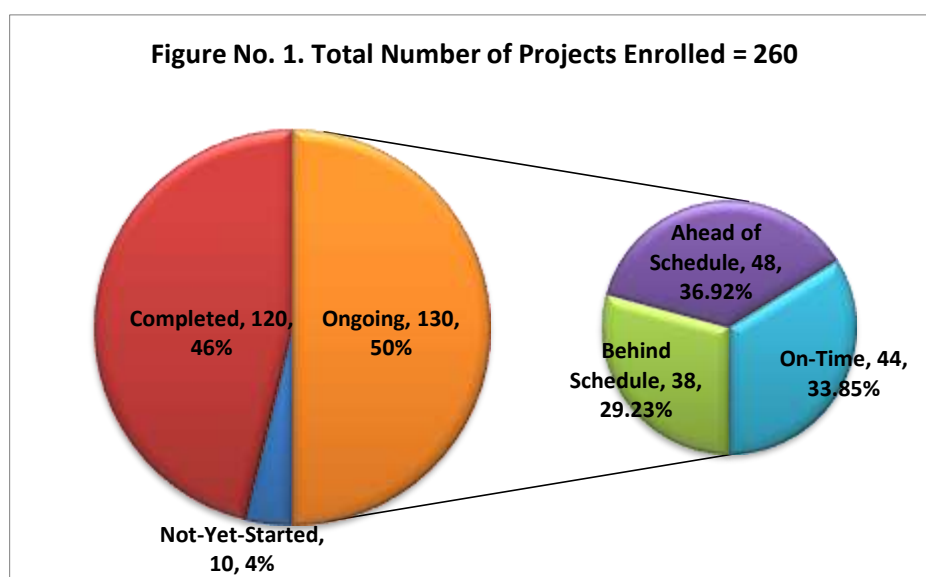


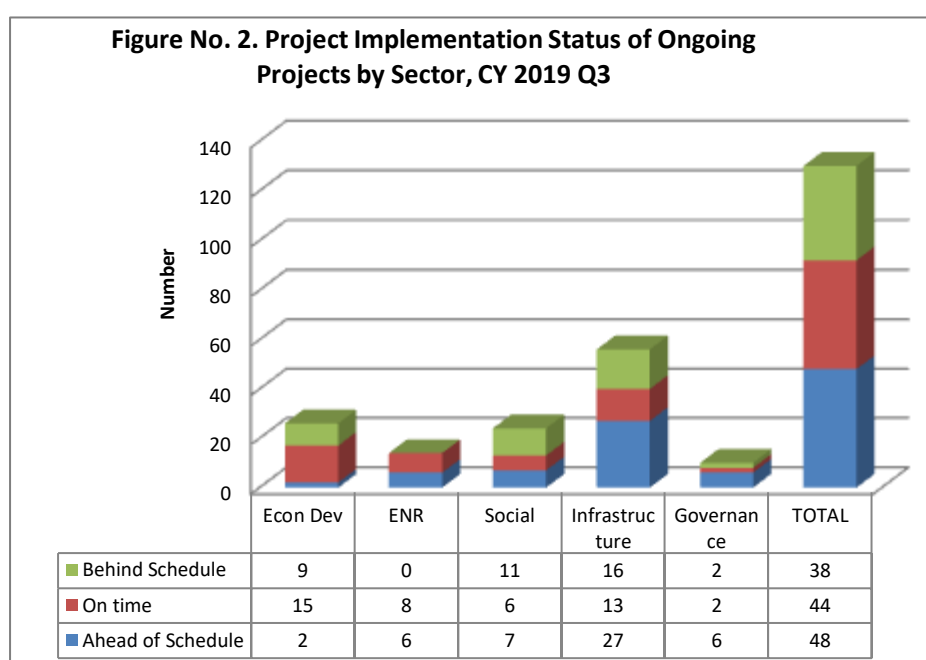
CY 2019 3rd Quarter RPMES Project Monitoring Report
HIGHLIGHTS OF OVERALL ACCOMPLISHMENT
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The implementation of projects enrolled in the RPMES to support the region's agri-business and tourism thrusts as contained in the RDP 2017 – 2022 continued in the third quarter of 2019.

As the quarter ended, a total of 120 projects have been completed, up by 75 projects over the 45 projects reported as completed as of June 30. This represents about 46 percent of the total 260 projects enrolled during the year. Fifty percent or 130 projects were in various stages of completion while only 10 remain un-started as these have been targeted to commence during the 4th quarter.

