



Philippines: Expanded Social Assistance Project

Project Name	Expanded Social Assistance Project
Project Number	52257-001
Country	Philippines
Project Status	Proposed
Project Type / Modality of Assistance	Loan
Source of Funding / Amount	Loan: Expanded Social Assistance Project Ordinary capital resources US\$ 300.00 million
Strategic Agendas	Inclusive economic growth
Drivers of Change	Governance and capacity development
Sector / Subsector	Education - Education sector development - social protection initiatives Health - Mother and child health care Public sector management - Social protection initiatives
Gender Equity and Mainstreaming	Gender equity
Description	The proposed Expanded Social Assistance Project will build on a decade of Asian Development Bank support for social protection in the Philippines. The 2010 Social Protection Support Project helped establish the national poverty targeting system, and supported implementation and evaluation of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino conditional cash transfer (CCT) program. Additional financing approved in 2016 funded a share of the CCT education and health grants for more than four million households nationwide. ADB technical assistance has strengthened capacity and delivered demand-driven policy and advisory support to inform program reforms. While the proposed third phase of support will continue to strengthen the CCT program, it will also help to build a more integrated and efficient social protection system. It will finance transfers and strengthen implementation mechanisms (including payment, financial management, and targeting) for the government's expanded social transfers, including the social pension program. The project will support the Philippine Development Plan 2017-2022 goal of helping individuals and families cope with risks through a universal and transformative social protection system that builds socioeconomic resilience.
Project Rationale and Linkage to Country/Regional Strategy	Poverty and vulnerability persist in the Philippines despite the country's strong economic performance in recent years. While the poverty rate fell from 25.2% in 2012 to 21.6% in 2015, nearly 22 million people continued to live under the poverty line, equivalent to about \$1.20 per person per day at the time. A far greater number 49 million or 48.5% of the population was vulnerable to income poverty in 2015. In response to this challenge, the government of the Philippines has set an ambitious target of reducing poverty to 14% by 2022. It has expanded the scope and coverage of its targeted social assistance for families with children and for the elderly. In 2018, it introduced a new 3-year unconditional cash transfer (UCT) for 10 million households, to mitigate the effects of anticipated inflation as a result of the recent tax reforms.
Impact	A universal and transformative social protection system that builds socioeconomic resilience
Outcome	Poverty and vulnerability to shocks reduced for the poorest 40% of men and women
Outputs	Timely social transfers delivered Payment and financial management systems strengthened Poverty targeting and program monitoring enhanced
Geographical Location	Nation-wide

Safeguard Categories

Environment	C
Involuntary Resettlement	C
Indigenous Peoples	B

Summary of Environmental and Social Aspects

Environmental Aspects

Involuntary Resettlement

Indigenous Peoples

Stakeholder Communication, Participation, and Consultation

During Project Design

During Project Implementation

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