



Philippines Development Forum



Accelerating Reforms and Sustaining MDG Focus:

Report to the PDF Plenary

by the PDF Working Group on
Millennium Development Goals and
Social Progress

Accomplishments

- MDG mainstreaming efforts within government agencies
- Building awareness of local authorities on the concepts and principles of MDGs and localizing the MDGs
- Community-Based Monitoring Systems (CBMS) as a tool to measure baseline and progress at the local level
- Institutionalization of reform policies on education and health
- Prioritization of MDG supportive bills in Congress
- Advocacy of MDGs in core business and social investments

Guiding Principles for 2006 Activities

- Build on 2005 accomplishments
- Focus on MDGs less likely to be achieved (maternal and reproductive health, nutrition, elementary participation and cohort survival)
- Go beyond policy to concrete actions and measurable results
- Accelerate reform with commensurate budgets in social sectors
- Strike a balance between economic growth and equity in social benefits, esp. among the vulnerable
- Establish mutual accountability of working group members



2006 PDF WG Recommendations for Accelerated Implementation of Action to Meet MDGs

- Advocacy
- Financing
- Good Governance
- Quick Wins
- Organizational Structure and
Role of the PDF WGs

Specific Recommendations for Actions for 2006

ADVOCACY

- A stronger national population management policy/legislation and program
- Increased budgetary and ODA support to MDGs and social services

Specific Recommendations for Actions for 2006

FINANCING GAP FOR SOCIAL SERVICES

- Secure a commitment from the Development Budget Coordination Committee to increase the budget for social services using a multi-year framework starting 2007
- Secure additional revenues from fiscal reforms (in addition to sin taxes and RVAT for PhilHealth indigent premiums) and savings from debt servicing to benefit the social sectors
- Support debt-for-MDGs projects
- Engage the active involvement of private sector in social projects

Specific Recommendations for Actions for 2006

GOOD GOVERNANCE

- Adopt a multi-year budgeting framework for the social sectors
- Pursue anti-corruption efforts
- Adopt common monitoring systems on the impact of macro-economic policies and performance; and scale up Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS)
- Strengthen coordination and harmonization of sector-wide approaches and adoption of the Harmonized GAD guidelines
- Address human resource development and management across the social sectors in a concerted manner
- Strengthen partnerships with civil society and other stakeholders

Specific Recommendations for Actions for 2006

QUICK WINS

- Advocate Breastfeeding
- Advocate the immediate implementation of the Milk Code

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND ROLE OF THE WORKING GROUP

- Review and clarify the role and responsibilities of the WG and its members
- Address issues on job creation, social protection, water and sanitation and urban housing
- Ensure accountability for recommendations (Identify lead agency responsible)
- Strengthen linkages and identify areas for interfacing between and among the various PDF Working Groups

PURSUE OTHER SECTOR-SPECIFIC ACTIONS RECOMMENDED IN THE PDF WG REPORT



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Thank you.