Karapatan Sa Malikhaing Paraan (KaSaMa) has become an effective multilateral converge of efforts from different stakeholders to address human rights issues of the country. What began in 2009 as a concerted effort of linking various sources of support from international partners to human rights initiatives from civil society organizations in the Philippines, the second round of KaSaMa expanded the goal towards building a broader platform for human rights awareness.

Through the efforts of a consortium secretariat, KaSaMa 2 not only increased the support to new and more innovative human rights projects but also became a platform to understand the human rights situation and instil human rights awareness in the Philippines through various new activities such as Focus Group Discussion with vulnerable groups and human rights road shows all over the Philippines.

Taking stock of the success of both KaSaMa rounds, the international partners have committed to initiate another round of KaSaMa for 2012. The second round of KaSaMa highlighted both perennial human rights issues and the need to be more targeted in terms of needed responses. Hence, this time it envisions itself to create more impact by identifying priorities, which taking into account the focus human rights issues of international partners including UN Security Council Resolution 1325, which makes urgent the need to ensure the participation and integration of women and children in human rights intervention initiatives. To implement this round, the international partners have deemed it effective to once again course the management and implementation to the consortium secretariat. These are civil society organizations experienced in project management, civil society coordination and engagement on human rights issues agreed to take on the secretariat responsibilities and functions for the second round of the KaSaMa project.

The consortium is composed of three CSO’s namely: the Caucus of Developmental NGO Networks (CODE-NGO), Ateneo School of Government-Government Watch (ASoG G-Watch) and the Ateneo Human Rights Center (AHRC).

During its meeting held last June 27, 2012, the consortium decided not only to support the continuation of KaSaMa as an innovative human rights program and a platform for a broader human rights advocacy but also to ensure impact by prioritizing human rights issues for the call for proposals and establish a human rights resource center where products and knowledge from previous KaSaMa projects will be available for other CSOs to use or replicate. In order to achieve this, the activities of the secretariat shall be more defined in scope and inclusive of include more groups and stakeholders to achieve impact and the bigger goals of increasing public awareness on human rights and building broader agreements on critical human rights agenda.

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OBJECTIVE & OUTPUTS:
The secretariat proposes once again to undertake the responsibility of implementing activities of the third round of KaSaMa.

The first phase will be composed of activities that will facilitate the call for proposals and continue to make KaSaMa a platform for a broader human rights advocacy. The second phase of the project shall be implemented to continue creating human rights awareness and advocacy, generate knowledge of human rights initiatives through documentation and building a human rights resource center.

In order to achieve this, the organizations in the secretariat team see the need to once again identify, with the marginalized sectors and this time with the international partners, priority human rights issues. The secretariat also seeks to continue their engagement with CSOs which previously or are currently implementing their KaSaMa projects. The effort will center on monitoring the projects undertaken for (a) documentation that will allow generation of lessons learned and reflection on how to improve the action for future replication; and (b) to ensure that the goals and outputs of the individual grants are linked to or contribute to the broader goals of KaSaMa that will be set in the guidelines for call for proposal.

The consortium secretariat shall perform functions and activities that have the following aims:

1. To consult and dialogue with marginalized/vulnerable groups, sectors and international partners to determine current human rights issues and concerns which will guide the project proposal screening and selection;
2. To draft the project proposal screening/rating guidelines for the approval of the donors’ panel;
3. To popularize and disseminate the call for proposals for KaSaMa 3 through awareness-raising forums and networking, among others;
4. To maintain the KaSaMa website as an information center for the KaSaMa project;
5. To preliminarily screen the submitted project proposal and prepare a short-list for the consideration of the international partners;
6. To document previous and current KaSaMa projects;
7. To catalogue KaSaMa project knowledge products; and
8. To establish a human rights resource center.

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