1. Major accomplishments vis-a-vis plans and targets for CY 2023

UNACOM is the primary enabling agency, which is tasked to maximize Philippine engagement in UNESCO by promoting and advancing its thrusts and priority programmes that are relevant in the country. UNACOM programs, projects and activities are designed in accordance with UNESCO programmes in the areas of education, natural sciences, culture, social and human sciences, and communication and information. As the main link of the country to UNESCO, UNACOM ensures that relevant Philippine agencies are able to participate in the various programmes of the organization and are able to share Philippine experiences in the refinement of UNESCO's policies. To bring UNESCO closer to the community, UNACOM continues to facilitate various programs and projects for the benefits of local partners including the civil society groups, the academe, and Local Government Units (LGU).

As a Member State of UNESCO, the Philippines, through UNACOM and its partners, advances the country's interests, policy and program recommendations, and advocacies through various policy dialogues and platforms of UNESCO. At present, the programs, projects and activities of UNESCO and UNACOM are geared towards the achievement of the 2030 UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNACOM also takes into consideration the country's priorities based on the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028 and Ambisyon 2040 to contribute to nation building through need-based capacity development; grassroots-inspired cultural heritage and biodiversity conservation and protection; multi-stakeholder partnership; empowered women and youth engagement; and pro-active facilitation, coordination and knowledge sharing.

Target for 2023 : Forty (40) major Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs)

Accomplishments for 2023

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Sixty-five (65) major PPAs

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation	
UNACOM / GENERAL (15 PPAs)			
Made Courtesy Calls to Heads-of-Agencies and officials for partnerships:		January to August	
 Senator Maria Lourdes Binay DENR Secretary Yulo-Loyzaga NCCA Chairperson Victorino Manalo 	Office of Senator Binay DENR NCCA		
 Conducted courtesy Call, Site Visit/Monitoring, and Coordination Meeting related to inscribed and potential UNESCO sites in the Philippines Ifugao, Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras Iloilo City and Miagao for Creative Cities and Baroque Churches Mount Hamiguitan Range Wildlife Sanctuary, and Davao City for Lifelong Learning Albay Biosphere Reserve and Mayon's World Heritage nomination, and Legazpi as learning city 	Ifugao Governor and Mayors, MPDCs, RT Rice Farmers Association Presidents, Punong Barangays, RT Farmers' cooperative manager; Iloilo Province, city, Archdiocese of Jaro, Miag-ao Parish, Miag-ao Mayor; PASu, Davao Oriental Governor, Mayors of Mati, San Isidro, Governor Generoso. Ateneo de Davao; Provincial Government of Albay, Bicol State University; Palawan Governor, Palawan Council for Sustainable Development; Puerto Princesa Mayor, Quezon Mayor, focal points for Mantalingahan, Tabon Cave,	February - June	

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
 Palawan – Puerto Princesa Subterranean River National Park, Mount Mantalingahan Protected Landscape, Tabon Cave Batanes Creative City of Baguio Paoay Church, Ilocos Norte Historic City of Vigan and Sta. Maria Church in Ilocos Sur Isabela Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park 	National Museum of the Philippines; Provincial Government of Batanes, Batanes State College, Batanes PAMB; City Government of Baguio, Baguio City Creative Council; Provincial and local governments in Ilocos Norte and Ilocos Sur, church authorities; Provincial Government of Isabela; and Tubbataha Management Office	
Organzied 5S (Sort, Set in Order, Shine, Standardinze, and Sustain) Workshop	UNACOM	June
Provided inputs to UNESCO's 2023 Call for National Commission's reports	UNESCO	March
Participated in the Seminar-Workshop on Treaties: Philippine Laws and State Practice	DFA	November
Facilitated PH participation in the 14 th Anapale Dance Festival, organized by the	Le Danz/Le Dance PH PH Embassy in Greece	24-26 July Athens, Greece

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Athens CID (International Dance Council or Conseil International de la Danse) Section and Dora Stratou Theater.		
Attended the 2023 PAGBA Quarterly Seminar and Meeting with the theme, "Responding to the Continuing Challenges of Innovations & Technology to Public Financial Management"	PAGBA	26 to 29 April Baguio City
Participated in the		
216th and 217th Session of the UNESCO Executive Board	UNESCO UNACOM partners	10 to 24 May UNESCO HQs, Paris, France
		04 to 20 October UNESCO Headquarters Paris, France and webcast
Participated in the 42nd Session of the UNESCO General Conference, including the 13th UNESCO Youth Forum and other side meetings and events	UNESCO Permdel to UNESCO DOST, DENR, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, PTFOMs, NEDA and NCCA	09-24 November UNESCO Headquarters Paris, France