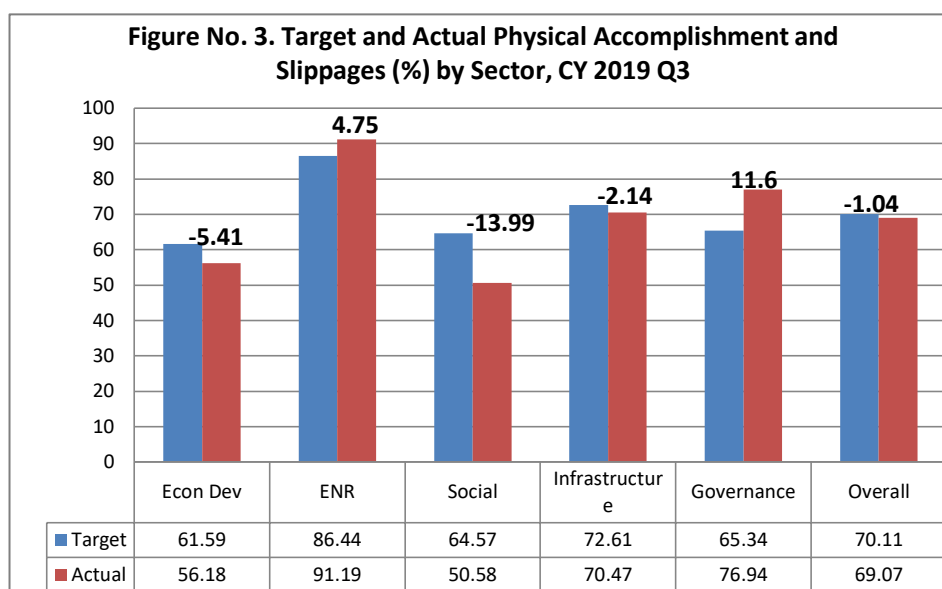


Of the total 130 ongoing projects, 44 or about 34 percent were implemented on time, 48 projects or 37 percent were ahead of schedule and 38 or 29 percent were behind schedule.



Overall, the region's project physical accomplishment rate rose to 69.07 percent up over the 36.12 percent recorded in June. This fell short of the target by a mere 1.04 percent.

Across sectors, the Environment sector continued to record the highest physical accomplishment of 91.19 percent and the social sector reported the lowest at 50.58 percent. In terms of overall physical target achievement, the Governance sector surpassed its target by nearly 12 percent, the highest positive physical slippage among the 5 sectors. The economic, social and infrastructure sectors need to catch up in the last quarter to ensure meeting their targets for the whole year.



As the third quarter ended, more than P5.4 Billion were released exceeding allocations for the period by almost P1 Billion. This was due to additional releases made for the regular Conditional Cash Transfer program of the DSWD and fund augmentation for the peace and order projects under the Governance Sector.

The Social Development sector accounted for the bulk of releases with more than P3.4 Billion or nearly two-thirds of the total releases for the region. The Infrastructure sector was not far behind with releases exceeding P1.6 Billion. The other 3 sectors (Economic, Environment and Governance) had total releases of P341 Million nearly equaling their combined allocation of P344 Million.

More than P5.2 Billion was expended for all the implemented projects for a funds utilization rate of 97.06 percent. Only the Environment sector recorded an expenditure rate lower than 85 percent (82.23%).

Table No. 1. Financial Accomplishment by Sector, CY 2019 Q3

Sector	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
Econ Dev	315,671,363	312,609,453	99.03	278,573,973	89.11
ENR	26,090,148	26,090,148	100.00	21,453,289	82.23

Social	2,084,550,508	3,437,263,622	164.89	3,426,257,705	99.68
Infra	2,038,143,36	1,635,692,737	65.68	1,525,926,717	93.29
Governance	2,380,280	2,500,530	105.05	2,500,530	100.00
Overall	4,466,835,659	5,414,156,490	121.21	5,254,712,214	97.06

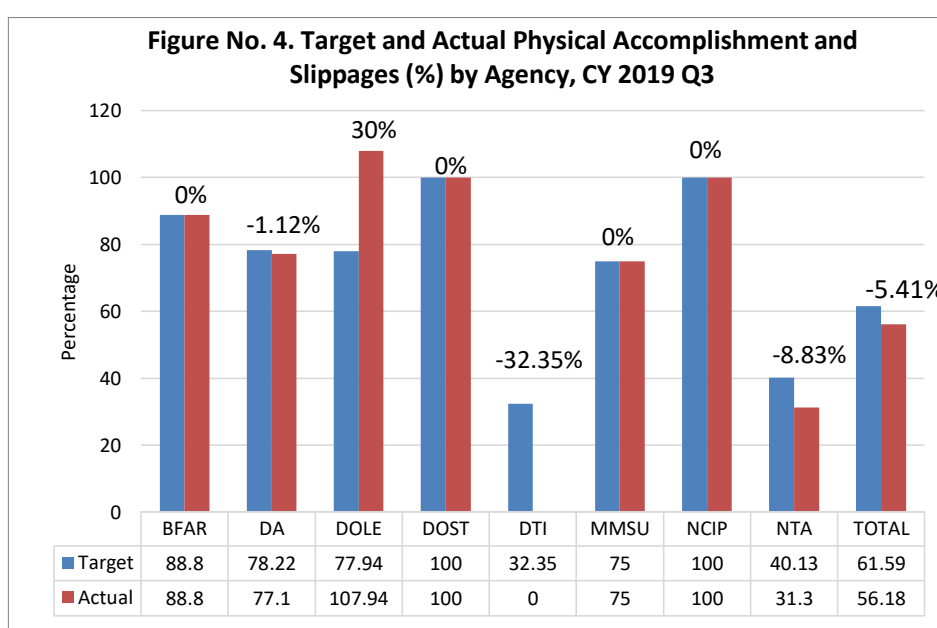
A total of 115,401 persons were employed during the period representing an additional 25,108 persons employed over the 90,293 persons employed during the first semester. Like in the previous quarters, the Infrastructure Sector employed the most, contributing roughly 98 percent.

