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GOALS (MDG's)

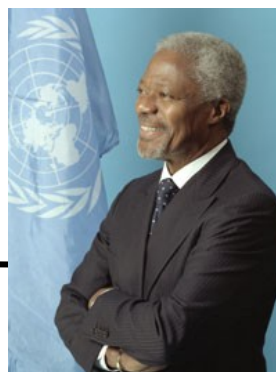
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The PHILIPPINES' MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT GOALS

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*Theme: Building on Economic and Fiscal Reforms
to Achieve Sustainable Growth and Social Progress*
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LEGISLATIVE ACCOMPLISHMENT



✓ SET THE MDGs' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA OF TOP PRIORITY MEASURES

- Twenty Seven (27) identified as Priority Legislative Measures.
- One Hundred Sixty Nine (169) Millennium Development Goals-supportive Bills and Resolutions referred to various *Standing* and *Special Committees*

GOAL 1 ERADICATE EXTREME POVERTY AND HUNGER

-  **Land Conversion Tax**
(HB 1756)
> to impose taxes on converting agricultural land into non-agricultural uses to discourage massive land-use conversion;
:Pending before Committee on Ways & Means
-  **Strengthening Agrarian Reform Credit**
(HB N^os. 247, 279, 417, 447 and 2830)
> to correct decline in agricultural production loans by redirecting Agri-Agra Fund's us to favor small farmers;
:Substitute Bill pending before Committee on Appropriations
-  **Integrated Population and Development Policy**
(HB 1808)
> to integrate population management in national development planning;
*:Pending before the Committee on Populations and Family Relations
[under TWG deliberation]*
-  **Tax Amnesty and Mandatory Filing of Statement of Assets and Liabilities**
(Committee Report 3826 / Substitute Bill 4906)
> to implement a one-time tax amnesty. Also to expand taxpayer database and tighten future tax audit and enforcement;
:Pending before the Committee on Rules
-  **Simplified Net Income Tax System (SNITS)**
(Committee Report/ HB1198)
> to limit deductions for income tax purposes of corporations and self-employed individuals;
:Pending before the Committee on Rules
-  **Promote Breastfeeding in Workplaces**
(HB 3067 / HB Nos. 1150, 4301, 4752, 5314)
> by mandating the establishment of lactation stations in workplaces;
:Pending before the Committees on Basic Education and Social Services
-  **Mandatory Child Nutrition Program**
(HB 1557)
> to be implemented in public elementary schools and day care centers;
:Pending before the Committee on Basic on Education
-  **Modernization of the School Health and Nutrition Program**
(HB 14)
> to devote more funds through additional equipment, school health personnel and training;
:Pending before the Committee on Basic on Education

GOAL 2 ACHIEVE UNIVERSAL PRIMARY EDUCATION

Fair and Equitable Access To Education

(HB 714)

> to allocate funds for school building program according to shortage per legislative district; and

:Pending before the Committee on Basic Education

Strengthening The Educational Service Contracting For Private Basic Education

(HB 5326)

> to help students in the public schools accommodate by private schools through government funds;

:Pending before the Committee on Basic Education

GOAL 3 PROMOTE GENDER EQUALITY & EMPOWER WOMEN

Magna Carta for Women/Gender Equality

(Committee Report 1567 / HB 3766)

> to enhance women's capacity to assert their rights and define their own aspirations in pursuit of development;

:Pending before the Committee on Rules

Gender Balance in Political Participation and Representation

(HB 2502)

> to enhance the equal participation and representation of women in politics and governance;

:Pending before the Committee on Women

Addressing the System of Prostitution and Vagrancy

(HB 2419, etc.)

> to penalize recruiters and patrons of sex workers and provide rehabilitation for prostituted women and children;

:Awaiting the TWG Report / joint with the Committee on Revision of Laws

Redefining Marital Infidelity

(HB Nos. 334, 810, 1017, 2238)

> to constitute adultery and concubinage as one crime to be known as marital infidelity;

:Passed at the Committee Level for consolidation/
joint with the Committee on Revision of Laws

Amendments to the Family Code

(HB 370)

> to resolve disagreements re: administration and enjoyment of the community property of the spouse;

