

EMMANUEL DAPIDRAN PACQUIAO SR.

Name: Emmanuel Dapidran Pacquiao Sr.
Date of Birth: December 17, 1978 (age 42) Kibawe, Bukidnon,
Political Party: PDP-Laban (2012-2014; 2016-present)
Senate Committee Chairperson: Ethics and Privileges, Public Works

PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND

- Senator (2016–present)
- Congressman, Sarangani at-large (2010–2016)
- Colonel, Army Reserve (2017–present)

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

BA Political Science (Major in Local Government and Administration), University of Makati (2019)

I. ENVIRONMENT [1 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Ambivalent, 0.5 point)

- He is the primary author of Senate Bill No. 1364 (Food Waste Reduction Act). The bill was not passed into law and remained pending at the committee level (2020).
- He is the primary author of Senate Bill No. 557 (Single- Use Plastics Ban Act of 2018). The bill was substituted in the committee report. [\[Source\]](#)

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B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Ambivalent, .05 point)

- Pacquiao encourages the public to plant more trees and to report environmental health issues in their neighborhood [\[Source\]](#)
- Last 2016, Senator Manny Pacquiao told the Department of Energy to strike a balance between building more power plants and taking care of nature. "I have a good explanation for that... kasi (because) we understand that, you know, when God created the universe He didn't make us just magic, He formed us to give life and therefore we came from the soil, and because God wants us to be part of the universe He created that's why we need to take care of our environment, our world," Pacquiao said. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR THE RATING: For the bills that he filed, while both are important, they are not strategic enough to address the environmental problem. His positions on this issue, although Pacquiao's statements on the environment centered on the importance of protecting nature not only because humans are stewards of God's creation but they are from nature, and the massive planting of trees as a way to protect people and nature are consistent with PMPI's Rights of Nature framework. However, these are not key issues that would make the difference in environmental protection work. Projects and programs were rated not applicable in consideration that he has yet to assume an executive role.

II. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION MITIGATION - DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (CCAM-DRR) [3 points]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Positive, 1 point. Consistent with PMPI's framework)

- He is the author of Senate Bill No. 198 (The Strengthened Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Act of 2019). The bill was not passed into law and remained pending at the committee level. [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point. Consistent with PMPI's framework)

- Became SAFE STEPS ambassador to raise awareness on disaster preparedness. [\[Source\]](#)
- Pacquiao raised the need to address water, sanitation problems in evacuation areas affected by Typhoon Odette. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the creation of a 'super-agency' for DRRM:** He suggested the creation of a "super-agency" which will manage not only the country's disaster response and disaster resilience but also the government's climate change policies. The lawmaker made the suggestion in place of the proposed upgrading of the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) into a full-blown executive department. [\[Source\]](#)

Platforms:

- **On the victims of Typhoon Odette:** He promised to prioritize free housing to calamity victims, especially those who were badly hit by Typhoon Odette. The retired boxing superstar also assured the typhoon victims that they will not lose their livelihood as a result of their relocation. [\[Source\]](#)
- If he wins in the May 2022 presidential elections, presidential aspirant and Sen. Manny Pacquiao said he will immediately ask Congress to pass a law creating a 50-year disaster infrastructure master plan which must be funded and implemented by every administration. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (Positive, 1 point)

- Presidential aspirant Sen. Manny Pacquiao has dispatched the first batch of relief goods that were directed to Cebu province and the nearby island of Bohol to help those affected by Typhoon Odette. [\[Source\]](#)
- Last 2020, after scoring a brand endorsement agreement with Globe to be its newest brand ambassador, Senator and People's Champ Manny Pacquiao announced that he is donating his fees to victims of Typhoons Rolly and Ulysses. [\[Source\]](#)

BASIS FOR RATING: Both in his proposed bill and positions on issues, Sen. Pacquiao's position is clearly on strengthening disaster preparedness. He presents concrete platforms in addressing disasters by creating a superstructure to address DRRM and the prioritization of free housing for typhoon victims. As for actions and programs he easily donates and provides relief for disaster victims.

III. MINING [- 1.5 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (No information, - 0.5 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Negative, - 1 point.)

- Pacquiao says Bible allows 'responsible mining' (2017) [\[Source\]](#)
- Pacquiao says no to mining not only in Palawan but in the whole country (2012). [\[Source\]](#)

- In 2017, Senator Manny Pacquiao told then Environment Secretary Gina Lopez that they should not close their minds on mining amid the closure of 23 mines and suspension of five others following a months-long industry-wide review.

[\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (Not Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: Pacquiao has inconsistent statements with respect to mining. As this is a key thematic issue for PMPI, he was rated negative because he failed to take into account the impact of mining to people and the environment. As for the bills/resolutions, he has yet to file a bill that seeks to address the irreversible impact of mining. He did not also hold an executive role to organize projects on mining, therefore it was given not applicable remarks.

