

DSWD partners with Multi-Sector Governance Council to achieve strategic initiatives

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) expressed its gratitude to the members of the Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) for its partnership in helping the Department achieve its strategic initiatives.

The MSGC is a body, comprising of external stakeholders from different sectors (advisers and partners), which monitors the performance of the Department as it works towards fulfilling its governance pathway for better public service. The MSGC also assists the Department in effectively utilizing its resources and create networks to keep its goals and objectives moving forward.

Chaired by Dr. Celia M. Reyes, President of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS), the MSGC is composed of ten representatives from government agencies, the academe, and non-government organizations. As part the Council's commitment, the MSGC assisted DSWD in paving the way for the transition of devolving certain programs to the local government units to make it more responsive to the needs of the Filipinos at the community level.

The MSGC is also assisting in the design of social technology projects, especially for children needing social protection. The Council is significant in the DSWD's formulation of projects. The DSWD aimed at better addressing the issues of the children's sector which recorded an increased vulnerability to abuse due to the stress caused by the pandemic.

In a recent council meeting with the MSGC, DSWD Secretary Rolando Joselito D. Bautista, in his message, said,

“considering the evolving social welfare and development needs of our people, the Department seeks to constantly develop and re-engineer its present mechanisms for its target clientele. As the Department further enhances its capacities and ensures the alignment of efforts with its mandate, the performance governance system or PGS provided a platform which paved the way for the achievement of breakthrough results towards the attainment of the Department’s vision.”

The Secretary expressed the Department’s gratitude to the MSGC members for “sharing your expertise in helping the Department execute its strategy” in providing better public service.

Secretary Bautista added, “We hope that you continue to be our champions and partners in this shared goal of instituting development and uplifting the lives of the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, and disadvantaged Filipinos.”

With the DSWD and MSGC partnership, the experience in public service, the insights, and the expertise from decades of public service are brought together and made into strategies which would thrust the Department towards its vision of more efficient and relevant service delivery. ###