

***“Working together towards a stronger  
voluntary sector”***

**National Forum on  
Volunteerism as a  
Development Strategy**

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## Outline of Presentation



Part I – Brief introduction: RA 9418

Part II – The Roadmap  
Formulation Process

Part III – The Proposed Roadmap



## Part I

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Republic Act 9418 or the  
Volunteer Act of 2007  
**(10 April 2007)**

An Act Institutionalizing a Strategy for  
Rural Development, Strengthening  
Volunteerism and for other Purposes



# Republic Act 9418



Sponsors: House Committee on Rural Development  
Chair: Hon. Arrel R. Olano

Senate Committee on Social Justice,  
Welfare and Development  
Chair: Hon. Sergio Osmena III

# Objectives

Provide a policy framework on volunteerism to harmonize efforts of the voluntary sector for national development and international cooperation and understanding.

Provide a conducive and enabling environment for volunteers and volunteer service organizations.

Strengthen the role of the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA).

# Sectoral collaboration





## Part II



# The Road Map Formulation Process

# Why a Road Map?

Identify critical and doable programs and projects on volunteerism to be undertaken in the next six years.

Prepare the sector's participation in the forthcoming national plan formulation process or the successor MTPDP.

Link volunteerism as a development strategy with other national development strategies.



# Process



Conduct of Focus Group Discussions

Holding of the National Forum

Series of post-forum meetings

# Sectors/Stakeholders

Academe

Corporate

Not-for-Profit

Foreign  
Volunteer  
Organizations

Government  
Agencies  
and LGUs

Volunteers

# Policy Goals and Strategic Objectives

Promote the participation of the various sectors of the Filipino society, and as necessary, international and foreign volunteer organizations in public and civic affairs.

Adopt and strengthen the practice of volunteerism as a strategy in order to attain national development and international understanding.

Inculcate volunteerism as a way of life to foster social justice, solidarity and sustainable development.



## Part III



The Road Map or Strategic Action Plan  
for the Voluntary Sector  
(for the next 3 – 6 years)

# Challenges and Opportunities

- Integrating RA 9418 with other related laws in volunteerism.
- Volunteer accreditation.
- Increasing awareness through information, education and communication.
- Addressing lack of funding for volunteer programs and projects.
- Sustainability of volunteer programs and projects.
- Enhancing capacities of volunteer organizations and volunteers.
- Intra-sectoral strategic collaboration to pursue programs and projects.
- Pursuing needed reforms in the voluntary sector.
- Internalizing volunteerism as a way of life.

# Proposed Programs, Projects and Activities (PPAs)

## Information, education and advocacy

- Social marketing; advocacy to government planners, academe, corporate, young professionals, children
- Speakers bureau
- Branding of volunteer programs
- Document and disseminate information, e.g. manuals, best practices
- Media coverage
- Volunteerism in school curriculum; volunteer office in schools
- Wide dissemination of RA 9418

# PPAs

## **Capability building**

- Technical assistance to LGUs
- Service learning
- Training for volunteers in calamity response
- International exposures
- Volunteer Management System

# PPAs

## **Recognition of volunteers and volunteer organizations**

- Set up standards and criteria
- Document and replicate best practices
- TOYM type award
- Presidential award for volunteerism
- National Volunteer Month (NVM)
- International Volunteer Day (IVD)

# PPAs

## **Benefits, rewards and incentives**

- Service credits; equivalency in years of government service
- Points for personnel promotion
- Volunteer insurance, e.g. in high risk areas
- Welfare protection

# PPAs

## **Registration of volunteer organizations and volunteers**

- System of national registration, accreditation and legitimization
- National databank of volunteers
- Sectoral profiling
- Online resource center
- Coordination, sharing and feedbacking processes

# PPAs

## **Volunteering Policies, Systems and Processes**

- Setting qualifications and categories of volunteers
- Clear selection criteria
- Internal mechanism for volunteer engagement
- Code of ethics and code of conduct for volunteers and stakeholders
- Psychological evaluation for volunteers

# PPAs

## **Research, Monitoring and Evaluation**

- Volunteer needs assessment
- Types and dynamics of volunteering
  
- Effects and impacts of volunteerism
- Tools for assessment, planning, monitoring and evaluation
- Consortium

# PPAs

## Resource mobilization

- Synchronized resource mobilization
- Exchange of resources

# PPAs

## Partnership Building

- PNVSCA-LGU-SUC volunteer program
- Strengthen networking, e.g. professional associations, federations, local associations
- Cascade volunteerism down to barangay level
- Multi-sectoral partnerships