Table No. 2. Number of Persons Employed by Sector, CY 2019 Q3

Sector	Employed
INFRA	113,083
ENR	1,902
ECON	352
SOCIAL	64
GOV	-
OVERALL	115,401

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

From January to September, a total of 81 economic development projects were implemented with an overall physical accomplishment rate of 56.18 percent, missing the sector's target for the period by 5.41 percent. Fifty-five projects were reported as completed while 26 others were in various stages of completion. Only 4 projects are set to commence during the 4th quarter. Four of the nine agencies comprising the sector met their targets for the semester (BFAR, DOST, MMSU, NCIP), 1 exceeded its target (DOLE) while the rest registered negative physical slippages (DA, DTI and NTA).



The DA was not able to implement on time its Salad Tomato Production and Marketing Enterprises Project because of procurement delays. The DTI encountered similar procurement issues in the implementation of its four Shared Service Facilities Projects in Ilocos Norte and Pangasinan. The NTA meanwhile was not able to undertake its Quality Standards Assurance System Development Project (establishment of training center) due to adjustments in cost estimates in compliance with the TRAIN Law and the delayed acquisition of project site.

Overall, the sector received a funding support of 99 percent. Roughly P312 Million was released out of the allocation for the period of P315.7 Million. Total disbursements for the period reached P278.6 Million for a funds utilization rate of 89 percent.

Table No. 3. Allocation, Releases and Expenditure by Agency CY 2019 Q3

Agency	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
BFAR	40,634,000	40,026,608	98.51	40,026,608	100.00
DA	146,318,271	146,318,271	100.00	141,715,271	96.85
DOLE	4,410,000	3,627,158	82.00	3,627,158	100.00
DOST	27,865,731	27,865,731	100.00	27,865,731	100.00
DTI	7,555,480	7,555,480	100.00	0	0.00
MMSU	4,605,000	4,605,000	100.00	1,535,000	33.33
NCIP	698,000	698,000	100.00	698,000	100.00
NTA	83,584,881	81,913,205	98.00	63,106,205	77.04
TOTAL	315,671,363	312,609,453	99.03	278,573,973	89.11

Some of the projects completed with high funding include:

- Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading (DOST) - P 27.865 million
- Distribution of Pump and Engine Sets for Shallow Tubewell (DA) – P 14 million
- Establishment of Technology Demonstration Projects on Aquaculture and Postharvest (BFAR) – P 9.39 million
- Distribution of Fishing gear/paraphernalia (BFAR) – P 7.66 million
- Distribution of Lowland Vegetables (DA) – P 7.5 million

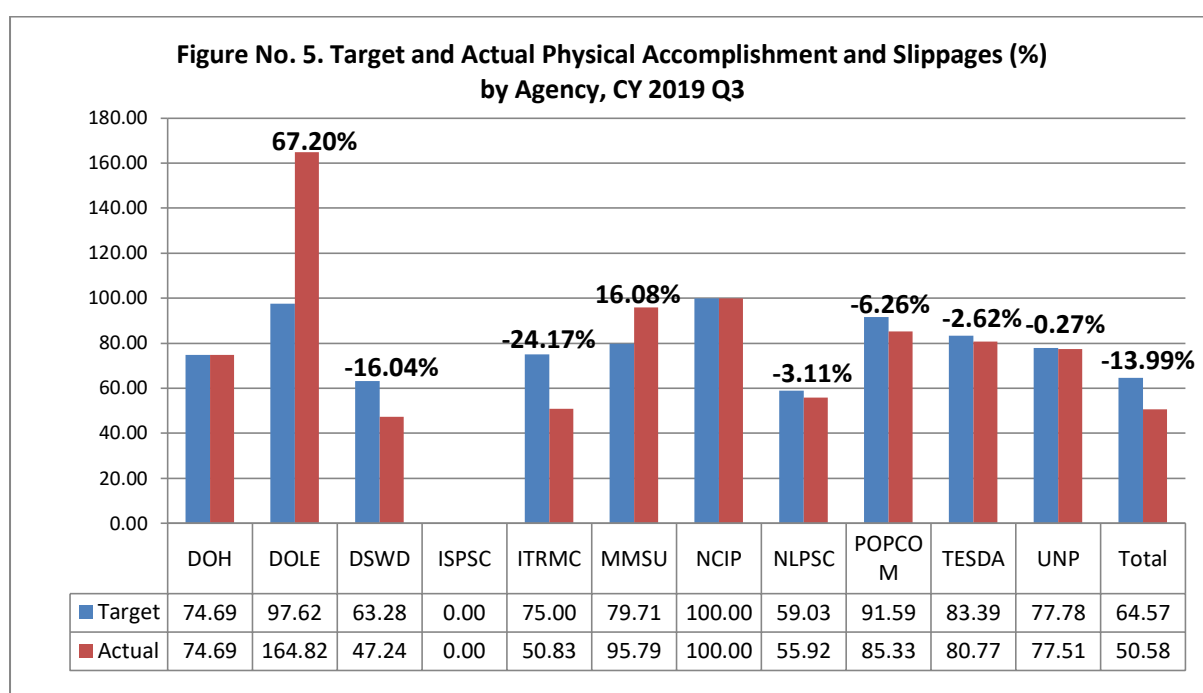
The sector employed a total of 352 persons during the quarter – all with the fisheries projects of the BFAR.

