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REGION VIII





Development (DSWD) celebrates its 69th anniversary, the department continues to extend widely its programs and services to ensure that no one is left behind in development.

Hence, the theme for this year's observance "Social Integration: DSWD Major Thrust in line with the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022."

One of the major programs of the department, the Kapit Bisig Laban Sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (Kalahi CIDSS), which uses Community-Driven Development (CDD), helps alleviate poverty by encouraging citizens to take active roles in the community by providing them with power to control over decisions and over resources in their local development process.

The program is attuned with one of the visions of the Philippine Development Plan that growth will be more inclusive as manifested by a lower poverty incidence in rural areas.

Kalahi CIDSS program continues its implementation this year wherein 26 municipalities in Eastern Visayas



This year, as the Department of Social Welfare and The recipient municipalities are as follows; Biliran, Biliran, Kawayan, Biliran, Oras, Eastern Samar, Lawaan, Eastern Samar, Mercedes, Eastern Samar, Giporlos, Eastern Samar, Maydolog, Eastern Samar, San Julian, Eastern Samar, Merida, Levte, Inopacan, Leyte, Gamay, Northern Samar, Rosario, Northern Samar, Mapanas, Northern Samar, Victoria, Northern Samar, Allen, Northern Samar, San Ricardo, Southern Leyte, Padre Burgos, Southern Leyte, San Francisco Southern Leyte, Silago, Southern Leyte, Macrohon Southern Leyte, Saint Bernard, Southern Leyte, Pintuyan, Southern Leyte, Hinundayan, Southern Leyte, San Juan, Southern Leyte, Libagon, Southern Leyte and Pagsanghan, Samar.

> These municipalities are now in the social preparation stage; DSWD field staff are currently conducting barangay assemblies after making courtesy call to the Mayor.

> Highlight of the assembly is an overview of the KALAHI CIDSS.

Paghayo means 'moving forward'; Kalahi CIDSS program conitnues to serve and empower communities even to the farthest barangays.



























In the 17 years of implementation, there have been highs and lows in Kalahi CIDSS. Looking back on those trying times, we can only become the proudest of how we dealt with the challenges. It now only serves as a reminder to us that life does get better, anyway.

We can be optimistic and realistic at the same time. I know that Kalahi CIDSS can get over the challenges that the program is currently experiencing: the budget cut, the staffing and the timeline despite the different modalities to be implemented this year. I want to remind all the staff to find out what really works in the current situation. No matter how hard we try, it is futile to put trust on things that are no longer effective. We document, assess and evaluate. Be strategic, vigilant and resilient.

To all the field staff, keep on cultivating a culture of excellence. Always take inspiration from the communities and their thirst for development; for the first time, their aspirations are realized and their voices are heard. Their resiliency also stood the test of time

Be resilient for the communities. For the pursuit of development



MARIE ANGELA S. GOPALAN

Regional Director



















More than the accomplished sub-projects, empowered individuals, partnered Local Government Units, we also cherish the relationship we have established with Kalahi CIDSS partner NGAs, NGOs, academe and CSOs in the implementation of the program.

2019 has been a period of working closely with the partners such as the collaboration with the Visayas State University for giving technical assistance for Rainforestation technology in Cabucgayan Biliran.

The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) for providing technical assistance to the women in plumbing and masonry in Almeria Biliran and Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR) in awarding the tenurial land system to the Mamanwa cultural community group in the same municipality.

We also gave ourselves the chance to work with the Department of Interior and Local Governance (DILG) to guide us in enhancing Barangay Development Plan using CDD approach.

We also conducted two fora on Partnership and the other, on Knowledge Management to draw support and intensify collaboration with the partners. We are forever in debt for their explicit commitment to the program. They are now the agency's allies in advocating community-driven development.

Abovementioned are just few of the collaborations the Kalahi CIDSS have. These are considered to be good practices in Region VIII which will be surely sustained.

I am proud to say that one of the wonderful skills of Region 8 is tapping and establishing ties with others to continue lifting the communities from poverty.

