



**DEPED SUPPORTS THE TAX REFORM FOR
ACCELERATION AND INCLUSION (TRAIN):
It is Pro-Poor and Pro-Development**

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Intended main beneficiaries of the expected net revenue gains from the tax reform are critical sectors in facilitating sustained growth and development that is inclusive



Infrastructure



Education



Health



Social Protection

The high priority given to education is not just a matter of policy; it is also a matter of law



The Constitution mandates the State to protect and promote the right of every citizen to quality education that is accessible to all



DepEd is the agency tasked with fulfilling the State's obligation to establish and maintain a system of free public education in the elementary and high school levels



Constitution directs the state to assign the highest budgetary priority to education



What are the cost drivers for education that we need to meet in the coming years?



1. Sheer size of the population that we serve for basic education



Of the **24.9 million learners** for SY 2016-2017, **21.5 million** are in public schools



53,043 public schools nationwide



742,670 public school teachers

Total number of learners is expected to grow to about 28 million in 2022

Outside the learners that we cater to formal basic education, we are reaching out to the out of school children, youth and adults through the Alternative Learning Systems



2. Upgrading education quality requires improving our instruction ratios, such as classrooms to students and teachers to students to reach ideal levels

This entails providing adequate facilities, such as:



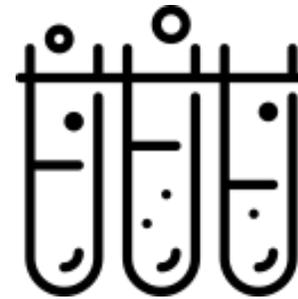
Water and Sanitation



Internet Access



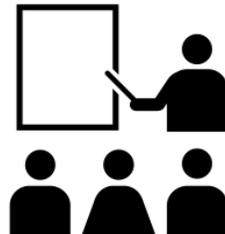
Libraries



Laboratories



Computers



Improvement in the capability of our teachers, through in-service training and professional development also requires increasing budget allocation.

3. K to 12 Program



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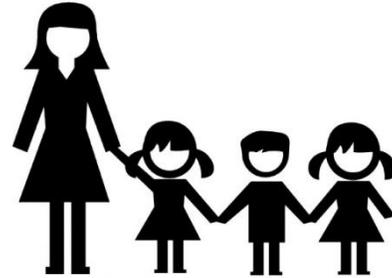


NEGOSYO



KOLEHIYO

The K-12 aims to graduate students ready for the world of work or higher education



Compulsory Kindergarten



+2 Years in Senior High School



Tech-Voc Track

4. Climate Change and Disasters



We are visited by more calamities with greater strength every year, jacking up the costs for rehabilitation and reconstruction, as well as building school infrastructure with improved resiliency.

5. The Marawi siege has exacted a horrendous toll on public resources including education



As of June 30, 2017, 16,472 Marawi children have evacuated to all regions of the country. They need not only temporary learning spaces, but also furniture, fixtures, books and laboratory equipment, as well as backpacks.

It will cost us **PhP 800 million** to rebuild at least 15 schools in Marawi, which were bombed, burned, and looted. Rebuilding all the 132 schools in Marawi will cost **PhP 2.3 billion**.

We must approach the Tax Reform for Acceleration and Inclusion (TRAIN) as a package

Revenue

The government will meet the additional expenditure requirements not by simply identifying new taxes, but by taking the opportunity to institute a comprehensive reform that will address revenue, equity, efficiency, and over-complexity of the tax system at the same time.

Expenditure

The package has put not just infrastructure but also people at the center of the package, committing to finance the investment requirements of education, health and social protection over the medium term.

Taken together, the reform program is clearly pro-poor and pro-development