

Executive Summary

The Department of Finance (DOF) 's social media management campaign was designed to enhance public engagement and financial literacy through targeted Facebook campaigns. Implemented from September 2017 to February 2018, the campaign focused on increasing page likes, audience engagement, and awareness of key financial topics such as personal finance, taxation, and economic reforms. By leveraging social media analytics, audience segmentation, and content optimization, the campaign aimed to improve DOF's online presence and public perception regarding financial policies.

Objectives

- •Increase **DOF's social media reach and engagement** among Filipino audiences.
- •Strengthen **financial awareness** through informative and interactive content.
- •Enhance public understanding of **DOF's initiatives and economic reforms**.
- •Identify **effective digital marketing strategies** for government communications.
- •Provide data-driven insights to optimize future social media campaigns.

Methodology

The campaign employed **Facebook Ads and audience targeting techniques**, including:

- •Page Like Campaigns: Targeted Filipino users 18+ years old and interested in banking, economics, and personal finance.
- •Engagement Campaigns: Focused on boosting post interactions through videos, infographics, and news updates.
- •Demographic and Device Analytics: Assessed audience behavior based on age, gender, and device usage.
- •Performance Tracking: Monitored cost per engagement (CPE), cost per page like (CPPL), and overall campaign ROI.



Timing of Posts

MWF

peak days in 2017

TW

peak days in 2018

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Key Findings

Social Media Growth and Engagement

- •The campaign generated **358,326 new Facebook page likes** during the five months.
- •Total impressions reached 23.2 million, with 5 million users engaging with DOF's content.
- •The highest engagement was recorded in **December 2017**, when the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) campaign was underway.

Audience Behavior and Content Insights

- •62.57% of new followers were female, indicating a stronger engagement among women.
- •The most engaged age group was 25-34, followed by 18-24.
- •Mobile users dominated engagement, with 82.75% of interactions coming from Android devices.
- •Posts related to tax benefits, financial security, and social programs received the highest engagement rates.

Challenges Identified

- •Facebook algorithm changes in early 2018 reduced organic reach, requiring higher ad spend.
- •Government campaigns were more expensive, with an average cost of PHP 8.48 per like.
- Sustaining engagement post-campaign remained a challenge, requiring ongoing content strategy improvements.

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Recommendations

Optimizing Future Social Media Campaigns

- •Invest in **video content and interactive formats** to maintain high engagement rates.
- •Expand targeting to **younger demographics and regional audiences** to diversify engagement.
- •Leverage data analytics and audience insights to personalize content strategies.

Enhancing Financial Literacy Initiatives

- •Develop **monthly financial literacy series** with simplified explanations of government policies.
- •Collaborate with **influencers and financial experts** to boost credibility and reach.
- •Introduce **interactive Q&A sessions and live discussions** to foster two-way engagement.

Sustaining Social Media Growth

- •Allocate a **consistent budget for paid promotions** to maintain visibility amid algorithm changes.
- •Strengthen **cross-platform marketing** by integrating campaigns across **Facebook**, **Twitter**, **and YouTube**.
- •Establish a **DOF digital community** where users can discuss financial topics and government programs.

Conclusion

The DOF Social Media Campaign expanded digital reach, increased financial literacy awareness, and engaged diverse Filipino audiences. While organic engagement challenges and ad costs remain, future campaigns can benefit from video-driven content, influencer partnerships, and sustained audience engagement strategies. By leveraging data analytics and targeted content, DOF can further enhance public trust and understanding of economic policies in the digital space.

