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KEY TO ACRONYMS

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| ABI | Alternative Budget Initiative |
| ADB | Asian Development Bank |
| ADSDPPS | Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development Protection Plan |
| AER | Action for Economic Reforms |
| APF | Adaptation Policy Framework |
| APIS | Annual Poverty Indicator Survey |
| ARMM | Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao |
| ASEAN | Association of Southeast Asian Nations |
| BCI | Basic Capability Index |
| BEMOC | Basic Emergency Obstetrics Care |
| BFAD | Bureau of Food and Drugs |
| BNL | Below Normal Low |
| BNVL | Below Normal Very Low |
| CADT | Certificate of Ancestral Domains Titles |
| CALT | Certificates of Ancestral Land Titles |
| CAR | Cordillera Autonomous Region |
| CBFM | Community-Based Forest Management |
| CBR | Crude Birth Rate |
| CEMOC | Comprehensive Emergency Obstetrics Care |
| CERD | Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination |
| CFC | Cholorofluoro Carbon |
| CO | Capital Outlay |
| CPC | County Programme for Children |
| CPR | Contraceptive Prevalence Rate |
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| CSOs | civil society organizations |
| DAR | Department of Agrarian Reform |
| DCC | Day Care Center |
| DENR | Department of Environment and Natural Resources |
| DepEd | Department of Education |
| DHS | Demographic Health Surveys |
| DILG | Department of Interior and Local Government |
| DOH | Department of Health |
| DOH-HHRDB | Department of Health – Health Human Resource Development Bureau |
| DOST | Department of Science and Technology |
| DSWD | Department of Social Welfare and Development |
| ECCD | Early Childhood Care Development |
| ECD | Early Childhood Development |
| ECE | Early Childhood Education |
| EDI | Education for All Development Index |
| EFA | Education for All |
| EMB | Environmental Management Bureau |
| EMOC | Emergency Obstetrics Care |
| EPI | Expanded Program on Immunization |
| FAP | Foreign Assisted Project |
| FHSIS | Field Health Service Information System |
| FIC | Fully Immunized Children |

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| FIES | Family Income and Expenditure Survey |
| FIVIMS | Food Insecurity and Vulnerability Information and Mapping Systems |
| FLEMMS | Functional literacy, Education, Mass Media Survey |
| FNRI | Food and Nutrition Research Institute |
| FP | Family Planning |
| FPIC | Full, Prior and Inferred Consent |
| FRMP | Fisheries Resource Management Project |
| GAD | Gender and Development |
| GATSPE | Government Assistance to Student and Teacher for Private Education |
| GCAP | Global Call to Action Against Poverty |
| GDP | Gross Domestic Product |
| GEF | Global Environmental Facility |
| GEI | Gender Equity Index |
| GIAHS | Globally Important Ingenious Agricultural Heritage Systems |
| GMA | Gloria Macapagal Arroyo |
| GPI | Gender Parity Index |
| GRDE | Gross Regional Domestic Expenditures |
| GRDP | Gross Regional Domestic Product |
| GSIS | Government Security and Insurance System |
| HDI | Human Development Index |
| HENSI-PAP | Health and Nutrition Status and Improvement-Poverty Alleviation Program |
| HIV/AIDS | Human Immuno deficiency virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome |
| HSP | Health Service Provider |
| ICPD | International Conference on Population and Development |
| IDA | Iron Deficiency Anemia |
| IDD | Iodine Deficiency Disorders |
| IDPS | Internally Displaced Persons |
| IFMA | Industrial Forest Management Agreement |
| ILO | International Labor Organization |
| IMCI | Integrated Management of Childhood Illness |
| IMR | Infant Mortality Rate |
| IPCC | Inter-agency Panel on Climate Change |
| IPHO | Integrated Provincial Health Office |
| IPRA | Indigenous People's Rights Act |
| IPs | indigenous people |
| IRS | International Reference Standard |
| IUCN | International Union for Conservation of Nature |
| Lao PDR | Lao People's Democratic Republic |
| LB | live births |
| LDCs | Least Developed Countries |
| LGUs | Local Government Units |
| MDGs | Millennium Development Goals |
| MILF | Moro Islamic Liberation Front |
| MMR | Maternal Mortality Rate |
| MMR | Maternal Mortality Ratio |
| MOOE | Maintenance and Other Operating Expense |
| MTRDP | Medium Term Regional Development Plan |
| NBS | New Born Screening |
| NCIP | National Commission in Indigenous Peoples |
| NCR | National Capital Region |
| NCRFW | National Commission in the Role of Filipino Women |