To end my message, I would also like to note that it is not hard to find support in pushing CDD. We always have the testimonies of our ordinary citizens as living pieces of evidence.



MARCELA B. LIM







"CDD WILL LIVE ON..."

In the 17th year of KALAHI Implementation, we have reaped not alone citations for having advanced and advocated the principles and processes of Community Driven Development, but foremost the precious learnings and insights in engaging with partners. While the task of influencing good governance is undaunting, the promise of close and transparent engagement with communities and LGUs have made things possible.

The asset of LGUs lie with its communities. When tapped, capacitated and placed in the mainstream of development, any Municipal Vision is attainable. It is with this potent belief that we in KALAHI CIDSS NCDDP, honed our skills and advanced our knowledge in empowering communities and facilitating community participation in local planning and budgeting processes. Our partnership with LGUs have forged mutual commitment and alliances in building strong communities.

As your RPC and OIC-DC of the Promotive Services Division, I humbly take off my hat to the commitment and passion you have shown in advancing the cause of DSWD FO8. I can only express my sincerest thanks and admiration for having worked with the best.

And for those who stayed, thank you for your resilience and unquestionable commitment to DSWD FO8.

CDD will live on...











Pagkakaisa: Daan sa kaunlaran

Ang magkakapatid na sina Marina Ecija, 42 taong gulang, Sylvia Ecija, 40 taong gulang at Luz Bulfa, 46 taong gulang ay hindi lang ipinapakita sa loob ng tahanan ang pagmamahal at pagkakaisa kundi pati rin sa kanilang pamayanan. Ang isa't isa ang kanilang karamay kung mayroong mga suliraning hinaharap, kung kaya't kaagapay din nila ang isa't isa sa pagsusumikap na mapabuti ang kanilang barangay.

Ang Brgy. Bobon, Mercedes Eastern Samar ay isang 5th class na munisipyo na kailangan ng tulong ng iba't ibang ahenisya ng gobyerno.

Ang tatlong magkakapatid ay parehong mga boluntir ng Kalahi CIDSS sa nasabing munisipyo at ipinapakita nila na ang pagkakaisa ay may mabubuting naiidulot sa tahanan at pamayanan.



Ang magkakapatid na karamay ang isa't usa sa pagharap ng hamon sa buhat at nagsusumikap na mapabuti ang kanilang

Pagkakaisa ang susi

"Maganda ang proseso ng Kalahi CIDSS na nagtutulungan ang mga tao sa pagbibigay ng solusyon sa mga problema. Hindi lang inaasa sa iisang tao ang pagpaplano at pagdedesisyon.", banggit pa ni Marina Ecija.

Isang hamon sa kanila ay ang pagpili kung ano ang uunahin sa mga natukoy na problema.

Ganito rin nila nalulutas ang problema sa tahanan sa pamamagitan ng palagiang paguusap nilang magkakapatid kung may mga suliranin man sila para ay mas alam nila kung sa anogn paraan nila matutulungan ang isa't isa.

'Mas naiindihan namin ang isa't isa kung kami ay nag-uusap.", sabi ni Marina Ecija.

Parehong pagsasaka at pangingisda ang ikinabubuhay ng magkakapatid. Aminado sila na hindi sapat ang nakukuha nila mula rito lalo na at mga pinapaaral silang mga anak.

Nang dumaan ang bagyong Ursula isang malaking suliranin na kanilang hinarap ang .

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Buong suporta sa programa ng DSWD

pagkasira ng kanilang mallit na sasakyang pandagat at lambat. Ito ay may epekto sa kanilang pang araw araw na kita.

From page 5 Pagkakaisa..)

Gumagaan ang kanilang problema dahil tinutulungan nila ang mas nangangailangan sa kanilang magkakapatid.

Inihalintulad nila ang kanilang pagtutulungan sa layunin ng Kalahi CIDSS na programa na mas pinalakas ang pagkakaisa ng mga tao patungo sa pagbabago.

Ngayong taon, nagkaisa ang mg tao sa pamayanan ng Bobon na pagpapaayos ng kalsada ang kanilang napiling mga proyekto.

