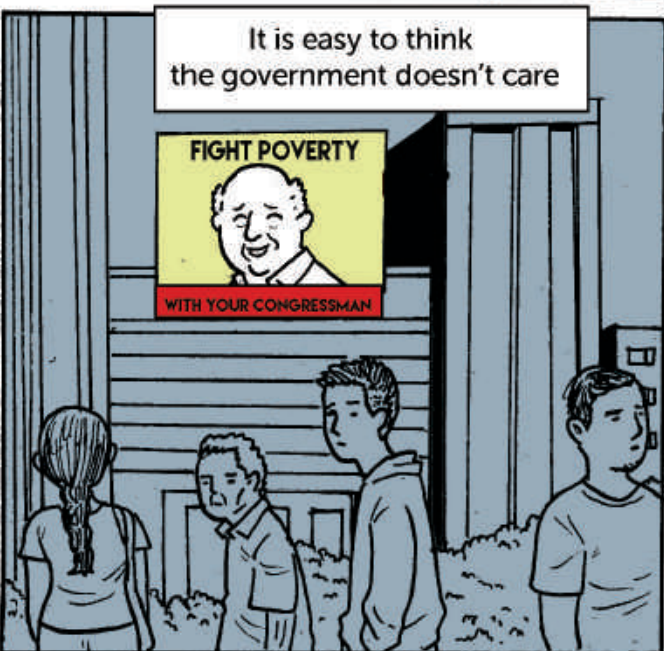


There's Always Room For Improvement

Open Contracting in the Province of South Cotabato



But that doesn't have to be the case.

Hi...

my name's John Magbanua.

I've worked for the government of South Cotabato, a province in the Philippines, for 25 years

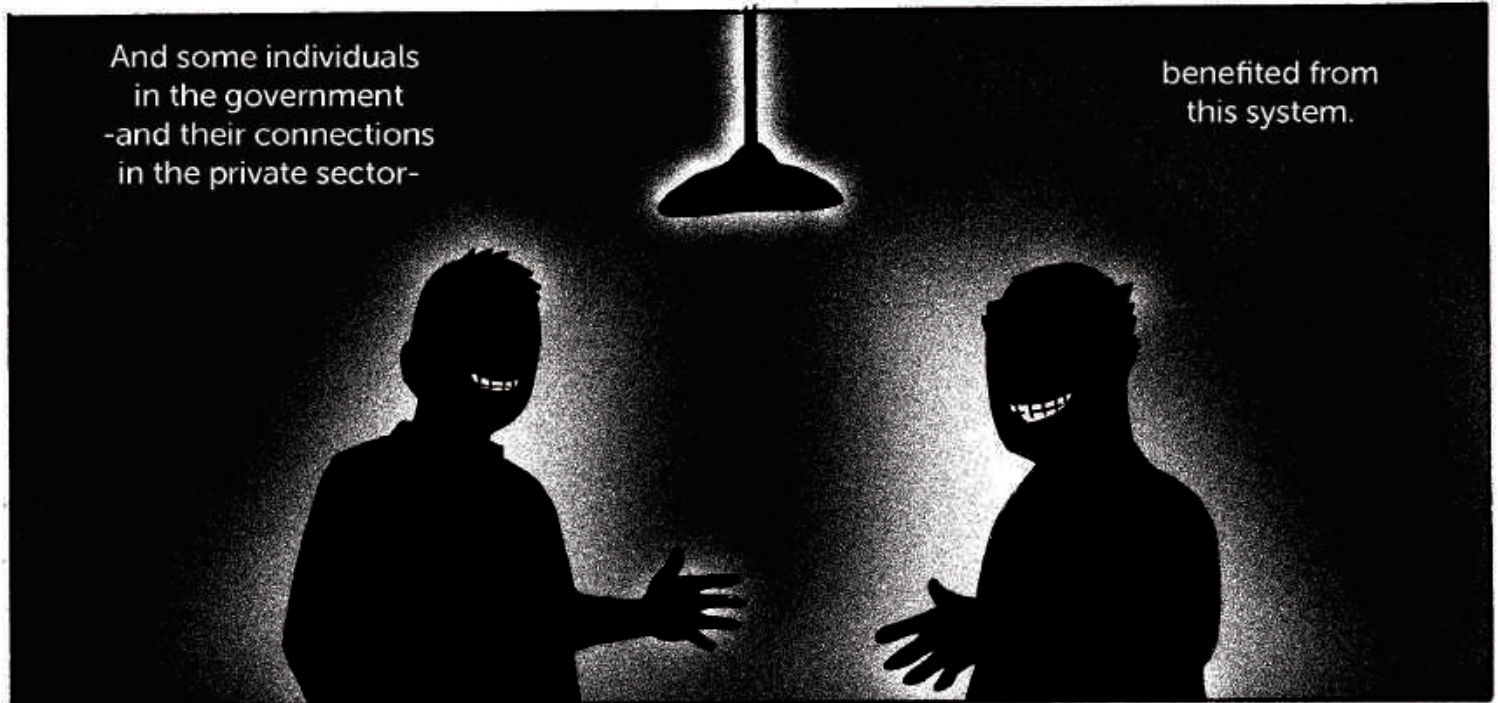
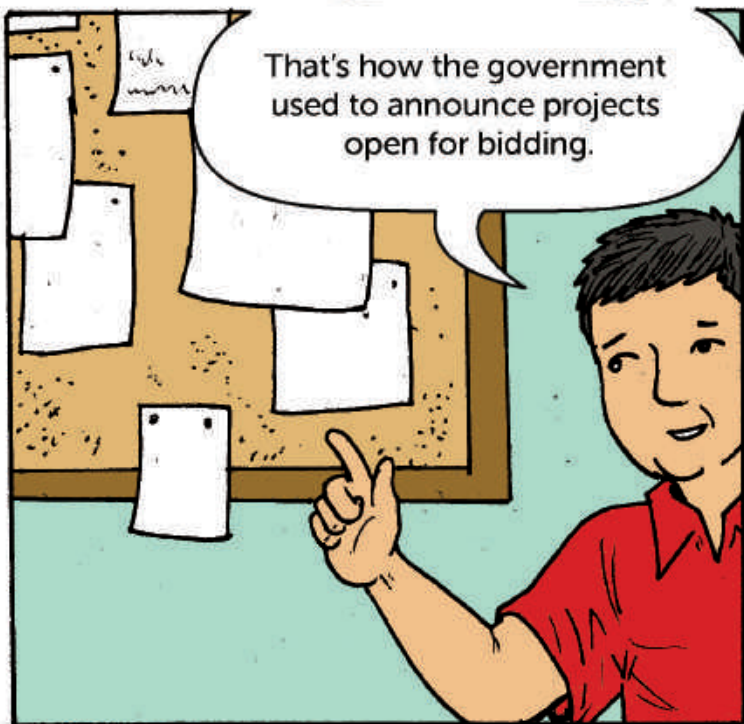
Now, I'm the supervising head of the Bids and Awards Committee

