

Pass the Poverty Reduction Through Social Entrepreneurship (PRESENT) Bill NOW!

A Petition for the Government of the Republic of the Philippines



We call on the Philippine government to pass the Poverty Reduction through Social Entrepreneurship (PRESENT) Bill to allow the poor and marginalized to participate in economic activities on which they depend on for life and sustenance.

Government's call on poverty reduction and inclusive growth has been strong in the recent years. But amidst the economic growth, poverty and inequality continue to exist and are even more felt by the poor. In 2012, government statistics numbered Filipino poor at 4.2 million. It was also in 2012 that the income of top 20% families is 8 times bigger than the total income of the bottom 20% families, according to the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB).

Poverty and inequality in the country has one seething message - the number of poor remains unchanged for the last decades despite economic growth and that the rich substantially benefit from this growth more than others.

It is in this tone that we encourage the government to look at a new way of solving poverty and give due benefits that will spur the growth of social enterprises or mission driven organizations that engages the poor as workers, suppliers or as owners of the enterprise whose primary mission is to reduce poverty in the country.

While this bill is about social enterprises, this is also about development and how our country should manage the entire development process. The bill provides directions on how the poor must be engaged in an empowering process, how resources should be used for current and future generations, and the need for social and environmental values to be incentivized over than the old ways of just looking at economic growth that has put poverty levels in unchanged rates and our environment in fragility. By signing this petition, you express your support to the passage of the bill in both houses of the government.

Let your voice be heard! Support the PRESENT Bill NOW!

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