PART III – STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF PRIOR YEAR'S AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Of the 39 audit recommendations embodied in the prior year's Annual Audit Report (AAR), 15 were fully implemented and 24 were not implemented. Details as follows:

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2022 AAR Financial Audit Observation (AO) No. 1,	The faithful representation in the financial statements of the balance of the Receivables account in the gross amount of P489.168	year's recommendations that Management direct	
Page 45	million and net book value of P177.085 million, as of December 31, 2022, could not be ascertained in view of: (a) non-maintenance of Subsidiary Ledgers (SLs) and unavailability of supporting documents/records for the	locate/provide supporting documents	Not Implemented Reiterated in Part II Observation and Recommendation No. 2 of this Report.
	recorded receivables aggregating P326.251 million; (b) existence of abnormal or negative balances in the total amount of P15.356 million; (c) variances between balance per books and the confirmed amount totaling	b. Analyze the Receivables account to ascertain the cause of abnormal or negative balances and reclassify to payable accounts, if warranted; and	Not Implemented
	P2.379 million while several accounts were either tagged as 'return to sender' or had no reply at all; (d) impairment on AR – Trade and Other Receivables accounts were not updated as of December 31, 2022; and (e) inclusion of dormant accounts totaling P311.514 million or 66.68 percent of the total Accounts	c. Submit Request for Authority to Write-off dormant accounts amounting to P311.514 million to COA, following the guidelines and procedures prescribed under COA Circular No. 2016-005 dated December 19, 2016.	Not Implemented
		We further recommended that Management: a. Ensure that complete information/addresses of clients are indicated in the SLs for purposes of monitoring	Not Implemented

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	the Government Accounting Manual (GAM), COA Circular No. 2020-002	collections of receivables;
	dated January 28, 2020, Paragraph 67 of the IPSAS 29 – Financial Instruments: Recognition and Measurement, and COA Circular 2016-005 dated December 19, 2016.	b. Reconcile with the Not Implemented clients the variances noted in the confirmation of AR and make the necessary adjustments as applicable;
		c. Make the necessary Not Implemented adjusting entries to update the provision and recording of Allowance for Impairment on 'AR-Trade' and 'Other Receivables' accounts; and
		d. Establish written Not Implemented policies or guidelines governing the provision or computation of Allowance for Impairment which shall include among others, rates or percentage to be used in the computation and which accounts are to be provided with impairment.

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AO No. 2, Page 50	account in the total amount of P23.265 million as of December 31, 2022 could not be ascertained due to: (1) the inclusion of non-existing bank account with a balance of P8.994 million, and (2) the presentation of	year's recommendation that Management direct the Accounting Section to effect the necessary adjustments and submit pertinent documents relative to the non-existing bank account amounting P8.994 million to the Audit Team for review to reflect the correct cash in bank balance in the books.	Not Implemented Reiterated in Part II Observation and Recommendation No. 3 of this Report.
	non-reconciliation of	•	Fully Implemented
		b. Require the Accounting and Treasury Section to conduct regular reconciliation of the Cash Collecting Officer account.	·
AO No. 3, Page 53	The faithful presentation in the financial statement of the balance of Property, Plant and Equipment (PPE) account with carrying amount of P255.702 million as of December 31, 2022, could not be established due to: (a) variances between the balance per Accounting records and the Report on the Physical Count of PPE amounting to P2.849 million; and (b) errors in providing depreciation resulting in overstatement of PPE	previous year's audit recommendation that Management instruct the: a. Accounting and APM to confirm the causes of the variances noted between the books and	Not Implemented Reiterated in Part II Observation and Recommendation No. 1 of this Report.

