

Table 26.3: **Selected STI-related programmes in the Philippines**

Programme and year of launch	Function
Niche Centers in the Regions (2016) and Research and Development Leadership Programme (RDLead) [2016]	complementary programmes that support tertiary and research institutions in building centres for R&D; promotes development according to regional needs
Collaborative Research and Development to Leverage the Philippine Economy Program (2016)	spurs industry–university collaboration; under this programme, a tertiary or research institution forms a partnership with at least one enterprise, with the government funding up to a maximum of PHP 5 million ( <i>ca</i> US\$ 100 000) and the partner company providing 20% of the required funds for collaborative R&D
Business Innovation through S&T for Industry Program (2016)	helps Filipino companies acquire relevant technologies to conduct R&D; Dept of Science and Industry (DOST) provides loans of up to 70% of eligible expenses with zero interest
OneSTore.ph (2018)	an e-commerce platform managed by DOST that enables micro-enterprises and SMEs under the Small Enterprise Technology Upgrading Program (SETUP) to showcase and sell their products
SETUP 4.0 (2020)	builds on SETUP, offering micro-enterprises and SMEs loans of up to PHP 5 million ( <i>ca</i> US\$ 100 000) to innovate in Industry 4.0-related areas, providing also equipment and training; it planned to support 800 companies in 2020 (Arayata, 2020)

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