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**OPAPP ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**  
**Third Quarter FY 2017**

The ending of the decades-long armed conflict and the attainment of a just and lasting peace and sustainable development are among the major commitments of the Duterte Administration.

Thus, on 18 July 2016, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte approved his administration's 6-Point Peace and Development Agenda, which shall contribute towards laying the foundations for inclusive growth, a high-trust and resilient society.

The following presents the accomplishments and status of the Philippine peace process for the third quarter based on the strategies laid down in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and guided by the Six-Point Peace and Development Agenda of the administration:

**I. PEACE AGREEMENTS WITH ALL INTERNAL ARMED CONFLICT GROUPS SUCCESSFULLY NEGOTIATED AND IMPLEMENTED.**

**A. Meaningful implementation of the agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) toward healing in the Bangsamoro.**

**1. Work of the Implementing Panels**

On 29 August 2017, the GPH and MILF Implementing Panels held its 9th meeting in Davao City. The meeting served as an opportunity for the Panels to discuss updates on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL), the GPH-MILF Peace Corridor, International Monitoring Team - Civilian Protection Component (IMT-CPC), Third Party Monitoring Team (TPMT), Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC), TORs of Adhoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) and Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH), Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF), MILF political detainees and the Coordination Team for the Transition to the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (CT4T).

**2. Political-Legislative Track**

After the draft BBL was finalized by the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) on 16 June 2017, the draft BBL was submitted to the President in a ceremony held in Malacañang, Manila in the presence of the Executive Secretary, Senate President, House Speaker, MILF Chair, OPAPP Secretary, and GPH and MILF Implementing Panels on 17 July 2017. The BTC conducted briefing sessions on the BBL to various groups with the support of the GPH Panel.

The BBL was transmitted to HOR and Senate by the PLLO and President Rodrigo Duterte assured the MILF that his administration is committed to pass the BTC-drafted version<sup>1</sup> when he met them on 4 September 2017.

On 26 September 2017, two months after the BTC submitted the draft BBL in Malacanang, Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez and 75 members of Congress filed the draft bill as HB 6475. With the bill filed, it will be referred to the appropriate committee to begin deliberations. The target date for the passage of the BBL in the House of Representatives on 3rd and final reading is December 2017 or first quarter 2018.

### **3. Implementation of the Normalization Process**

As defined in the agreements, normalization is the process whereby communities can achieve their desired quality of life, which includes the pursuit of sustainable livelihood and political participation within a peaceful, deliberative society. It aims to ensure human security in the Bangsamoro and build a society that is committed to basic human rights where individuals are free from fear of violence or crime and where long-held traditions and values continue to be honored.

#### **a. Security**

##### **i. Joint Normalization Committee (JNC)**

**Reconstitution of the JNC and Drafting of the Protocol on Norm.** Upon the reconstitution of the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) in August 2017, the JNC members of both sides of the government and the MILF met to discuss ways forward in implementing the Normalization program, particularly on the Security Aspect. Asec. Dickson Hermoso was designated as JNC GPH co-chair and Usec. Diosita Andot as focal person for the Normalization, mainly on the Socio-economic Aspect.

To provide parameters for the operationalization of the Normalization program and the JNC, the Protocol on Reporting, Coordination and Monitoring of the Normalization Program<sup>2</sup> was drafted and reviewed by both sides.

**Normalization program components for engagement with institutions.** From August to September 2017, several project components have been explored to be undertaken with appropriate institutions in order to set up necessary systems for the monitoring and coordination of all dimensions of the normalization process, such as the following:

- Baseline study in targeted areas in Mindanao<sup>3</sup> – this will gauge the effectivity of norm program interventions in selected areas in the Bangsamoro and will

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<sup>1</sup> Though there may be other versions filed in Congress e.g. H.B. 6121 entitled Basic Act for the Bangsamoro Region (BABAR) filed by former President Gloria, such is unacceptable to the MILF as it deleted powers that were already granted to ARMM in R.A. No. 9054 and R.A. No. 6734 (strengthening and creating ARMM, respectively).

<sup>2</sup> This provides that JNC shall consolidate reports from all normalization mechanisms and include assessments focusing on timeliness and consistency of programs with signed agreements; convergence of efforts and activities under the norm, as well as recommendations on issues identified which need to be elevated to the Implementing Panels.

contribute to the establishment of a results-based, benefit-oriented monitoring matrix and a participatory Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System;

- Development of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System and Management Information System (MIS)<sup>4</sup> – this will enable effective project monitoring and decision-making at the level of the JNC and the Implementing Panels. Once the M&E system has been outlined for the norm process, the MIS will be set up in order to capture data in computerized form and support the normalization sub-systems (e.g. security aspect, socio-economic aspect, transitional justice) for easier monitoring and management.

## ii. **Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) and Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs)**

The JPSC of the MILF appointed new JPSC members in August 2017 to work with their counterparts in government. Tasked to oversee the JPSTs, the JPSC has been meeting to discuss the training and deployment of the teams prior to the conduct of the decommissioning process for MILF forces and weapons.

**Discussions on the JPSC Terms of Reference and JPST Operations Manual.** From July to September 2017, discussions on the draft JPSC Terms of Reference<sup>5</sup> and JPST Operations Manual<sup>6</sup> have been held by the JPSC.

**Initial site visits to proposed JPST deployment sites.** From 18-22 September 2017, the JNC Secretariat with representatives from the Combined CCCH & AHJAG Secretariat and MILF, in coordination with DILG-ARMM and other identified local government units---conducted site visits to proposed deployment areas for the JPSTs in Central and Western Mindanao (particularly Maguindanao, Sultan Kudarat, Zamboanga Sibugay, Lanao provinces and Basilan) to gather pertinent data and determine needs based on security, electricity and water requirements, transportation and road accessibility, etc. Socio-demographic data and the presence of Indigenous Peoples and armed groups were noted. Further security assessments will be done to ensure the viability of constructing JPST posts and the subsequent deployment of teams in prioritized deployment sites.

**Development of the JPSTs Course Curriculum and Conduct of Refresher Courses.** A GPH-MILF core team will review the course curriculum<sup>7</sup> and propose changes in accordance with the identified functions and tasks of the JPSTs.

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<sup>3</sup> The baseline study or survey will serve as benchmark for the normalization program, which the Implementing Panels and other mechanisms can use in making project management and policy decisions.

<sup>4</sup> An M&E system will be developed in accordance with indicators and results framework along the various components of the Normalization program. This will entail rigorous development of monitoring tools and results framework, identification of data sources, as well as capacity-building and mentoring of staff.

<sup>5</sup> The JPSC TOR outlines the mandate, composition and functions of the JPSC. It states that the JPSC is a joint mechanism established under the CAB, that works directly under the JNC in coordinating the security components of the normalization process.

