

## **The USAIDE STRIDE Program in the Philippines – Its Objectives, Plans, Progress and Status**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The Science, Technology, Research and Innovation for Development (STRIDE) program, which is starting on its second year of operation, is an initiative funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). It aims to improve collaborative science, technology and innovative research and development activities in the Philippines for broad-based, sustainable and inclusive economic growth. It is being managed by RTI International, an NGO with headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina. The program will create a dynamic network of researchers in universities and industry who will continuously innovate, encourage entrepreneurs and investors who will turn discoveries into products and companies, and government officials who will be supportive of these initiatives. This environment will thrive on dynamic and efficient systems aimed to promote, provoke and encourage need-driven research.

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