



Republic of the Philippines
PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
 TANDAG CITY



Provincial Governor's Office

March 24, 2026

THE HONORABLE MEMBERS
 Office of the Provincial Council
 This Province

Thru: **HON. MANUEL O. ALAMEDA, SR.**
 Vice Governor & Presiding Officer

Sir:

Greetings!

May we request for a passage of a Sangguniang Panlalawigan Resolution authorizing the Provincial Governor to enter into by and among and sign a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the Department of Social Welfare and Development, for the Panahon ng PAGKILOS: Philippine Community Resilience Project (PCRP).

Attached are copies of the proposed MOA for your perusal.

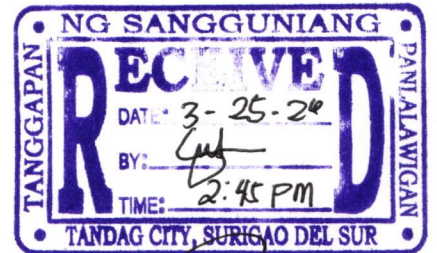
We are hoping for your favourable action on the matter.

Truly yours,

JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
 Provincial Governor

By the Authority of Governor:

MARJORIE V. PAGARAN
 ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR



PROVINCE OF SURIGAO DEL SUR
 Office of the Secretary to the Sangguniang Panlalawigan

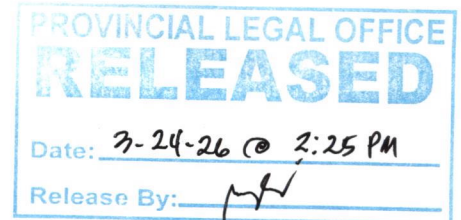
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2nd Indorsement
March 23, 2026



Respectfully returned to **HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL**, Governor of this province, is the herein 1st Indorsement dated March 10, 2026, pertaining to the draft **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** between the **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD)** and the **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT**.

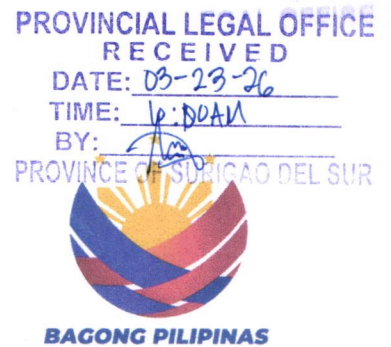
After a thorough review, the undersigned finds the said MOA to be valid in both form and substance. The agreement pertains to the implementation of **Republic Act 11291**, otherwise known as the **Magna Carta for the Poor**, within the Province of Surigao del Sur. Accordingly, the Honorable Governor may proceed with the signing of the agreement subject to the condition that the requisite authority is first obtained from the Sangguniang Panlalawigan.


ATTY. LIMUEL L. AUZA
Provincial Legal Officer



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Office of the Governor



SUBJECT: LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 24, 2026 REGARDING A DRAFT OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT FOR THE PANAHON NG PAGKILOS: PHILIPPINE COMMUNITY RESILIENCE PROJECT (PCRP) PROJECT OF DSWD - KALAHI CIDSS

1st Indorsement

March 23, 2026

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Respectfully indorsed to **Atty. Limuel L. Auza, Provincial Legal Officer**, the herein basic communication and draft of MOA from Mari-Flor A. Dollaga-Libang, Regional Director, Department of Social Welfare and Development, for your review, comments and recommendation.

JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL

Provincial Governor

By the Authority of Governor:

MARJORIE V. PAGARAN
ASSISTANT PROVINCIAL ADMINISTRATOR

24 February 2026

HON. JOHNNY T. PIMENTEL
Governor
Surigao del Sur

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Dear **Hon. Pimentel**,

Greetings of Peace and Solidarity!

