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Introduced by Senator Miriam Defensor Santiago

RESOLUTION

DIRECTING THE PROPER SENATE COMMITTEE TO CONDUCT AN INQUIRY, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, ON THE VARIOUS AGENCIES REPORT THAT THE COMMISSION ON AUDIT UNCOVERS THE ALLEGED IRREGULARITIES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER BY THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Constitution, Article II, Section 27 states: "The State shall maintain honesty and integrity in the public service and take positive and effective measures against graft and corruption";

WHEREAS, various news agencies reported last 8 January 2014 that the Commission on Audit (COA) discovered irregularities in the implementation of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) which grants cash assistance to indigent families;

WHEREAS, the CCT program is geared towards alleviating the living condition of extremely poor households, to improve their health, nutrition, and education particularly those of children;

WHEREAS, the 2012 Consolidated Audit Report on the Official Development Assistance (ODA) Programs and Project reportedly noted that a total 7,782 of the household beneficiaries were apparently non-existent although they were listed to have received a total P50.15 million;

WHEREAS, the COA audit report also noted that some P18 billion in disbursements for the program from 2008 to 2012 have remained undocumented as of the end of December 2012;

WHEREAS, according to the ODA audit report, grants and service fees of P50.15 million were paid to 7,782 household beneficiaries which could not be found in the List of Validated and Registered Household Beneficiaries of the National Household Targeting Office contrary to the Special Provisions No. 5 of the 2012 General Appropriations Act, thus, may be considered irregular and further resulting in additional cost to the government in the distribution of the conditional cash transfer;

WHEREAS, it was reported in the ODA audit observations added that disbursements of P3.18 billion for grants paid over the counter for CYs 2008 to 2012 remained undocumented as of 31 December 2012, casting doubts on the propriety of the recorded disbursements without submitting liquidation reports which is not consistent with Section 4 (6) of Presidential Decree No. 1445, which states that claims against government funds shall be supported with complete

documentation under the Fundamental principles of the General provisions of Government Auditing Code of the Philippines;

WHEREAS, a total 393 loans have been reportedly contracted by the national government since the start of the ODA program;

WHEREAS, it was said that the CCT is among the ODA funded programs of the government and classified as a Social Welfare and Development Reform Project by the Aquino administration;


WHEREAS, according to COA, a total of 245 projects have been completed, while 60, including the CCT, are still ongoing;

WHEREAS, the COA report said that 17 new loans were reportedly contracted with net loan commitments of P92.24 billion (\$2.94 billion) in 2012, 66.62 percent of these amounting to P61.45 were still undrawn wherein P6.72 million was paid for commitment fees;

WHEREAS, Congress should look into the alleged irregularities in the implementation of CCT, where COA's Consolidated Audit report on Official Development Assistance Programs and Project report can be used as basis of their investigation and possible documentary evidence for filing an administrative and criminal case;

WHEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE PHILIPPINE SENATE to direct the proper Senate committee to conduct an inquiry, in aid of legislation, on the reported irregularities in the implementation of the Conditional Cash Transfer by the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

Adopted,

acc. 
MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

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