<sup>6</sup> The JPST manual on the other hand, summarizes the JPSTs' composition, disposition, functions and tasks. As specified in the manual, the JPSTs work for the maintenance of peace and order and stability of the mutually agreed areas identified by the JPSC and approved by the Implementing Panels through the JNC; track and document all Private Armed Groups (PAGs) and other Lawless Armed Groups (LAGs); support the existing ceasefire agreement between government and the MILF; support dispute resolution strategies on the ground; and upon request, work on security arrangements for activities related to and personalities involved in the peace process.

Meetings with the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP) have been conducted in August and September 2017 to explore possible partnerships on the said undertaking and the conduct of the JPSTs Refresher Courses for the previously trained 330 JPST members have also been lined up with DAP.<sup>8</sup>

The Refresher Courses will enhance skills and knowledge of the JPST members aside from reminding them of their functions and tasks; build on partnerships among AFP, PNP and BIAF personnel; orient them on developments in the peace process; and, provide guidance on the normalization program.

#### **b. Socio-Economic Development<sup>9</sup>**

As part of the normalization process, the MILF and GPH agreed to intensify development efforts for rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of the conflict-affected areas. In particular, socio-economic programs will be instituted to address the needs of the Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF) members, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and poverty-stricken communities in the Bangsamoro.

As part of the continuing effort of the Panels to enable the decommissioned combatants to transition to peaceful and productive lives, the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) on 7 March 2017 together with partner agencies, convened to review the program implementation. This resulted in a set of recommendations to enhance the program.

#### **c. Confidence-building Measures**

**Transformation of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF camps.** As part of the Confidence-building Measures under the Annex on Normalization, the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) agreed to undertake necessary measures for the transformation of the six previously acknowledged MILF camps, namely: Camps Abubakar-as-Siddique, Omar, Rajamuda, Badre, Bushra, and Bilal. It is for this reason that the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFACTs) coordinate and facilitate development programs for the camps' communities.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017, the JTFACT has formulated the first draft of the Implementing Guidelines for the implementation of the camps transformation program; conducted

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<sup>7</sup> The course curriculum for JPST refresher courses and regular trainings must cater to the needs of the composite team of JPST members coming from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the Philippine National Police (PNP), and the MILF's Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF). Aside from skills and knowledge, the trainings must provide relational team-building activities and foster camaraderie and working relations among JPST members. Continuing capacity-building for the JPST members once the teams are deployed is also a component of the project being considered.

<sup>8</sup> The Refresher Courses will enhance skills and knowledge of the JPST members aside from reminding them of their functions and tasks; build on partnerships among AFP, PNP and BIAF personnel; orient them on developments in the peace process; and, provide guidance on the normalization program.

<sup>9</sup> As defined in the Protocol on the Implementation of the TOR of the IDB, Socio-economic Development refers to programs and other initiatives for the MILF combatants, their families and communities in accordance with the Annex on Normalization.

final inspection of the Solar Power (Off-Grid) Project and processed the hiring of six engineers to conduct technical validations in the Six MILF Camps for the implementation of Quick Response Projects.

**d. Transitional Justice and Reconciliation**

In order to implement the 2016 TJRC Recommendations as contained in the TJRC Report, Atty. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, TJR consultant, tasked to produce a draft Roadmap on the implementation of the TJRC Report consulted and/or briefed the following (some as Focused Group Discussions or within the context of orientations or training workshops):

- Executive Government: OPAPP and Panel (including the JNC), Armed Forces of the Philippines, National Historical Commission of the Philippines; Department of Education; National Commission on Muslim Filipinos;
- Other Peace panels stakeholders: Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC); former MILF designate to the TJRC;
- Legislative Branch: Chair of the Committee of Peace, Reconciliation and Unity and its Secretary; (pending) Congressman Kit Belmonte who has a draft bill on transitional justice;
- Regional government - ARMM: Office of the Governor, Office of the Executive Secretary, Regional Development Office and Cabinet;
- CSOs: Center for Humanitarian Dialogue, Maranao CSOs, Cotabato-based Bangsamoro Civil Society Consortium, Mindanao-wide based peace-oriented cause groups, Conciliation Resources (London-based), Independent Working Group for TJR (including academe from MSU and ADMU), International Center for Transitional Justice (New York-based), Alternative Law Groups (ALG);
- International organisations: World Bank, UNDP Bureau of Conflict Prevention, FASTRAC, UN Country Team human rights adviser, UN Women, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, UK Embassy;
- Independent human rights entities: ARMM-Regional Human Rights Commission, Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines – Center for Crisis, Conflict and Humanitarian Protection, Human Rights Violations Claims Board.

The preliminary findings from May 2017 until September 2017 includes:

- A wholistic approach is necessary for the two sets of recommendations, that is setting up the NTJRCSB as well as the consolidation of the TJRC report specific recommendations;
- There has been lack of understanding of the nature and thrust of the TJRC recommendations and some level of complacency and/or non-programmatic approach among several government agencies, although there are ad hoc projects or activities that could be linked to transitional justice;
- The two-day training workshop conducted by the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) was a good practice for TJR capacity building and/or orientations;

- Another good example is ARMM's incorporation of TJRC recommendations into their Regional Development Plan 2018 to 2022 and the designation of the independent Regional Human Rights Commission as the lead focal point in ARMM for its monitoring of government agency implementation and its programmatic scale implementation;
- The common threads in the positions of the CSOs are: the decision-making on the forward thrust of the TJRC recommendations should be done by OPAPP in consultation with the MILF since the TJRC and its outputs were the product of the peace process under the CAB; and there is a need to calibrate some of the recommendations particularly on the setting up of the NTJRCB to reflect ongoing developments;
- That the draft BBL has retained a provision to set up a regional TJRC under the expected Bangsamoro government;
- That the Regional Human Rights Commission of the ARMM intends to continue their work within their mandate but may use the programmatic approach for the Bangsamoro based on the TJRC recommendations; and
- The international bodies are ready to support the government and the CSOs on a more programmatic approach in the implementation of the TJRC recommendations.

#### 4. Ceasefire Mechanisms

The CCCH and AHJAG of both GPH and MILF, implemented the Protocol on Anti-Illegal Drug Operations and related activities in MILF areas/communities. During the period, there was Joint Cooperation between the GPH and MILF forces through the ceasefire mechanisms against extremist/terrorists, the BIFF (a Daesh-inspired group) in the Shariff Aguak, Pagatin (Datu Piang), Mamasapano and Salibo (SPMS) Area of Maguindanao which started last 02 August 2017. Various meetings were undertaken to smoothly conduct said initiative of the MILF. The mechanism also provided accompaniment during movement of the BIAF-MILF to ensure adherence to the existing ceasefire protocols. Necessary transportation assistance was also extended during the hospitalization of the wounded BIAF-MILF during the operation. The AFP provided monetary and medical assistance to the wounded MILF.

