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REGULATORY REFORM SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (RESPOND)

Project Briefer

In April 2019, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the University of the Philippines Public Administration Research and Extension Services Foundation, Inc. (UPPAF) signed a Cooperative Agreement for the implementation of the *Regulatory Reform Support Program for National Development (RESPOND)*. The Program seeks to improve regulatory quality that will lead to enhanced competitiveness, and ultimately, contributes to higher levels of investment and trade, inclusive growth and self-reliance.

Toward this end, RESPOND pursues interventions that (Objective 1) enhance market competition, and (Objective 2) strengthen regulatory capacity and governance. To advance market competition, RESPOND supports reforms that reduce barriers to entry (Sub-Objective 1.a) and reduce regulatory burdens and transactions costs for business (Sub-Objective 1.b). To strengthen the capacity of public officials to develop and implement quality regulations, RESPOND extends technical assistance that strengthens regulatory oversight (Sub-Objective 2.a) as well as transparency and accountability mechanisms (Sub-Objective 2.b). As a cross-cutting objective, RESPOND seeks to expand citizen engagement and the participation of civil society organizations to advocate for fair and open regulation and a better business environment.