The projects enrolled under the sector support the Regional Development Plan's goal on expanding economic opportunities in agriculture, forestry, fishery, industry and services.

SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR

As the period ended, only 2 of the 37 projects enrolled in the sector have not started. Eleven (11) projects were completed and 24 were on-going. All 37 projects support the RDP social development goals on human capital development, reducing vulnerability of individuals and families and building safe and secured communities.

Overall, the sector recorded a physical accomplishment rate of 50.58 percent, up from the 32.61 percent recorded as of June. The sector continued to miss its target registering a negative slippage of 13.99 albeit slightly lower than the negative slippage of 14.12 percent registered in the previous quarter. This time however, more agencies missed their targets – 6 (DSWD, ITRMC, NLPSC, PopCom, TESDA and UNP) compared to only 3 entities during the first semester.



The DSWD encountered delays in the implementation of its Social Pension, and Supplemental Feeding Program. The Social Pension Program was put on hold pending validation of its intended beneficiaries since the clean list has not yet been validated by the DSWD Central Office. For the Supplemental Feeding, the procurement of the needed perishable goods at the local level was delayed due to the absence of suppliers. Both programs are expected to pick up in the 4th quarter once remedial measures are put in place by the DSWD. This includes the completion of the validated list of beneficiaries and fast tracking of procurement activities.

For the ITRMC, its Gender Sensitivity Training was still delayed due to difficulties in sourcing the needed Resource Persons to conduct the various modules covering several batches of participants. A catch-up program has been put in place with succeeding modules scheduled on November 13-14 and December 12-13.

The other delayed projects include the PopCom's RFPF Effective Referrals (LGUs and CSOs) and Establishment of Information and Service Delivery Networks; and the Technical Education and Skill Development Program of TESDA. Catch-up measures are currently being undertaken to ensure completion of the projects' at year's end.

Some of the completed projects with high funding included the following:

- Educational Assistance Program in Ilocos Sur (NCIP) – P7.44 million
- Educational Assistance Program in Pangasinan (NCIP) – P 0.965 million
- Educational Assistance Program for 2nd Semester of SY 2018- 2019 (NCIP) –P4.6 million
- Equipment Outlay (NLPSC) – P3.79 million
- Procurement of e-NGAS Software, ICT Equipment (NLPSC) – P1 million

Out of the P2.08 Billion programmed amount for the sector, a total of P3.44 Billion was released as the quarter ended, indicating an overwhelming funding support of almost 165 percent. The DSWD received about twice of its allocation of P1.8 million for a funding support of 174 percent because of the additional allocation for the Conditional Cash Transfer. Four agencies (DOLE, ITRMC, PopCom and UNP) received less than 100 percent funding support.

On funds utilization, seven agencies were able to expend their released funds (more than 99%). Two entities (MMSU and UNP) had funds utilization rates of less than 40 percent. Overall, the sector posted a funds utilization rate of 99.68 percent.

Table No. 4. Allocation, Releases and Expenditure by Agency CY 2019 Q3

Agency	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
DOH	147,398,382	147,398,382	100.00	147,398,382	100.00
DOLE	29,812,370	28,563,403	95.81	28,563,403	100.00
DSWD	1,839,678,000	3,197,133,700	173.79	3,191,379,700	99.82
ISPSC	0	0	0	0	N/A
ITRMC	450,000	257,000	57.11	257,000	100.00
MMSU	1,530,000	1,530,000	100.00	430,225	28.12
NCIP	14,648,300	14,648,300	100.00	14,648,300	100.00
NLPSC	8,470,499	5,870,749	69.31	5,870,749	100.00
POPCOM	2,676,750	2,003,328	74.84	1,990,539	99.36
TESDA	39,669,000	39,669,000	100.00	35,647,959	89.86
UNP	217,207	189,761	87.36	71,449	37.65
Total	2,084,550,508	3,437,263,622	164.89	3,426,257,705	99.68