# PPAs

## Programs and Projects

- Strengthen VIDA and Bayanihang Bayan
- Engage NSTP
- Harmonize NYC programs
- Sectoral programs – e.g. health, children, crime prevention,
- Volunteer Hotline
- Integration of local and foreign volunteer programs
- International exchange program for deserving volunteers
- Harness Filipino returned volunteers for national volunteering

# Measures to Strengthen the Voluntary Sector

## Advocacy and Promotion

- Tapping the mass media, website
- Localize RA 9418
- Forums, caravans, celebrations
- Promote social responsibilities in private sector

## Capability Building

- Vision Mission Values (VMV) for voluntary sector
- Volunteer management training

# Measures to Strengthen the Voluntary Sector

## Awards and recognition

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## Partnership and Networking

- Improve mechanism for networking
- Instigate movement of volunteer spirit from all levels
- Sharing of expertise among organizations
- Partnering with the corporate sector

# Measures to Strengthen the Voluntary Sector

## **Policies, Systems and Procedures**

- Implementation of RA 9418
- Reporting system
- Grants for projects
- International volunteerism among Filipinos


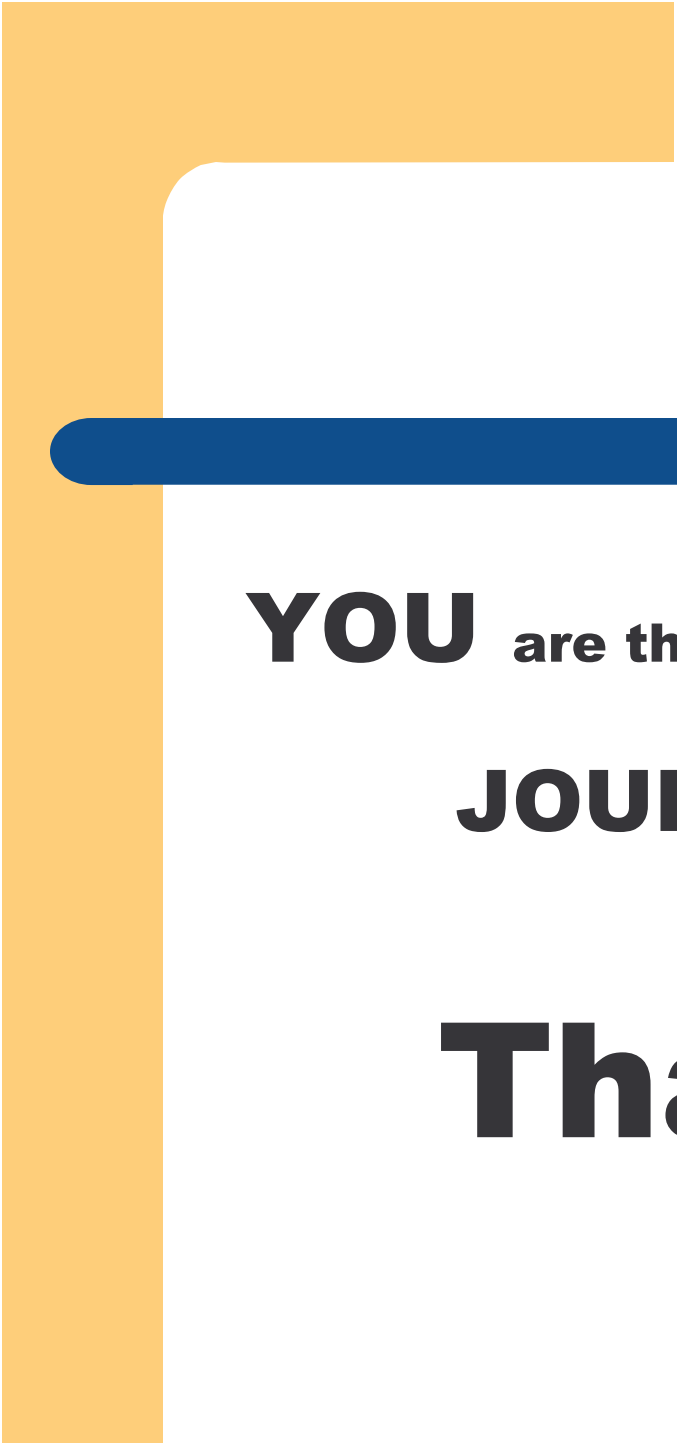
## **Institutional/Organizational Strengthening**

- Organized and functional committees
- LGU local councils/department focusing on volunteerism
- Leaders as examples of volunteerism

# Working together towards a stronger voluntary sector



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**JOURNEY!**

**Thank you!**