at the Provincial Governor's Office.

Here we work hard and with integrity,

Provincial Government of SOUTH COTABATO

to carry out the bidding process for all public procurement.



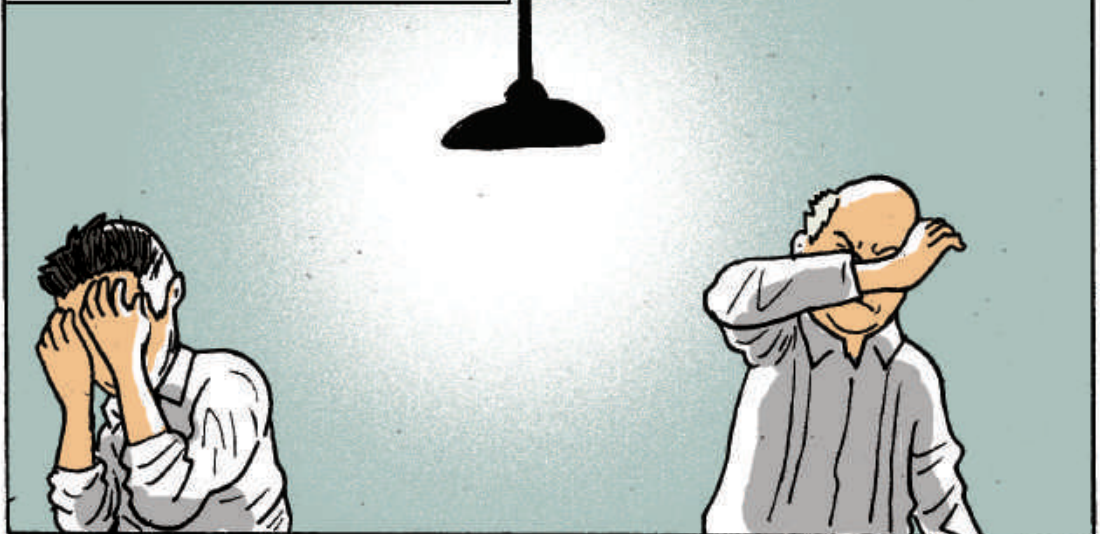
Then the Government Procurement Reform Act (Republic Act 9184)...

by requiring wide distribution and complete transparency of projects for public bidding.

