PHILIPPINES ISSUES AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

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By 2040, the Philippines is a prosperous middle class society where no one is poor.

Per capita income must increase by at least three-fold.
Job Creation
Government regulations create high barriers to entry, smother competition & entrepreneurship

Number of Procedures to Start a New Business
Quality of infrastructure is weak compared to neighbors

Quality of overall infrastructure
(rank out of 140 and score), 2018

- Philippines (92)
- Vietnam (75)
- Indonesia (71)
- Thailand (60)
- Malaysia (32)
- China (29)
- Taiwan, China (22)
- Korea, Rep. (6)
- Japan (5)
- Hong Kong SAR, China (2)
- Singapore (1)
Weak quality of schooling translates into a large learning gap

Human Capital

Expected Years of Schooling

Learning-Adjusted Years of Schooling

Learning gap = 4.4
High rate of malnutrition: Half under age 5 in poor households are stunted
Limited competition
Restrictive labor regulation
Infrastructure gaps
Agriculture, fisheries, and natural resources
Education and skills
Malnutrition and health
Migration
Gender
Climate, environment, and disaster risk
Conflict

Resilience
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Very large potential impact of climate change on growth

![GDP per capita over time graph](image)

- Black line: without climate change
- Red line: with climate change
Implementation is hampered by public administration weaknesses

- Overlapping agency responsibilities
- Dysfunctional public procurement processes
- Limited civil service capacity
- Weak public financial management
- Inconsistent decision-making over time
Some Key Aspects of Our Program
Mindanao Focus

1. Mindanao Trust Fund
   - Community-development assistance
   - Institutional capacity-building
   - Technical assistance

2. Comprehensive Framework for Regional Development in Mindanao
   - Raise Farm Productivity through Agro-Spatial Approach and Product Alliances
   - Improve Domestic Connectivity: Roads from Agricultural Centers in Hinterland to Ports
   - Consolidate Key Ports and Modernize Customs for Economies of Scale
   - Boost Human Development
Customs Modernization Project (Planned)

This project will support the Bureau of Customs to reduce trade costs, improve transparency, and increase revenue collection.

Components will include the modernization of systems, procedures and operational activities in line with accepted international standards for the processing and clearance of imported and exported goods.
Teacher Effectiveness and Competencies Enhancement Project (Planned)

This project will support
1) a change in teacher professional development, moving from mass training to a coaching model,
2) Development and provision of materials for early grade instruction
3) Improved use of data for policy and planning
Metro Manila Flood Management (Ongoing)

This project is reducing flood risks to people and property in flood-prone areas of greater Metro Manila that are served by targeted pumping stations.

Components: (i) rehabilitation and upgrading of existing pumping stations in Metro Manila in targeted areas; (ii) reduction of indiscriminately dumped solid waste into waterways, including community-based programs where feasible, and (iii) supporting an integrated approach to resettlement for affected informal settlers families.
Thank You!