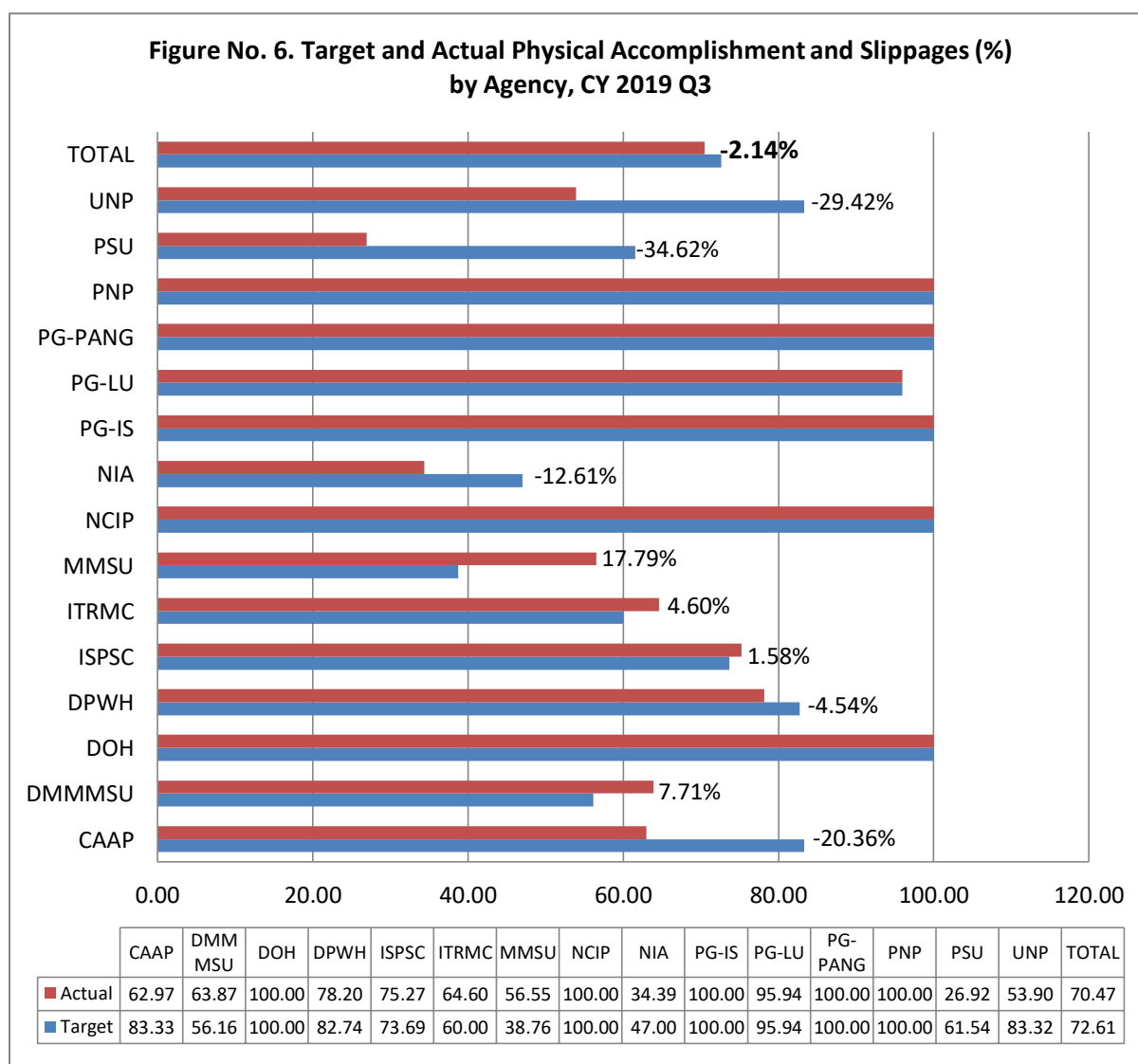
For the semester, 18 persons were employed, 16 in the Health sub-sector and two in the Education sub-sector.

INFRASTRUCTURE AND UTILITIES

The 95 projects enrolled in the sector respond to the RDP goal to accelerate the development of infrastructure facilities to support the region's vision of becoming an agribusiness and industrial hub in northern Philippines.

As the quarter ended, 37 projects were completed, representing 39 percent of the total number of projects enrolled. Only 2 projects were not yet started. The remaining 56 were still in various stages of completion – 27 were ahead of schedule, 13 were on time and 16 projects were behind schedule.

The Infrastructure sector recorded an overall accomplishment rate of 70.47 percent, improving on its performance of 43.47 percent in the previous quarter. Compared to its target of 72.61 percent, the sector posted a negative slippage of 2.14 percent. DMMMSU, ISPSC, ITRMC and MMSU exceeded their targets while the PNP, the provincial governments of La Union, Ilocos Sur and Pangasinan, NCIP and DOH attained their set targets for the period.



Several agencies however, missed their targets for the semester. These were the CAAP, DPWH, NIA, PSU and UNP. Per report of the UNP, the cause of delay of the construction of its Food Court with Multi-Level parking project with costs amounting to almost P34 Million was due to the demolition of the existing structure and the relocation of the affected offices. For the CAAP, late procurement coupled with inclement weather delayed the conversion of its concession building to the CAAP Supply Office and Store Room. Two projects of the DPWH were also delayed due to bad weather and these were the access road to the Cacao Processing Center and Cacao Plantation in Salcedo, Ilocos Sur and access road leading to the Agoo Processing Center in La Union. Four irrigation projects of the NIA, meanwhile, were delayed due to unworkable sites (3 projects) and delayed issuance of notice to proceed (1 project). The PSU project – Continuation of the Cultural and Sports Center at the Bayambang Campus was delayed due also to delayed procurement (NTP issued only in September).