This is to formally inform your good office that the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office Caraga is now implementing a follow-through project under the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan - Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) Program, the **Panahon ng PAGKILOS: Philippine Community Resilience Project (PCRP)**. The project was officially launched in the region on 18 December 2025 with thirty one (31) LGUs covered for Batch 1 implementation, while the Batch 2 will commence in the last quarter in 2026 with sixteen (16) LGUs, a total of forty seven (47) LGUs across the five provinces.

The KALAHI-CIDSS Regional Program Management Office (RPMO) remains committed to ensuring that all projects implemented under the program are aligned with regional development priorities. In this regard, we respectfully invite the Provincial Government of **Surigao del Sur** to participate in the upcoming **Provincial Forum for PCRP Engagement and Launching**, tentatively scheduled on **10 April 2026 at Tandag City, Surigao del Sur**, to understand the context and the PCRP implementation mechanisms.

The forum will provide a comprehensive presentation of the project's implementation framework, and cover key components including rationale, objectives, targeting criteria, and funding mechanisms.

Further, the program will culminate in the **forging of the Memorandum of Agreement**, formalizing the roles, commitments, and collaborative arrangements between DSWD and the Provincial Government of Surigao del Sur for PCRP implementation. Please see the MOA template below, for your reference.

PLGU Draft MOA	https://bit.ly/4b90fDF
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The RPMO shall coordinate with your office prior to the activity to provide further details. *The formal invitation, together with the activity program, will be issued through a separate communication.*

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We look forward to your dedicated leadership in upholding community-driven initiatives. For further clarifications or concerns, you may liaise with our Deputy Regional Program Manager, Ms. Ester V. Villamor, at ester.villamorgold50@gmail.com or through the contact number provided.

Sincerely yours,


MARI-FLOR A. DQLLAGA-LIBANG
Regional Director

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

This Memorandum of Agreement and herein referred to as "MOA" is made and entered into by and between:

The **DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD)**, a national government agency duly recognized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines,, with office address at DSWD Central Office, Constitution Hills, Batasan Complex, Quezon City, Philippines 1126, through **DSWD FIELD OFFICE (FO)** _____ is represented by the Regional Director _____ with office address at _____ and hereinafter referred to as "**DSWD**";

– and –

The **PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF** _____, a political subdivision of the Republic of the Philippines duly recognized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the Republic of the Philippines represented herein by its Local Chief Executive Hon. _____ with principal address at _____ hereinafter referred to as the "**PLGU**".

Collectively, referred to as the "**Parties**".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the Republic Act (R.A.) No. 11291, otherwise known as "*Magna Carta for the Poor*" provides that it is the declared policy of the State to uplift the standard of living and quality of life of the poor. This can be achieved through full access to government services; interventions to address the genuine concerns of the poor; and enhancement and promotion of capabilities and competencies of the basic sectors, for the effective delivery and implementation of a wide range of anti-poverty programs and basic services through government strategies and collaboration with development partners;

WHEREAS, the **DSWD** is the primary government agency mandated to develop, administer, and implement comprehensive social welfare and protection programs, and poverty-reduction solutions designed to uplift the living conditions and empower the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged children, youth, women, older persons, persons with disabilities, families or persons in crisis or at-risk, and communities needing assistance.

WHEREAS the Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS), is one of the anti-poverty programs of the DSWD that works through a localized and participatory process in marginalized and vulnerable communities;

WHEREAS Sec. 16 of R.A. No. 7160 otherwise known as the Local Government Code provides for the General Welfare Clause grants Local Government Units (LGUs) broad powers to promote the general welfare of their constituents. This clause allows LGUs to exercise powers not only explicitly granted but also those implied, as well as any necessary, appropriate, or incidental powers for efficient governance. It essentially provides LGUs with a wide range of authority to address local issues and improve the quality of life for their residents;

WHEREAS Sec. 468(a)(1)(iv) of R.A. No. 7160 empowers the Sangguniang Panlalawigan to Adopt measures to protect the inhabitants of the province from harmful effects of man-made or natural disasters and calamities, and to provide relief services and assistance for victims during and in the aftermath of said disasters and calamities and their return to productive livelihood following said events;

WHEREAS the Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the PLGU promulgated Resolution No. _ s. 2025 authorizing the Local Chief Executive to enter into a MOA with the DSWD;

WHEREAS the Government of the Philippines and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (World Bank) executed a Loan Agreement for the implementation of the Panahon ng Pagkilos: Philippine Community Resilience Program (PCRP).

