

OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN

FISCAL YEAR 2026

BUDGET PRESENTATION



Opening Statement

The Office of the Ombudsman shall strive to continue the faithful performance of its constitutional mandate, especially as it relates to the fight against corruption through the following measures:

- (a) Fact finding/case build up
- (b) Prosecution
- (c) Administrative adjudication
- (d) Graft-prevention
- (e) Auxiliary public assistance services

01 – Highlights and Major Thrusts of the FY 2026 Budget



Financial Resources

The recommended budget level by the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the Office of the Ombudsman for FY 2026 is **P6.390 billion** in conformity with the pronouncement of the Constitution and its enabling law, R.A. No. 6770 on fiscal autonomy, that the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman may not be reduced below the amount appropriated from the previous years.

It represents **.0941%** of the **national expenditure program of P6.793 trillion**.

DBM
RECOMMENDED
BUDGET LEVEL

P6.390 B

The details of the recommendation, with comparative figures for 2025 current budget and 2026 DBM NEP, are summarized below (in thousands):

Items of Expenditure	FY 2025 OMB Current Program	FY 2026 DBM Recommended Budget	Difference between 2025 OMB Current Program v. 2026 DBM Recommended budget	%
<i>Regular Agency Budget</i>				
Personal Services	3,155,946	3,511,287	355,341	11.26%
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	2,067,790	2,204,639	136,849	6.62%
Capital Outlay	<u>515,129</u>	<u>515,325</u>	<u>196</u>	<u>0.04%</u>
Sub-total	5,738,865	6,231,251	492,386	8.58%
Add: RLIP	<u>133,289</u>	<u>159,158</u>	<u>25,869</u>	<u>19.41%</u>
Total, RAB	5,872,154	6,390,409	518,255	8.83%
Grand Total	₱5,872,154	₱6,390,409	518,255	8.83%

Comparative data for 2025 current budget and 2026 DBM NEP per program (in thousands):

Program	2025 Current Level	2026 NEP Level	Difference between 2025 Current Level v. 2026 NEP Level	% Increase
General Administration & Support	4,090,594	4,368,508	277,914	6.79%
Support to Operations	65,450	112,817	47,367	72.37%
Anti-Corruption Investigation Program	813,092	899,756	86,664	10.66%
Anti-Corruption Enforcement Program	709,440	752,155	42,715	6.02%
Ombudsman Public Assistance Program	91,131	151,969	60,838	66.76%
Corruption Prevention Program	102,447	105,204	2,757	2.69%
Total	₱5,872,154	₱6,390,409	₱518,255	8.83%

Financial Resources

The distribution of the NEP (in '000), inclusive of RLIP, following the program expenditure classification (PREXC) structure is shown below:

General Administration and Support			4,368,508
Support to Operations			112,817
Organizational Outcome: Reduced Incidence and Impact of Corruption and Red Tape			
PI Set 1	Anti-Corruption Investigation Program	Targets	899,756
Outcome	Percentage of completed case build-up reports and fact-finding investigations and/or lifestyle checks resulting in the filing of criminal and/or administrative cases	11.00%	
Output	Percentage of case build-up reports and fact-finding investigations and/or lifestyle checks completed	22.00%	
	Percentage of criminal and forfeiture cases investigated and resolved	41.00%	
	Percentage of criminal and forfeiture cases investigated and resolved within a one-year period	34.00%	

Financial Resources

The distribution of the NEP (in '000), inclusive of RLIP, following the program expenditure classification (PREXC) structure is shown below:

PI Set 2	Anti-Corruption Enforcement Program		752,155
Outcome	Percentage of criminal and civil cases tried in court not resulting in an approved demurrer to evidence	25.00%	
	Percentage of criminal and civil cases decided by the court resulting in conviction of at least one accused	28.00%	
Output	Percentage of administrative cases adjudicated	41.00%	
	Percentage of administrative cases adjudicated within a one-year period	34.00%	
PI Set 3	Ombudsman Public Assistance Program		151,969
Outcome	Percentage of frontline service feedback with a rating of at least very satisfactory	82.00%	
Output	Percentage of requests for assistance and grievances resolved or acted upon within the prescribed time	80.00%	
PI Set 4	Corruption Prevention Program		105,204
Outcome	Percentage of satisfied integrity promotion program beneficiaries	85.00%	
Output	Percentage of integrity and anti-corruption advocates trained	85.00%	
		TOTAL	₱6,390,409