- *Strengthening of GPH-MILF ceasefire mechanisms through continued dialogue and implementation of ceasefire agreements.* The CCCH and AHJAG of both the GPH and MILF, at Park Inn Hotel by Radisson in Davao City, discussed the implementation of the newly signed Protocol of Cooperation on Anti-Illegal Drug Operations and Related Activities in MILF Areas/Communities dated 30 June 2017, and issues and concerns on coordination and conduct of joint verifications within MILF Areas on 15 August 2017.
- *Support and coordination of LEOs launched against BIFF.* A law enforcement cooperation (LEO) against the BIFF (a Daesh-inspired group) was launched by the GPH forces with the support of MILF and through the GPH and MILF ceasefire mechanisms in the SPMS areas of Maguindanao, which started last 02 August 2017. This resulted in five (5) killed on the GPH side, 18 killed and 38 wounded on the MILF side, and 38 killed and one (1) wounded on the enemy side. The LEO has also led to the recovery of 24 IED, four (4) HPFAs and surrender of nine (9) BIFF members.

- *Support to the GPH-MILF Peace Corridor.* The GPH and MILF ceasefire mechanisms continued to deploy their members to the Joint Coordination and Monitoring and Assistance Center (JCMAC) in two (2) Peace Corridors in Marawi City and Malabang, Lanao del Sur. The JCMAC through the continued support of the GPH and MILF ceasefire mechanisms were able to rescue 3 civilians.
- *Resolution of ceasefire-related concerns through the conduct of field verification.* The ceasefire mechanisms have resolved ceasefire-related concerns through the conduct of its field verification and fact-finding inquiry, to wit:
  - Joint verification in the vicinity of MILF's Cmdr Stallion in Sitio Baog, Brgy. Lagandang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat to verify the existence of alleged shabu laboratory and presence of illegal drugs in the area as reported to the PNP on 21 July 2017.
  - Ongoing joint verification at the alleged illegal mining operation and alleged existence of illegal drugs laboratory in Sitio Mantisao, Brgy. Bualan, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat on 10 August 2017
  - Ongoing joint verification in Brgy. Tuanadatu, Maitum, Sarangani Province on the alleged harassment by the CAFGU to the MILF in the area.
- *Resolution of rido-related cases involving some members of the BIAF-MILF.* Some of major activities geared towards the settlement of these rido cases, include:
  - On 27 July 2017, Dir Carlos T Sol Jr, Head, Combined Secretariat, GPH CCCH attended a meeting at the IMT Headquarters, Cotabato City to discuss the problem that transpired in Brgy. Resa, Datu Blah Sinsuat, Maguindanao between MILF Commander Gublas Abdullah and the Sinsuat Family headed by Ms. Bai Fatima Sinsuat.
  - On 05 August 2017, Dir Sol together with Hon Butch Malang and Maj Gen Datuk Masarani Bin Paiman, Head of Mission, IMT-M1 attended the Kanduli/Sukor of the settlement of Kakal Family Fued between MILF's Cmdr Tuabak Kindo and MILF' Datu Acod Sangki in Brgy. Old Maganoy, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Maguindanao.
  - On 17 September 2017, the GPH CCCH attended a meeting at the Municipal Hall of Datu Abdullah Sangki in Brgy. Pura, DBS, Maguindanao to meet with the Dabpil and Dacula Families who are both involved on the conflict in Brgy. Meti, DBS, Maguindanao.
  - On 21 September 2017, BGen Earl D Baliao AFP, Chairman, GPH CCCH met with LTC Crizaldo A Fernandez INF (GSC) PA, CO, 19IB, PA and LTC Gerry Besana, CO, CMO, 6ID, PA at the Headquarters of the 19IB, PA in Brgy. Midtimbang, Datu Anggal Midtimbang, Maguindanao regarding the ceasefire issue in Brgys. Kilalan and Pageda, both of Talitay, Maguindanao.
  - GPH CCCH Chair BGEN Earl D Baliao AFP, GPH AHJAG Co-chair COL Cesar D De Mesa INF (GSC) PA, Dir Carlos T Sol Jr, together with the MILF CCCH led by Ustaz Abdulwahab Husain, met with Hon. Khalid Kalaing, Barangay Chairman, Brgy. Molon, Palimbang, SK in Brgy. Malisbong, Palimbang, SK on 26 September 2017, to request that the group of Cmdr Mike Binago to vacate the area so that residents could live again normally.

- On 29 August 2017, GPH Chair BGen Earl D Baliao AFP, MILF CCCH Chair Butch Malang, GPH AHJAG Co-chair COL Cesar De Mesa; Dir. Carlos T Sol Jr, together with MGen Datuk Masrani Bin Paiman, Head of Mission, IMT-M13 had a meeting at the International Monitoring Team Headquarters regarding the alleged misencounter between the Police Provincial Force of MILF (PPF-MILF) and the 104th Inf Bde, PA at Sitio Tambulig, Brgy. Serongon on 201715 August 2017.
- *Conduct of ceasefire-related activities among stakeholders on the GPH-MILF ceasefire agreement.* The mechanisms have also undertaken numerous ceasefire-related peace advocacies and significant engagements (e.g., MILF Peace Advocacy in Barangay Bual, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat)

**5. Other significant activities**

- a. **GPH-MILF Peace Corridor.** As of 4 September 2017, the Peace Corridor, through the JCMAC, has been instrumental in the rescue/ retrieval of some 255 individuals trapped in the conflict zones in Marawi City, coordinated 124 movements of humanitarian assistance and delivery of 56,860 food packs and 7,453 non-food items to 41,409 families in the affected municipalities of Lanao Provinces.

The food packs were distributed by the Regional Coordinating and Command Center of the ARMM through the DSWD and the ARMM HEART, the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) and other humanitarian organizations. In addition, non-food items were provided by the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to families that sought refuge in the towns of Marantao, Ganassi, Madamba, Madalum, Balindong, Buadiposo-Buntong, Poona Bayabao, Bacolod-Kalawi, Ditsaan Ramain and other affected towns of Lanao del Sur. These families are mostly residents of Marawi City and nearby areas who are affected by the crisis.

During the recently concluded meeting of the GPH and MILF Implementing Panels on 29 August 2017 in Davao City, the Panels expressed their intention to maintain the operations of the GPH-MILF Peace Corridor subject to further military security assessment.

- b. **Remaining implementation of the Sajahatra Bangsamoro Program.** The Sajahatra Bangsamoro Program terminated its operations by the end of November 2015 but the GPH continues to complete the remaining deliverables.