WHEREAS Schedule 2, Section I.A.1.c. of Loan No. _____ and the POM mandates the execution of a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”) with each PCRP target Municipality, setting out, among others, the agreed institutional arrangement, the roles and responsibilities of the DSWD and the target Municipality, and the coordination between the two agencies for the implementation of Project activities in the jurisdiction of each target Municipality.

WHEREAS the DSWD will serve as the lead implementing agency under the overall management of the Secretary through the Kapit Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI-CIDSS) for project management, implementation, and monitoring and evaluation, responsible for providing strategic policy direction and fostering effective inter-agency partnerships;

NOW THEREFORE, for and in consideration of the foregoing premises, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
SCOPE/PURPOSE/OBJECTIVE

Section 1.1. Scope. — This MOA covers the implementation of the Panahon ng Pagkilos: Philippine Community Resilience Project in the Province of _____.

Section 1.2. Purpose. — The Parties agree to implement the PCRP including all four (4) of its Components including Sub Components in eligible and qualified communities within the jurisdiction of the PLGU and in accordance with the PCRP Program Operations Manual and DSWD rules and regulations.

Section 1.3. Objectives. — The DSWD and the PLGU agree to engage in a partnership with the following objectives:

- a. Contribute, through the implementation of the PCRP, to the Philippine Development Plan’s goal of achieving economic and social transformation for a prosperous, inclusive and resilient society;
- b. Strengthen community capacities for participatory resilience planning and deliver resilience investments in vulnerable areas;
- c. Develop and complete community-led resilience plans that are integrated with LGU’s comprehensive development plan;
- d. Increase population in target areas benefiting from resilience investments.

ARTICLE II
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PCRP

Section 2.1. Municipal Grant Allocation. — The Municipalities targeted for PCRP implementation within the PLGU’s jurisdiction is allocated the following grants over the course of _____ :

INCOME CLASS	PCRP GRANT (3 YEARS)	MINIMUM LOCAL COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTION (LCC)
1st to 3rd class Municipality	PhP 50,000,000.00	PhP 10,000,000.00
4th to 6th class Municipality	PhP 70,000,000.00	PhP 14,000,000.00

Section 2.3. DSWD-MLGU Memorandum of Agreement. — A **MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT** between the DSWD and the MLGU within the jurisdiction of the PLGU shall be executed to implement the PCRP, the provision of LCCs and adherence to the CDD process;

Section 2.4. Periodic Review. — Programs, projects, and activities covered by specific SIAs under this agreement shall be subject to periodic reviews by all parties, focusing on (i) contributions of the PPAs to the achievement of the objective of poverty reduction; (ii) lessons and innovations in implementation, and; (iii) recommendations to enhance succeeding implementation.

ARTICLE III LOCAL COUNTERPART CONTRIBUTIONS

Section 3.1. Local Counterpart Contributions. — The PLGU and the MLGU agree to contribute Local Counterpart Contributions (LCC), covering cash and in-kind counterparts for the implementation of community projects under the Community Grants for Resilience Investment Sub Component of the PCRPP, for capacity building and implementation support;

Section 3.2. Rate of LCC. — The PLGU, at its discretion, may contribute as Local Counterpart Contribution in cash or in kind to the sub-project endorsed by the community in accordance with the CDD process as approved by the Municipal Technical Desk Review and the DSWD, which shall be included in the 20% threshold for LCC contribution;

ARTICLE IV ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARTIES

Section 4.1. Common Responsibilities. — The Parties shall:

