

Financial Instruments

Date of Recognition

Financial instruments are recognized in the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance when the Association becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument. Purchases or sales of financial assets that require delivery of assets within the timeframe established by regulation or convention in the marketplace are recognized on the settlement date. Settlement date accounting refers to: (a) the recognition of an asset on the day it is received by the Association, and (b) the derecognition of an asset and recognition of any gain or loss on disposal on the day that it is delivered by the Association.

Initial Recognition

Financial instruments are recognized initially at fair value of the consideration given (in case of an asset) or received (in case of a liability). Except for financial instruments at fair value through profit or loss (FVPL), the initial measurement of financial instruments includes transaction costs.

Classification

The Association classifies its financial assets into the following categories: financial assets at FVPL, AFS financial assets, held-to-maturity (HTM) investments, and loans and receivables. The Association classifies its financial liabilities either as financial liabilities at FVPL or other financial liabilities. The classification depends on the purpose for which the instruments were acquired or incurred and whether these are quoted in an active market. Management determines the classification of its financial instruments at initial recognition and, where allowed and appropriate, re-evaluates such designation at every reporting date.

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Association has no financial assets and liabilities at FVPL.

AFS Financial Assets

AFS financial assets are financial assets which are designated as such, or do not qualify to be classified or have not been classified under any other financial asset category. They are purchased and held indefinitely and may be sold in response to liquidity requirements or changes in market conditions.

After initial recognition, AFS financial assets are subsequently measured at fair value, with unrealized gains or losses recognized in other comprehensive income in the "Fair value reserve on AFS financial assets" in fund balance until the investment is derecognized, at which time the cumulative gain or loss is recognized in profit or loss, or until the investment is determined to be impaired, where the cumulative loss is reclassified to profit or loss.

When the fair value of AFS financial assets cannot be measured reliably because of lack of reliable estimates of unobservable inputs such as in the case of unquoted equity instruments, these financial assets are allowed to be carried at cost less impairment, if any.

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Association's AFS financial assets amounted to P965.32 million and P796.72 million, respectively (see Notes 6, 10 and 23).

HTM Investments

HTM investments are quoted non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities for which management has the positive intention and ability to hold to maturity. Where the Association sells or reclassifies other than an insignificant amount of HTM investments, the entire category would be tainted and reclassified at fair value as AFS financial assets. After initial measurement, these investments are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any allowance for impairment. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the EIR. The amortization, if any, is included as part of "Interest income" in profit or loss.

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Association's HTM investments amounted to P183.43 million and P183.99 million, respectively (see Notes 5, 11, 18 and 23).

Reclassification of AFS Financial Assets to HTM Investments

For a financial asset reclassified from AFS financial assets category to HTM investments, the Association shall reclassify the financial asset at its fair value on the date of reclassification which becomes its new amortized cost. Any previous gain or loss on that asset that has been recognized in other comprehensive income and any difference between the new amortized cost and maturity amount is amortized in profit or loss over the remaining life of the investments using the effective interest method similar to the amortization of a premium and a discount. This is presented as 'Fair value reserve on AFS financial assets reclassified as HTM investments' in the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance. If the financial asset is subsequently impaired, any gain or loss that has been recognized in other comprehensive income is reclassified from fund balance to profit or loss.

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are non-derivative financial assets with fixed or determinable payments and fixed maturities that are not quoted in an active market. These are not entered into with the intention of immediate or short-term resale and are not held for trading.

After initial measurement, the loans and receivables are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less any impairment loss. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on acquisition and fees that are an integral part of the effective interest rate (EIR). The amortization, if any, is included as part of "Interest income" in profit or loss.

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, the Association's cash in bank and cash equivalents, short-term investments, receivables and cash held by investment manager/custodian under "Other assets" are classified under this category.

Cash includes cash on hand and in banks. Cash equivalents are short-term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with original maturities of three months or less and are subject to an insignificant risk of change in value.

Financial Liabilities

Other Financial Liabilities

Issued financial instruments or their component, which are not classified as at FVPL are classified as other financial liabilities where the substance of the contractual arrangement results in the Association having an obligation either to deliver cash or another financial asset to the holder or lender.