Some of the major completed infra projects during the 3rd quarter include the following:

- Lingayen Bypass Road, Phae V, including ROW (DPWH) – P130.56 million
- Rehabilitation of Balebec-Basca Farm to Market Road and Balebec Bridge Package 1 (PG-LU) – P 102.86 million
- Rehabilitation of Bani-Mabini Road (PG-Pang) – P 28.38 million
- Establishment of Ground Water Pump Irrigation Project (NIA) – P29.2 million
- Construction of Tobacco Farmers Training Center (Phase II) (PG-LU) – P 9.978 million

More than P2 Billion was allocated to the various enrolled infra projects during the period. By the end of the 3rd quarter, roughly P1.64 Billion were released for a fund support of 66 percent. Eleven of the 15 infra agencies exceeded the sector average. The 4 agencies with releases less than 66 percent were CAAP (62.97%), DPWH (39.44%), PSU (30.01%) and UNP (18.84%).

Funds utilized amounted to roughly P1.526 Billion, accounting for a fund utilization rate of 93.29 percent. DMMMSU only spent 41.64 percent from its release of P135 Million. Eleven entities spent all their releases for the period.

Table No. 5. Allocation, Releases and Expenditure by Agency CY 2019 Q3

Agency	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
CAAP	6,250,000	4,723,000	62.97	4,723,000	100.00
DMMMSU	135,000,000	135,000,000	94.74	56,216,270	41.64
DOH	1,227,600	1,130,240	92.07	1,130,240	100.00
DPWH	1,039,121,782	495,283,715	39.44	495,283,715	100.00
ISPSC	50,106,581	55,062,304	81.50	50,096,082	90.98
ITRMC	45,270,600	54,965,627	72.85	54,965,627	100.00
MMSU	285,000,000	190,000,000	66.67	163,995,873	86.31
NCIP	650,000	650,000	100.00	650,000	100.00
NIA*	134,021,400	401,570,000	140.81	401,569,950	100.00
PG-IS	14,310,239	14,310,238	100.00	14,310,238	100.00
PG-LU	207,150,911	207,130,438	95.93	207,118,547	99.99
PG-PANG	57,853,922	57,274,379	99.00	57,274,379	100.00
PNP	635,000	488,646	76.95	488,646	100.00

PSU	16,000,000	7,803,334	30.01	7,803,334	100.00
UNP	45,545,325	10,300,816	18.84	10,300,816	100.00
Total	2,038,143,360	1,635,692,737	65.68	1,525,926,717	93.29

Note: *NIA – Central Office partly released the allocation which was programmed in Q4

The releases and expenditures per sub-sector are presented in the table below.

Table No. 6. Allocation, Releases and Expenditure by Subsector CY 2019 Q3

Subsector	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
Irrigation	134,021,400	401,570,000	140.81	401,569,950	100.00
Other Public Buildings	635,000	488,646	76.95	488,646	100.00
Flood Control	9,500,216	9,500,216	100.00	9,500,216	100.00
Airport and Air Navigation	6,250,000	4,723,000	62.97	4,723,000	100.00
Roads and Bridges	1,106,610,176	562,772,108	42.43	562,760,217	100.00
Agri-Structures	10,000,000	9,979,527	99.80	9,979,527	100.00
FMRs	124,330,571	124,330,571	100.00	124,330,571	100.00
Social Infra	646,795,998	522,328,669	71.88	412,574,590	78.99
Total	2,038,143,360	1,635,692,737	65.68	1,525,926,717	93.29

The sector employed a total 113,083 persons during the semester.