Mahirap daanan ng mga tao ay sasakyan ang lubak lubak na kalsada. Sa pagpapaayos ng kalsa makakatulong din ito upang mas mababa na ang pamasahe, mapapadali ang transportasyon ng mga produkto halimbawa ng saging, kamote, niyog at iba pa. Mas maginhawa na rin ang transportasyon sa mga tao roon lalo na sa mga estudyante at matatanda.

Iniisip pa lang ng magkakapatid ang mga sinasakang produkto ng magkakapatid. Mas mapapadali ang transportasyon ng isinasaka nilang produkto at hindi na mahihirap ang kanilang mga anak sa pagpasok sa eskwela lalo na kung tag-ulan.

"Kaya't kahit anong problema pa yan sa tahanan man o pamayanan mas magaan kung nagtutulungan at nagsasama sama. Ito ang ipinapakita sa amin ngayon ng Kalahi CIDSS." sabi ni Slyvia." Ang Department of Social Welfare and Development ay naglalayun na maiangat ang mga pamayanan mula sa kahirapan sa pamamagitan ng iba't ibang serbisyo at programa nito.

Isa ang Kalahi CIDSS sa mga programa ng DSWD na ang puhunan ay ang boses at abilidad ng mga ordinaryong tao para matulungan nila ang kanilang pamilya at pamayanan mula sa kahirapan.

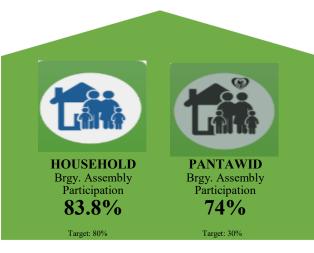
"Positibong pagbabago ang ibinibigay ng DSWD sa amin kung kaya't ibinabalik lang aming magkakapatid ito sa DSWD sa pamamagitan ng pagiging volunteer sa Kalahi CIDSS." Ani ni Marina Ecija

"Wala kaming ibang ninanais kundi ang makatulong rin sa aming barangay, aming pinapakita ang maing pagmamahal sa pamayanan bilang isang boluntir." sabi ni Sylvia.

Dagdag pa ni Luz Ecija, "Ako'y isang Pantawid Pamilya beneficiary at sumusuporta sa mga programa ng DSWD dahil lahat ng kanilang programa ay may hangaring matulungan ang mga tao"

Patuloy pa rin ang serbisyo ng DSWD sa mga pamayanan na higit na mas nangangailangan. Layun nito na maging kaagapay ang mga tao sa pagbabago sa pamamagitan ng pagkakaisa o pagtutulungan.

Ika nga sa isang awitin, ""Walang sinuman ang nabubuhay para sa sarili lamang."















Kalahi CIDSS: **PWD** as Power to Walk for Development

Kalahi CIDSS, using a Community-Driven Devel- My inspiration are the children who manage to opment approach, continues to advocate for the cross the road even when nearly impassable mainstreaming of disability agenda which is inte- due to potholes and muds, the situation begrated within its objectives of community empow- comes orsens during rainy days. You can see erment and processes.

In the municipality of MacArthur, Leyte, there are tend school because of the situation.1." Persons with Disabilities who did not see their impairments as shortcomings to enable them to He also experienced how challenging it is to participate in the development activities.

A little step for change

awan, has impairment in his left leg as a result of labor in order to feel a certain ownership for his motor accident in 1988. At first glance, peo- the sub-project. ple who don't know Bonifacio will consider him as a normal person. But when he walks, you would Forward-looking, he sees himself still serving notice how he strives just to be able to get to his community as a volunteer in Kalahi CIDSS destination. He still works in his ricefield to pro- with other agencies because he sees it as vide for his wife and two stepdaughters. Despite small steps for change for himself and for the his struggles, he finds time to do volunteer work community. in the need of barangay. He believes that every citizen in the barangay has the right and responsibility to participate in the development activities. It does not exclude the impaired persons like him. He says " Kailangan naton nga bumulig hin mga patawag nga asembliya ngan miting kay aton ito katungdaan sa barangay [We need to attend to the calls for assemblies for because it is our responsibility to the barangay]."