After initial measurement, other financial liabilities are subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. Amortized cost is calculated by taking into account any discount or premium on the issue and fees that are an integral part of the EIR. The amortization is included as part of "Interest expense" in profit or loss.

As at December 31, 2019 and 2018, this category includes the Association's accrued expenses and other liabilities (excluding amounts payable to government agencies), claims payable, equity value reserves and due to related party (see Note 5, 14, 15, 17, 23 and 24).

Fair Value Measurements

Determination of Fair Values

The fair values of financial instruments traded in active markets at reporting date are based on their quoted market prices or dealer price quotations (bid price for long positions and ask price for short positions), without any deduction for transaction costs.

When current bid and ask prices are not available, the price of the most recent transaction provides evidence of the current fair value as long as there has not been a significant change in economic circumstances since the time of the transaction.

For all other financial instruments not listed in an active market, the fair values are determined by using appropriate valuation techniques. Valuation techniques include the discounted cash flows method, price comparison to similar instruments for which market observable prices exist, options pricing models, and other relevant valuation models.

Fair Value Hierarchy

All assets and liabilities for which fair value is measured or disclosed in the financial statements are categorized within the fair value hierarchy, described as follows, based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement as a whole:

- Level 1: quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2: inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e., prices) or indirectly (i.e., derived from prices); and
- Level 3: inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

For assets and liabilities that are recognized in the financial statements on a recurring basis, the Association determines whether transfers have occurred between levels in the hierarchy by re-assessing the categorization at the end of each reporting period.

For purposes of the fair value disclosure, the Association has determined classes of assets and liabilities on the basis of the nature, characteristics and risks of the asset or liability and the level of the fair value hierarchy, as explained above.

"Day 1" Profit

Where the transaction price in a non-active market is different from the fair value from other observable current market transactions in the same instrument or based on a valuation technique whose variables include only data from observable market, the Association recognizes the difference between the transaction price and fair value (a "Day 1" profit) in profit or loss, unless it qualifies for recognition as some other type of asset. In cases where data used as inputs in a valuation model are not observable, the difference between the transaction price and model value is only recognized in profit or loss when the inputs become observable or when the instrument is derecognized. For each transaction, the Association determines the appropriate method of recognizing the "Day 1" profit.

Impairment of Financial Assets

The Association assesses at each reporting date whether a financial asset or a group of financial assets is impaired.

A financial asset or a group of financial assets is deemed to be impaired if, and only if, there is objective evidence of impairment as a result of one or more events that have occurred after the initial recognition of the asset (an incurred "loss event") and that loss event (or events) has an impact on the estimated future cash flows of the financial asset or the group of financial assets that can be reliably estimated. Evidence of impairment may include indications that the borrower or a group of borrowers is experiencing significant financial difficulty, default or delinquency in interest or principal payments, the probability that they will enter bankruptcy or other financial reorganization and where observable data indicate that there is measurable decrease in the estimated future cash flows, such as changes in economic conditions that correlate with defaults.

Loans and Receivables and HTM Investments

The Association first assesses whether objective evidence of impairment exists individually for financial assets that are individually significant, or collectively for financial assets that are not individually significant. If the Association determines that no objective evidence of impairment exists for individually assessed accounts, whether significant or not, it includes the asset in a group of financial assets with similar credit risk characteristics and collectively assesses for impairment. Assets that are individually assessed for impairment and for which an impairment loss is, or continues to be, recognized are not included in the collective assessment for impairment. For the purpose of a collective evaluation of impairment, loans and receivables are grouped on the basis of credit risk characteristics such as type of borrower, payment status and term.

If there is objective evidence that an impairment loss has been incurred, the amount of the loss is measured as the excess of loan's carrying amount over its net realizable value, based on the present value of the estimated future cash flows from the asset. The present value of the estimated future cash flows is discounted at the loan's original EIR. Time value is generally not considered when the effect of discounting is not material.

The carrying amount of an impaired loan is reduced to its net realizable value through the use of an allowance account and the accrual of interest is discontinued. If, in a subsequent period, the amount of the allowance for impairment loss decreases because of an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognized, the previously recognized impairment loss is reversed to profit or loss to the extent that the resulting carrying amount of the asset does not exceed its amortized cost had no impairment loss been recognized.