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	account balance in the amount of P13.121 million contrary to contrary to Paragraph 27 of the International Public Sector	expendable property from the books in compliance with COA Circular No. 2022-004;	
	Accounting Standard (IPSAS) 1 - Presentation of Financial Statements. Likewise, the inclusion of tangible items below P50,000 aggregating to P667,189, under Furniture, Fixture & Books and Communication Equipment Accounts and the non-derecognition of various unserviceable PPE items costing P99.614 million due to non-disposal thereof are	c. Disposal Committee to prepare the IIRUP to facilitate the immediate disposal of the unserviceable properties both Central and Provincial Stations and submit the same to the Accounting Section to serve as basis in derecognizing unserviceable property of P99.613 million; and	Not Implemented
	contrary to COA Circular 2022-004 dated May 31, 2022 and Paragraph 82 of IPSAS 17, respectively, thus further resulting in the overstatement of PPE account balance of the same amount.	d. Accounting Section to adopt COA Circular No. 2020-006 dated January 31, 2020 pertaining to "one-time cleansing of PPE account balances of government agencies" to establish the PPE balances that are verifiable as to existence, condition and accountability	Not Implemented
		We further recommended that Management instruct the:	
		a. Accounting and APM to conduct reconciliation of their records to facilitate the identification of discrepancies and to establish the accuracy of the recorded balances of the PPE account.	Not Implemented

b. Accounting Section to:

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- Review and analyze Fully Implemented depreciation of each PPE sub-account to make the necessary adjustments in the books; and
- Fully adopt COA Fully Implemented Circular 2022-004 dated May 31, 2022 relative with the increase in capitalization threshold from P15,000 to P50,000 of tangible items.

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The reliability, validity, and We recommended that accuracy of the balance of the Tax Withheld at Source Accounting Section to: account in the gross amount of P19.783 million as of a. Assign December 31, 2022, were doubtful due unavailability of Certificate of Creditable Tax Withheld At Source (BIR Form 2307) in the total amount of P17.697 million to completely support the Expanded Withholding Tax withheld by the clients from Network's collections.

Management direct the

- responsible Not Implemented employee to monitor, for the completeness of Observation BIR Form 2307;
 - safekeep, and account Reiterated in Part II and Recommendation No. 4 of this Report.
- b. Analyze Tax Not Implemented the Withheld at Source account and prepare the necessary adjustment to reflect the accurate balance of the account;
- c. Review the recorded Not Implemented **EWT** withheld per client against the submitted BIR Form 2307 kept on file for CY 2022 and identify and coordinate with clients concerned with regard unsubmitted BIR Form 2307; and

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		d. Make a representation with the BIR to confirm whether the balance of Tax Withheld at Source account particularly those from prior years could still be revalidated and be used as tax credit.	Fully Implemented
Non- Financial AO No. 5, page 62	The inadequate planning of the Engineering Department of IBC-13 in the procurement of 5KW Antenna System and Television Receive Only (TVRO) System for IBC-13 Laoag Station under contract dated October 29, 2021, amounting P5.964 million, resulted in idling and non-utilization of said equipment, and non-attainment of the objective of the purchase, which is to make IBC-13 Laoag fully operational and ensure continuous airing and wider coverage of the DepEd TV project to reach nearby	Management: a. Take appropriate action(s) with specific timeline to make IBC-	Fully Implemented
	towns of Laoag, in view that the station still has not resumed its broadcast operation since it went off the air on September 2006. Thereby, rendering the transaction an 'unnecessary' expenditure as indicated under Item 8, Annex C of COA Circular No. 2012-003 dated October 29, 2012.	b. Judiciously plan and evaluate future project to ensure that the project will be beneficial to IBC-13 and make certain that disbursements of items that are needed are to be prioritize to avoid procurement of unnecessary items of equipment.	Fully Implemented
AO No. 6, page 64	including their supporting documents were not submitted to the Office of	that Management submit all contracts and their supporting documents to	Fully Implemented

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	delays ranging from 21 to 258 working days, contrary to Section 3.1 of COA	thereof in compliance with Section 3.1 of COA Circular No. 2009-001	
AO No. 7, page 66	IBC-13 was unable to deposit its cash collections to any of the authorized government depository bank (AGDB) contrary to Section 69 of Presidential Decree No. 1445 and Item 32, Chapter 2 of the revised Cash Examination Manual.	year's recommendations that the Management require the CO to deposit the cash collections to any authorized government depository bank in strict compliance with Section	Fully Implemented
AO No. 8, page 67	amounting to P38.812 million could not be established due to non-inclusion in the Annual Procurement Plan for CY 2022 contrary to Item 7.2, Section 7 of the 2016	Management direct the BAC to strictly comply with Item 7.2, Section 7 of the 2016 Revised IRR of RA No. 9184 and meticulously plan the goods, infrastructure, and consulting services needed in the preparation of APP since this	Fully Implemented
AO No. 9, page 69		stations to submit the OR as proof of payment in compliance with Section 4(6) of PD No. 1445 and	For issuance of Notice