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Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Conducted		
Orientation on UNESCO Programmes for Philippine Natural sites	DENR, Academe, LGUs in Visayas, Mindanao, and BARMM	September
Meetings related to the updating of the World Heritage Tentative List	UNACOM partners	March to December
 Participated in the various meetings conducted by the House of Representatives / Senate on the following resolutions: Senate Committee on Culture and the Arts House Special Committee on Creative Industry and Performing Arts on House Resolution No. 451 IRR of the revised National Cultural Heritage Law Submission of position paper on the status of performing arts in the Philippines Implementation of Mother Tongue Based MultiLingual Education in the Philippines 	House of Representatives / Senate UNACOM partner agencies	year-round

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Disseminated calls/announcements for fellowships, prizes and awards offered by UNESCO to its Member States	UNACOM partners	year-round
Submitted nominations / candidatures / endporsements of the following:		
PH membership to the UNESCO Open Science Steering Committee (Group IV – Asia and the Pacific) (nomination submitted in 2022, acceptance announced in 2023)	Dr. Jaime C. Montoya, Director of the Philippine Council for Health Research and Development (PCHRD).	January
PH candidature for the 2023 Call of Application of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network	DTI-CIB, LGUs, NCCA	January to July
 Consultation Meeting with PCCN for Potential Nomination of Silay City as a UCCN Member Creation of interim TWG for Philippine bid to the 2023 UCCN application Workshops for the nominations of Iloilo City, Angeles City, and other interested cities 		
Philippines' (UNACOM) proposed list of Commissioners for the DFA's Secretary's endorsement to the President	UNIO-DFA UNACOM partners	Мау

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
PH nomination to IOC WESTPAC Advisory Group 2023-2027	Dr. Aletta T. Yniguez, Professor, UP Marine Science Institute (Note: Dr. Yniguez was selected as a member of the IOC - WESTPAC Advisory Group (2023-2027)	June
Nomination dossier of the proposed Biosphere Reserve of the yApayaos	Province of Apayao existing BRs in the country	September
Conducted Orientation on UNESCO Programmes for Philippine Natural sites	DENR LGUS Academe UNACOM partner agencies	August - December
Processed 442 requests for tax and duty-free exemption based on the UNESCO Florence Agreement	Department of Finance (DOF)	Year-round

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
WOF	RLD HERITAGE (WH) (8 PPAs)	
Organized the public lecture of Dr. Johannes Widodo entitled Demystifying World Heritage Process: Pointers for Preparing World Heritage Dossiers	NCCA NUS	Мау
Conducted preparatory works for the Installations of the World Heritage markers in Baroque Churches of the Philippines	NCCA NHCP LGUs	Jan - December
Submitted reports aligned with World Heritage Committee Decision 44 COM 7.B 149 involving the Baroque Churches of the Philippines	NCCA IA DFA-Permdel	Jan - March
Facilitated participation in the ACCU Training-Workshop on the results of the pilot implementation of the UNESCO Culture 2030 Indicators	NCCA NHCP	Jan-September
Participated in the 23rd World Heritage Committee	DFA-Permdel, UNESCO, NCCA	July

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation	
Faciltated and coordination of UNESCO Emergency Heritage Fund for Historic City of Vigan as a response to damages caused by the Northern Luzon earthquake	City Government of Vigan, UNESCO Jakarta NCCA	Jan - December	
Participated in Preseving Legacies - Study focusing on Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras and its subsequent Storytelling Workshop	NCCA Save Ifugao Rice Terrace Movement ICOMOS, National Geographic Ifugao provincial and municipal governments	October	
Participated in the 23rd Session of State-Parties of the 1972 Convention	NCCA Permdel	22 -23 November 2023 UNESCO Headquarters	
INTANGIBLE CULTURAL HERITAGE (ICH) (5 PPAs)			
Participated and facilitated of the Capacity-Building Workshop on Intangible Cultural Heritage for Youth: Third Workshop of the Three-Year Programme, and Documentation of Marikina shoe-making	NCCA, CRIHAP, Marikina LGU, private sector	June - September	

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Participated in the 2023 International Conference and APHEN-ICH International Field School	UST-CCCPET, NCCA, Provincial Government and local governments in Pampanga	June
Participated in Tugging Rituals and Games and Immersion	Hungduan	August
Facilitated and participated in the 18th session of the Intergovernmental Committee ofr the Safeguarding of the Intangible Cultural Heritage	NCCA, DFA-Perdel, Office of Senator Legarda and Office of Senator Binay	Sept - December
Disseminatied information related to the inscription of Aklan Handloom Weaving of Panay as an ICH Representative of Humanity	NCCA	Sept - December
UNESCO CREATIVE	CITIES AND THE 2005 CONVENTIO	N (3 PPAs)
Updated the Certificate of Concurrences of agencies for the accession to the 2005 Convention	National Commission for Muslim Filipino, Cultural Center of the Philippines, DFA-UNIO	January tro May

