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## LOCAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT (LGSPLED)

<b>Project No.</b>	:	A-032798
<b>Project Cost</b>	:	CDN \$18 million (including monitoring and evaluation)
<b>Duration</b>	:	8 years (2007-2014)
<b>Executing Agency</b>	:	To be determined
<b>Location</b>	:	Nationwide
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	:	Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

This project continues Canada's long-term engagement with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and local government units (LGUs) in the Philippines. Local economic development (LED) encourages governments, businesses, and non-governmental organizations to work together to create better conditions for economic growth and to create job opportunities, especially for the poor. By expanding the tax base, LED can also generate revenue for the LGU to fund improved local services. At the national level, the program will support national agencies to develop and/or improve policies and programs that will enhance local governance and local economic development (LED) as well as strengthen relevant coordinating mechanisms (horizontal and vertical). It will work with umbrella organizations for Local Government Units (LGUs) such as the League of Provinces of the Philippines, League of Cities, League of Municipalities, in order to increase their capacity to advocate for national level measures to enhance the enabling environment for LGUs. At the local level, the program will work with selected LGUs to improve conditions for local

economic development through strong partnerships with the private sector and civil society. It will strengthen the capacity of LGUs to develop supportive policies, incentives and regulatory frameworks, to increase fairness and transparency in their government systems and processes, and to implement and monitor LED programs. It will support the meaningful participation of civil society and the private sector in local development and strengthen resource generation and management capacities of LGUs.

### PROJECT GOAL:

To foster efficient, responsive, transparent and accountable governance at all levels

### PROJECT PURPOSE:

To reduce poverty by strengthening local governance and supporting local economic development that is sustainable, i.e. environmentally sound, socially equitable and economically viable.

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