The Association performs a regular review of the age and status of these accounts, designed to identify accounts with objective evidence of impairment and provide the appropriate allowance for impairment loss. The Association writes off its long outstanding receivable accounts from deceased, unlocated, or migrated debtors, where they have exhausted all efforts to collect.

AFS Financial Assets Carried at Fair Value

In case of quoted equity securities classified as AFS financial assets, impairment indicators would include a significant or prolonged decline in the fair value of the investments below cost. A decline in excess of twenty percent (20%) should generally be regarded as significant while a decline in a quoted market price that persists for nine (9) months should generally be considered to be prolonged.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, the cumulative loss in equity, measured as the difference between the acquisition cost and the current fair value, less any impairment loss previously recognized, is recorded in profit or loss. Subsequent increase in the fair value of an impaired AFS equity security is recognized in other comprehensive income.

Offsetting of Financial Instruments

Financial assets and financial liabilities are offset and the net amount is reported in the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance if, and only if, there is a currently enforceable legal right to offset the recognized amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis, or to realize the asset and settle the liability simultaneously. This is generally not the case with master netting agreements, thus, the related assets and liabilities are presented on a gross basis in the statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance. Income and expenses are presented on a net basis only when permitted under PFRS, such as in the case of any realized gains or losses arising from the Association's trading activities.

Derecognition of Financial Assets and Liabilities

Financial Assets

A financial asset (or, where applicable, a part of a financial asset or part of a group of similar financial assets) is derecognized when:

- the right to receive cash flows from the asset have expired;
- the Association retains the right to receive cash flows from the asset, but has assumed an obligation to pay them in full without material delay to a third party under a 'pass-through' arrangement; or
- the Association has transferred its right to receive cash flows from the asset and either: (a) has transferred substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset; or (b) has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset, but has transferred control of the asset.

When the Association has transferred its rights to receive cash flows from an asset or has entered into a 'pass-through' arrangement, and has neither transferred nor retained substantially all the risks and rewards of the asset nor is transferred control of the asset, the asset recognized to the extent of the Association's continuing involvement in the asset. Continuing involvement that takes the form of a guarantee over the transferred asset is measured at the lower of the original carrying amount of the asset and the maximum amount of consideration that the Association could be required to pay.

Financial Liabilities

A financial liability is derecognized when the obligation under the liability is discharged, cancelled or has expired. Where an existing financial liability is replaced by another from the same lender on substantially different terms, or the terms of an existing liability are substantially modified, such an exchange or modification is treated as a derecognition of the original liability and the recognition of a new liability, and the difference in the respective carrying amounts is recognized in profit or loss.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, and impairment loss, if any.

The initial cost of property and equipment comprises its purchase price, including import duties, taxes, any directly attributable costs in bringing the asset to its working condition and location for its intended use, and the costs of dismantling and removing the items and restoring the site on which they are located. The cost of replacing part of an item of property and equipment is recognized in the carrying value of the item if it is probable that the future economic benefits embodied within the part will flow to the Association and its cost can be measured reliably.

The costs of the day-to-day servicing of property and equipment are recognized as expense in the period in which they are incurred. Depreciation is recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the assets.

The estimated useful lives of property and equipment are as follows:

	Number of Years
Office furniture and fixtures	5
Transportation and equipment	5
Office equipment	3 - 5
Building and improvements	5

The estimated useful lives, depreciation method, and residual values are reviewed periodically and adjusted, if appropriate, to ensure that the period and method of depreciation are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of property and equipment. Changes in the estimated useful lives, depreciation method, and residual values of property and equipment are accounted for by changing the depreciation method, as appropriate, and treated as changes in accounting estimates.

When an asset is disposed of, or is permanently withdrawn from use or no future economic benefits are expected from its disposal, the cost and the related accumulated depreciation and impairment loss, if any, are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss arising from the retirement or disposal is recognized in profit or loss.

Fully depreciated or amortized assets are retained until they are no longer in use and no further charge for depreciation or amortization is made in respect of those assets.

