

Country Partnership Framework Consultations with Stakeholders

The World Bank Group (WBG) conducted two phases of consultation on the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) to gather feedback for the engagement plan of the Philippines. A wide range of stakeholders including government officials in both central and local level, private sector, different civil society organizations, think tanks, academe, and youth were represented. Phase One was a series of large-group consultations and focused group meetings with locals in conflict affected and disaster-prone areas across the country, while Phase Two was a set of detailed meetings with the central government; developmental partners; the private sector; and a digital campaign designed to reach a broad cross-section of the public.

The WBG covered several consultations: (i) regional consultations which were held in Metro Manila, Cebu, Davao, Naga and Cotabato; (ii) a university roadshow for the youth which was held in Metro Manila, Laguna and Palawan; (iii) meetings with the government line agencies; (iv) meetings with the business sector; and (v) a social media campaign.

I. Phase One

a. Regional Consultation

With strong support from select members of the Knowledge for Development Community (KDC), the WBG held an open forum and focused group discussions in Cebu, Davao, and Naga. The regional consultations were attended by officials from the local government; civil society organizations in agri-entrepreneur, environment, and migrant workers; private sector; victims of natural disaster; academe; and youth leaders. The consultation began with a public forum where all invited stakeholders listened to presentations of either the Systematic Country Diagnostic (SCD) or the Philippine Economic Update (PEU), followed by a brief description of the CPF, and focused group discussions which were facilitated by a WBG staff member.

There were also bilateral meetings held in Metro Manila with specific groups doing work on innovation, digital transformation, urbanization and conflict.

• Key Highlights

- Filipino values, natural resources, and the Filipino people both in the country and abroad are the key strengths and assets in the Philippines.
- Continuity of policies and programs across administrations, low public awareness of government programs, corruption/politicization of government services, and climate change risks are some of the main challenges raised during the consultation.
- Participants across all consulting regions agree that investments in the education system are needed to properly equip young Filipinos with the skills to make them employable for a fast-changing society.
- Infrastructure and education are top priorities of BARMM to deliver to the public, in view of the high expectation and enormous responsibility bestowed to them.

- **Regional Consultation photos and schedule**



	CPF Consultation in Cebu	CPF Consultation in Davao	CPF Consultation in Naga	CPF Consultation in Cotabato
Number of participants	66 participants	91 participants	81 participants	9 participants
Date/time	9:00AM – 12:00NN 30 May 2019	9:00AM – 12:00NN 7 June 2019	12:00NN – 3:30PM 13 June 2019	10:00AM–11:00AM and 2:00PM – 4:00PM 24 May 2019
Venue	Fr. Rigney Hall, University of San Carlos – Talamban Campus, Cebu City	Social Hall, University of Southeastern Philippines, Davao City	Fr. Godofredo Alingal, SJ Convention Hall, Ateneo de Naga University, Naga City	BARMM Office
Sectors	Academe (including students) – 30; Government representative – 6; Business sector – 5; Civil Society Organization – 25	Academe (including students) – 82 Government representatives – 3 Business sector – 6	Academe – 35; LGU/BLGU –19; Civil Society Organization – 19; Youth leaders – 8	

b. University Roadshow

The World Bank Group (WBG) conducted a university roadshow called #KayaYanBayan Feedback Wall using five themed postcards namely: Human Capital, Progress, Inequality, Resilience and Peace to gather views from a broad spectrum of college-aged students on what they think should be the priorities for the country in the next five years. In these engagements with five Universities, students were encouraged to pick one among the five postcards which they consider the top priority, and write their views, opinions, comments,

and recommendations for the issue. They then stick their postcards on the feedback wall and post them in social media using the official hashtag: #KayaYanBayan.

- **Key Highlights**

- Total of one thousand one hundred thirty-four (1,134) postcards were filled out by students from the five participating universities. Students across four participating universities placed PROGRESS as the number one priority the Philippines should focus. PEACE is the second most-selected postcard. Almost equal to peace, many students also chose INEQUALITY as a priority theme; followed by HUMAN CAPITAL and RESILIENCE.
- Participants of the #KayaYanBayan Feedback wall also spoke about social, justice, and governance issues in a manner that calls for specific action. They mentioned things like gender equality; ending contractualization; and good governance as ways to address developmental issues in the country.
- Among the five themed postcards, character-related issues such as discipline, love and respect, and unity are the top values that students think Filipinos should continue to value to achieve development.

- **#KayaYanBayan Feedback wall University Roadshow Photos and Schedule**

	University of Makati	Far Eastern University	University of the Philippines Los Baños	Palawan State University	Ateneo de Manila University
Partner Student Organization	Samahang Pugadlawin under College of Education and Arts and Letters, in coordination with the Office of Student Life	FEU International Studies Society in coordination with Department of International Studies	UP Alliance of Development Communications Student in coordination with Office of Student Affairs	Student Government in coordination with the PSU Library-KDC	Ateneo Economics Association
Forum speaker	Ms. Sharon Piza Mr. David Llorito Ms. Clarissa David	None	Mr. David Llorito Mr. Clarissa David	Mr. David Llorito Ms. Stephanie Anne Margallo	Mr. Souleymane Coulibaly Ms. Clarissa David
#KayaYanBayan Wall Launch Date	August 7, 2019 with Poverty Assessment Forum	August 14, 2019	August 13, 2019	August 19, 2019	August 22, 2019 with East Asia Pacific Economic Update Forum
Participants in forum (est.)	120	40	84	100	129
#KayaYanBayan wall Running date	August 7-10, 2019	August 13-16, 2019	August 13, 16, 2019	August 19-23, 2019	August 20, 22, and 23, 2019
Total number of filled postcards	492	241	120	107	174



I. Phase Two

a. Meetings with Line Government Agencies

There were four sessions of meeting between the World Bank Group and the government's line agencies for the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) consultation which was held in WBG Manila Office on August 15, and 23, 2019. These were sessions on (a) Investing in the Filipino; (b) Peace Process; (c) Resilience; and (d) Oversight Agencies.

August 23, 2019 World Bank Office Manila	HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT
	Department of Education
	Department of Social Welfare and Development
	Department of Labor and Employment
	Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
	Department of Health
	PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT
	Office of the Presidential Adviser for Peace Process
	Mindanao Development Authority
	Department of Local Interior Government
	RESILIENCY
	Department of Public Works and Highway
	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
	Department of Science and Technology
August 15, 2019 World Bank Office Manila	Climate Change Commission
	Department of Tourism
	Presidential Management Staff
	OVERSIGHT AGENCIES
	Department of Budget and Management
	National Economic Development Authority
	Department of Finance

b. Meetings with business sector

The private sector consultation took place in Manila on Friday August 16, 2019. These were some of the key points discussed:

- Since the Philippines rank low in both “Ease of doing business” and “Political risk”, the participants said the WBG can play a more central role in helping manage risks for government.
- Poor Public Service was identified as a major development constraint as there is no clear strategic pathway to find growth drivers, but only clustered development around connected provinces.
- It was also suggested that IFC should engage in areas where there is no existing Private sector participating due to lack of familiarity.

c. Digital Campaign

To capture wider audience for the CPF consultation, the WBG held a social media campaign.