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	contrary to Section 4(6) of PD No. 1445 and COA Circular No. 2012-001 dated June 14, 2012.		
AO No. 10, page 70	Cash advances (CAs) totaling P557,282 granted in CY 2022 and prior years remained unliquidated as of December 31, 2022 and accountable officers (AOs) with unliquidated CAs were granted additional CAs, contrary to Sections 1.2 and 1.1, respectively, of COA Circular No. 2012-001 dated June 14, 2012.		Fully Implemented
	Moreover, CAs were not supported with proper documentation, contrary to the same COA Circular.	b. Closely monitor and/or send regularly demand letters to AOs within 10 days before the expiration of the prescribed period of liquidation to avoid further accumulation of the unliquidated CAs;	Fully Implemented
		c. Submit request for write-off for the dormant unliquidated CAs totaling P133,746 following the guidelines and procedures prescribed under COA Circular No. 2016-005 dated December 19, 2016; and	Not Implemented
		required documentary	Reiterated in Part II Observation and Recommendation No. 9

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AO No. 11, page 74	Deficiencies noted relative to Contracts of Service (COS) were as follows: (a) hirings of COS –	we recommend that	
	Consultants for CY 2022 were done without public bidding which were not in accordance with Section 1 of DBM Circular Letter No.	a. Strictly adhere to the provisions of Revised IRR of RA No. 9184 in the hiring of consultant;	Fully Implemented
	2017-09, Section 2 of the 2016 Revised Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act No. 9184; and (b) non-submission of Daily Time Records and Accomplishment Reports duly signed by the COS personnel concerned and their immediate supervisors and supported by pertinent documents, as well as the absence of Approved Consultancy Progress/Final Report for COS personnel	b. Provide a written justification on the hiring of Consultants using negotiated procurement taking into consideration their actual accomplishments against their contractual obligations, and its contribution to the Network's operation as a whole; and	Fully Implemented
	hired as Consultants, contrary to Section 4(6) of Presidential Decree No. 1445 and Sections 4.1.3 and 9.1.3 of COA Circular No. 2012-001 dated June 14, 2012.	c. Instruct the Administrative and Human Resource Division to submit all the lacking documentary requirements such as DTRs and ARs duly signed by the COS personnel and certified by their immediate supervisors concerned and supported by final reports and/or outputs/deliverable that corresponds to their job descriptions thus ensuring that payments made for salaries of COS personnel were rendered in accordance with their assigned tasks and that their services were	Fully Implemented

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		truly necessary otherwise a Notice of Suspension shall be issued accordingly.	
AO No. 12, page 80	The IBC-13 employees are still covered by Social Security System membership, contrary to Government Service Insurance System (GSIS) Memorandum Circular No. 036, s. 2022, which requires the mandatory GSIS membership coverage of personnel of non-chartered Government-Owned and Controlled Corporation.	Management to: a. Properly inform and update its employees of the Network present legal personality thus ensuring its smooth transition;	Not Implemented Awaiting for confirmation from the Department of Justice (DOJ) on the present status of the IBC-13.
	Controlled Corporation.	the said transfer requirements; and c. Inform its employees that, aside from GSIS, they may opt to continue paying their SSS contributions as voluntary members so they can enjoy social security benefits under both institutions.	Not Implemented
AO No. 13, page 83	Officers and Employees of IBC-13 did not accomplish and filed their Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Worth (SALN) that consequently should have been submitted by Human Resource Division to Civil Service Commission on or before June 30 of every year which was inconsistent with the pertinent provisions of Republic Act No. 6713.	Management strictly require all its officers and employees comply with the requirements provided of R.A. No. 6713 dated February 20, 1989, specifically Section 3 (a & b) and Section 8 (a) thereof so as not to be	Reiterated in Part II Observation and Recommendation No.
AO No. 14, page 85	The Network was unable to allot at least 5 percent of the budget nor prepare its CY 2022 GAD Plan and	year's recommendation that Management comply	·

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	Budget, contrary to Section 2.3 of the Philippine Commission on Women-National Economic and Development Authority-Development of Budget and Management (PCW-NEDA-DBM) Joint Circular No. 2012-01.	least five percent of the subsidy received from the National Government on GAD plan and activities and submit its prepared annual GPB to the PCW	