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Participated in the 2nd Creative Industries Summit	DTI-Competitiveness and Innovation Bureau, NCCA, LGUs, civil society and the private sector	March
Participated in the Workshop on Tanauan's Cultural Heritage and Creativity under UNESCO's Thrusts	Provincial Government of Tanauan, DTI-CB	September
2001 CONVENTION ON THE PROT	ECTION OF UNDERWATER CULTU	RAL HERITAGE (2 PPAs)
Facilitated PH participation in the Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Underwater Cultural Heritage in Southeast Asia	NMP UP School of Archeology	October
Facilitated and participated in the Workshop on World Wat Shipwrecks in Southeast Asia - threats of marine pollution and looting	UPSA NMP NCCA UNESCO Jakarta	November - December

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
OTHER CULTURA	L CONVENTIONS AND PRIORITIES	(1 PAP)
Facilitated/Participated in		
meetings and sharing of the publication of the 2030 Culture indicators	NCCA, PermDel	Jan - Dec
meetings for the 1970 Convention on Illicit Cultural Trafficking	NCCA	Jan-Mar
Strategic Planning Workshop for the Creation of Roadmap for Cultural Experiences and Cultural-Oriented Products	DTI	Oct-Dec
INTERGOVERNMENTAL OCEANO	OGRAPHIC COMMISSION (IOC) / OC	EAN DECADE (5 PPAs)
Facilitated PH participation to the 14th Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the WEstern Pacific (WESTPAC-XIV):	MR. BRYAN DEXTER B. LAO, PhilippineEmbassy, Jakarta, Indonesia	04-07 April Jakarta, Indonesia:
	DR. TERESITO C. BACOLCOL, PHIVOLCS-DOST	
	DR. NOEMI LANZUELA, BFAR-DA	

Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
DR. LILIAN C. GARCIA, NFRDI, DA	
DR. GIL S. JACINTO, Member, IOC WESTPAC Advisory Group National Focal Person for IOC and PH Consultant for the OceanDecade	
Alliance France de Manille Bohol Island Geopark	26 to 28 September Bohol
DENR other partners	30 August - 01 September 2023 Diamond Hotel, Manila City
Dr. Gil Jacinto UNACOM-NCMS	16 January to July 15 29 August DFA 16 August to 15 October
	DR. LILIAN C. GARCIA, NFRDI, DA DR. GIL S. JACINTO, Member, IOC WESTPAC Advisory Group National Focal Person for IOC and PH Consultant for the OceanDecade Alliance France de Manille Bohol Island Geopark DENR other partners

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Procured/Hired Highly Technical Consultant (HTC) for the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030)	Dr. Gil Jacinto	16 February to 15 July 16 August to 15 October
MAN AND	OTHE BIOSPHERE (MAB) (2 PPAs)	
Co-organized the 2023 International Conference on Biosphere and Sustainability with the theme, "Going Beyond the Boundaries: Appreciating the Intricacies of Climate Resiliency and Sustainable Development	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Representatives from UNESCO-designated sites in the PH other partners	02-07 November Palawan Biosphere Reserve
Endorsed PH participation to the 14th SeaBRnet meeting and International Conferenceheld	Ms. Dorothy F. Colle, Albay Biosphere Reserve UNESCO Jakarta Office	13-15 November Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
UNESCO GLOBAL GEOPARKS (UGGP) (2 PPAs)		
Conducted activities relative to Bohol Island Geopark:		
Promoted the designation of Bohol as a UNESCO Global Geopark	Bohol Province	Мау

Programmes, Activities and Projects (PAPs) for 2023	Partner Agencies	Date and Place of Implementation
Consultation/Dialogue with the TWG and stakeholders of the Bohol Island Geopark and Ceremonial Handover of the Designation for Bohol Island UNESCO Global Geopark	Bohol Province	22 June Chocolate Hills, Carmen, Bohol
Coordinated with NAMRIA the request of Bohol Island Geopark for an updated map	NAMRIA-DENR Bohol Island Geopark	July submitted letter-request via email
Participated in the International Conference on "People, Planet and Partnerships: Roles of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines"	Bohol Island Geopark	05 December Bohol
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY ASIAN NETWORK (STEPAN) (1 PPA)		
Coordinated PH participation to the 2023 Annual Meeting of the Science Technology Engineering and Innovation Policy Asia and the Pacific Network (STEPAN)	UNESCO Jakarta Office Dr. Roel A. Sancho, DOST	31 May-01 June online

