

Digital Cities 2025 — Decentralising the Philippines' IT-BPM Industry to 25 Provincial Hubs

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Quality score: 67/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

Since 2020, DICT and IBPAP have built ICT roadmaps for 25 Philippine provincial cities to shift IT-BPM jobs from Metro Manila; countryside employment share rose from ~25% pre-COVID to ~32% of 1.82M industry jobs by 2024, with 19 cities recognised for completed roadmaps.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Evidence of impact / measured results	2/3
Transferability / demonstrated replication	2/3
Scalability	2/3
Sustainability / continuity	2/3
Innovation	1/3
Inclusiveness / equity	2/3
Multi-stakeholder collaboration	3/3

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-05

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