

## **Development with equity (tentative)**

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In the Philippines, many are excluded from social and economic development because of their disadvantage in terms of income, assets, access to services and infrastructure, participation and influence. Thus, the need for Development with Equity, which means reducing inequality in order to provide greater opportunities to those with the least resources.

Expanding access to affordable, reliable, efficient and clean energy services empowers people to take a giant step out of poverty into a better future. Access to energy? for lighting, cooking, refrigeration, heating and transportation, cooking and heating? empowers people to take a giant step out of poverty into a better future. Access to energy increases economic growth, employment opportunities, private sector investment, and competitiveness, improves quality of life by enabling better health care, education and access to clean water; and promotes environmental stewardship.