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## Hazy criteria for CCT invites corruption

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THE tricky nature of identifying the beneficiaries of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program c power, an official said Saturday. Roberto Bissio, executive director of the Uruguay-based Third Wo falls under the poverty line can have a lot of biases in itself with consideration on gender, ethnicity ;

Bissio cited that it is hard to evaluate the families based on income, since there are parents who ta basic needs. "Poor" families, Bissio said, could also be supported by family members working abro;

"There are so many things that can go wrong on the side of the definition which will affect the CCT country to country, region to region, or even province to province. When you don't have a very clea subject to corruption and abuse of power very easily. It will even make the CCT more expensive an keynote speaker for the Pan Asian Capacity Building Workshop dubbed "Pathways to Regional De Participation" hosted by Social Watch Philippines (SWP) over the weekend, told reporters.

"If you see that they have an LCD TV, they [who owns the TV] could say it is a present," he added.

Having said so, Bissio noted that a clear cut criteria for CCT beneficiaries could come in a form of e province to the CCT because it will be safe to assume that everybody is poor. Setting an age brack work.

He cited the case of Mexico City wherein all citizens above 64 years of age would benefit from a ca old people there are poor.

Bissio, however, that a CCT scheme based on age bracket is unique to every country.

"CCT, it is not a panacea from one country to the other. What is working in Mexico would be a disa are under social security schemes and they are influential in parliament. Setting an age limit is com of them providing 2,000 euros for a poor child," Bissio said.

The other tricky part of CCT implementation, Bissio noted, is when do exactly governments decide for their failure to meet the conditions, considering that there are many factors that contribute to nor illness, or lack of food.

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