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STATEMENT OF CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

“As an integral part of the National Government, the Social Security System is inherently mandated to be socially responsible, to act and operate as a good corporate citizen. ¹ In view of this, the SSS is committed to promote social justice and provide meaningful protection to members and their beneficiaries beyond its mandate under Republic Act No. 11199 or the Social Security Act of 2018. It shall endeavor to be a socially responsible government agency that cares for its stakeholders through its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) programs.”

BACKGROUND

From simple financial donations to socio-civic and charitable institutions every Christmas, the SSS has expanded its CSR to social welfare programs that address the basic needs of Filipinos, especially the poor and vulnerable, and embraced activities that aid needy victims in times of man-made and natural disasters. Moreover, initiatives have been set to encourage volunteerism among individual SSS employees and employee organizations.

The SSS CSR efforts are mainly directed towards Calamity Assistance, Relief and Emergency Services (CARES), but these efforts continue to evolve along the way. In 2007, the Kabalikat ng Bayan SSS Volunteer Corps, an employee-volunteer organization composed of regular and contractual employees in SSS, was created, under the auspices of the Public Affairs and Special Events Division (PASED). The Corps, which is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission as a non-stock and non-profit association, provides the needed manpower in implementing humanitarian and community development works that are funded through donations, either from SSS employees themselves or from the SSS itself.

CORPORATE DONATIONS PROGRAM

True to its continuing mandate to advance the interests of SSS members, the Social Security Commission confirmed the Criteria/Guidelines on the SSS Corporate Donations Program (CDP) per SSC No. 799-s.2011 dated 20 July 2011.

It covers all donations of SSS, in cash and in kind, which are donated simply for the good of the cause and granted to institutions whose objectives are in consonance with the mission, vision, and thrusts of SSS, such as, but not limited to:

- a) To promote the welfare of workers, persons with disabilities, retirees, and orphans.
- b) To provide health maintenance and medical care, including rehabilitation programs for persons with disabilities.
- c) To promote employment and business activities, industrial peace, organizational development, environmental protection, socio-economic growth, and development of the country.
- d) To promote countryside livelihood development and cooperative economic undertakings.
- e) To provide and maintain basic infrastructure projects including schools, hospitals, housing, power, communication, and transportation.

1 Section 32, Manual of Corporate Governance for the Social Security System

- f) To assist the SSS towards efficient service delivery. These include Post Office, banks, telecommunications and communication industry, and the press/mass media.
- g) To promote social security protection of migrant or overseas workers.
- h) To promote the growth of art, social, cultural, political, educational including science and technological development.
- i) To promote youth sports development.
- j) To provide emergency/calamity assistance.

CALAMITY ASSISTANCE FUND PROGRAM

As a continuing commitment of SSS to be a good corporate citizen by helping its less privileged stakeholders, the SSS Calamity Assistance Fund Program (CAFP) was instituted per SSC Resolution No. 192-s.2012 dated 8 March 2012. The CAFP covers all forms of calamity assistance granted by SSS to its stakeholders, whether in cash or in kind.

Part of the CAFP is the conduct of humanitarian and medical missions, including relief operations to assist SSS members and pensioners, as well as SSS employees residing in calamity-affected areas.

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

On 24 September 2014, then SSS President and CEO Emilio S. De Quiros, Jr. approved the creation of the SSS Volunteer Group under the HR Services Division, to fully engage employees on volunteerism activities and participate in volunteer programs on behalf of the SSS. The Volunteer Program was designed to foster and instill the value of volunteerism among SSS employees, who were encouraged to join worthwhile causes and to share their time and talent beyond the confines of their work premises.

Working alongside the SSS Kabalikat ng Bayan Volunteer Corps, this employee volunteer group provides the needed manpower in the implementation of the CSR initiatives and volunteer activities, such as, but not limited to:

- a) Symposium/Workshop
- b) Community Outreach Program
- c) Partnership with Philippine National Red Cross
- d) Participation in other government and non-government agencies' volunteer activities and development projects
- e) Christmas Fund Drive
- f) Brigada Eskwela


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