IV. SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FISHERIES [2 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Positive, 1 point)

- He is a co-author of Senate Bill No. 1318 (Amending the Organic Agriculture Act). Approved and signed into law, in consolidation with HBN-6878, by the President of the Philippines, His Excellency, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte on December 23, 2020.
- He is a co-author of Senate Bill No. 2369 (Magna Carta of Filipino Seafarers). The bill was not passed into law and remained pending at the second reading. [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

- Sen. Pacquiao seeks to probe Rice Tariffication Law saying farmer groups have been suffering from the "dramatic decline" of the price of unhusked rice. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the livelihood of fisherfolks:** Sen. Pacquiao said that while the government must relocate coastal communities in areas ravaged by Typhoon Odette, they should be moved to places where they are not only safe, but can still have access to the sea for their livelihood [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the harassment of fishermen in the WPS:** "As a friend and neighbor, I appeal to the Chinese leadership to stop this creeping occupation and use your

authority to disperse these Chinese fishermen around our San Felipe reef," Pacquiao said in a statement, apparently referring to Julian Felipe Reef. [\[Source\]](#)

- **On fish importation:** "This is unbelievable. Saan ka naman nakakita ng bansang napapaligiran ng mga dagat pero nag-iimport ng mga produktong galing sa dagat? Sobrang kawawa na nga ang ating mga magsasaka dahil sa pagpasok ng napakaraming imported at smuggled na mga bigas at gulay tapos ngayon naman ang mga mangingisda naman natin ang gustong parusahan" [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: Pacquiao has a basic grasp of the situation of our fishers. Majority of his statements focused on the issues affecting the agricultural sector that should be addressed by the government through the implementation of sustainable agriculture programs and ensuring the protection of livelihoods of displaced communities and our fishing ground. Projects and programs were rated not applicable in consideration that he has yet to assume an executive role.

V. PEACE [- 1.5 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (No information, - 0.5 point)

- N/A

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Negative, - 1 point)

- "Citing the need for peace and order, Pacquiao said the President had to "discipline" Filipinos, just as a parent disciplines his or her children." [\[Source\]](#)
- Pacquiao favors the 1 year extension of martial law in Marawi. Contrary to what other people fear about martial law, Pacquiao said the declaration in Mindanao was not violent. The people in the region, he said, felt safe and had peace of mind. [\[Source\]](#)
- Pacquiao believes that the insurgency problem is rooted in widespread corruption that has denied rural areas the necessary basic services. [\[Source\]](#)

- Last 2015, Pacquiao said that he does not want his district in Sarangani province to be included in the Moro region that would be formed under the proposed Bangsamoro basic law (BBL). In a statement, Pacquiao said there is no need to include the lone district of Sarangani in the Bangsamoro region because his constituency is already enjoying peace and order in Mindanao. [\[Source\]](#)
- He rejected the bill postponing the first regular elections of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) from May 2022 to May 2025. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: While Sen. Pacquiao has a good perspective insofar as the root cause of the insurgency problem in the Philippines, his position on the Mindanao martial law failed to recognize the widespread human rights violations that were committed during the implementation of Martial Law in Mindanao. Likewise, he has a lukewarm attitude towards the Bangsamoro plight. Projects and programs were rated not applicable in consideration that he has yet to assume an executive role.

VI. GOOD GOVERNANCE [1.5 point]

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A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Ambivalent, 0.5 point)

- He is the author of Senate Bill No. 1956 (Barangay Officials Salary Standardization Act of 2020). The bill was not passed into law and remained pending at the committee level.
- He is the principal author of the creation of the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development Act or Republic Act No. 11201. [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Positive, 1 point)

- **Pacquiao bares Republic Act No. 11055 'corrupt list'.** He linked several government agencies to corruption. In a virtual press briefing last 2021, Pacquiao said that in addition to the Department of Health (DoH), the Departments of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and Energy (DoE) are also linked to corrupt practices. [\[Source\]](#)

- **On Duterte's COVID-19 response:** “Talagang mismanaged.” This was how Senator Manny Pacquiao described the government’s COVID-19 pandemic response after presidential spokesperson Harry Roque defended it and berated a doctors’ group during an online meeting of the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the ICC investigation to Duterte:** He said he would not impede the investigation of the International Criminal Court against President Rodrigo Duterte should he win in next year's elections. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On scrapping the pork barrel funds:** Last 2013, Manny Pacquiao said he supports President Aquino's decision to scrap the Priority Development Assistance Fund (PDAF), otherwise known as "pork barrel" funds. [\[Source\]](#)