He also does not see his impairment and age as an obstacle to be a Community Volunteer of Kalahi CIDSS. Currently, he is a Procurement Implementation Team (PIT) member. He ed, "Maaram ako na mayda ako maibubulig sa mga tawo.

Ginhimo ko nga inspirasyon an mga bata nga natabok ha diri pa upay ngan diri gud naaagihan nga kalsada tungod kay maputik an dalan labi na kun nauran. Makikit-an mo an iba nga bata nga naniniguro na makasulod la ha eskwelehan. Nalalapukan hira tas an iba diri nala nadayon pagsulod sa eskwela [I know that I can do something good for my fellow citizens.

other children persevere just to get to school. But other students were discouraged to at-

cross the once muddy road most especially with his condition. Because of this, he was even more motivated to make their subproject of 282 meters elevated pathwalk, pos-Bonifacio Tiozon, 61 years old of Brgy. Tina sible. He added that he also contributed to

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Bonifacio Tiozon giving his **smile** which reflects his positive outlook in life.



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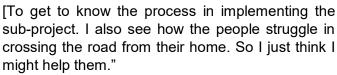


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Volunteerism as a legacy

"Para maaram ako han proeso han mag implement han proyekto. Nakikit-an ko liwat kun papan-o maningkamot an mga tawo nga makatabok tikang ha ira balay. Naisip ko na makabulig ako."



This is the response of Edna Bayag, a 34 year-old with Tourettes syndrome, when asked why shechose to be a volunteer in Kalahi CIDSS?

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She strives to talk despite her difficulties, with her head involuntarily and unceasingly moving. Her condition has started to haunt her when she delivered her first child. She was hyperventilated the time she was delivering her first child. Fortunately, the child was born healthy. But her second child did not make it. And Edna's situation got worsen since then.

Her mother, Lolita Bayag, recounted how Edna, her daughter really wanted to be a community volunteer and how she took pride of it. She said, " Nalilipay ako na makit-an hiya na may ada nabubulig ha iba bisan nga mayda hiya gin aabat."



(I am glad to see her being of service to others despite her physical condition)

Lolita was even once a member of Operation and maintenance in the previous implementation of Kalahi CIDSS in her barangay. For her, she really wanted that the subprojects will be well-maintained so that it will be enjoyed in the next generations.

She added, "Tapos na ako mag-volunteer. Oras naman niya [Edna] nga maging volunteer liwat. Nakikit-an ko nga dako an kalamboan ha iya kalugaringon."

Lolita added that Edna was the one who informed people to attend for the meetings and assemblies at the time Lolita was the volunteer.

Now that Edna is a community volunteer, her mother and husband took care of the Edna's child when she is not around.

Edna is happy to tell that Kalahi CIDSS has taught her a lot of things specifically how to canvass material and take into considerations the lowest and responsive bidder.

Lolita Bayag is hopeful that what she has passed on to Edna as a legacy will be continued the next generations.

Servant leader with cleft palate: The voice of the people

Edwin Bausal, 44 years old, returned to serving the people when he volunteered for Kalahi CIDSS as an Assistant Bookkeeper. He was also once a Person with Disability focal in is barangay. H

e said "Namingaw na ako maghatag serbisyo sa mga tawo ngan mag-volunteer ha amon lugar kaya nalipay ako nga mayda Kalahi CIDSS na poydi ko maging boluntir. [I miss serving the people and volunteering in our locality; that is why I am happy that there is an opportunity to be a community volunteer in Kalahi CIDSS program .]

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Edwin Bausal is motivated to serve his community despite his condition.

Doubts from other people are part of his struggles in taking the leadership, but he persisted to make his voice be heard even if physically impaired with his inborn clipto. He continued to walk for change despite also his orthopedic impairment.

"Bisan an iba nga tawo gin –question nira akon kakayahan waray ko hira pamatia ngan nagpadayun la gihapon ako. [Even if other people question my capabilities, I don't listen to them and with a total fund of Php 4.6M. still continue."]

