

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION

The Occupational Safety and Health Center (OSHC) was created by virtue of Executive Order No.307 issued on November 4, 1987 by then President Corazon C. Aquino. The OSHC is envisioned as the national authority for research and training on matters pertaining to safety and health at work. It provides the expertise and intervention mechanism to improve the workplace conditions in the Philippines.

It has a dual mandate of protecting Filipino workers against accidents and illnesses and promoting workers' welfare through effective programs that enhance the productivity, workers' well-being and affording social protection to its client sector. The OSHC adopts a multi-sectoral strategy with its partners-business sector, workers group, other government organizations (GOs) and non-governmental organizations and the Academe to fulfil its mandate.

The policy formulation, decisions, and programs of the OSHC are implemented under the auspices of a Governing Board (GB) chaired by the Secretary of the Department of Labor and Employment. The GB is composed of representatives from the Government Service Insurance System (GSIS), the Social Security System (SSS), the Executive Director of the Employees' Compensation (ECC). The Executive Director of the Center sits as a non-voting member of the GB.

As at December 31, 2013, OSHC has a total workforce of 79 regular personnel complement of which 27 or 33.8% are medical professionals and related field, 10 or 12.5 % are engineers and the balance from various field of professions. As at December 31, 2013 there are 40 vacant positions to be filled up.

The principal officers of the Center are as follows:

Executive Director	: Dir. Ma. Teresita S. Cucueco
Deputy Executive Director	: Engr. Jose Ma. Batino
Chief, Finance and Administrative Division	: Ms. Yolanda G. Reyes
Chief, Training & Public Information Division	: Ms.Marnie O. Pebrada
Chief, Environment and Control Division	: Engr. Nelia G. Granadillos
Chief, Safety and Control Division	: Engr. Concepcion C. Sto Tomas
Chief, Health Control Division	: Dr. Ma. Beatriz G. Villanueva

The OSHC's corporate operating budget is chargeable against the State Insurance Fund (SIF), which shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the twelve percent (12%) loading fund based on the total of the SIF and its earnings as at December 31 of the preceding year, to be shared by the SSS and GSIS on a seventy percent (70%) and thirty percent (30%) basis, respectively. The SSS and GSIS shall advance on a quarterly basis the remittances of allotment of the loading fund.

Funds of OSHC approved by DBM for CY 2013 amounted to P144.777 million which was sourced from the remittances of GSIS and SSS as mandated under Executive Order No. 307 and income/ retained earning of OSHC.