The implementation updates as of 30 September 2017 is shown below:

| <b>Agency and Interventions</b>   | <b>Updates</b>  |
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| Department of Health<br><br>Provision of Preventive and Clinical health services to the 10 Bangsamoro | Projects are being implemented in the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BHS in Munai, Lanao del Norte</li> <li>• BHS in Bud Seit, Panamao, Sulu;</li> <li>• BHS in Tariken Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao:</li> <li>• BHS in Magcawa, Albarka, Basilan; and</li> </ul> |



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| Communities  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refurbishment of the Cotabato Sanitarium Hospital in Maguindanao</li> </ul>   |
| Department of Education<br><br>Provision of Financial Assistance to 50 Madaris in the Bangsamoro   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Funds for the private madaris were reverted to the National Treasury.</li> <li>• To date, 4 madaris are awaiting the downloading of the first and the last tranches and the downloading of second tranche to the 25 madaris who submitted liquidation reports of the first tranche.</li> </ul>  |
| Department of Social Welfare and Development<br><br>Provision of Cash-for-Work to 11,000 Bangsamoro beneficiaries                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All 11,000 completed the 30-day work, and graduated from the program; but 374 individuals from Sulu still have pending payment for 20 days rendered work. OPAPP sent official communication to the DSWD and is waiting for their feedback.</li> </ul>   |
| Department of Agriculture<br><br>Provision of Small Scale Infrastructure (Construction of 8 FMRs and 2 Fish Landing Bays in 10 Bangsamoro Communities) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitated construction of 2 km FMR in Old Poblacion, Munai, Lanao Del Norte (95% completion);</li> <li>• Facilitated construction of 2 km FMRs in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi (90% completion)</li> <li>• Facilitated the release of funds for the construction of 2 Fish Landing Bays in Tagabakid, Mati, Davao Oriental and Buliok, Pikit, North Cotabato. DA, OPAPP, PFDA and Regional BDA already revisited the sites. FLB in Pikit, North Cotabato will commence the bidding procurement in December 2017 while LGU of Mati is in the process of complying the documents to be submitted to PFDA.</li> </ul> |
| Department of Agriculture<br><br>Livelihood Development  | OPAPP conducted meeting with DA Central Office to discuss implementation status of the DA's commitment and explore fund source for the pending deliverables of DA. Accordingly, the DA central has no budget for this intervention.  |

- c. **MasterPEACE Leadership Summit: Filipino Youth at the Forefront of a Peaceful Future.** As part of the Peace Month 2017 commemoration, the OPAPP through the GPH Implementing Panel Secretariat organized the MasterPEACE Leadership Summit on 29 September to 1 October 2017 in Davao City to generate appreciation and understanding of the Bangsamoro peace process among eighty (80) youth leaders (college students, bloggers, young professionals, etc.) from all over the country. The MasterPEACE Project focused on critical issues on peacebuilding and the central role of the youth in bolstering commitment to the peace process. The participants engaged with resource speakers both in plenary and parallel sessions covering pertinent and critically important topics related to building peace in the Bangsamoro through mechanisms such as conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation, transitional justice, and addressing violent extremism.

6. **The Cotabato Office.** For the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2017, the OPAPP Cotabato Office provided administrative assistance in facilitating the distribution of purchased vehicles to the GPH-MILF units and mechanisms on the ground which will replace the rented vehicles previously provided to the said mechanisms.

In response to the continuing efforts on the Marawi Crisis, the office continued the Operation of the Peace Corridor both in Marawi City and Malabang.

Moreover, the unit continues to supervise the administrative needs of IMT and IDB operations in attending the Team Sites Leaders' (TSLs) meeting at the IMT Headquarters in Cotabato City, meeting with the IDB Chief of Staff at the IDB Headquarters in Cotabato City and administrative visit to IDB, IMT and CCCH.

## **B. Completion of the Implementation of the Remaining Commitments under the GPH-MNLF Peace Agreement**

Following the announcement of the MNLF-Misuari Group that it will support the federalism track in lieu of pursuing amendments to RA 9054, the GPH and the MNLF Implementing Panels met on 11 September 2017 for their first formal meeting. Highlights of the meeting were the following:

- The parties agreed to seek a clarification from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) on its commitment to provide funds for the establishment and operationalization of the Bangsamoro Development Assistance Fund (BDAF).
- Both Panels also agreed to convene the 2<sup>nd</sup> Formal Meeting on 5 October 2017 to review the terms of reference of the Tripartite Implementation Monitoring Committee (TIMC) which shall be created to monitor the implementation of the BDAF.

The GPH Implementing Panel headed by Undersecretary Nabil A. Tan conducted the following GPH Panel meetings:

- **7<sup>th</sup> GPH Implementing Panel Meeting, 4 September 2017, in Pasig City**
  - The Panel instructed the Secretariat to prepare a draft concept note on the BDAF in preparation for the discussion of the same during the formal meeting.
- **8<sup>th</sup> GPH Implementing Panel Meeting, 11 September 2017, in Pasig City**
  - The Panel met to firm up the government positions on the BDAF, the MNLF's possible requests for socio-economic development projects outside of BDAF and involvement in the implementation. The Panel agreed that a formal mechanism for them will not be allowed but the Panel will reassure that they will be consulted as member of the community.

Likewise, the GPH Panel Secretariat has extended technical assistance on the conduct of the following briefings and technical meetings relative to the GPH-MNLF Peace Process.

- **Briefing on the GPH-MNLF Peace Process for the Local Government of Palawan and the Western Command, 3 August 2017, in Palawan** – The GPH Panel Chair Usec. Tan provided a briefing on the status of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process to address security concerns

resulting from the recruitment of MNLF members for the supposed integration to the Military. The Panel Chair apprised the stakeholders that the agreement on MNLF integration has been completed and it is not part of the agenda of the implementing panels.

- *Technical Working Group Meeting on BDAF, 22 August 2017, in Pasig City*– The technical working group on BDAF convened to discuss and recommend possible funding sources of BDAF, given that the DBM disapproved the 100M initial budget of BDAF, as per EO 872, due to rule on the no co-mingling of funds policy of the government.
- *Briefing on the GPH-MNLF Peace Process for the CARAGA Region, 28 August 2017, in Butuan City* – In light of the alarming cases of MNLF recruitment in areas not included in the Final Peace Agreement with the MNLF such as in the CARAGA region, Panel Chair Usec. Tan provided a briefing in Butuan City on the status of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process among the local government units, Philippine National Police, the Military, and others. The briefing shed light on issues with regard to MNLF recruitment and supposed integration to the AFP, among others.
- *Technical Working Group Meeting on BDAF, 9 September 2017, in Pasig City* – The Secretariat with Panel Member Ma. Cecilia Papa, Ms. Evelyn Daplas and Dr. Fermin Adriano met to discuss the proposed talk points/initial ideas on the design of the Fund in line with the agenda of the first formal meeting.
- *Technical Working Group Meeting on BDAF, 10 September 2017, in Pasig City* – The Panel Chair met with former Undersecretary Jose Lorena and Ms. Evelyn Daplas and discussed the positions of the government on BDAF.