Platforms

- **On strengthening systems of accountability:** He said that if he is elected president, he will require all government officials to waive their right under the bank secrecy law in a bid to ensure transparency and accountability. Pacquiao said the waiver would also cover the immediate family members of the government officials. [\[Source\]](#)
- Former boxing champion turned senator, Manny Pacquiao says he will seek corruption charges against some of his former political allies within the Duterte government if he wins the Philippine presidential election next year. [\[Source\]](#)
- Presidential aspirant Sen. Manny Pacquiao disclosed last 14 December 2021 that people who share the same qualities of the team that catapulted him to international boxing fame will be tapped to comprise his Cabinet and other officials of the executive department if he wins the presidency. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: Sen. Pacquiao’s positions on good governance highlight pushing and strengthening of systems of accountability against corruption and transparency in terms of assets. He supported former President Aquino’s decision to scrap pork barrel funds too. As for the bills/resolutions filed, he showed positive efforts as he was able to file two (2) bills, both of them, however, only that they remained at the committee level. Projects and programs were rated not applicable in consideration that he has yet to assume an executive role.

VII. HUMAN RIGHTS [- 2 point]

A. Legislation filed, pushed, or passed (Negative, - 1 point. Inconsistent with PMPI's framework)

- He is the co-author of Senate Bill No. 382 (imposition of death penalty for drug-related crimes). The bill was not passed into law and remained pending at the committee level.
- He is a co-author of Republic Act No, 11227 (Handbook for OFWs Act of 2018). This bill requires the government to publish and distribute handbooks for overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) containing their rights and responsibilities. Labor Secretary Silvestre Bello III welcomed the signing of the law, describing the handbook as a “shield” from abuses OFWs may encounter from employers abroad. [\[Source\]](#); [\[Source\]](#)

B. Position on Issues, Advocacies, Platforms (Negative, - 1 point)

- **On the reimposition of death penalty:** Pacquiao, a born-again Christian, manifested his support for the death penalty after fellow administration ally, Senator Ronald “Bato” dela Rosa, delivered a privilege speech on the Senate floor calling on his colleagues to start deliberating on measures seeking the return of the capital punishment in the country. [\[Source\]](#)
- **Pacquiao's anti-RH Bill stance.** He said that the government should teach family planning to Filipino families without having to promote artificial contraceptives. He said couples must learn to control their sexual urges if they plan to have smaller families. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On the LGBTQ community:** He said that gay people are 'worse than animals' in an interview with TV 5. “It’s common sense. Will you see any animals where male is to male and female is to female?” Pacquiao answered. “The animals are better. They know how to distinguish male from female. If we approve [of] male on male, female on female, then man is worse than animals.” [\[Source\]](#)
- **Pacquiao backs Mindanao martial law.** It’s a “happy” and “good” martial law in Mindanao. So said Sen. Manny Pacquiao, who favored the proposal to extend it for another year. “Walang problema sa akin. Masaya naman kami taga Mindanao,” he told reporters in 2017. [\[Source\]](#)

- **On EJKs:** Pacquiao defends the government’s war on drugs. He said that there are no EJKs in the Philippines Drug War. However, last December 2021, he vowed to end extrajudicial killings if he is elected president in the 2022 elections. [\[Source\]](#)
- **On lowering the MACR:** He said he is in favor of lowering the age of criminal responsibility to 12, citing his own experiences living on the streets before rising to international boxing fame. [\[Source\]](#)

C. Projects and Activities Organized/Supported (No Applicable, 0 point)

- N/A

BASIS FOR RATING: Most of his statements under this thematic concern are not in line with PMPPI’s framework. For instance, in the case of EJKs, lowering of MACR, and the reimposition of death penalty, he has consistently supported these three controversial issues amidst the call of many lawmakers to defer the same due to contentious matters that should first be addressed. Projects and programs were rated not applicable in consideration that he has yet to assume an executive role.

WATCH OUT FOR (-0.5):

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- Pacquiao was named as one of the congressmen with the most absences [\[Source\]](#)
- Last 2012, Pacquiao admitted helping a close friend secure papers for the controversial Boracay West Cove resort project. In an interview with ABS-CBN’s Ted Failon, Pacquiao revealed that he used his ties with former Environment Secretary Lito Atienza to help the Boracay West Cove owner secure the necessary papers for the resort. [\[Source\]](#)

ENVIRONMENT	1
CCAM-DRR	3
MINING	-1.5
SUS AG & FISHERIES	2
PEACE	-1.5
GOOD GOVERNANCE	1.5
HUMAN RIGHTS	-2
WATCH OUT FOR	-0.5
TOTAL	2

	ENVI	CCAM	AMC	SUS AG	PEACE	GG	HR
Bills	AMBIVALENT	POSITIVE	NO INFO	POSITIVE	NO INFO	AMBIVALENT	NEGATIVE
Advocacies	AMBIVALENT	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Projects	N/A	POSITIVE	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

