

Republic of the Philippines Quezon City

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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15 December 2023

Mr. RUDI BORRMANN Deputy Director, OGP Local

Dear Mr. Borrmann,

Quezon City Local Government is pleased to submit an application to join OGP Local as part of our continued commitment to advancing the principles of access to information, public participation and public accountability in the way the government carries out its mandate.

By joining OGP Local, we endorse the Open Government Declaration and commit to upholding the principles within it.

We acknowledge that, as a member of OGP Local, we are embarking on a journey of collaboration, learning and action, and commit to working together as partners with non-governmental stakeholders to deliver an open government action plan in 2024 and implement its commitments. In addition, we embed the values of open government in our OGP local process and ensure it is transparent, participatory and accountable.

We recognize that by joining OGP Local, we become a member of a global community of government and civil society who strive to innovate, catalyze progress and promote learning within and across jurisdictions. This global community is strengthened by the actions of its members, hence, we pledge to be an active member of this global community, leading by example and supporting other members with peer exchanges and engaging at the local, national and international level to promote the values of open government.

We accept the opportunity to become a member of OGP Local as we have positively responded during the orientation presented to us last November 20, 2023. Thus, a focal person from the Office of the City Administrator of Quezon City represented by *Elena Liwayway Y. Baskiñas*, *Division Chief, Operations, Coordination & Monitoring Division* shall be liaising with the OGP Support Unit and focal person you have designated.

In addition, we commit to making available the necessary resources to co-create, implement and learn from determined commitments within the action plan.

Thank you for considering Quezon City.

Sincerely yours,

MA. JOSÉFINA G. BELMONTE

City Mayor





15 December 2023

MR. RUDI BORRMANN
Deputy Director, OGP Local
OGP Support Unit

Re: Non-governmental Letter of Support: Call for new members to OGP Local 2023

Dear Mr. Borrmann.

World Vision Development Foundation, Inc. (WVDF) is pleased to support the application of Quezon City to join OGP Local. By joining OGP Local, we support the endorsement of the Open Government Declaration and its principles within it.

We acknowledge that, as a member of OGP Local, we are embarking on a journey of collaboration, learning, and action, and commit to working together as partners with the government to deliver an open government action plan in 2024 and implement its commitments. In addition, we embed the values of open government in our OGP local process and ensure it is transparent, participatory, and accountable.

We recognize that by joining OGP Local, we become a member of a global community of government and civil society who strive to innovate, catalyze progress, and promote learning within and across jurisdictions. This global community is strengthened by the actions of its members; hence, we pledge to be an active member of this global community and support other members with peer exchanges and engaging at the local, national, and international level to promote the values of open government.

WVDF has a strong partnership with Quezon City in implementing programs that provide better opportunities for children, families, and communities for improved well-being and sustainable change: Area Program (AP) implementation covers technical interventions on Education, Health and Nutrition and WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene), Livelihoods, and Child Protection and Participation; Project Against Child Exploitation (Project ACE) and the Philippines, Indonesia, and Sri Lanka (PHINLA) Global Program.

WVDF's AP approach focuses on children, and seeks to enable their families, local communities and partners to address the underlying causes of poverty. This is captured in our child well-being aspirations, that children, especially the most vulnerable, are educated for life, enjoy good health, experience the love of God and their neighbors, and are cared for, protected and participating.

The Project ACE aims to address the worst forms of child labor (WFCL) including online sexual exploitation of children (OSEC), and violations of acceptable conditions of work. This partnership aims to transform lives and shape a future untarnished by the shadows





of child exploitation. Project ACE aligns with Quezon City in visioning for a Child Labor Free Quezon City, where every child is free to explore, learn, and dream without fear of exploitation;

WVDF through the EcoWaste Coalition (EWC), and Quezon City are also jointly undertaking the project "PHINLA Global Program to develop livelihood for the poverty-affected population through a multi-sectoral established and monitored waste management system" in Quezon City. This program is our humble effort to assist the Philippine government in the implementation of the Ecological Solid Waste Management Act of 2000 and the National Framework Plan for the Informal Waste Sector in the Philippines focusing on Equipping the beneficiaries & other stakeholders of the SWM Systems and raising awareness on waste management responsibilities at HH and institutional levels.

If given the opportunity to become a member of OGP Local in the 2023 call, World Vision Development Foundation, Inc. will be represented by its Luzon Field Operations Manager, ROBERTO V. DAZO. He will be responsible for leading locally the OGP Local process and liaising with the OGP Support Unit. In addition, we commit to making available the necessary human, financial, and technical resources to participate in the cocreation, implementation, and learning from ambitious commitments within the action plan.

Looking forward to our future partnership. Thank you.

Sincerely,

ROMMEL V. FUERTE National Director

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Chairperson, Board of Trustees