#### **Social Protection Packages for MNLF members, next-of-kin and community members**

- As part of its mandate to facilitate provision of social protection packages to MNLF communities, the OPAPP through the MNLF Concerns Unit (MCU) with the assistance of the AMTs have organized the submission of applications for the CHED Study Grant and Phil Health programs for FY 2017. As of September 2017, a total of five hundred fifty one (551) individuals (227 males and 324 females) applied and were endorsed to the CHED Central Office. On the other hand, there were a total of one thousand nine hundred sixty seven (1,967) individuals (1,104 males and 824 females) submitted to the Rehabilitation and Development Unit (RDU) as OPAPP’s National Coordinator as of September 2017. This list was transmitted to PhilHealth Central Office for processing in October 2017.
- The MCU, in collaboration with CHED, conducted an activity entitled “INFO-EX: A CONVERSATION WITH THE 2016 OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED STUDY GRANT PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES” on 29-31 August 2017 in Cotabato City, Midsayap, and Tacurong City, respectively, for the South and Central Mindanao leg. A total of 144 (85 males and 59 females) grantees of OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED 2016 participated in the said leg. The activity provided them an avenue for exchange of information between OPAPP and CHED as service providers and the students as beneficiaries and implementation partners. The activity was able to resolve issues that the student grantees encountered in the implementation of the program.

- Similarly, on 12 – 13 September 2017, the MCU conducted the same Info-Ex activity in Isabela City, Basilan and in Zamboanga City where a total of 45 (10 females and 35 males) grantees of OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED 2016 were able to attend.
- Further, the MCU has an ongoing coordination with both CHED Central Office and CHED Regional Offices on gathering the data of OPAPP/PAMANA CHED study grantees especially the graduates. This activity aims to harmonize OPAPP data with those of the implementing partner agencies.

### C. Accelerated signing and implementation of the final peace agreement with the CPP/NPA/NDF

**Cancellation of Backchannel Talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF.** On 19 July 2017, the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (PAPP) announced the cancellation of backchannel talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF in Europe due to recent developments involving attacks done by the NPAs. According to the PAPP, “the situation on the ground necessary to provide the desired enabling environment for the conduct of peace negotiations are still not present up to this time.”

In preparation for the possible resumption of the talks, the GPH Panel members and its secretariat conducted the following:

- Convened the Panel Workshop with its Working Committees/Groups on 11 and 12 July 2017 at Astoria Hotel to prepare for the possible resumption of talks. Resulted in: (a) a better understanding of the inter-relationships between and among CARHRIHL, draft CASER, draft CAPCR, draft CAEHDF and draft Ceasefire Agreement; (b) reached consensus points on measures to harmonize said documents; and (c) prepared the draft Talking Points for PRRD (through the PAPP) re ceasefire mechanisms and recommendations for the conduct of the fifth round of talks.
- Arranged and provided support to the Meetings of the GRP-NDF Bilateral Teams on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development (ARRD) and on National Industrialization and Economic Development (NIED) on 15-17 July 2017 at Richmonde Hotel. Resulted in some consensus points on the contentious provisions on the chapters on ARRD and NIED on the separate GRP and NDF draft CASER.
- Arranged and provided support to the Meetings of the GRP-NDF Reciprocal Working Groups on PCR and EHDF held on 16 July and 17 July 2017, respectively at Richmonde Hotel. Resulted in an exchange of positions on salient provisions of PCR and EHDF.
- Provided support to the meeting of the PAPP and the GRP Panel with the President on 18 July 2017 in Malacañang. Results of the meeting were: (1) the President’s approval of the draft documents for discussion with the NDF; and (2) the President’s authorize the Panel to hold informal talks with the NDF on 21-23 July 2017 in Utrecht, The Netherlands. (Note: Per PRRD directive, PAPP announced on 19 July 2017 the cancellation of said backroom talks “due to recent developments involving attacks done by the NPAs”.
- Arranged and provided support to the Panel’s Assessment Meeting with the PAPP held on 2 August 2017 at Bayview Hotel. The Panel discussed and made comments on the AFP

assessment report, and agreed to send a memo for PRRD (through the PAPP) re its own assessment of the talks and recommended measures to move forward the talks.

- Arranged the following meetings of the Panel and its working committees/groups; and the engagements with stakeholders ("the bigger table") to share updates and developments in the peace talks, including the matter on ceasefire which generated inputs from them for the Panel's negotiations work. These activities generated inputs from stakeholders on how to move forward the talks.

#### **1. Panel/RWC/RWGs Activities**

- Briefing on the status of the GRP-NDF peace negotiations to the Philippine Public Safety College students on 4 July 2017 at the National Police College, Camp Castañeda in Silang, Cavite.
- Meeting of the Working Group on JASIG/Releases held on 4 July 2017 at the Panel Office.
- Meeting of the Panel Social Mobilization/Communications Group held on 5 July at the Panel Office.
- Attendance of the GRP Panel Representatives to the Conference on the GRP-NDF Peace Process upon the invitation of the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies held on 3-4 July 2017 in Siem Reap, Cambodia.
- Joint Meeting of OPAPP and Panel Communications held on 10 July 2017 at the Panel Office.
- Meeting of the Panel Social Mobilization/Communications Group held on 14 and 31 July; and 1 and 14 August 2017 at the Panel Office.
- PAPP/Panel Briefing on the status of the GRP-NDF peace negotiations to the Members of Special Committee on Peace Reconciliation and Unity held on 9 August 2017 at the House of Representatives, Batasan Hills in Quezon City.

#### **2. CARHRIHL/JMC Activities**

- Launching of the CARHRIHL-Compliance Mindanao Pilot Monitoring Station held on 29 September 2017 at the Royal Mandaya Hotel, Davao City.
- Monitored 28 complaints (77 against GRP and 24 against NDFP) relative to alleged CARHRIHL violations.
- Joint GRP-NDF MC Meeting held on 13 July 2017 at the RNG Embassy in Taguig City.
- Orientation and Planning Meetings of the GRP-MC:
  - ✓ Meeting held on 25 July 2017 at Jinjiang Hotel, Pasig City.
  - ✓ CARHRIHL Orientation held on 18 August 2017 at Diamond Hotel in Pasay City.
  - ✓ Meeting and Discussion on CARHRIHL Provisions held on 19 September 2017 in OPAPP.
  - ✓ Meeting held on 28 September 2017 at the IBP Board Room, Hall of Justice in Davao City.
- Networking/Advocacy/Communications
  - ✓ Participated in the International Humanitarian Law: Strategic Planning facilitated by the International Committee of the Red Cross held on 25 July 2017 at SEDA Hotel in Quezon City.