- a. **Compliance with Program Guidelines.** Implement the PCRPP in accordance with the Program's various manuals, policy issuances, and directives;
- b. **Designation of Focals.** Designate personnel to act as liaison and focals for efficient and timely communication between the Parties.
- c. **Principles of PCRPP.** Carry out the PCRPP Sub-Project with due diligence and efficiency in accordance with sound technical, managerial, social and environmental standards and practices, and maintain adequate records;
- d. **Preferential Targeting of Disadvantaged Sectors.** Provide preferential attention to the participation of women, and other highly vulnerable groups (i.e. the poorest, Indigenous People (IP), youth, the elderly, and others) in the implementation of the Program;
- e. **Community Participation.** Promote and support the active engagement of citizens and their organizations in the design, planning, and implementation of Program, Activity and Project (PAPs) on poverty reduction, and in the implementation of the PCRPP in the municipality;
- f. **Gender and Development.** Implement MLGU and BLGU Gender and Development (GAD) plans and the prioritization of GAD-funded projects to participatory review and assessment of gender responsiveness, and to possible enhancement; and

Section 4.2. Roles of the DSWD. — The DSWD through the KALAHI-CIDSS shall:

- a. **Program Lead.** — Lead the implementation of the program, manage external relations and coordinate and collaborate with the LGUs on the planning, development, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the PCRPP in a participatory and transparent manner;
- b. **Provision of Support.** — Provide technical and administrative assistance to the Municipalities targeted for PCRPP implementation within the PLGU's jurisdiction in evaluating risks, vulnerabilities and capacities of the community, such as but not limited to:
 - a. Provision of technical assistance in the development of community driven projects from directly identified risks and vulnerabilities;
 - b. Provision of technical assistance to the community in the implementation of the Sub-Project including resource mobilization, procurement and project execution.
- c. **Capacity Building.** — Develop and undertake capability building activities to strengthen capacity and resilience of the communities and the LGUs;

- d. **Provision of Grants.** — Provision of community resilience grants to qualified target communities within the Municipalities targeted for PCRP implementation within the PLGU's jurisdiction.
- e. **Program Monitoring.** — Undertake monitoring activities and prepare regular reports on the status of the Project;
- f. **Others.** — To perform other actions as may be needed in the course of the implementation of the PCRP.

Section 4.3. Roles of the PLGU. — The PLGU shall:

- a. **Program Compliance.** Comply with the provisions of the PCRP Loan Agreement, Program Operations Manual including its Sub-Manuals and other DSWD directives, issuances and regulations in relation to the implementation of the PCRP.
- b. **Program Coordination.** Coordinate and collaborate with the DSWD through the Provincial Development Council (PDC) to provide technical assistance to the MLGU in the development of risk-based resilience plans to sharpen broader perspective on resource-based local adaptation;
- c. **Provision of Support.** Provide technical and administrative assistance to the MLGUs targeted for PCRP implementation within the PLGU's jurisdiction in evaluating risks, vulnerabilities and capacities of the community, such as but not limited to:
 - a. Provide technical assistance and guidance during the Municipal Resilience Planning Workshop, particularly in the assessment of risks and vulnerabilities, and the formulation of the Municipal Resilience Plan aligned with vertically integrated planning frameworks;
 - b. Provide targeted technical and institutional support to strengthen the capacities of municipal and community stakeholders in resilience-building, project development, and implementation, in alignment with the principles of inclusive and community-driven governance;
 - c. Provide and conduct technical review of complex community sub-projects;
 - d. Provision of other strategic advice on local operations as may be relevant/appropriate to the provincial situation;
- d. **Provision of Grants.** Provide, at its discretion, Local Counterpart Contributions, whether in cash or in kind. Support the implementation of resilience-building interventions by complementing resources—through funding, technical expertise, or in-kind contributions—to ensure the effective delivery of community-prioritized programs, projects, and activities;
- e. **Documentary Facilitation.** Assist communities and municipalities in securing required permits and clearances by coordinating with relevant Provincial Government Offices, ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements necessary for sub-project implementation;
- f. **Program Monitoring.** Participate in the joint strategic monitoring of sub-projects with the DSWD to assess functionality, ensure sustainability, and provide necessary technical support to address implementation gaps; and
- g. **Integration to Provincial Development Plan.** Identify proposed community interventions that were not prioritized during the municipal resource allocation process and include the same in the consolidated wish list of projects for presentation during the Sectoral Planning of the Provincial Development Council, for possible funding consideration and other assistance that may help the communities address the identified needs and gaps.
- h. **Others.** To perform other actions as may be needed in the course of the implementation of the PCRP.

