

CDD Bill FAQs

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<p>What is Community-Driven Development (CDD)?</p>	<p>Community-Driven Development is a development approach that gives community members control over the development process, decision-making, and resource management.</p> <p>It treats people as assets and partners in the development process and builds the target community's capacities, thus empowering community members to become more active in their local development.</p> <p>Through CDD, communities are given the power to identify, prioritize, implement, and manage solutions to their community's most pressing needs.</p>
<p>What is the CDD Bill?</p>	<p>The Community-Driven Development Bill seeks to institutionalize the CDD approach as the country's national strategy for poverty alleviation by mandating the whole of government to adopt the principles of CDD in all government projects, programs, and activities.</p> <p>Further, the CDD Bill seeks to promote community participation and empower the poor, vulnerable, disadvantaged, and marginalized sectors of the country.</p>
<p>What are the key features of the CDD Bill?</p>	<p>In addition to institutionalizing the CDD approach as the national strategy for poverty alleviation and sustainable and inclusive national development, the CDD Bill shall also entail the creation of a CDD advisory council to be headed by the Secretary of Social Welfare and Development as Chair, and the Secretary of Interior and Local Government as Co-Chair.</p> <p>The members of the advisory council shall also include representatives from the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Health (DOH), Department of Education (DepEd), and Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD).</p> <p>Representatives from accredited non-government organizations (NGOs) shall also serve as additional members of the advisory council.</p> <p>Further, the CDD Bill seeks to establish the CDD Knowledge and Resource Institute/Center (KRI/C) which shall serve as the policy, research, and training arm of</p>

	<p>the advisory council.</p> <p>The KRI shall provide support for continuing research and technology development, partnership development, policy advocacy, resource mobilization, capacity-building of communities, and monitoring and evaluation of CDD institutionalization and operationalization throughout the local development process.</p>
<p>How will CDD be operationalized?</p>	<p>CDD operates under the key principles of Participation, Transparency, and Accountability.</p> <p>Participation is operationalized when national government agencies and LGUs allow and foster the meaningful participation of community members throughout the development process. This participation should be present not only in the identification of community issues and problems, but also in the implementation of solutions to address them.</p> <p>Transparency is operationalized when community members are able to participate in all levels of decision-making. The execution, implementation, monitoring, and management of community-based projects implemented by NGAs and LGUs are led by the community members.</p> <p>Accountability is operationalized when community members are engaged in the monitoring and evaluation of projects. Moreover, there is accountability when community members are empowered to take actions based on information that they themselves chose to take into consideration.</p> <p>In this regard, national government agencies and local government units shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Develop policies for enhancing participatory governance practices, tapping community organizations particularly the basic sectors, and responding to community needs; ● Provide information on government intervention, technical assistance, and support to partner communities for more effective community-driven planning and implementation; ● Enable community members to meaningfully participate in the development process; ● Ensure that community members are prioritized in receiving employment opportunities brought about by project implementation in the community; and ● Ensure that identified community priorities are sufficiently funded.
<p>Who will benefit from the CDD Bill?</p>	<p>The CDD bill aims to empower ordinary Filipinos to become more active members of the society. The bill</p>

	<p>recognizes the right of the people to effective and reasonable participation in all levels of social, political, and economic decision-making.</p> <p>To achieve inclusive and sustainable national growth and development, the bill seeks to provide opportunities for ordinary Filipinos, especially those who are poor, vulnerable, and marginalized, to participate in the identifying, planning, budgeting, implementing, monitoring, and evaluating community-based programs, projects, and activities.</p>
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