

**Philippines Development Forum
Breakout Session II B:**

**CREATING OPPORTUNITIES FOR
MORE INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Clustered Issues

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A. Enhanced financing for basic education, primary/ public health and social protection

- Real increased funding towards **international benchmarks** (40% share of social programs in the national budget, and GDP shares of 6% for education, 5% for health, and 7.8% for social services)
- Pro-poor orientation through the development and proper implementation of a **national targeting system** which addresses sectoral and geographical disparities
- Efficient spending/ budget execution (timely and transparent allocation, release and utilization of budget)
- Predictable and sustained **medium-term budgeting**
- Multi-stakeholder participation in all stages of the budget process
- Strengthen **public-private sector partnership** for financing and implementing MDG-responsive programs

B. Improved governance and harmonization/ coordination across all sectors and levels of government

- Reduction of corruption through **transparency and accountability** (e.g. budget tracking, procurement reforms, internal audit)
- Clarify delineation of roles and responsibilities in terms of **direction setting, policy formulation, and service delivery** of the different levels (national vs local government; within local government, provincial, municipal, and barangays)
- Commitment of government– both national and local-- and development partners to **common development objectives and strategic frameworks** (e.g. BESRA, FOURmula One, NSS-SWDRP)

B. Improved governance and harmonization/ coordination across all sectors and levels of government

- Harmonization of **planning** instruments and cycles, as well as **targeting** and **monitoring** systems for poverty and MDGs
- Working towards achieving the MDGs through its localization, **tracking of LGU performance** and providing **incentives** to high performing LGUs, especially those in poorer regions. Classification of LGUs according to their capacities, which will provide basis for technical assistance and resource augmentation should be undertaken
- Conduct of **impact assessment** to assess efficacy of pro-poor programs

C. Effective implementation of *social protection**, risk mitigation and comprehensive peace and development strategies

- Support the development of a **comprehensive social protection strategy***
- Encourage government, civil society and donor partners to tie objectives of their social protection programs to the MDGs (i.e., the *Ahon Pamilyang Pilipino* Conditional Cash Transfer Program)
- Review the existing disaster risk management strategies and address shortfalls in its implementation**
- Effective demand-side interventions, harmonized with social sector programs

* *Social welfare, social safety nets, social insurance and labor market interventions*

** *Taken from the Social Protection Sub-Working Group Work Program for 2008*

D. Increased efforts to address the MDGs less likely to be achieved

- Advocacy for more effective **population management**
- Promote **informed choice** for family planning
- Frontloading of information materials and supplies for family planning and responsible parenthood; Provide resources for **critical inputs** (*e.g. school building, teachers, delivery by skilled birth attendants such as midwives and nurses in health centers*)
- Advocate for more consistent implementation of the **Harmonized GAD Guidelines** to ensure mainstreaming of gender issues in all programs

E. Harmonized development programming in Mindanao

- Facilitate **sustainable rural development** and **affirm the peace process** by creating and implementing a comprehensive strategic poverty program for conflict-affected areas like ARMM, based on principles of good governance and anti-corruption
- Donors should work together towards a **common strategic framework and M&E**, and share knowledge on strategies and approaches that work best in conflict setting



Investing in inclusive growth means investing in social programs that improve human capacities



Thank you!