

Elusive Inclusive Growth in the Philippines

State Tradition and Policy Choices (Manufacturing, MSMEs, CCT)

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ABSTRACT

Why does the Philippine government, in its battle against poverty, prioritize the Pantawid Pamilya Program — a conditional cash transfer (CCT) scheme — while productive sectors such as manufacturing, including micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs), continue to receive limited budgetary support? I raise this question not to pit these programs against each other — both social protection and industrial development are vital components of a comprehensive development strategy — but to problematize the stark disparity in public investment between these two sectors. From an institutional perspective, unpacking the country's state tradition, or policy regime, is key to understanding the choices made by policymakers. This discussion draws on case studies covering the period from 2010 to 2016.

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