

**Undersecretary ANTONIO A. GALLARDO**  
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Dear **Undersecretary Gallardo**:

The **Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)** strongly supports **Senate Bill No. 1057** entitled: An Act Institutionalizing the Community-Driven Development Approach as a National Strategy for Inclusive Growth and Social protection, Mandating All National Government Agencies and Departments, Including Their Attached Agencies, Offices and Bureaus, Local Government Units, and Other Government Instrumentalities to Implement Their Community-Based Programs, Activities, and Projects, Appropriating Funds Therefor” or the “**Community-Driven Development (CDD) Institutionalization Act**”, introduced by Senator Risa Hontiveros.

The proposed bill is **one of the DSWD’s Priority Legislations for the 18<sup>th</sup> Congress**, which complements the “*Build, Build, Build Program*” of the Government to reduce poverty through massive infrastructure campaign. The bill institutionalizes the CDD approach as a national strategy for community empowerment, inclusive growth and social protection. Thus, encourages effective participation of community members in the planning, budgeting, and implementation of community identified programs, plans, and projects.

Also, it institutionalizes the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi-CIDSS) as a CDD Program of the government for community empowerment that invests in providing capacities and opportunities for community members.

To further enhance the proposed bills, we are recommending the following:

1. On **Sec. 10 – DSWD as Implementing Agency**: To include an additional paragraph, which will read as:

***“TO THIS END, THE DSWD SHALL ENSURE APPROPRIATE STAFFING COMPLEMENT NEEDED FOR THE EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAM AT THE NATIONAL, REGIONAL, PROVINCIAL, AND MUNICIPAL LEVELS”***

2. On **Sec. 12 – Funding and Resource Mobilization**: To include an additional paragraph, which will read as:

***“THE DSWD IS DRECTED TO ALLOCATE FUNDING RESOURCE AMOUNTING TO AT LEAST TWENTY BILLION PESOS (PHP 20,000,000,000.00) FOR THE NATIONWIDE IMPLEMENTATION OF***

***KALAHI-CIDSS AND ENSURE THAT IT IS INCLUDED IN ITS ANNUAL BUDGET.”***

**3. On Sec. 16 – Creation of a CDD Knowledge and Resource Institute:**


- 3.1. Include management/repository of all significant studies on CDD that identify best practices, lessons learned, and strategic approaches relative to the implementation of CDD in the Philippines;
- 3.2. Strengthen the capacity of resource persons, community workers and organizers thru the conduct of trainings, seminars, workshops, among others by tapping organizations that have expertise in CDD and/or community organizing; and
- 3.3. Capacitate also the community leaders and members as future resource persons, to share knowledge and skills based on their own experience.

**4. Other Comments:**

- 4.1. Include Section for Monitoring and Evaluation, to measure the effectiveness of the program, conduct research for interventions, and determine the program works relative to CDD implementation.
- 4.2. Magnify the role of the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) that has the mandate to coordinate poverty reduction programs by national and local governments to ensure that marginalized sectors participate in government decision-making processes.
- 4.3. Include the League of Provinces/Municipalities and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the Inter-Agency Advisory Council.

For the Undersecretary's consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
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