EDUCATION FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT (ESD) (3 PPAs)		
Participated in the Online ESD-Net 2030 East Asia and Southeast Asia Sub-Regional Meeting Participated in the ESD-Net 2030 Asia-Pacific Regional Meeting	UNESCO	10 March Online 12-14 June
Served as Panelist during the ESD-Net 2030: Global Meeting	United Nations University (UNU), Tokyo, Japan , UNESCO	18-20 December
Participated in the 2023 Brigada Eskwela national Kick Off	DepEd	06 August
LIFELONG LEARNING (2 PPAs)		
Supported the National Teacher's Day Celebration Kick Off	DepEd	04-07 September
Participated in the 1st GCED Cooperation Center Research Conference	PNU, DepEd	04-06 October

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Faculty Symposium on "Strengthening Engineering and Technology Education for National Development to Sustainability, Innovations and Futures Thinking" (SIFT)	Batangas State University	28 November
FUTURES OF EDUCA	TION/ TRANSFORMING EDUCATIO	N (2 PPAs)
Co-organized the Youth Summit: Transforming Education Southeast Asia	SEAMEO INNOTECH, UNACOM and other partners	27-28 June
Supported/Participated in the		
Multistakeholders' Consultative Forum on PNU OBTEC 3.0	PNU, DepEd	14 June
Awareness Campaign Forum during United Nations Day on October 24, 2023	DepEd	24 October
Launching of Northwestern University's (NWU) UNESCO Chair on Anticipatory Governance and Regenerative Cities	NWU	11-13 November

ASSOCIATED SCHOOLS PROJECT NETWORK (ASPnet) / UNESCO CLUBS (3 PPAs)		
Organized/Co-organized the		
Joint Midyear Planning Session	NCBCUP	30 June to 2 July
Organized the meet and greet, virtual planning for Y4U	NCBCUP	March and April
International Assembly of Youth for UNESCO	NCBCUP, UNACOM	09-11 December
Supported the UN Celebrations and Orientation on UNESCO's Programmes to promote Clubs for UNESCO and ASPNet	DepEd	28-30 November
Coordinated and Facilitated the introduction of the UNESCO ASPnet "Litter Less Campaign" project with the Department of Education	DepEd	Мау
MANAGEMENT OF SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION (MOST) (1 PAP)		
Participation to the 16th Ordinary Session of the UNESCO Intergovernmental Council for the Management of Social Transformation	NEDA	18-19 April

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ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI) (1 PAP)			
Participated to various consultations, fora, meetings related to the implementation of the UNESCO Recommendation on the Ethics of AI	DTI and DOST	March to November	
ANTI	ANTI-DOPING IN S[PORTS (1 PAP)		
Attended the National Council of Physical Educators in the Philippines Conference 2023	NCPEP	29 June	
INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGES (2022 – 2032) (1 PPA)			
Participated in the 2023 Conference Workshop on Indigenous Languages and the SDGs	UP Diliman TEBTEBBA Foundation UNESCO UNESCO Bangkok UNESCO Jakarta	21 to 23 February	
MEMORY OF THE WORLD (MOW) (3 PPAs)			
Reestablished the 2023 National MOW Committee	UNACOM	April to May	

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Held Regular Meetings of the National MOW Committee to review nominations of aspiring documentary collections for MOW Regional and International Registers	UNACOM National MOW Committee	21 June02 August30 August21 November	
Organized a Learning Session on MOW Programme in partnership with UNESCO Bangkok and UNESCO Jakarta	UNACOM UNESCO Bangkok UNESCO Jakarta	07 June	
Participated virtually in the 1st MOW International Conference of the International Centre for Documentary Heritage (ICDH)	UNACOM ICDH Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (MOWCAP)	31 October	
MEDIA ANI	MEDIA AND INFORMATION LITERACY (1 PPA)		
Served as one of the speakers during the 2023 Maging Mapanuri Conference of the Presidential Communications Office	UNACOM PCO	25 October	

GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (3 PPAs)			
Organized the Geronima T. Pecson Exhibit and Forum	DFA-Office of Cultural and Public Diplomacy Provincial Government of Pangasinan	Manila, Philippines 10-21 March	Php 435,401.29
Organized the Women's Role in the Promotion of Bohol as UNESCO Global Geopark	Provincial Government of Bohol	04-06 October	Php 354,991.75
Arts-Based Training on Gender and Development	UNACOM	February	Php 110,866.67