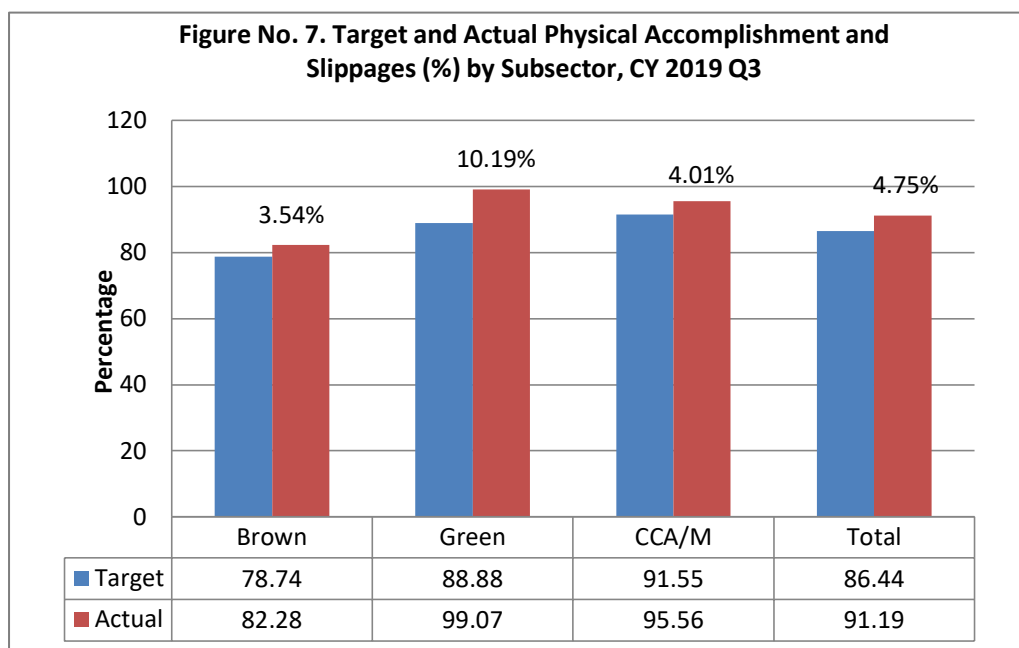
ENVIRONMENT SECTOR

Thirty –one projects responsive of the RDP's goal on ensuring ecological integrity, clean and healthy environment were enrolled under the sector. As the quarter ended, 16 projects were already completed and 14 were still going, of which, eight were on-time and six were ahead of schedule. Only the project on NGP 1st year maintenance and protection was not yet started.

Overall, the sector incurred a physical accomplishment of 91.19 percent, exceeding its target by 4.75 percent. The contributory factors for the high performance of the sector were as follows:

- DENR – additional seedlings produced as Seedling Mortality Allowance
- EMB – early accomplishment of targets on the Compliance of Monitoring of Hazardous Waste Generators (HWGs)
- MGB – early accomplishment of targets under the Groundwater Resources Assessment

All the subsectors surpassed their targets with the Green subsector registering the highest accomplishment by 10 percent.



Some of the completed projects with the highest funding in the sector include the following:

- Seedling Production (DENR) – P2.4 million
- Plantation Establishment (DENR) - P1.64 million
- DRRM Trainings (OCD) – P 721 Thousand

In terms of financial status, the ENR sector had a programmed amount of P26 million. All agencies enjoyed a 100 percent funding support. However, only DENR was able to utilize all its releases amounting to P4.88 million. The MGB has still to obligate the Other Expense items causing the low fund utilization of 75.22 percent. The EMB's low fund utilization of 83.47 percent was due to the non-submission of TEV claims under the monitoring of PETCs and the ongoing procurement of various supplies and equipment for obligation. Although the OCD has already achieved its physical targets during the 1st semester, the low fund utilization was attributed to the procurement of services and supplies from lowest cost bidders.

Table No. 7. Allocation, Releases and Expenditure by Agency CY 2019 Q3

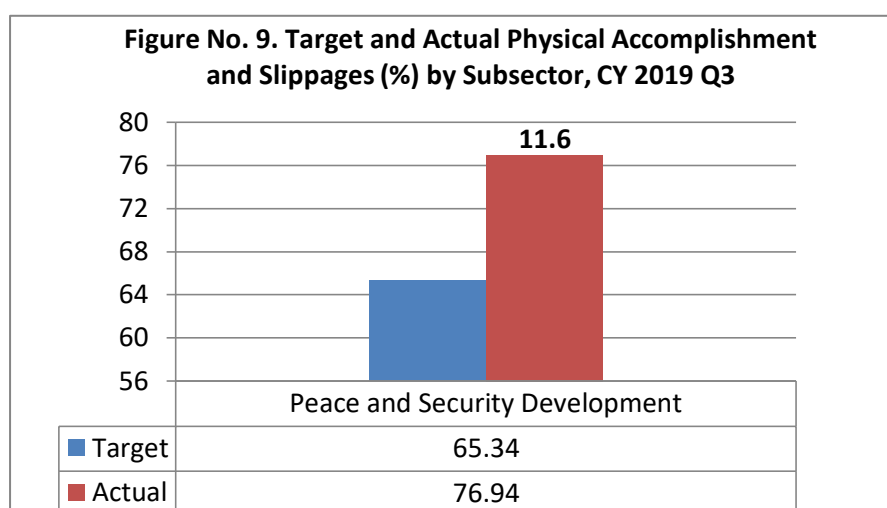
Agency	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
DENR	4,882,200	4,882,200	100.00	4,882,200	100.00
EMB	5,804,000	5,804,000	100.00	4,844,334	83.47
MGB	13,621,000	13,621,000	100.00	10,245,552	75.22
OCD	1,782,948	1,782,948	100.00	1,481,203	83.08
TOTAL	26,090,148	26,090,148	100.00	21,453,289	82.23

For the quarter, 1,902 persons were employed of which 95 percent came from the CCA/M subsector.

GOVERNANCE SECTOR

Projects enrolled under the sector support the twin goals on pursuing swift and fair administration of justice and promoting Region 1 culture and values, as contained in the RDP. All the projects enrolled are under the Peace and Security Development Sub-sector.

