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Honorable Rolando Joselito Bautista
Secretary
Department of Social Welfare and Development
Batasan Pambansa Complex, Constitution Hills
Quezon City

Dear Secretary Bautista:

*PHILIPPINES: KALAHI-CIDSS National Community – Driven Development Project
(LN8335-PH) - Ninth Implementation Support Mission
February 4 – 22, 2019*

We would like to confirm the scheduled Ninth Implementation Support Mission for the National Community-Driven Development Project scheduled from February 4 to February 22, 2019. The Mission will provide an opportunity for the Government of the Philippines and the World Bank to jointly review the progress made in achieving the Project's development objective as well as the preparations for the proposed extension of the closing date of the IBRD loan.

Specific objectives of the mission are as follows:

- a) Review the progress in implementing each project component and achieving key program target;
- b) Discuss the status of the agreements reached during the Eight Implementation Support Mission;
- c) Determine the progress or status of sub-projects which were transferred from ADB to World Bank financing;
- d) Consolidate lessons in implementation so far with focus on managing transition of the community-driven development approach from DSWD to local government units; and
- e) Firm up the plans for processing the request for extension of the project closing date as well as the implications of the upcoming elections to community-level operations.

The World Bank mission team will be led by Pia Peeters (Senior Social Development Specialist and Task Team Leader) and Maria Loreto Padua (Senior Social Development Specialist and co-Task Team Leader). They will be joined by Rene Manuel (Senior Procurement Specialist); Maria Liennefer Rey Penaroyo (Financial Management Specialist); Marivi Amor Ladia (Social Safeguards Specialist); Marcelo Jorge Fabre

Specialist); Marivi Amor Ladia (Social Safeguards Specialist); Marcelo Jorge Fabre (Senior Social Development Specialist); Maurice Andres Rawlins (Environmental Safeguards Specialist); Corinne Canlas (Social Development Specialist); and Mildren Penales (Program Assistant).

The provisional schedule of activities for the technical mission is attached for your consideration. Our team will get in touch with your office regarding the details.

Sincerely,



Enclosure: as stated.

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KALAHI CIDSS – NATIONAL COMMUNITY DRIVEN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
9th Implementation Support Mission
Program of Activities (A/O 01-24-19)

Date and Time	Activity	Remarks
Feb 4-7 Monday to Thursday	Field visit to Region 6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting with ACT/MCT Site inspections of SPs FGD with BSPMC Meeting with RPMO Review of financial, procurement and safeguards documents 	Focus on municipalities with SPs originally financed by ADB and turned over for WB financing; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sample of both uncompleted and not-started; Some areas with IP
Feb 12-15 (Tues to Fri)	Field visit to Caraga <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short dialogue with MIAC Meeting with ACT FGD with community leaders and SP visit Dialogue with selected RIAC and LGU re plans for institutionalizing CDD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preferably Dinagat Island or isolated municipality 2 municipalities and 2 barangays in each; Variation of SPs
February 18 (Monday)	Kick-off Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives and mechanics of the mission Updates on NCDDP Status of Implementation, including results framework 	NSC to be invited
	Technical Discussions: Component 1: Community grants <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of implementation, including relevant KPIs Status/results of O & M enhancements Status of ADB SPs turned over for WB funding Component 2: CBIS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of implementation, including relevant KPIs Status of Makilahok Training, Makamasang Tugon and convergence with other programs Status/results of Makilahok training Component 3: Project Administration, M & E <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status of implementation, including relevant KPIs Status of Anti-Corruption Action Plan Status ongoing and planned studies, surveys, etc. 	Updates on agreements reached during previous mission/s will be discussed in relevant components
February 19 (Tuesday) Morning 9 a.m. to 12 nn	Discussion of request for extension of closing date	Please ensure participation of DOF, DBM, NEDA and DSWD Management
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parallel sessions on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Financial management Procurement Safeguards 	
February 20 (Wednesday) 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 nn	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussions on potential Additional Financing 	
February 21 (Thursday)	Preparation for wrap-up	
February 22 (Friday) Time and venue: TBD	Wrap up with NSC	With National Steering Committee