But even with the reforms,



has started a change to that,



We still weren't getting enough bids.

So we started efforts to make procurement information available online,

so we joined the Integrity Circle...

INVITATION TO BID



but most people-potential suppliers included-still believed it was difficult to work with the government,



with representatives from the business sector, the academe, and civil society.

by consulting with the various stakeholders in the Integrity Circle,

we were able to deliver the projects according to specifications, and on schedule.





Even if it meant scrutinizing every document we received.

JOHN.



Because being open and transparent

JOHN.



is the foundation of trust in any healthy relationship.



We discussed with the community how to improve our systems and each improvement made them want to participate more



We now get more bids than ever,

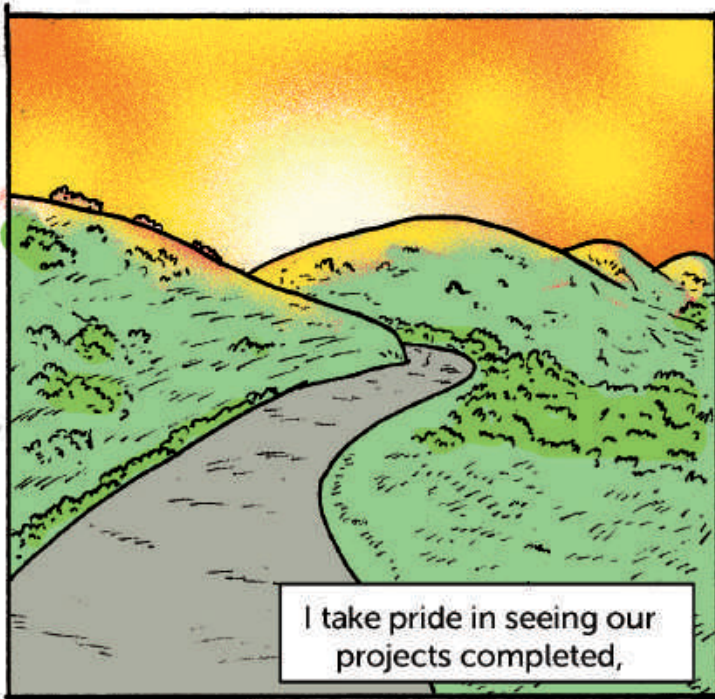


Legitimate bids from institutions that can deliver the projects according to specifications, and on schedule.