Financial Resources

Per expenditure program, the recommended 2026 budget for the OMB, with comparative figures from 2024 (Actual) and as of August 31, 2025 (Current), is presented below:

GASS/STO/OPERATIONS/ PROJECTS	2024 Actual ('000)	2025 Current ('000)	2026 DBM Proposed ('000)
Agency Budget	₱6,058,031	₱5,872,154	₱6,390,409
PS	3,172,184	3,155,946	3,511,287
RLIP	70,583	133,289	159,158
MOOE	2,151,731	2,067,790	2,204,639
CO	663,533	515,129	515,325

*2024 Total Allotment includes Regular Agency Budget of 5,600,153; Automatic Appropriations of 5,151; MPBF of 95,517; **Continuing Appropriations of 353,256; and Fund 170 of 4,314**

Salient Features

1. Requirements for the filling-up of positions in the amount of **₱1,558.842 million.**
2. Allocation for pension benefits in the amount of **₱96.803 million.**
3. Provision for Terminal Leave Benefit in the amount of **₱76.215 million** and for Retirement Gratuity Benefits in the amount of **₱313.412 million.**
4. Provision for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses amounting to **₱2,204.639 million** including provision for Confidential Expenses in the amount of **₱51.468 million.**

Salient Features

5. Provision in the amount of **₱45.000 million** for the establishment of an additional three (3) Ombudsman Assistance Centers (OACs) to enhance public access to its services. This will provide streamlined frontline services, including assisting walk-in clients with the filing of complaints, submission of Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALNs), and processing of Ombudsman clearances.
6. Allocation for the agency's ICT requirements in the total amount of **₱568.735 million** (MOOE: ₱225.298 million, CO: ₱343.437 million) to support its IT Systems and Infrastructure Modernization Initiatives, such as continuing upgrade of its Case Management System and Supply and Asset Management System, establishment of Cybersecurity

Salient Features

6. *continuation*..... Center, and procurement of a Storage Area Network for digitized OMB records, among others.
7. Allocation for other Capital Outlay requirements in the total amount of **₱171.888 million**, broken down as follows:
 - a. An amount of **₱36.130 million** for the acquisition of ten (10) units of passenger vans for use of various OMB offices.
 - b. An amount of **₱135.758 million** has been retained for the continued upgrade of depreciated office equipment, furniture, and fixtures.

02 – Major Accomplishments for 1st Semester of FY 2025 and for FY 2024



Strategic Objectives

Key Result Areas

- Transparent, Accountable and Participatory Governance

Sector Outcome

- Effective and Transparent Governance Practice
- Rule of Law Strengthened

Organizational Outcome

- Reduced incidence and impact of corruption and red tape in the bureaucracy

Agency Performance Measures

For 2024, the Office has a total workload of **2,450 criminal cases**, 1,447 of which were carried over from 2023 while the remainder of 1,003 were instituted in the year under review. Given this, **1,103 criminal cases**, or **45.02%** of the 2,450 workload were disposed of in 2024 leaving a balance of 1,347 as of December 31, 2024.

The Office was also able to **dispose of 11 forfeiture cases** out of the 18 workload in 2024 with a disposition rate of **61.11%**. Of the said workload, 14 were carried over from the year 2023 while the remaining 4 was instituted in 2024.

With respect to adjudication of administrative cases, given a workload of 2,608: 1,465 cases were carried-over from the previous year; and 1,143 as newly instituted, the Office was able to **dispose of 1,216 administrative cases** or **46.62%**, leaving a balance of 1,392 administrative cases as of December 31, 2024.

Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC)

Anti-Corruption Investigation Program	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Target	Accomplishment as of June 30, 2025
1. Percentage of completed case build-up reports and fact-finding investigations and/or lifestyle checks resulting in the filing of criminal and/or administrative cases	21.51%	10.00%	26.68%
2. Percentage of case build-up reports and fact-finding investigations and/or lifestyle checks completed	48.71%	21.00%	27.70%
3. Percentage of criminal and forfeiture cases investigated and resolved	51.24%	41.00%	24.83%
4. Percentage of criminal and forfeiture cases investigated and resolved within a one-year period	77.17%	26.00%	79.06%

Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC)

Anti-Corruption Enforcement Program	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Target	Accomplishment as of June 30, 2025
5. Percentage of criminal and civil cases tried in court not resulting in an approved demurrer to evidence	92.17%	21.00%	100.00%
6. Percentage of criminal and civil cases decided by the court resulting in conviction of at least one accused	55.76%	28.00%	61.36%
7. Percentage of administrative cases adjudicated	51.75%	41.00%	23.16%
8. Percentage of administrative cases adjudicated within a one-year period	80.26%	27.00%	81.34%

Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC)

Ombudsman Public Assistance Program	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Target	Accomplishment as of June 30, 2025
9. Percentage of frontline service feedback with a rating of at least very satisfactory	98.16%	81.00%	98.71%
10. Percentage of requests for assistance and grievances resolved or acted upon within the prescribed time	98.52%	78.00%	92.50%
Corruption Prevention Program			
11. Percentage of satisfied integrity promotion program beneficiaries	98.10%	81.00%	98.62%
12. Number of integrity and anti-corruption advocates capacitated and mobilized	9,826	6,000	6,698

03 – Budget Utilization Rate on Major Programs, Projects, Initiatives for the 1st Semester of FY 2025 and for FY 2024



FY 2025 – 1st Semester Budget Utilization

Preparation of a spending catch-up plan is no longer necessary as the Office of the Ombudsman's Budget Utilization Rates are on the right track as of June 30, 2025.

<i>In thousands</i>	As of June 30, 2025
Allotments	6,171,772
Obligations	2,919,347
Obligation Utilization Rate	47.30%
Disbursements	2,721,545
Disbursement Utilization Rate	93.22%

FY 2025 – 1st Semester Budget Utilization

The utilization rates per major programs following the Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC) regime are as follows:

Major Programs	Allotment (in '000)	Obligations (in '000)	Ratio of Obligations to allotment	Disbursements (in '000)	Ratio of Disbursements to Obligations
General Administration & Support	4,199,346	1,899,567	45.23%	1,738,195	91.50%
Support to Operations	67,608	39,332	58.18%	30,076	76.47%
Anti-Corruption Investigation Program	863,725	464,425	53.77%	454,534	97.87%
Anti-Corruption Enforcement Program	806,574	393,333	48.77%	382,709	97.30%
Ombudsman Public Assistance Program	132,184	70,441	53.29%	65,409	92.86%
Corruption Prevention Program	102,335	52,249	51.06%	50,622	96.89%
Total	6,171,772	2,919,347	47.30%	2,721,545	93.22%

Utilization of Resources for FY 2024

For fiscal year 2024, the Office of the Ombudsman was provided a budget of **₱5,600,153,000** including the appropriations for Retirement and Life Insurance Premium (RLIP).

The total authorized appropriations, consisting of the regular agency budget, special purpose fund and continuing appropriations was **₱6,058,031,000**, of which, a total of **₱5,742,747,000** were obligated/utilized in 2024. The total obligation incurred disaggregated per performance indicator is shown below:

Major Final Output	Obligations (in '000)	Percentage
General Administration and Support to Operations	4,190,245	72.97%
Investigation	616,671	10.74%
Enforcement	730,847	12.73%
Public Assistance	114,299	1.99%
Corruption Prevention	90,685	1.58%
Total	₱5,742,747	100%

Utilization of Resources for FY 2024

According to expenditure categories, Personnel Services accounts for the highest obligations incurred as outlined below:

Expense Classification	Obligations (in '000)	Percentage
Personnel Services	3,156,944	54.97%
Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses	1,922,270	33.47%
Capital Outlays	663,533	11.55%
Total	₱5,742,747	100.00%

Utilization of Resources for FY 2024

Respecting the utilization rates, the ratio of obligations to allotment for regular agency budget was **94.47%** while the ratio of disbursements to obligations was accounted at **96.39%**. Prior years' ratio of obligations to allotments stood at **100.00%** while ratio of disbursements to obligations was recorded at **89.80%** briefly stated hereunder:

Period	Allotment (in '000)	Obligations (in '000)	Ratio of Obligations to allotment	Disbursements (in '000)	Ratio of Disbursements to Obligations
2024 Regular Agency Budget	5,700,461	5,385,177	94.47%	5,190,560	96.39%
Prior Year/s	357,570	357,570	100.00%	321,097	89.80%
TOTAL	₱6,058,031	₱5,742,747	94.80%	₱5,511,657	95.98%