**ARTICLE IV
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS**

Section 5.6. Liabilities. — Each Party shall be responsible for any liability arising from its own negligence or fraudulent acts or omissions or willful misconduct, without impleading the other parties to this MOA. However, the Parties shall jointly work to address any third-party claims.

Section 5.7. Period of Effectivity. — This MOA shall take effect upon signing hereof by the Parties and shall remain valid and effective for five (5) years, unless otherwise extended or revoked earlier by both Parties.

Section 5.8. Suspension & Termination. — In case of violation of any of the terms of this MOA, or failure to remedy such violation within ten (10) days from receipt of notice thereof, the Parties may suspend or terminate this MOA in whole or in part immediately by serving a written notice specifically indicating the cause for termination.

Section 5.9. Amendments and Modifications. — This MOA may be amended, modified or supplemented by the Parties when necessary for effective implementation and enforcement of the Partnership Agreement.

Section 5.10. Recordkeeping. — The DSWD will retain all records, including financial documents related to or arising from the implementation of the MOA during the execution of the PCRP and thereafter for a period of not less than ten (10) years from the termination or the expiration of the MOA.

Section 5.11. Change in Management. — Any change in the composition of the Management of both parties during the effectivity of this Partnership Agreement shall not in any way suspend or terminate the herein provisions unless for cause and upon mutual consent in writing of both parties.

Section 5.12. Confidentiality and Data Privacy. The Parties agree that the provisions of Republic Act No. 19173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 shall be integrated into this Partnership Agreement and upheld, and the same principles of transparency, legitimate purpose, and proportionality shall govern the implementation of this Partnership Agreement. No data or information arising from this Partnership Agreement shall be disclosed to any third and/or private entity except the government for the purpose of regulation.

Section 5.13. Intellectual Property Rights. Any intellectual creation or property resulting from the implementation of this Partnership Agreement shall be subject to and protected according to the Intellectual Property Code of the Philippines and its implementing rules and regulations.

Section 5.13. Separability Clause. — In the event that one or more provisions contained herein shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect and for any reason by a declaration of a competent court or authority, the remaining provisions of the Partnership Agreement shall remain valid, legal and enforceable and binding between the parties, their successors, and assignees.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the parties hereunto affix their signature on this Agreement on the ____ day of ____ 2026 in the _____

**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL WELFARE AND
DEVELOPMENT**

**PROVINCIAL LOCAL GOVERNMENT
UNIT OF _____**

By:

By:

BENCHIE B. GONZALES
Officer-in-Charge

Provincial Governor

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

SHEILA S. TAPIA

Assistant Regional Director for Operations

Provincial Planning and Development
Officer / Provincial Social Welfare
Development Officer

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Republic of the Philippines }
_____ } S.S.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO before me on the _____, day of _____, 2026, the following personally appeared before me and exhibited to me competent proofs of their identities:

NAME	IDENTIFICATION CARD	VALID UNTIL
BENCHIE B. GONZALES	DSWD ID 19-0019	

both known to me and to me known to be the same persons who executed the foregoing instruments consisting of _____ pages, including this page where the acknowledgment appears, signed by the parties and their instrumental witnesses on this page and on the left hand margin of each and every page thereof and they acknowledge to me that the same is their free and voluntary act and deed as well as the corporations they represent.

WITNESS MY HAND AND SEAL, on the date and place above-written.

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