



January 15, 2025

**Rudi Borrmann**  
Deputy Head  
Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local

Dear Mr. Borrmann,

The City Government of Tagbilaran is pleased to submit this letter of endorsement for our commitment to **"Open Budget for a Responsive and Inclusive Budgeting"** as part of our ongoing dedication to advancing the principles of open government. This commitment aligns directly with the OGP Local's core values of transparency, public participation, and accountability.

By endorsing this commitment, we pledge to actively promote transparency in our budgetary processes. This includes making readily available comprehensive budget information, including proposed budgets, enacted budgets, and actual expenditures, in a user-friendly and accessible format. We will also actively engage with citizens and stakeholders to ensure their input is considered during the budget formulation and implementation stages. We are committed to fostering a participatory budgeting process that reflects the needs and priorities of our community.

Our commitment to an "Open Budget for a Responsive and Inclusive Budgeting" includes:

- 1. Proactive Dissemination of Budget Information:** We will utilize various channels, including our , social media platforms, and public forums, to ensure wide dissemination of budget information.
- 2. Citizen Engagement and Feedback Mechanisms:** We will establish accessible channels for citizens and stakeholders to provide feedback and participate in budget discussions. This will include public consultations, online surveys, and feedback forms.
- 3. Data Transparency and Accessibility:** We will ensure that all budget-related data is presented in a clear, concise, and easily understandable manner.
- 4. Regular Reporting and Monitoring:** We will regularly report on budget execution and performance, making this information publicly available to ensure accountability.

We recognize that joining the OGP Local community signifies a journey of collaboration and continuous improvement. We are committed to working with other members to share best practices and learn from each other's experiences in promoting open budgeting. We believe that this commitment will contribute significantly to building a more responsive and inclusive budgeting process in Tagbilaran City.

Sincerely,

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## **TAGBILARAN CITY PEOPLE'S COUNCIL**

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Deputy Head

Open Government Partnership (OGP) Local

Dear Mr. Borrmann,

On behalf of the Tagbilaran City People's Council (TCPC), I am honored to express our full support for the City Government of Tagbilaran's commitment to "Open Budget for a Responsive and Inclusive Budgeting." This initiative strongly aligns with the core principles of open government—transparency, public participation, and accountability—and reinforces our shared vision of fostering inclusive governance in Tagbilaran City.

As the recognized umbrella organization representing the civil society organizations (CSOs) in our city, TCPC firmly believes that ensuring an open and participatory budgeting process will lead to more responsive public services and enhanced trust between the government and the people. We commend the City Government's proactive approach in making budget information widely accessible and encouraging meaningful civic engagement in budget formulation and implementation.

In support of this commitment, TCPC pledges to actively participate in the following ways:

1. **Dissemination of Budget Information** – We will assist in sharing relevant budgetary data with our member CSOs and communities, ensuring that citizens are well-informed and empowered to participate in budget discussions.
2. **Citizen Engagement and Advocacy** – We will work collaboratively with the City Government to facilitate public consultations, focus group discussions, and feedback mechanisms that allow grassroots voices to be heard in the budgeting process.
3. **Capacity Building** – We will help build the capacity of CSOs and community stakeholders to better understand the budgeting process, thereby enabling them to provide meaningful contributions to budget planning and monitoring.
4. **Monitoring and Evaluation** – We will take an active role in ensuring transparency and accountability by participating in budget monitoring efforts and providing independent assessments where necessary.

By endorsing this commitment, TCPC reiterates our dedication to strengthening participatory governance in Tagbilaran City. We look forward to collaborating with the City Government and other stakeholders in this significant initiative and ensuring that our budget truly reflects the needs and priorities of our people.

Thank you for your leadership in championing open budgeting. We stand ready to support and contribute to this endeavor

Sincerely yours,

**MARIETTA S. GASATAN**

Chairperson

Tagbilaran City People's Council