

GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT 2017 R.A.10924

>The Approved National Govt. Budget of P3.35Trillion for FY 2017 is dubbed as "A Budget of Real Change, by the People and for the People"

>the said amount is higher by 11.6% or 348B over last year's 3.002T

> the first budget under the Duterte's Administration. A budget which gives flesh and bone to the promise by which he won as president: "to fight for social justice, designed to realize

> this administration will continue to implement public financial management (PFM) reforms with greater intensity and political will.

Highlights of 2017 Budget Expenditure:

> it is geared towards the achievement of the new administration's 10-point socio-economic development agenda.

>of the total 3.3T, 40% will be invested in the most important resource, the people, through education, healthcare, social welfare, and other social services.

>2017 Budget allocates 151B for Health Sector-

>94.0B for the Department of Health- to continue implementing its universal healthcare program , this allocation will among others, be used to deploy more doctors and health workers to rural areas, enhance health facilities such as hospitals

>Will also strongly support implementation of Responsible parenthood and reproductive health law.

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>50.2B for Philhealth to sustain the health insurance coverage of 15.4 million indigents and 5.4 million senior citizens.

>2017 Budget for Regional Office XI-938.2M which includes budget for Rehab Center XI-35.8M
>with an increase of 120M from the NEP2017

>Veto Message of PRRD-"True to my commitment to provide genuine and meaningful change, I am placing Section 60, General Provisions, Availability of Appropriations", Volume 1-B, pages 646-647 under conditional implementation and hereby direct all agency heads to ensure obligation of all programs, activities, and projects funded under this Act not later than December 31, 2017. Failure to do so might have a devastating effect. This promotes not only good fiscal policy but more importantly, guarantees that public services are given to the people the soonest possible time.