He added "In return, ginpapamatian ko hira han ira mga suhestiyon ngan ideya para sa kauupay han amon bungto. [In return, I only listen to the suggestions and ideas that are for the betterment of the society.] Today, Edwin became the barangay chairperson in Brgy. Villa Imelda.

tant bookkeeper, he was still helped other volun- barangays. teers in their tasks. Other volunteers depend on his planning and decision making skills. Because Aside from the equipment, the barangays also of the synergy of community and local govern- received training on how to integrate Disaster ment unit, they were able to accomplish sub- Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) in their projects. He is proud how they have accom- respective local development planning. plished biggest Kalahi-funded health station under Kalahi CIDSS LGU-Led implementation in The Disaster Risk-Reduction Managementtheir municipality. Now, the health station is serv- Climate Change Adaptation (DRRM-CCA) efing the 127 households in in the barangay.

He added how he really wanted to continue adopting the Community-Driven Development Thru the equipment and training, the DSWD strategy because of its concept pro-people em- does not only assist the most disadvantaged powerment and participation. Because of Com- communities in the disaster response-related munity-Driven Development, Edwin pledged to operations and rehabilitation and recovery continue being the voice of the people.

Paghayo Page 9 **DSWD** continues to support for resilient communities



The Local Government Unit (LGU) of Tomas Oppus being ready to distriute the disaster equipments to the barangays

FEBRUARY 5- Today marks the mass turn over ceremony of the Purchase Equipment of Community Disaster Risk Reduction in the 29 barangays of Tomas Oppus in Southern Leyte

This project is implemented thru Department of Social Welfare and Development Kalahi CIDSS (DSWD Kalahi CIDSS) and funded by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID).

These equipment include but not limited to the following generator set, pointed shovel, splint, Edwin remembered that when he was an assis- first aid kit are all ready to be distributed to the

forts of DSWD Kalahi-CIDSS contribute to building resilient communities.

phase but also it helps them to be proactive in times of disaster



Pagpupugay

sa mga kababaihan!



Sa pagdiriwang ng 2020 National Women's Month, nakikiisa ang DSWD Kalahi CIDSS program sa pagpupugay sa lahat ng kababaihan na taglay ang kanilang kalidad, lakas at boses tungo sa kaunlaran.

Ang Deparment of Social Welfare and Development sa pamamagitan ng Kalahi CIDSS ay tinitiyak na lahat na mamamayan ay kasali sa mga prosesong pangkaunlaran anuman ang kasarian.













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March is Women's Month celebration









The National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) every March is part of the worldwide observance of the International Women's Day.

The following issuances serve as legal bases for the annual national activity:

- Proclamation No. 224 s. 1988 declaring the first week of March each year as Women's Week and March 8 as Women's Rights and International Peace Day
- Proclamation No. 227 s. 1988 providing for the observance of the Month of March as Women's Role in History Month
- Republic Act (RA) 6949 s. 1990 declaring March 8 of every year as National Women's Day.

Source: Philippine Commission on Women







Thoughts to ponder from women who lead





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- RD Lala



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- DC Babes





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~ ARDO Marcelle











Kalahi CIDSS Municipal Financial Analysts have augmented to give technical assistance to the Sustaunable Livelihood Pro gram Associations (SLPAs) regarding petty cash and community procurement to ensure sustainability of their project last August- September 2019.

They have also interviewed the association members through the monitoring tool of SLP.

This has been part of the convergence initiative of Specialized Programs Division thru the directive of DC Sequito to help each program in giving better service to thousands of households in Region 8.

#DSWDKalingaAtPagmamahal #DSWDMayMalasakit #ThisIs8!







The Kalahi CIDSS program through its Community-Driven Development strategy promotes inclusiveness, broader community participation and accountability in all stages of barangay development process.

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The sub-project called Communitybased Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) - A land tenure instrument was officially turned over to the Mamanwa Tribe of Brgy. Caucab Almeria, Biliran on February 26, 2020.

