



MESSAGE OF THE GOVERNOR



The Province of South Cotabato has long been a champion of good governance, anchored on the principles of integrity, transparency, and accountability. These values are not merely aspirations but guiding principles that shape every program, policy, and service of the Provincial Government. They serve as our collective commitment to the people of South Cotabato and to all who engage with our province.

Since joining the Open Government Partnership (OGP) in 2018 as the pioneering local government unit in the Philippines, South Cotabato has continuously strengthened its commitment to fostering an open, participatory, and responsive government. Through collaborative efforts among government agencies, civil society organizations, the private sector, and citizens, we have advanced meaningful commitments in Access to Information, Anti-Corruption, Climate and Environment, Digital Governance, and Public Participation.

As a trailblazer and model for other local government units across the country, we recognize our responsibility to demonstrate the transformative impact of open governance. More than serving as a benchmark for governance innovation, our OGP journey highlights the importance of empowering citizens to actively participate in shaping policies, programs, and development initiatives that directly affect their lives.

The Commitments presented herein are the result of extensive co-creation processes that brought together diverse stakeholders in constructive dialogue and collaboration. These collective efforts have generated innovative Commitments that reflect the aspirations, insights, and shared vision of our people. Through their implementation, we continue to build stronger institutions, deepen public trust, and create meaningful change that benefits the greater majority of our constituents.

The Provincial Government of South Cotabato remains steadfast in upholding the values and principles of the Open Government Partnership. We place great importance on the continuous development of future action plans, recognizing that their success depends on the active participation, support, and partnership of all stakeholders.

Together, we stand united in advancing this noble undertaking. By promoting transparency, integrity, and citizen engagement, we strengthen democratic governance and create lasting positive impact for every South Cotabateño.

Let us continue working hand in hand toward the success of the Open Government Partnership and the realization of its Milestones—Milestones that are shaped by the voices, aspirations, and collective efforts of the people of South Cotabato, proving our stand that South Cotabato is truly **Angat sa Lahat!**

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