



12 February 2018

REPRESENTATIVE DEOGRACIAS B. RAMOS, JR.
Chairperson
Committee on Rural Development
House of Representatives
Quezon City

Dear Representative Ramos:

The Department of Social Welfare and Development wishes to express its support on House Bill No. 6997 entitled, "An Act Providing for a Rural Development Amelioration Fund", which seeks to allocate funds for development, livelihood program and various financial assistance to every rural barangay.

To contribute to the bill's enhancement, we are also proposing the following:

1. Under Section 5 – Rural Development Amelioration Fund:

- a. Add sub-sections to include planning, implementation and monitoring of the proposed funds.
- b. Specify the roles and responsibilities of existing mechanisms under the local government units (LGUs) such as the General Assembly and Barangay Development Council in the management and disbursement of funds.
- c. Under infrastructure development, consider giving priority to commodity value chains such as farm-to-market roads, bridges, tire tracks and communal irrigation.
- d. The Committee may also delineate proposed funds from the Local Government Support Fund that LGUs are receiving under the General Appropriations Act.

Very truly yours,

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Undersecretary and Officer-in-Charge

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