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A RESOLUTION
STRONGLY URGING THE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS TO
ALLOCATE AN ADDITIONAL SIXTY-SIX MILLION FIVE HUNDRED
THOUSAND PESOS (P66,500,000.00) TO COMPLETE THE PROPER
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LISTAHANAN PROGRAM OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2010, Executive Order (EO) No. 867 series of
2010, was signed by President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, providing for the
adoption of the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction
as the Mechanism for identifying poor households who shall be recipients of
social protection programs nationwide;

WHEREAS, the National Household Targeting System for Poverty
Reduction (NHTS-PR) also known as the Listahanan is an information
management system that uses empirical methods to compile a database of
who and where the country’s poor are;

WHEREAS, the Listahanan can provide data on the profile of the poor,
their housing conditions, health, education, and labor and employment, all of
which are necessary information in the delivery of social services;

WHEREAS, the Listahanan database may be accessed by National
Government Agencies and other stakeholders of Social Protection, so that they
may identify possible beneficiaries for their programs and policies;

WHEREAS, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)
is mandated to update the database every four years beginning in 2009,
leading to 2015 (Listahanan 2), and supposedly in 2019 (Listahanan 3);

WHEREAS, the data-gathering for the Listahanan 3 was initially
projected to be finished by 2020, however, the widespread occurrence of the
2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) leading to a pandemic has caused
major hurdles in the completion of such task;
WHEREAS, as of February 2021, the DSWD has completed 92% or 14.4 million Filipino families in their target households assessment for the Listahanan 3 and is on the process of Validation and Finalization until March 2021;

WHEREAS, the DSWD has also projected that the Reports and Data Sharing phase of their Listahanan 3 timeline shall be on the second quarter of 2021 onwards;

WHEREAS, amidst the challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, the initial budget allocated to DSWD for the effective conduct of the Listahanan 3 has grown insufficient to complete the program until its final phase with some portion of the initial funds returned to the National Treasury;

WHEREAS, the DSWD, in its efforts to augment funds for the Listahanan 3 have identified a total of P205 Million budget from the following fund sources: P42.6 Million from the NHTS-PR 2020 Continuing and 2021 Current Appropriation; P140 Million from the DSWD Pantawid Pamilyang Filipino Program; P17.7 Million from the DSWD Program Management Bureau (PMB); and P4.8 Million from the UNICEF Philippines as its partner agency;

WHEREAS, despite the availability of a P205 Million-budget, the total required funds to effectively implement and complete the Listahanan Program is at P271.5 Million, having a deficit of P66.5 Million;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of Congress to ensure that national laws, programs, and policies combating poverty are properly funded and implemented, thereby protecting the best interests of the Filipino people;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, to strongly urge the Committee on Appropriations to allocate an additional Sixty-Six Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos (P66,500,000.00) to complete the proper implementation of the Listahanan Program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Adopted,

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