



PDF Working Group on  
Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and  
Social Progress

**REPORT TO THE INTERIM**  
**PDF MEETING**  
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# Updates on 2006 Workplan

- 1) Advocacy to address financing gaps for social services
- 2) Good governance
- 3) Action taken on quick wins

# Advocacy to address financing gaps for social services

Through increased budgetary support

- PDF WG Convenors wrote to the **Department of Budget and Management (DBM)** requesting for guidance and support for increased funding
- **DBCC** has also expressed support to the proposed adoption by DepED of a **multi-year budget framework for basic education**.
- DBM has submitted to Congress a proposal to add the amount of P8.5 billion in DepEd's 2006 (re-enacted) budget.
- **DOH has formulated the Health Sector Expenditure Framework** and developed its budget proposal for 2007
- DBM has approved the above ceiling proposal amounting to Php 1 billion for DOH
- Debt for MDGs and costing study for MDGs to identify financing options will be presented in a meeting with economic and financial departments

# Advocacy to address financing gaps for social services

By forging of agreements with development partners for increased financing support

- World Bank provided a US\$ 200 million loan to provide National Program Support for Basic Education (NPSBE) for key elements of the Basic Education Sector Reform Agenda (BESRA)
- Australia has committed to support DepED's efforts to achieve BESRA's thrusts with its increased funding assistance to basic education initiatives over the next five years

# Good Governance

## Sector-wide approach framework to donor coordination

- Fine-tuning the **BESRA Program Implementation Plan** (PIP) to provide a framework for donors to assess potential areas of BESRA that they could support
- The Secretary of Health issued the **Sector Development Approach to Health (SDAH)** to strengthen coordination of development partners
- DepED has internally validated the draft **Sector Monitoring and Evaluation Framework**.
- DOH has developed and is implementing the WHO-supported Health **Human Resource Master Plan** (2006 – 2010) and the DOH Rationalization Plan

# Good Governance

- MDG monitoring at the community level

Expanded coverage of implementation of the Community-based Monitoring System (CBMS) to include 14 provinces, 157 municipalities, 12 cities and 4279 barangays

- MDG reporting

Finalized 17 regional MDG reports and developed a comparative study on the MDG progress across provinces entitled: "Provincial MDG Scorecard"

# Quick Wins

The PDF WG supported the signing of the revised Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Milk Code which promotes infant and young child feeding/breastfeeding.

### III. Workplan Implementation Issues

- 1) Coordination among the other PDF Working Groups
- 2) Ensure continuous follow-up of implementation of the PDF WG workplan

## IV. Next Steps

- 1) Continued support for health and education through multi-year budgets
- 2) Sustained national and LGU support should be active in health and education
- 3) Progressive dialogue in developing a comprehensive Social Protection Reform Agenda
- 4) Achieve greater coordination of action among PDF working groups



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Thank you.