

## COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT FRAMEWORK FOR COVID-19 RESPONSE

### Engagement Framework to Monitor and Guide the Implementation of Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s Countercyclical Support Facility Pandemic Response Option (CPRO) Support in the Philippines

**Objective:** To support effective implementation of the Philippines coronavirus disease (COVID-19) response and recovery plans and channel ADB's support. ADB will provide technical assistance support for the monitoring framework.

**Policy Committee:** The Government of the Philippines (GOP) will form a Policy Committee to guide and monitor the overall implementation of the special policies, plans and programs adopted by the Philippines in addressing the impact of COVID-19. It will comprise senior officials from relevant government departments, invited by the Department of Finance (DOF) to participate in the deliberations. It will be chaired by a senior official from the DOF. It will be co-chaired by ADB Vice President for the region.

**Tasks:** To share information and report on the implementation of the COVID-19 plans and seek inputs for changes or improvements. ADB will share perspectives as inputs to the policy makers. Issues relating to gender equity and the poor and vulnerable people will be considered.

The Policy Committee will consult and seek inputs from relevant stakeholders. For this purpose, it will form ad-hoc technical working groups (TWGs) based on priority issues to discuss (e.g. employment, poor in informal sector, small businesses, etc). The TWGs will be chaired by the relevant government agency depending on the specific priority issue (Department of Social Welfare and Development, Department of Labor and Employment, Department of Trade and Industry, etc). The TWGs will call for feedback and will solicit inputs from relevant stakeholders (private sector, civil society organizations, other government agencies, etc). Three main levels of stakeholders' engagement are envisaged:

- **Private Sector:** The objective is to mobilize private sector support and engagement in shaping the post COVID-19 response measures and their implementation. ADB will share perspectives as inputs to the policy makers. Issues relating to gender equity and the poor and vulnerable people will be considered. The GOP will share updates on implementation of the COVID-19 recovery plans, and the private sector will outline its initiatives and provide feedback and inputs. ADB will share experience and updates from other countries. Formulating fast, transparent, cost-effective, efficient, and innovative ways to procure critical COVID-19 health equipment and facilities will be also discussed.
- **Civil Society Organizations:** The objective is to facilitate partnership and interaction with CSO community. It will also formulate fast, transparent, cost-effective, efficient, and effective ways to serve communities in critical COVID-19 related activities with a focus on gender issues as well as concerns relating to the poor and vulnerable.
- **Big Data Analytics:** The objective is to: (i) offer data and findings of analytics/analysis to policy makers in managing COVID-19 impact; (ii) provide new ideas and innovative solutions for immediate and challenging problems such as identification of poor households; and (iii) provide data and analysis on how the

pandemic evolves, based on micro and macro data. Gender-disaggregated data and information relating to the poor and vulnerable will be collected.

**Frequency:** The Policy Committee will meet at least once on a quarterly basis upon approval by ADB of the CPRO loan. The TWGs will meet as needed depending on the priority issues to be deliberated.

**Reporting:** A summary of the deliberations will be shared by ADB on its website, created for COVID-19 response in Southeast Asia.