

**A Message to Participants in the Launch of the Multidimensional Poverty Peer Network
from Minister Balisacan of the Philippines:**

We are interested in being part of the Network. And we will be honored to be listed as participant.

As now Minister of Economic Planning, I find the work on multidimensional poverty to be highly relevant and extremely useful for our efforts to substantially reduce poverty in the Philippines. I hope that through this Network we will continue to expand our understanding of poverty, especially its dynamics and on our menu of what works and what does not in the fight against acute multidimensional poverty.

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