Utilization of Resources for FY 2024

The utilization rates per major programs following the Program Expenditure Classification (PREXC) regime are as follows:

Major Programs	Allotment (in '000)	Obligations (in '000)	Ratio of Obligations to allotment	Disbursements (in '000)	Ratio of Disbursements to Obligations
General Administration & Support	4,438,964	4,133,680	93.12%	3,913,618	94.68%
Support to Operations	56,566	56,566	100.00%	52,331	92.51%
Anti-Corruption Investigation Program	616,670	616,670	100.00%	614,497	99.65%
Anti-Corruption Enforcement Program	740,847	730,847	98.65%	728,227	99.64%
Ombudsman Public Assistance Program	114,299	114,299	100.00%	112,955	98.82%
Corruption Prevention Program	90,685	90,685	100.00%	90,029	99.28%
Total	6,058,031	5,742,747	94.80%	5,511,657	95.98%

Comparative Budget Allocation and Utilization Rate from FYs 2020-2025

<i>In thousands</i>	Allotments	% Increase	Obligations	Obligation Utilization Rate	Disbursements	Disbursement Utilization Rate
2020	4,319,480	-	3,701,380	85.69%	3,586,816	96.90%
2021	5,275,095	22.12%	4,721,397	89.50%	4,576,954	96.94%
2022	5,371,318	1.82%	4,844,644	90.19%	4,723,344	97.50%
2023	5,357,534	-0.26%	4,838,243	90.31%	4,741,300	98.00%
2024	6,058,031	13.07%	5,742,747	94.80%	5,511,657	95.98%
30-Jun-25	6,171,772	1.88%	2,919,347	47.30%	2,721,545	93.22%

Summary of 2024 COA findings and recommendations

Implemented	Partially - implemented	Not yet implemented	Total
35	5	8	48

For FY 2024, the COA Auditor rendered an **unmodified opinion** on the fairness of presentation of the financial statements of the OMB.

Report on Earmarked Revenues

BP FORM 100

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES
(GENERAL FUND)
FY 2024-2028
(In Thousand Pesos)**

DEPARTMENT : Office of the Ombudsman (OMB)

AGENCY : Office of the Ombudsman

SOURCE OF REVENUE (1)	DESCRIPTION SOURCE OF REVENUE (2)	OBJECT CODE (3)	LEGAL BASIS (4)	AMOUNT IN P'000						REMARKS (11)
				2024		2025	2026	2027	2028	
				ESTIMATE (5)	ACTUAL (6)	PROGRAM (7)	PROPOSED (8)	PROJECTIONS (9)	PROJECTIONS (10)	
Free Portion				19,019	18,460	19,400	19,788	20,184	20,589	< See Remarks below >
Non-Tax Revenue				19,019	18,460	19,400	19,788	20,184	20,589	
	Fines and Penalties - Service Income	4020114000		19,000	18,443	19,380	19,767	20,162	20,566	
	Interest on NG Deposits	4020221001		19	17	20	21	22	23	
GRAND TOTAL				19,019	18,460	19,400	19,788	20,184	20,589	

** REMARKS :

04 – Other Relevant Information to help the Committee in the deliberations of the FY 2026 Proposed Budget



Requested Additional Funding

1. Lump-sum fund of **₱36,173,000.00** for the creation of casual positions for the implementation of Digitization of prior years' records of the OMB to preserve essential documents from degradation and to allow easy access in the retrieval of records. This would also reduce the cost on physical storage of files and at the same time would enhance data protection/security and control.

Particulars	Amount
61 positions with Salary Grade 3	18,550,000.00
61 positions with Salary Grade 2	17,623,000.00
TOTAL	₱36,173,000.00

Requested Additional Funding

2. Lump-sum fund of **₱93,600,000.00** for the six (6) additional Ombudsman Assistance Centers (OACs) (**₱15.6 million per OAC**) with the following details:

Particulars	Amount
PS: Casual Positions (6 positions with SG-3 & 6 positions with SG-2; 2 personnel per OAC)	3,600,000.00
MOOE: Travel Expenses	9,000,000.00
Rental Expenses	67,454,000.00
Utilities	22,500,000.00
Supplies Expenses	43,273,000.00
Communication Expenses	6,300,000.00
Representation Expenses	2,700,000.00
Printing and Publication Expenses	4,500,000.00
Transportation and Delivery Service	4,500,000.00
TOTAL	163,827,000.00

The requested additional funding, if approved will increase the OMB's budget for FY 2026 by 12.23% as compared to the current level (FY 2025).