As the quarter ended, ten projects implemented by the Philippine National Police were still ongoing, of which six were implemented ahead of schedule, two were on time and two were behind schedule. The PNP incurred delay in the Implementation of Special Laws (law Enforcement Programs and conduct of LECC, POC and JSCC meetings) due to the failure of police stations to submit their “After Activity Reports” to the PNP Regional Office on time. Another cause was the postponement of meetings due to other activities of the police stations. The NCIP’s project on Capability Building for Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representatives (IPMR) with a funding support of P347 thousand was already completed. Overall, the sector posted a 76.94 percent physical accomplishment, exceeding its target by almost 12 percent.



All the projects under the Peace and Security Development were ongoing, with physical accomplishment of almost 77 percent.

In terms of financial status, the governance sector had a programmed amount of P2.38 million. Releases as of the third quarter amounted to P2.5 million for a funding support of 105 percent due to the augmentation of funds for PNP projects allowing more beneficiaries to be covered. All releases were expended by the sector.

Table No. 8. Allocation, Releases and Expenditure by Agency CY 2019 Q3

Agency	Allocation as of end Q3	Releases as of end Q3	Funding Support (%)	Expenditures as of end Q3	Fund Utilization (%)
PNP	2,033,280	2,153,530	105.91	2,153,530	100.00
NCIP	347,000	347,000	100.00	347,000	100.00
TOTAL	2,380,280	2,500,530	105.05	2,500,530	100.00

MULTI-YEAR PROJECTS UPDATE

The Regional Project Monitoring Committee also continued to monitor the status of high-impact multi-year projects implemented.

Tarlac-Pangasinan-La Union Toll Expressway (TPLEX)

The expressway consists of 3 main sections, stretching from Tarlac City to Rosario, La Union. As of October 2019, the accomplishment for Section 3A (Urdaneta-Pozurrobio Section) remained at 99.99 percent, the same accomplishment reported since May 2019. Physical accomplishment for Section 3B (Pozurrobio, Pangasinan to Rosario, La Union), already reached 69.06 percent, an increase of 10.24 percent from the August 2019 accomplishment. Overall, the project's physical status was 95.35 percent, higher by almost two percent from the previous report.

The completion date of the TPLEX project has been revised from 31 August to 31 December 2019. The TPLEX is on its 9th year of implementation.

Lower Agno River Irrigation System Improvement Project (LARISIP)

The **LARISIP** is the third phase of the San Roque Multi-purpose Project-Irrigation Component. It aims to increase the agricultural productivity of some 10,372 farm families within the project area. Accomplishment rate since its commencement on December 2018 reached 8.62 percent, higher by almost six percent from the June 15, 2019 accomplishment rate, but behind 13.18 percent based on project physical target. Area rehabilitated covered 153 hectares. As of September 15, 2019, project expenditures amounted to P 186.805 million, representing almost five percent of the project cost of P3.5 billion.

The LARISIP is targeted to be completed by the end of December 2021.

SOCIAL MITIGATING MEASURES AS A RESULT OF THE TRAIN LAW IMPLEMENTATION

In order to help the poor and the vulnerable cope with higher prices as a result of the implementation of the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) Law, social mitigating measures were implemented in the region. In line with this, the RPMC monitored the Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT) program of the DSWD and the Pantawid Pasada Program of the Department of Transportation (DOTr) and the Land Transportation Franchising and Regulatory Board (LTFRB).

Unconditional Cash Transfer (UCT)

As of November 15, 2019, a total of 21,400 or around 5.79 percent increase was recorded from the list of beneficiaries, as of June, 2019. Some 60,128 targeted beneficiaries or 13.33 percent were not able to receive their grants due to death or unavailability of household heads (missing or transferred to other areas). The 391,100 UCT beneficiaries included the 135,559 senior citizen-beneficiaries of

the Social Pension Program; 54,785 households from the DSWD's Listahanan or database of poor households, and 200,756 Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) beneficiaries.

Out of the total targeted amount of P1.08 billion for Region 1, only 86.67 percent amounting to P938.64 million was released. Among the UCT classification, the Social Pension had the least amount released of only 71 percent. The UCT Pantawid Pamilya registered an almost 100 percent fund released.

UCT is the tax subsidy provided under the TRAIN law to help the poor cushion the adverse economic effect of the policy. It is considered to be the biggest tax reform mitigation program under the TRAIN law which seeks to provide beneficiaries with cash subsidies amounting to P300 a month for CYs 2019 and 2020.

Pantawid Pasada Program

For the 3rd quarter of CY 2019, there were 39 cards distributed to franchise holders of Public Utility Jeeps (PUJ) in the region under the Pantawid Pasada Fuel Program. Since the start of the Project (December 31, 2018), a total of 5,785 cards or 89.60 percent were already distributed, out of the 6,920 targeted cards for distribution in the region. Still, the reasons for the delayed distribution include lacking documentary requirements. Each recipient received a Pantawid Fuel card containing P5,000 as fuel subsidy.