

**Table 1: Percentage of Government Positions Held by Women During the Presidencies of Corazon Aquino and Fidel Ramos**

Government Position	No. of Seats	Aquino Administration (1986–1992)	Ramos Administration (1992–1998)
Senate	24	8.3	16.7
House of Representatives	202	9.4	10.4
Cabinet	20	15.0	5.0
Governor	73	5.4	5.4
Provincial Board Member	626	9.9	10.9
City/Municipal Mayor	1,578	7.4	11.2
City/Municipal Vice Mayor	1,578	6.5	14.9
City Municipal Councilor	12,406	10.5	N/A

Source: Tancangco 1991 as cited in Valte (1992).

## Current Situation: 2001-2019

Filipino women are still very much a minority in the formal political sphere. It can also be observed that in executive positions such as the cabinet, few women are appointed, especially during President Fidel Ramos’s time, compared to Cory Aquino’s administration (Table 1). As mentioned above, the Philippines has made significant strides in legislating for women’s rights. However, 35 years after re-democratization and 84 years after the grant of suffrage, participation of women in politics is still a work in progress, as in most countries.

In 2019, the overall percentage of women in all elective posts in the country was only about 20 percent (PCW 2021), barely reaching the 30 percent international requirement for women’s political