Requested Special Provisions

1. Organizational Structure:

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary and within the limits of appropriations in this Act, the Ombudsman is hereby authorized to:

- (a) formulate and implement Office of the Ombudsman's organizational structure;
- (b) fix and determine the salaries, allowances, and other benefits of personnel of the Office of the Ombudsman in accordance with the rates and levels authorized under R.A. No. 6758, as amended, and R.A. No. 6686, as amended; and
- (c) create new positions, transfer an item, or make other adjustments in the Personnel Services itemization, whenever public interest so requires.

Requested Special Provisions

1. Organizational Structure: *(continuation....)*

Implementation of the foregoing shall be subject to: (i) compliance with organization, staffing, and position classification and compensation standards of the DBM; (ii) scrap and build policy; and (iii) submission to DBM of a resolution stating the changes in the organization and staffing in accordance with the foregoing standards and policy for proper documentation.

The officials and employees whose positions are affected by a reorganization shall be granted retirement benefits or separation pay in accordance with existing laws, which shall be payable from any unexpended balance of, or savings in the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman.

Requested Special Provisions

3. Use of Savings:

The Ombudsman is authorized to use savings from the appropriations of the Office of the Ombudsman to augment actual deficiencies in any item of its appropriations for the current year, which may include the following purposes:

- (i) printing and/or publications of decisions, resolutions, and training information materials;
- (ii) repair, maintenance and improvement of central and regional offices, facilities and equipment;
- (iii) purchase of equipment, books, journals and periodicals;
- (iv) necessary expenses for the employment of temporary, contractual and casual employees;
- and (v) payment of extraordinary and miscellaneous expenses, representation and transportation allowances, and other authorized benefits of its officials and employees, subject to pertinent budgeting, accounting and auditing rules and regulations.

Requested Special Provisions

4. Use of Income:

The Office of the Ombudsman may use the income generated from fees collected by it, subject to the conditions under pertinent sections in the General Provisions of this Act and for purposes as may be specifically authorized therein or by applicable provisions of law.

5. Payment of Retirement Benefits and Pensions:

The Ombudsman and his or her Deputies, the Special Prosecutor shall after thirty (30) days following the date of retirement shall receive a monthly pension pursuant to the amounts appropriated for payment of pensions under Section 3 of R.A. 11059.

Requested Special Provisions

6. Release of Payment of Retirement Benefits and Pensions:

Appropriations authorized for the payment of retirement benefits and pensions of the Ombudsman and his or her Deputies, the Special Prosecutor, and all qualified officials and employees of the Office of the Ombudsman with Salary Grade 26 to 29 covered under Section 2 of R.A. No. 11059 (Retirement Law of the Office of the Ombudsman) shall be released directly to the Office of the Ombudsman, subject to the computation and conditions prescribed in applicable retirement laws, rules and regulations.

Closing Statement

It cannot be denied that the Philippines struggles everyday with the problem of poverty and corruption. Indeed, there is a positive association between corruption and poverty. Corruption affects all of us, endangers our national life, makes the poor poorer. (Vidal 2004). Reduced incidences of corruption increases government savings that can, in turn, be used for poverty alleviation projects of this administration.

Thus, the Office of the Ombudsman earnestly hopes that both Houses of Congress, in considering the Office of the Ombudsman's budget for **2026**, and that of the succeeding years, would realize the crucial role it performs in the investigation/case build-up and enforcement of administrative, civil and criminal liability to promote efficient service by the Government to the people through its proactive approaches. The Office of the Ombudsman, in return, commits that the budgetary support it needs will not be spent aimlessly but will be utilized with the usual zeal and dedication to enhance the confidence of the general public in the OMB as their **WATCHDOG; MOBILIZER; OFFICIAL CRITIC; and DISPENSER OF JUSTICE** because the Filipino people deserve no less.