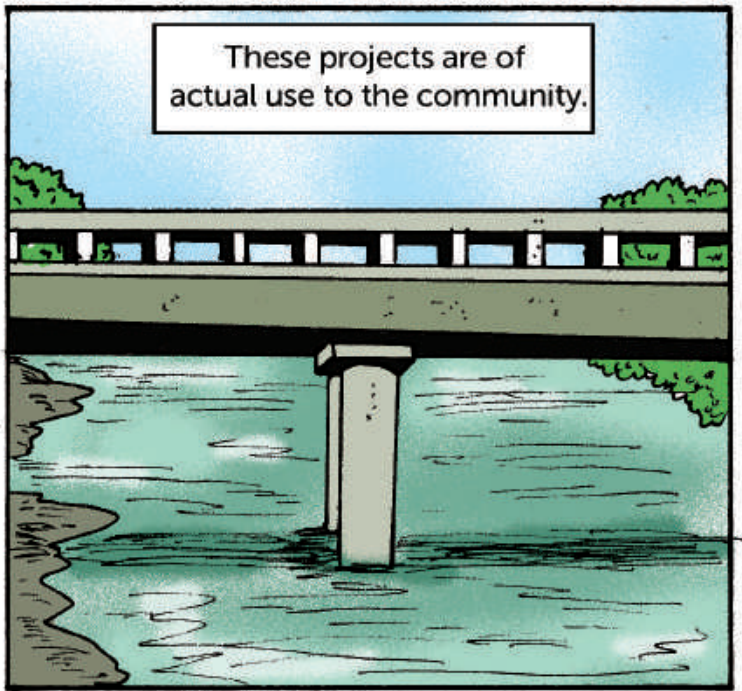


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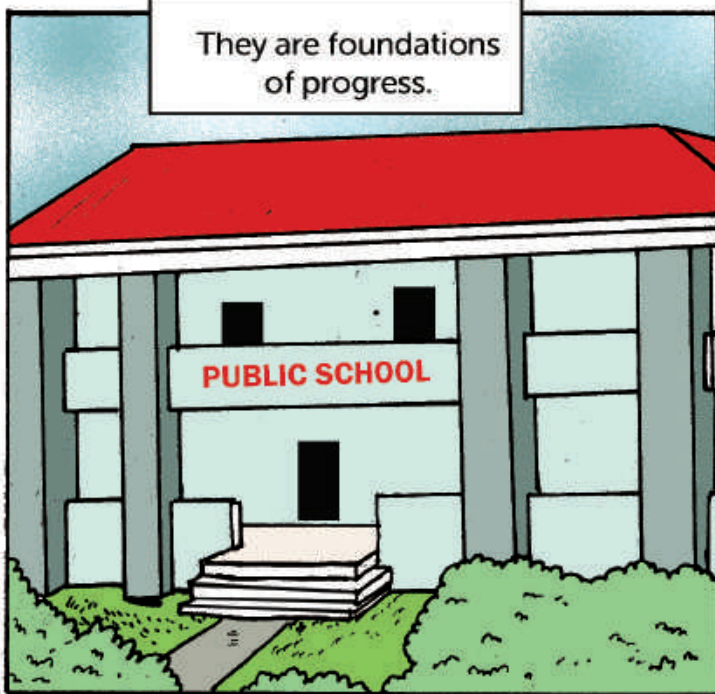
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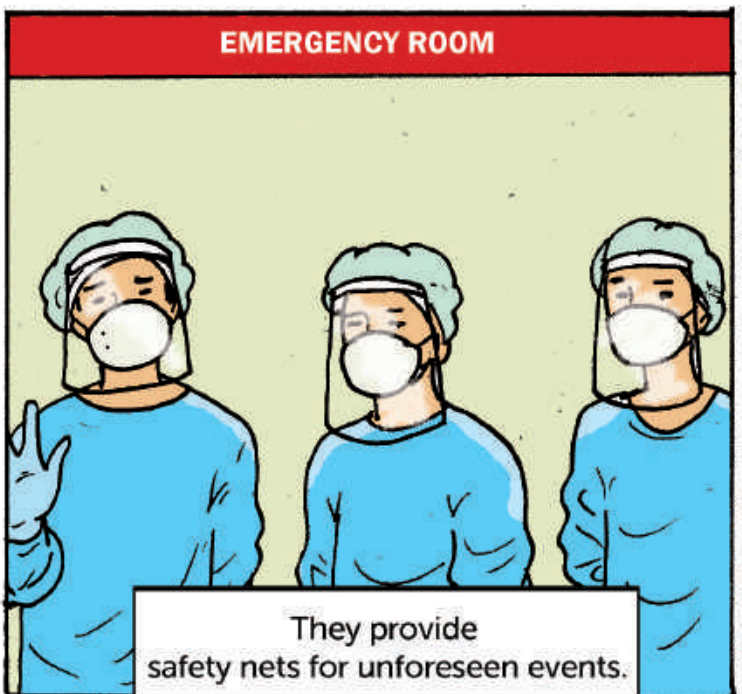
I take pride in seeing our projects completed,



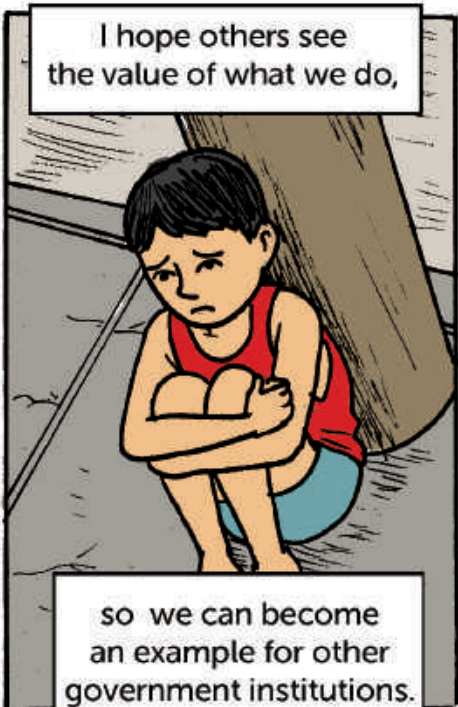
These projects are of actual use to the community.



They are foundations of progress.



They provide safety nets for unforeseen events.



I hope others see the value of what we do,

so we can become an example for other government institutions.



I have realized that when a government cares for its people,

people will care for the government.



And, hand in hand, we can build a better nation.