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RESOLUTION NO. 110

RESOLUTION URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD) TO HASTEN THE PROCESS OF IMPROVING THE TARGETING OF BENEFICIARIES SO AS TO LESSEN PROGRAM LEAKAGE; TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF EFFECTIVENESS OF THE DELIVERY OF SOCIAL PROTECTION/WELFARE SERVICES TO 4Ps BENEFICIARIES; AND TO IMMEDIATELY LIFT THE SUSPENSION OF REGISTRATION OF NEW BENEFICIARIES OF THE PANTAWID PAMILYANG PILIPINO PROGRAM (4Ps)

WHEREAS, the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) is a human development program of the national government which seeks to provide social protection and welfare services to the poor families and alleviate their poverty;

WHEREAS, Congress approved a budget of P72.1152 Billion for the implementation of 4Ps covering 4.4 million household-beneficiaries for the year 2017;

WHEREAS, as of 05 December 2017, there are about 4.3 million active household-beneficiaries, based on the statement of Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Undersecretary Maria Lourdes Turalde-Jarabe during the sixth regular Committee meeting;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Turalde-Jarabe disclosed that the discrepancy between the number of active household-beneficiaries and the targeted 4.4 million households is attributed to: (a) suspension of payout due to noncompliance to conditionalities among some beneficiaries; and (b) suspension of registration of new beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Turalde-Jarabe explained that said suspension is brought about by the need to resolve operational problems, particularly the exclusion/inclusion errors in identifying 4Ps beneficiaries;

WHEREAS, Undersecretary Turalde-Jarabe admitted that a DSWD memorandum signed by then Secretary Judy Taguiwalo effected said suspension beginning July 2016;

WHEREAS, the members of the Committee and authors of bills seeking to institutionalize 4Ps expressed dissent and dismay over the suspension;

WHEREAS, the Committee members and authors of the bills pointed out the apparent consequences of this suspension, to wit: (a) the potential poor beneficiaries remain unserved and unassisted; and (b) the approved budget to cover 4.4 million household-beneficiaries will not be fully disbursed: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, To urge the Officer-in-Charge of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), through the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, to hasten the process of improving the targeting of beneficiaries so as to lessen program leakage;

Resolved, further, To urge the Officer-in-Charge of the DSWD, through the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, to increase the level of effectiveness of the delivery of social protection/welfare services to 4Ps beneficiaries; and

Resolved, finally, To urge the Officer-in-Charge of the DSWD, through the Committee on Poverty Alleviation, to immediately lift the suspension of registration of new beneficiaries of the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps).

Adopted,



PANTALEON D. ALVAREZ
Speaker

This Resolution was adopted by the House of Representatives on January 31, 2018.



CESAR STRAIT PAREJA
Secretary General