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**Occupational Safety and Health Center**

To further the mandate of the DOLE in providing services and social protection to Filipino workers, the Occupational Safety and Health Center intensified its training, research strategies and technical services.

**Capability building and information dissemination**



Through the combined efforts of the OSHC, Regional Occupational Safety and Health Networks (OSHNETs), and accredited Safety Training Organizations (STOs), 46,766 participants from 20,708 companies were trained in the 40-hour mandatory OSH courses – Basic Occupational Safety and Health Training (including e-BOSH), and Construction Occupational Safety and Health (COSH) Training.

As per directive during the 2016 YEPA, BOSH/COSH trainings were given to barangay officials and OFWs for free. A total of 283 barangay officials and 258 OFWs benefited from 12 batches of BOSH/COSH trainings nationwide. The said trainings aim to equip OFWs with knowledge and skills which will help them become part of the workforce in the country. On the other hand, LGU workers will be serving as safety officers of informal sector workers in their area.

OSH Specialized Courses, OSH learning sessions and other various OSH trainings nationwide were also conducted. These are as follows:

Training	Accomplishment
• Managing Emerging Health Issues in the Workplace	2 batches; 132 pax; 76 cos.
• Work-Relatedness of Diseases	2 batches; 112 pax; 71 cos.
• Ergonomics in the Workplace	2 batches; 65 pax; 40 cos.
• Drug Assessment Team Training	3 batches; 167 pax; 105 cos.
• Seminar on Safe Use of Chemicals at Work (with GHS)	1 batch; 56 pax; 37 cos.
• WEM with Industrial Hygiene	4 batches; 248 pax; 157 cos.
• Industrial Ventilation	1 batch; 54 pax; 32 cos.
• Fire Safety Orientation	6 batches; 194 pax; 103 cos.
• Crane/Rigging Safety	2 batches; 69 pax; 33 cos.

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• Scaffolds Training	2 batches; 64 pax; 45 cos.
• Training of Trainers (TOT)	6 batches; 81 pax; 59 cos.
• Appreciation Course on Drug Prevention	9 batches; 504 pax; 40 cos.
• OH and other health-related topics	9 batches; 420 pax; 149 cos.
• HIV/AIDS	2 batches; 370 pax; 17 cos.
• TB in the Workplace	2 batches; 96 pax; 17 cos.
• Appreciation Course on OSH	9 batches; 364 pax; 12 cos.
• OSH Orientation	3 batches; 287 pax; 49 cos.

Various types of information materials were also produced and distributed to training participants, walk-in clients and stakeholders. Other communication programs that were accomplished were as follows:

- 10 Radio and TV guestings;
- 34 Good News Stories;
- 48 press releases;
- 6 press briefings;
- 11 OSH brochures/booklets;
- 9 posters; and,
- 8 streamers.



**Conduct of OSH Research:**

OSHC has concluded the conduct of OSH researches. These are as follows:

Title of Research:
1. Study on Silica Exposure of Workers in Surface and Underground Mines
2. Assessment of Occupational Safety and Health Hazards Exposure of Workers in Small Scale Gold Mining
3. Tracer Study on OSHC-Led BOSH Training Participants from January 2013 to December 2015
4. Work-related Musculoskeletal Disorders among Selected Elementary and Secondary Public School Teachers in Metro Manila
5. Work-Related Injuries and Diseases among Filipino Seafarers
6. Occupational Safety and Health Profile of Selected Surface and Sub-surface Mines in the Philippines

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#### Conduct of OSH Technical services:

As part of the program to prevent occupational injuries and illnesses, the OSHC served a total of 654 requests for OSH technical services which include industrial hygiene, safety control, and occupational health. 238 requests for WEM were served benefiting 123,891 workers, while 27 requests for OH Examination were served benefiting 864 workers from 27 companies. The OSHC also conducted 4,329 tests on 2,334 specimens of personal protective equipment (PPE) to serve 389 requests. For scaffold erector NC II assessment, a total of 64 workers from 45 companies were assessed. All requests from January to December were served within the 30-day process cycle time (PCT).



For the accreditation of OSH consultants and Safety Training Organizations (STOs), a total of 71 individual consultants and 32 STOs were accredited/ renewed.

In compliance to DOLE Administrative Order 407-1 dated September 07, 2017, which transfers the OSH practitioners' accreditation from the DOLE ROs to OSHC, a preliminary accreditation process was already initiated. These involved transferring hard/soft copies from the regions to OSHC, as well as tapping the OSHC REUs in the evaluation of documents submitted by applicants. Initial panel interviews were also conducted for NCR applicants, and total of 116 practitioners were accredited.

#### OSH Networking

The OSHC spearheads the development of the National OSH Profile and Action Plan, as part of the ILO SafeYouth@Work Project, and in cooperation with our tripartite partners. Workshops and consultations were already convened to aid in the formulation of an OSH action plan/ programme.

As part of its commitment to the ASEAN-OSHNET, OSHC attended four meetings: the 18<sup>th</sup> ASEAN OSHNET Coordinating Board Meeting held on April 4 to 6 in Brunei; the ASEAN Policy Forum on OSH held in Korea last July 3 to 6; Knowledge Sharing and Training Workshop to Prevent and Reduce Child Labour for Stakeholders held in Vietnam; and, the ASEAN OSHNET OSH Scorecard Info-System Improvement held last September 27 to 28 in Thailand;

Invitations to two international fora/symposia and congresses were also attended: the Russian International Forum on Industrial Safety held last May 30 to June 2; and, the Singapore World Congress on Safety and Health held last September 3 to 6, 2017

An invitation by the Philippine Society of Safety Practitioners – Middle East Region (PSSP-MER) for a speaking engagement was also attended to mark the organization's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

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**Budget Utilization**

As of December 31, 2017, the OSHC had utilized PhP 184,395,559.00 of the PhP 295,676,993.00 approved budget (dated July 06, 2017) for a 62% utilization rate.

*Per MFO:*

<b>MFO</b>	<b>2017 Approved COB</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance-Budget</b>	<b>% utilized-budget</b>
I. Information, Education, Communication and Trng.	55,095,814	35,440,371	19,655,443	64.32%
2. Research Agenda	1,850,000	1,831,259	18,741	98.99%
3. Technical Assistance	6,121,000	2,899,878	3,221,122	47.38%
4. Inter-Agency Linkages	4,020,000	3,860,180	159,820	96.02%
5. Support Services	46,150,186	32,741,823	13,408,363	70.95%
6. Personal Services	79,396,993	60,936,605	18,460,388	76.75%
<b>Total - Chargeable to SIF</b>	<b>192,633,993</b>	<b>137,710,116</b>	<b>54,923,877</b>	<b>71.49%</b>
7. Capital Outlay	103,043,000	46,685,443	56,357,557	45.31%
<b>Total - Chargeable to Income</b>	<b>103,043,000</b>	<b>46,685,443</b>	<b>56,357,557</b>	<b>45.31%</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>295,676,993</b>	<b>184,395,559</b>	<b>150,384,966</b>	<b>62.36%</b>

*Per Budget Line:*

<b>Budget Line</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Balance-Budget</b>	<b>% utilized-budget</b>
Personal Services	79,396,993	60,936,605	18,460,388	76.75%
Maintenance & Other Operating Expenses	113,237,000	76,773,511	36,463,489	67.80%
Capital Outlay	103,043,000	46,685,443	56,357,557	45.31%
<b>Total</b>	<b>295,676,993</b>	<b>184,395,559</b>	<b>111,281,434</b>	<b>62.36%</b>