- ✓ Consultation Meeting with Sulong CARHRIHL held on 18 August 2017 at the GRP-MC Office in Cubao, Quezon City.
- ✓ Participated in a lecture on IHL and in the “People’s Peace Conversations” held on 30 August 2017 and 18 September 2017 at DFA, Manila.
- ✓ Consultation Meeting with the Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies held on 8 August 2017, in Pasay City.
- ✓ Consultation Meeting with the AFP PDO and PNP PPDO held on 20 September 2017 at Camp Crame in Quezon City.
- ✓ Participated in the GRP Panel Internal Strategic Planning and Workshop held on 11-12 July 2017 at Astoria Plaza in Ortigas, Pasig City.

**D. Immediate conclusion of the peace process with the Cordillera Bodong Administration - Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) and the Rebolusyonyong Partido ng Manggagawang Pilipino/ Revolutionary Proletarian Army/ Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPMP-RPA/ABB)**

**1. GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process**

The 2011 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the GPH and the Cordillera Bodong Administration - Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) covers the implementation of the (1) disposition of arms and forces; (2) community development projects; (3) inter-barangay and inter-municipal development; (4) economic reintegration of former CPLA members; (5) documentation of the CBA-CPLA struggle; and, 6) the transformation of CBA-CPLA into a socio-economic organization. The commitments of the parties have been significantly implemented and its completion is projected in 2017.

The completion strategy for the peace process with the CBA-CPLA will focus on the sustainability of the socioeconomic interventions that would facilitate the peaceful and productive lives of the former CPLA members, their families and communities. Of equal undertaking is continuing the peace and development interventions for the Cordillera region and supporting its aspirations for autonomy.

Status and updates of the MOA components as of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter are as follows:

**Socio-economic Reintegration.** *DENR – OPAPP Forest Guard Program.* In 2013, the DENR and OPAPP partnered to provide livelihood support to former rebels through the implementation of the National Greening Program (NGP), forest protection and other forestry-related activities. As of June 2017, Five hundred seventeen (517) profiled and certified former CPLA members, their next of kin, and Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP) beneficiaries have been employed.

For the third quarter, Forty-nine (49) validated applications were endorsed to DENR Central Office on 28 July 2017. Of which, twenty-eight (28) were approved for hiring; the remaining twenty-one (21) applications are still undergoing review. A total of five hundred forty-five (545) qualified individuals were employed under the DENR-OPAPP Forest Guard Program at the end of September 2017.

To further facilitate implementation of the program, PAMU regularly participates in meetings with concerned PENROs and CENROs to address operational issues.

*Livelihood.* The Program for Enhanced Enterprises for former CPLA members aims to capacitate People's Organizations (POs) into sustainable enterprises, complementary to the livelihood program implemented under the Department of Agriculture, through the following: assessment of POs' organizational health to determine needed interventions; partnership/collaboration/networking with existing enterprises, and; establishment and operationalization of sustainable mechanisms per PO.

An Inter-Agency Peoples' Organization Sustainability Planning and Workshop was held from 12 - 13 July 2017 in Baguio City. The purpose of the activity was to present results of the POs' diagnostic assessment to partner agencies and provincial government units, and for these partners to suggest how they can assist the POs to sustain their livelihood projects. The following POs and partner agencies/PLGUs participated in the activity:

*People's Organizations*

1. Matagoan-Tako Organization
2. Mallin-awa Natonin Organization, Inc.
3. Sadanga Peden Livelihood Association
4. Riverside Community for Peace & Development Association
5. United Kalinga Livelihood Organization
6. Benguet-Saguday Livelihood Association Inc.

*Partner Agencies and PLGUs*

1. DA - CAR
2. DTI - CAR
3. DENR - CAR
4. TESDA - CAR
5. Benguet PLGU
6. Mountain Province PLGU

The second batch and third batch of Inter-Agency Peoples' Organization Sustainability Planning and Workshops were conducted from 15 to 20 September 2017 for POs in the provinces of Abra (Highlanders for Peace and Development, Inc.) and Apayao (Apayao Reformist Association, Inc.). The decision to conduct these batches on a provincial level was based on the premise that it would be easier to access potential technical assistance and capacity building interventions if discussions would be conducted directly with the concerned provincial local government unit with support from the regional agencies.

Through the PO Sustainability Planning and Workshops, partner agencies and PLGUs were able to respond to concerns of the different POs such as: resolution of issues affecting the implementation of the livelihood projects; assistance in the crafting of project proposals; how to properly identify the target market; securing corresponding permits relative to implementation of selected projects and conduct of trainings.

**a. Community Development Projects, Inter-municipal and Inter-barangay Development Projects**

In recognition of the communities which actively participated in the struggle of the Cordillera and selflessly aided the CBA-CPLA in its cause, the CBA-CPLA in its Memorandum of Agreement with the GPH pursued the implementation of eighty-one (81) community development projects in fifty-seven (57) barangays. The CBA-CPLA and the GPH further recognize the necessity to sustain the gains of the MOA, after the agreement has been fulfilled, through the five-year partnership strategy as stipulated in the MOA (Section 7.d provides that *“the parties shall craft and implement a five-year partnership strategy that will sustain economic development efforts between the GPH and CBA-CPLA, beyond closure, including drawing the support of donors, the international community, the private sector and the LGUs.”*).

To facilitate the crafting of the 5-year development strategy, a series of meeting/workshops were conducted on 23-25 August 2017 at Privato Hotel, Pasig City and on 22 September 2017 at NORLU CEDEC, Baguio City. These workshop/meetings resulted to the following: drafting of initial concept and framework of the 5-year Partnership Strategy; a working timeline for the development of the 5-year Partnership Strategy; formation of the advisory body and technical team, and review of existing data to be subjected to further analysis relative to the 5-year Partnership Strategy. A follow-up meeting is scheduled on 11-13 October 2017 in Bontoc, Mountain Province with the following objectives: (1) rationale of the 5-year Partnership Strategy and envisioned outcome defined by the Advisory Body; (2) scope and delimitation of the 5-year Partnership Strategy established; and, (3) Technical Team apprised of the rationale, scope and delimitation of the 5-year Partnership Strategy, and suitable framework established.

2. **GPH- RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process.** The draft Closure Agreement is being reviewed by both the GPH and RPMP/RPA/ABB national leaders. Some sections of the agreement and its annexes were clarified and refined. Moreover, vetting with concerned agencies relative to the 2017 budget for the implementation of projects and activities for the RPMP/RPA/ABB was ensured, and initial steps have been identified.