The said project with a total amount of Php 380,000 has an aim to support the rights of Mamanwa Tribe to access and develop lands and natural resources to sustain their living.

It was implemented thru the DSWD Kalahi CIDSS program and in partnership with the National Commission on Indigenous (NCIP) and Department of Environmental and Natural Resources (DENR).











Mipasalamaton ko para kini nga proyekto nga among nadawat kay

dako ni nga tabang para mas mulambo pa ang panginabuhian han amon tribu.

JAY R CALINAWAN

Mamanwa Tribe Chieftain Kalahi CIDSS Volunteer Sitio Palayan, Brgy. Caucab Almeria, Biliran







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SUB PROJECT TYPES







Pre & Post Harvest Facility



Capability Building/ Training/Feasibility



Riprap Wall Slope Protection/ **Erosion Control**



Community Center/ **Multipurpose Building**



So box culvert/ drainage Road (may include as a component for road)



Disaster Response/ Rescue Equipment/ Tools



2 Sanitary Toilets



Electrification/ Lighting



Seawalls



Flood Control/River Control (including Box Culvert/ Drainage/ Canal intended to reduce or prevent flooding)



Small Scale Irrigation Project



Footpath/Foot Trail/ Access Trail (may include box culvert/ drainage as a component for Footpath



Tree Planting



Health Stations



Solid Waste Management **Facilities**



Water Systems



Other/For classification (sq.m. for buildings, unit for equipment, workers for Cash for works















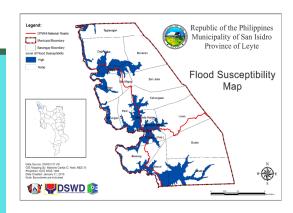


DILG and Kalahi CIDSS coordination in the conduct of MAKILAHOK



USE OF PARTICIPATORY GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM (PGIS) IMAPPING IN THE PARTICIPATORY SITUATION ANALYSIS

The PGIS involves the community in the participatory mapping process



STRONG COLLABORATION WITH STAKEHOLDERS (NGAs, LGUs, ACADEME,



CDD ORIENTATION WITH PARTNER NGAS, CSOS AND ACADEME





KALAHI CIDSS PARTNERS WITH DENR, TESDA FOR IP & WOMEN PROJECTS IN ALMERIA BILIRAN



TESDA PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TRAINING ON MASONRY AND PLUMBING TO WOMEN



PROVIDES TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER ON COMMUNITY BASED FOREST MANAGENENT AGREEMENT TO MAMANWA TRIBE





KALAHI CIDSS PARTNERS WITH THE VISAYAS STATE UNIVERSITY (VSU) FOR THE "RAINFORESTATION" TECHNOLOGY

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KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT FORUM WITH LGUS, ACADEME, NGOS, NGAS AND CSOS





LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT FORUM

































PAGSASABATAS NG CDD SA PILIPINAS



ANO ANG IMINUMUNGKAHI SA PAGSASABATAS NG CDD SA PILIPINAS ?

PAGSASABATAS NG CDD BILANG PAMBANSANG ISTRATEHIYA PARA SA **INKLUSIBONG PAGBABAGO AT PANLIPUNANG PROTEKSIYON**

Maging regular na programa ang Kalahi CIDSS sa DSWD upang mas mapalakas pa ang partisipasyon ng pamayanan

PAGSASABATAS NG CDD BILANG ISANG PROGRAMA NG GOBYERNO PARA SA PAGPAPALAKAS NG BOSES NG MAMAMAYAN

Ang CDD na stratehiya ay ipapatupad sa programa, aktibidad at proyekto ng

PAGLIKHA NG INTER-AGENCY ADVISORY COUNCIL SA PAGSASABATAS NG CDD UPANG **MAKABUO** NG MGA PATAKARAN

Ang konseho na ito ang magbibigay direktiba sa pagsasagawa ng mga palisiya upang ang CDD ay maging kaparte ng pangkalahatang istratehiya ng gobyerno sa pag-angat sa pamayanan mula sa kahirapan. Kabilang na sa direktiba ang pagsagawa ng Knowledge and Research Institute (KRI).