



The Social Security Commission Reviewed the Material Controls

Under Resolution No. 46 dated 14 February 2024, the Social Security Commission approved the assessment report of the SSS Internal Control System (ICS) and the accompanying recommendations done by the Internal Audit Service Group for 2023, vetted in the SSC Audit Committee. The ICS Assessment Report, which states that the ICS is adequate, includes the following details:

A. Assessment by Control Component:

Control Component	Total Control Statements/ Attributes		Properly Implemented Controls		Controls with Gaps and Deficiencies	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Control Environment	299	13	267	89	32	11
Risk Assessment	92	4	82	89	10	11
Control Activities	1,429	60	1,271	89	158	11
Information and Communication	373	16	346	93	27	7
Monitoring and Evaluation	182	8	123	68	59	32
Total	2,375	100	2,089	88	286	12

- Overall, the Internal Control System (ICS) is adequate with the five interrelated control components, namely: control environment, risk assessment, control activities, information and communication, and monitoring are existing and functioning.
- The components are working to establish the foundation for sound internal control within the organization to address and mitigate the significant risks.
- Controls on areas with gaps and deficiencies must be strengthened to provide reasonable assurance that policies, systems, procedures and other aspects of SSS operations, when taken together, facilitate its effectiveness and efficient operation.

B. Recommendations:

1. Identify root causes of incorrect or non-application of controls and implement action plans to address them.

2. Monitoring in various degrees and circumstances to ensure that controls are continuously applied at all levels across the agency. There should be a system in place to accomplish the required monitoring.
3. Institutionalize risk assessment:
 - implement comprehensive risk assessment process,
 - prepare complete Risk Register and develop Risk Control Matrix, and
 - expedite implementation of plans and programs on the roadmap for Governance, Risk and Compliance.
4. Periodic submission of reports on the status of implementation of action plans by the Compliance Officer to the Audit Committee/ Management.

Under Resolution No. 46-A, the Social Security Commission approved the instruction for Management to cause the procurement for third party assessment of the SSS internal controls, subject to determination and compliance of the requirements and procedures provided for under government rules and regulations prior to the commencement and conduct of such undertaking.