:Passed at the Committee Level/
joint with the Committee on Revision of Laws

GOAL 4,5,6 REDUCE CHILD MORTALITY, IMPROVE MATERNAL HEALTH AND COMBAT HIV/AIDS, MALARIA and other diseases

Barangay Health Workers Act

(HB 2382, 3677)

> to provide incentives to barangay health and nutrition workers;

:Pending before the Committee on Local Government

Regulating HMOs

(HB 42, 1013, 1875)

> to provide incentives to HMOs and encourage the participation of the private sector in making health care available and affordable;

:For Second Reading

Regulating, if not lowering prices of medicines for People Living with AIDS

(HB 3830)

> to provide affordable medicines to benefit the PLWAs and regulate the prices of anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs);

:Awaiting TWG report/ joint with the Committee on Trade & Industry

Review of the AIDS Law (Republic Act 8504),

(HR 653)

to enquire on the status of the implementation of the AIDS Law for possible remedial legislation;

:Conducted nationwide consultations and public hearings in Cebu (Visayas), Davao (Mindanao), Angeles (Luzon)

and will culminate at the HOR for NCR, Regions IV and V

(A related measure, HB 4357 was filed by Rep. Satur Ocampo amending the AIDS Law)

GOAL 7 ENSURE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

National Land Use Policy

(Committee Report / HB Nos. 272, 1478, 2342, 2567, 2978, 3221)

> to provide a comprehensive policy on sustainable use of land;

:Pending before the Committee on Appropriations

Land Administration Reform

(HB Nos 03, 92, 621, 1584, 1930, 1944, 1975, 2120, 2198 2205, 2363, 2365, 2401, 2651, 2779)

> to consolidate land administration powers under a single agency known as the Land Administration Authority;

:Passed on Third Reading/ transmitted to Senate

**Sustainable Forest Management Act**

(Committee Report/HB 983, 1211, 2032, 2568, 3304, 3624, 4491, 4550, 5133 / HR 477)

*> to provide limits and classification of forest lands, their administration and management; reforestation programs and forest protection, etc...;**:Pending before the Committee on Appropriations***GOAL 8 DEVELOP A GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP FOR DEVELOPMENT****Fiscal Responsibility**

(HB 3890)

*> to impose caps on consolidated public sector and national government debt;**:Pending before the Committee on Appropriations***Rationalization of Fiscal Incentives**

(HB 3295)

*> to harmonize BOI, ecozones and Freeport incentives and grant incentives only to priority sectors;**:Passed on Third Reading / transmitted to Senate***Juvenile Justice**

(HB Nos. 95, 514, 1067, 1339,1402, 2121, 3102, 3279, 3583)

*> to provide a just and humane system of treating juvenile offenders;**:Passed on Third Reading / for Bicameral Conference***Savings and Credit Cooperative Regulation**

(Committee Report / Substitute Bill 4602)

*> to strengthen regulatory environment for credit cooperatives;**:Passed on Third Reading / transmitted to Senate***Local Sectoral Representation**

(HB 1354)

*> to ensure that marginalized and vulnerable sectors are involved in local governance;**:Pending before the Committee on Suffrage and Electoral Reform***Equitable Distribution of Internal Revenue Allotment (IRA)**

(HB Nos. 108, 109, 194, 854, 392, 393, 399, 808)

*>to correct the inequity in the distribution of IRA under the Local Government Code.**:Pending before the Committee on Local Government*

In addition, the Committee has adopted...

House Resolution No. 731 by Rep. Mario Aguja

inquiring on the participation of the government national and local government units in crafting agenda and strategies in pursuit of the MDGs and the challenges encountered in meeting those targets.

House Resolution No. 732 by Rep. Mario Aguja

inquiring on the status of budgetary allocation of all government agencies involved in pursuing the MDGs and direct them to incorporate in their annual budget presentations to Congress a budget proposal for MDG-supportive projects .

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Forged collaborative undertakings with local and global partners in achieving the targets of the MDGs**
- **Ensure equitable access to resources to finance MDGs programs and projects:**
 - School-building programs
 - Educational Service contracting for private basic education
 - Nationwide Child Nutrition Program
 - Food Fortification
 - Establishment of lactation stations in workplaces
 - Access to Reproductive Health Services *i.e. contraceptives*
 - Housing Projects
 - Safe Drinking Water
 - Reforestation
- **Push the Debt for Equity in MDG Projects Scheme**