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| NDHS | National Demographic and Health Survey |
| NEDA | National Economic Development Authority |
| NER | Net Enrollment Rate |
| NGOs | non government organizations |
| NNC | National Nutrition Council |
| NOH | National Objectives for Health |
| NRE | New and Renewable Energy |
| NSCB | National Statistics Coordination Board |
| NSCB | National Conciliation Coordination Board |
| NSO | National Statistics Office |
| NWRB | National Water Resource Board |
| ODA | Official Development Assistance |
| OFWs | Overseas Filipino Worker |
| PA 21 | Philippine Agenda 21 |
| PEM | Protein-energy Malnutrition |
| PLWHA | People Living with HIV/AIDS |
| PNP | Philippine National Police |
| POEA | Philippine Overseas Employees Administration |
| PPR | Philippine Progress Report |
| PRRM | Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement |
| PS | Personal Services |
| QLI | Quality of Life Index |
| RDC | Regional Development Council |
| SARD | Sustainable Agriculture and Rural Development |
| SEP | Socioeconomic Profile |
| SIFMA | Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement |
| SITMO | Save the Ifugao Rice Terraces |
| SRI | System of Rice Intensification |
| SSS | Social Security System |
| SWP | Social Watch Philippines |
| SWS | Social Weather Stations |
| TB | Tuberculosis |
| TBA s | Traditional Birth Attendants |
| TIMMS | Third International Mathematics and Science Study |
| TK | Tanggol Kalikasan |
| TT | Tetanus Toxoid |
| TUs | trade unions |
| U5MR or UFMR | Under 5 Mortality Rate |
| UN | United Nations |
| UNDP | United Nations Development Programme |
| UN-ESCAP | United Nations – Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific |
| UNFCC | United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change |
| UNFPA | United Nations Fund for Population Activities |
| UNICEF | United Nations Children’s Fund |
| VADD | Vitamin A Deficiency Disorders |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |

FOREWORD

The end is near. It's now past midpoint to the MDG final accounting in 2015.

But the government might not deliver on its promise. Already it's been missing on the most crucial MDG targets in education, health, and environment which matter most to the poor and excluded Filipinos. And where progress has been made---eg reduction of infant mortality or expansion of forest cover---the claims remain contested. To avert failure, there has to be a dramatic change in policies, in the institutions that implement them, in the way the country is being governed.

Such is the central message of this alternative midterm review of MDG progress led by Social Watch Philippines. This conclusion contrasts sharply with the optimistic government report. In each of the articles and cases the writer tries to gather and analyze the available data, make conclusion about the many facets of poverty and inequality and suggest what might be done to improve the situation.

The alternative report describes the growing social insecurity in the whole country, in the provinces, in key sectors.

Social security means enjoyment of human rights and enlargement of freedoms consistent with the Millennium Declaration. It means assuring the basic needs of everyone---in food, jobs and livelihoods, health, education, shelter. It means securing the wellbeing of women and children, the young and the old, the rights of indigenous peoples and minority populations, the health of our environment, peace and development for all.

Against such standards the MDGs is a set of minimalist goals, a relatively low bar for a middle income country like the Philippines. The attainment of all the goals, and not just a fraction of each of them, would simply set a basic minimum condition for aspiring toward a higher level of well-being and social security.

There's no excuse why government would fail to deliver.

The Editor

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