Computer Software

Computer software is initially measured at cost which is comprised of costs incurred to acquire the computer software (not an integral part of its related hardware) and bring it to its intended use. All other costs of developing and maintaining computer software are recognized as expense when incurred.

Subsequently, computer software is measured at cost less amortization and impairment, if any. Amortization is recognized in profit or loss on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful life of the computer software, from the date that they are available for use, not to exceed three (3) years.

Gains or losses arising from the derecognition of the computer software are measured as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the carrying amount of the asset and are recognized in profit or loss.

Investment Property

Investment properties are properties held either to earn rental income or for capital appreciation or both, but not for sale in the ordinary course of business or for administrative purposes.

Investment properties, except land, are measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any impairment in value. Land is stated at cost less any impairment in value. The carrying amount includes the cost of replacing part of an existing investment property at the time that cost is incurred if the recognition criteria are met and excludes the costs of day-to-day servicing of an investment property.

Expenditures incurred after the investment properties have been put into operations, such as repairs and maintenance costs, are normally charged to income in the period in which the costs are incurred.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the economic useful life (EUL) of ten (10) years. The estimated useful life and depreciated method are reviewed periodically to ensure that these are consistent with the expected pattern of economic benefits from items of investments property.

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Investment property is derecognized when either this has been disposed of or when the investment property is permanently withdrawn from use and no future economic benefit is expected from its disposal. Any gains or losses on the retirement or disposal of an investment property are recognized in profit or loss in the year of retirement or disposal.

Transfers are made to investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by the ending of owner-occupation, commencement of an operating lease to another party or ending of the construction or development. Transfers are made from investment property when, and only when, there is a change in use, evidenced by the commencement of owner occupation or commencement of development with a view to sell.

Impairment of Non-financial Assets

At each reporting date, the Association assesses whether there is any indication that its non-financial assets such as investment property, property and equipment and computer software may be impaired. When an indicator of impairment exists, the Association estimates the recoverable amount of the impaired assets. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value less costs of disposal and value in use. Fair value less costs of disposal is the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset in an arm's length transaction between knowledgeable and willing parties less costs of disposal while value in use is the present value of future cash flows expected to be derived from an asset.

In assessing value in use, the estimated future cash flows are discounted to their present value using a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessment of the time value of money and the risks specific to the asset.

Where the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount, the impaired asset is written down to its recoverable amount. An impairment loss is recognized in profit or loss in the period in which it arises.

An assessment is made at each reporting date as to whether there is any indication that previously recognized impairment loss may no longer exist or may have decreased. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount is estimated.

A previously recognized impairment loss is reversed only if there has been a change in the estimates used to determine the asset's recoverable amount since the last impairment loss was recognized. If that is the case, the carrying amount of the asset is increased to its recoverable amount. The reversal can be made only to the extent that the resulting carrying amount does not exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined, net of depreciation and amortization, had no impairment loss been recognized. Such reversal is recognized in profit or loss. After such a reversal, the depreciation and amortization is adjusted in future years to allocate the asset's revised carrying amount, less any residual value, on a systematic basis over its remaining life.

Insurance Contract Liabilities

Aggregate Reserves

Aggregate reserves represent the accumulated total liability for policies in-force as at the reporting date. Such reserves are established at amount adequate to meet the estimated future obligations to all members with in-force policy. The reserves are calculated using the actuarial methods and assumptions in accordance with statutory requirements and as approved by the IC.

The corresponding change in aggregate reserves is presented as "Increase (decrease) in aggregate reserves" in profit or loss.

Equity Value Reserves

Equity value reserves represent the accumulated reserve for remittance to members. In accordance with Section 409 of the Insurance Code, as Amended (the Insurance Code), equity value reserves are established at fifty percent (50%) of the total mandatory membership contributions collected from every outstanding membership certificate. The increase in equity value reserves as a result of the collection of membership contribution is presented as "Increase in equity value reserves" in profit or loss.

Effective December 1, 2014, the twenty percent (20%) surrender charge was no longer imposed on equity value for certificates paid for less than three (3) continuous years. Upon death or withdrawal of the member, equity value reserves contributed and interest thereon are refunded to its members. Effective February 1, 2016, interest rate on equity value reserve was reduced from 2.00% to 0.50% as approved by the BOT.