The Closure Agreement with the RPMP/RPA/ABB will have the following components: (1) Community Peace Dividends (CPD), for communities influenced by RPA; (2) Socio-Economic Reintegration; (3) Disposition of Arms and Forces with provision of Interim Security Arrangement; (4) Provision of Civil-Political Rights; and (5) RPA Institutional Transformation.

The agreement will have the following scope and coverage: (1) Areas: Negros Provinces, Iloilo, Aklan, Antique, Bukidnon and parts of Davao and Ilocos Sur; (2) 727 profiled RPA members; (3) 556 inventoried firearms and 404 explosives; (4) Five (5) settlement sites and four (4) congregated areas; (6) 100 barangays under Community Peace Dividends; and, (7) 267 RPA members to form the Community Security Force.

In preparation for the eventual signing, and implementation of the Closure Agreement, the following have been accomplished in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017:



- a. **Community Peace Dividends (CPD).** One hundred (100) identified CPD areas in Negros and Panay Island (91), Davao City (6), Bukidnon (2) and Ilocos Sur (1) by the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and validated by the GPH will be provided with grants as support to livelihood and enterprise development.

For the third quarter, PAMANA-DSWD accredited twenty-five (25) Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs) from Negros Occidental (20) and Negros Oriental (5) as People's Organizations, and were awarded the seed capital (amounting to Php 500,000.00) to fund their approved project proposal.

A total of ninety-two (92) SLPAs are now implementing various livelihood projects ranging from community enterprise, animal raising and production. The remaining eight (8) SLPAs are still in the preparatory stage and are subject to validation by the DSWD field offices, and or deliberation by the Bureau of Standards. Once accredited, they are considered as legitimate peoples' organizations, who can implement livelihood and community based projects, and manage their own funds.

**b. Socio-Economic Reintegration**

- *PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program.* Six thousand four hundred thirty-three (6,433) individuals have been confirmed as automatically renewed for PAMANA-PhilHealth sponsorship for 2017 (362 RPA and 6,080 CPD) out of the seven thousand fifty-five (7,055) endorsed beneficiaries in 2016. In addition to the (962) (597 for Region 7, and 365 for Region 6) individuals endorsed in April 2017, one thousand two hundred seventy-four (1,274) (181 for Region 6, and 1,093 for Region 7) individuals from CPD areas were endorsed to PhilHealth Central Office for the third quarter of 2017. Details of each individual are currently being verified by concerned PhilHealth Regional Offices to facilitate their enrollment as beneficiaries.
- *DENR-OPAPP Forest Guard Program.* One hundred eighteen (118) members of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB were employed as Forest Guards under the National Greening Program through the DENR-OPAPP Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2013-02 for the first quarter of 2017. Five (5) additional applicants to the Forest Guard Program were endorsed to DENR Central Office for hiring. The endorsement was received by DENR Central office on 28 July 2017 and was forwarded to the Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations and Staff Bureau for review and appropriate action.
- *Settlement Sites.* The settlement sites were jointly identified by RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG, LGUs and concerned agencies where three hundred eighteen (318) RPA-TPG members agreed to resettle and rebuild their lives with the community. The following activities were conducted to facilitate the establishment and development of the settlement sites:
  - The application for Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) of Kapatiran Para sa Progresong Panlipunan Negros Oriental Chapter, was approved, and awarded on 21 July 2017 in Dumaguete City.

The issuance of CBFMA as tenurial instrument will facilitate the implementation of development projects in the settlement sites.

- Partner implementing units of the PAMANA-DILG Fund were called to a meeting on 19 July 2017. Updates and status on the PAMANA-DILG Fund projects were presented, followed by the discussion on resolution of issues and concerns to fast track implementation. An important agreement reached during the meeting was relative to the funds of unmoving projects. Per DILG, all funds relative to non-moving 2014-2016 projects will be returned to the Bureau of Treasury if there will be no movement until 31 October 2017.
- On 20 July 2017, a meeting with DOH City Health Officer of Tanjay City, Negros Oriental was conducted to discuss the PAMANA-DOH guidelines for 2017. The guidelines will focus on the sub-allotment and utilization of the seven million pesos (Php 7,000,000.00) fund (Php 5,000,000.00 will be allotted for community infrastructure and the remaining Php 2,000,000.00 will be allotted for medicines and medical supplies). PAMU and DOH have been in constant coordination to facilitate the finalization and signing of the aforementioned guidelines.
- PAMU and AMT Western Visayas attended the courtesy call to LTGEN Oscar Lactao (Central Command Commander), and initial coordination with 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineering Brigade and 534 Engineering Battalion, spearheaded by AFP Chief Engineer, MGEN Arnold Rafael Depakakibo. The agenda includes the discussion of funds intended for settlement sites and how to commence in Negros Oriental. As a result of the meeting, the Army Engineering Brigade has agreed to implement the site development of settlement areas, and the construction of core shelters.

## **II. COMMUNITIES IN CONFLICT-AFFECTED AND CONFLICT-VULNERABLE AREAS PROTECTED AND DEVELOPED**

### **A. Implementation of peace-promoting and catch-up socioeconomic development in conflict-affected areas**

In the PDP 2017-2022, PAMANA remains as the government's peace and development convergence program implementing peace-promoting, catch-up socio-economic interventions in CAAs and CVAs as well as help build a culture of peace and conflict sensitivity.

The following are the objectives of the enhanced PAMANA program:

- Address issues of injustice and improve community access to socio-economic interventions;
- Improve governance by building the capacity of national government agencies and local government units for a conflict-sensitive, peace-promoting, culture-sensitive and gender-sensitive approach to human rights promotion and development; and,
- Empower communities and strengthen their capacities to address issues of conflict and peace.

In the 2017 GAA, PAMANA has a budget amounting to P8,077,228,000, which is to be implemented through eight (8) agencies: CHED, DENR, DOH, DSWD, NCIP, OPAPP, PhilHealth, and PNP in 13 Regions, 46 Provinces, 215 Municipalities, and 28 Cities.

For FY 2017, OPAPP shall implement a total of 701 socio-economic interventions for conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas in the seven (7) PAMANA Zones and shall oversee the implementation of 270 interventions by partner implementing agencies such as the CHED, DENR, DOH, DSWD, NCIP, PhilHealth and PNP.

As implementer, OPAPP has accomplished the following for the reporting period:

- **65 Roads and 5 Bridges (70 projects)**: Per DPWH and LGU reports, 9 projects are in the procurement phase while 61 projects in various stages under the preparatory phase.

Met with DPWH for the OPAPP-DPWH 3rd Regular Meeting on FY 2017 PAMANA on 26-27 September 2017 at the Bayview Hotel, Manila.

