

Introduction

I. The Basic Tasks

The basic task of the Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), 2004-2010 is to fight poverty by building prosperity for the greatest number of the Filipino people. The country must open up economic opportunities, maintain sociopolitical stability, and promote good stewardship—all to ensure better quality of life of its citizens. The country will focus on strategic measures and activities, which will spur economic growth and create jobs. This can only be done with a common purpose to put the economic house back in working order.

By 2010, this will be the 10-point legacy of the Arroyo administration:

LIVELIHOOD (*Part I*)

1. Ten million jobs shall have been created (*Part I*).

Three million entrepreneurs shall have been supported, giving them loans and helping them become good managers, thereby establishing a deep foundation for a broad middle class.

Two million hectares of agribusiness land shall have been developed, making them productive and their products transported to the markets efficiently.

EDUCATION (*Part IV*)

2. Everyone of school age will be in school, in an uncrowded classroom, in surroundings conducive to learning. Three thousand school buildings a year shall have been built and a computer put in every high school.

FISCAL STRENGTH (*Chapter 7*)

3. The budget shall have been balanced with the right revenues collected and spending on the right things ensured.

DECENTRALIZED DEVELOPMENT

4. The network of transport and digital infrastructure on which the Arroyo government embarked in 2002 shall have linked the entire country (*Chapter 6: Infrastructure*).

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5. Power (*Chapter 11: Power Sector Reforms*) and water (*Chapter 6: Infrastructure*) shall have been regularly provided to the entire country.
6. Metro Manila will have been decongested with economic activity growing and spreading to new centers of government, business and community in Luzon, in the Visayas, and in Mindanao (*Chapter 6: Infrastructure*).
7. The Subic-Clark corridor will have become the most competitive international service and logistics center in the Southeast Asian region (*Chapter 6: Infrastructure*).

NATIONAL HARMONY

8. Elections will no longer raise a doubt about their integrity. The electoral process will have been completely computerized (*Chapter 13: Automated Elections*).
9. Peace will have come to Mindanao and all insurgency areas (*Chapter 14: Peace Process*).
10. The divisive issues generated by EDSA 1, 2 and 3 will have had a just closure.