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8. Plan, Program, Project, Budget, Fund Utilization and Accomplishment for CY 2023 on Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation, and Senior Citizens and Differently-abled person

Considering that no direct and specific amounts were allotted for **Disaster Risk Reduction** and **Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation** in our budget for 2023, UNACOM and its partners were able to participate in national and international events where matters pertaining to these two (2) areas were part of the discussions. For our 2024 budget, through a Congressional Initiative, UNACOM was able to allocate funds specifically for climate change. Disaster Risk Reduction is usually part of the discussions on climate change and vice-versa. With the support of our policy makers, UNACOM hopes that this initiative on climate change would become a continuing activity of our Office.

UNACOM also continuously promote initiatives in support of the Senior Citizens and Differently-abled person.

Disaster Risk Reduction, Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation		
Open-Ended Working Group on updating Climate Change Policy Document and the Regional Consultation Meeting on Cultural Education		February
Sixteenth Session of the IOC-FAO Intergovernmental Panel on Harmful Algal Blooms (IPHAB-XIV)	BFAR	27-29 March Rome, Italy
14th Session of the IOC Sub-Commission for the WEstern Pacific (WESTPAC-XIV):	UNACOM Partners	04-07 April Jakarta, Indonesia:
Capacity-Building Workshop on Intangible Cultural Heritage for Youth: Third Workshop	UNACOM NCCA Marikina	July - September

of the Three-Year Programme, and Documentation of Marikina shoe-making		
Orientation on UNESCO Programmes for Philippine Natural sites	DENR, LGUS, Academe, UNACOM partner agencies	August - December
Oceans Program	Alliance France de Manille Bohol Island Geopark	26 to 28 September Bohol
UNESCO Emergency Heritage Fund for Historic City of Vigan as a response to damages caused by the Northern Luzon earthquake	City Government of Vigan UNESCO Jakarta NCCA	Jan - December
216th and 217th Session of the UNESCO Executive Board and	UNESCO UNACOM partners	10 to 24 May UNESCO HQs, Paris, France 04 to 20 October UNESCO Headquarters Paris, France and webcast
42nd Session of the UNESCO General Conference, including the 13th UNESCO Youth Forum and other side meetings and events	UNESCO Permdel to UNESCO, DOST, DENR, DepEd, CHED, TESDA, PTFOMs, NEDA and NCCA	09-24 November UNESCO Headquarters Paris, France
		October

Preserving Legacies - Study focusing on Rice Terraces of the Philippine Cordilleras and its subsequent Storytelling Workshop	NCCA, Save Ifugao Rice Terrace Movement, ICOMOS, National Geographic, Ifugao provincial and municipal governments	
2023 International Conference on Biosphere and Sustainability with the theme, "Going Beyond the Boundaries: Appreciating the Intricacies of Climate Resiliency and Sustainable Development	Palawan Council for Sustainable Development Representatives from UNESCO-designated sites in the PH other partners	02-07 November Palawan Biosphere Reserve
13th UNESCO Youth Forum with the theme: Addressing the social impacts of Climate Emergency and the need for a just and equitable climate transition resulting to Global and Regional Recommendations	UNESCO	July - November
Workshop on Emergency Preparedness and Underwater Cultural Heritage in Southeast Asia	MP UP School of Archeology	October
Workshop on World Wat Shipwrecks in Southeast Asia - threats of marine pollution and looting	UPSA, NMP, NCCA, UNESCO Jakarta	November - December
14 th SeaBRnet meeting and International Conference	Existing BRs in the country UNESCO Jakarta Office	13-15 November Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia
	Bohol Island Geopark	05 December

International Conference on "People, Planet and Partnerships: Roles of the UNESCO National Commission of the Philippines"		Bohol
Senior Cit	izens and Differently-abled person	
Supported Senate Bill 1907: "Instituting Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education Act"	Senate	Year-round
Supported and promoted UNESCO Programmes on Learning Cities	UNESCO	Year-round

Gender and Development Projects

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For reference, kindly see attached UNACOM's Gender and Development (GAD) Plan for 2023. Based on this, UNACOM was able to implement the following major activities in support of the GAD Programme:

Organized the Geronima T. Pecson Exhibit and Forum	DFA-Office of Cultural and Public Diplomacy Provincial Government of Pangasinan	Manila, Philippines 10-21 March	Php 435,401.29
Organized the Women's Role in the Promotion of Bohol as UNESCO Global Geopark	Provincial Government of Bohol	04-06 October	Php 347,221.64
Arts-Based Training on Gender and Development	UNACOM	February	Php 110,866.67