- **Agricultural Productivity Support (267 projects)**: A total of 267 projects are in the preparatory phase. Of which, 54 projects were earmarked for LGU implementation. 213 projects are in the process of the implementing partner's project validation.
- **Agri-Fishery (85 projects)**: A total of 85 projects are in the preparatory phase. Of which, 8 projects were earmarked for LGU implementation. 77 projects are in the process of the implementing partner's project validation.

Met with BFAR for the OPAPP-BFAR Coordination Meeting on 11 August 2017 and 11 September 2017 at the BFAR Office, Quezon City to discuss a possible partnership in the implementation of the FY 2017 PAMANA agri-fishery projects. BFAR has agreed to provide OPAPP with technical assistance. Follow-through coordination meetings were also conducted.

- **Ancestral Domain Delineation and Recognition (ADDR) (32) and Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development Protection Plan (ADSDPP) (26)**: Per NCIP report covering Regions IX, X, XI and XIII:
  - 42 CADT projects are ongoing, 4 projects are in the preparatory phase, 4 projects are undergoing validation.
  - 55 ADSDPP projects are ongoing, 16 projects are in the preparatory phase, 11 projects are undergoing validation.

Note: Variance in project count is due to split projects per inter-municipality projects. This is subject to data reconciliation.

- **Capacity Building (3 projects)**: A total of 3 projects are in the preparatory phase.
- **Community Infrastructure (20 projects)**: A total of 20 projects are in the preparatory phase. Of which, 7 projects were earmarked for LGU implementation. 13 projects are in the process of the implementing partner's project validation

- **Development Settlement Site (2 projects)**: A total of 2 projects in the preparatory phase. PAMU initiated discussions with the AFP for the implementation of these projects which are in support of the Closure Program with the RRA.
- **Electrification (50 projects)**: A total of 50 projects are in the preparatory phase.
- **Flood Control (1 project)**: A total of 1 project is in the preparatory phase and is earmarked for LGU implementation.
- **Livelihood (20 projects)**: A total of 20 projects are in the preparatory phase. Of which, 5 projects were earmarked for IOM implementation as of the 2nd Quarter of 2017. 15 projects are in the process of the implementing partner's project validation.

Per IOM report: Social preparation activities are underway as of the reporting period including the conduct of the Inception Workshop on 8-9 August 2017 at the New World Makati Hotel, Makati City. Also met with IOM for a follow-through meeting with representatives from MCU and RDU on 17 August 2017 in Manila.

- **Social Protection (2)**: A total of 2 projects are in the preparatory phase.
- **Water Supply System (123)**: A total of 123 projects are in the preparatory phase. Of which, 41 projects were earmarked for LGU implementation while 82 projects are in the process of implementing partner's project validation
- Coordination with the DND on the OPAPP-DND-AFP Tripartite MOA for PAMANA is ongoing as of the reporting period.

## **B. Empowering communities by increasing their capacity to address conflict and reduce their vulnerabilities.**

The Peoples' Peace Tables serve as a government platform to ensure peoples' participation in the peace process. These peace conversations are considered the larger peace tables which involve different sectors with varying thematic concerns. It provides the democratic space for continuing dialogues between government and community stakeholders to surface, discuss and clarify issues on participation in proposing solutions to identified issues that can either be responded to by the communities themselves and the government institutions, whether efforts to resolve conflicts are independently or collectively done. All peoples' peace tables' efforts are geared towards concrete peace actions to support the peace process through policy development, peacebuilding programs and constituency building.

Following is a list and results of peace conversations that have been undertaken for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter:

### **a. IP Peace Table**

Supported the GRP-IP Peace Panel relative to preparations and actual conduct of the Mindanao IP Legislative Assembly (MIPLA) for the BBL. The MIPLA served as the

platform for representatives of non-Moro indigenous communities in the ARMM and other adjacent Ancestral Domain areas to engage in participatory discourse to propose enhancements to the latest version of the BBL that is non-regressive in the recognition of rights, protection of interests and promotion of welfare of non-Moro IPs within the proposed Bangsamoro Government.

It involved an initial process of review by the Drafting Committee, composed of a pool of lawyers from the government and non-government sectors, to undertake content analysis of contentious BBL issues that impact on IP rights. This was vetted and validated during the actual conduct of the MIPLA held on 29 August to 1 September 2017 at the Mergrande Ocean Resort, Davao City.

The MIPLA-BBL event resulted in a set of proposed enhancements to the BBL provisions that impact on IP rights and a resolution constituting the MIPLA Panel of Representatives as core members that will consolidate the outputs of MIPLA delegates for submission to Congress.

Efforts to consolidate the MIPLA outputs also considered the results of the Peace Conversations with the BTC on 18 September 2017 in Davao City. The Peace Conversation served as a space for dialogue that is non-adversarial and a platform for confidence building and consensus building on the proposed enhancements to the draft BBL. This would enable the MIPLA Panel of Representatives to translate their unities into a formal legislative proposal that can be considered for incorporation by the Congress to enhance the existing draft BBL.

OPAPP-CPMU also facilitated the participation and representation of the IP Peace Panel Chair Lingating in various IP-related activities which served as opportunities to inform IP communities and support groups on the mandate and role of the IP Peace Panel in carrying the IP agenda in support of the peace process. These activities also served as opportunities to capacitate IP community stakeholders through the provision of technical assistance and guidance on various IP issues and concerns affecting their respective communities.

**b. Youth Peace Table**

- i. Coordinated with NYC on the provision of key messages on Youth, Peace and Security among other information campaign on the youth peace table and OPAPP programs as input to the celebration of International Youth Day spearheaded by the NYC held on 12 August 2017 in Muntinlupa.
- ii. Coordination meeting with the Peace Education Network-Philippines (PEN-Phil) to provide updates and generate support for the Peace Month Celebration.
- iii. Facilitated Peace Conversations among 100 youth in Bicol and in Samar during the Peace Buzz activity. Participants were capacitated on the basic concepts on peace, conflict and violence and the relation of the Youth Peace Table to the UNSC 2250 and PYDP 2017-2022. Outputs served to provide an overview and understanding of their current peace and conflict situation. Also, a strategic entry point for the Luzon and Visayas-wide youth peace conversations.

- iv. Conducted Inter-Camp Peace and Leadership Training for Youth Leaders in Iligan City evacuation camps in partnership with the Teach Peace Build Peace Movement (TPBPM). Aside from gaining basic understanding on peace and conflict, participants were equipped with psychosocial skills and strategies in preparation for them to serve as peace educators in their own camps.
- v. Proposed peace actions were crafted as a result of their initial planning session. Among these that are to be endorsed to their respective camp managers are: peace education within their camps, proper sanitation and waste management, organizing other youth to lead psychosocial activities

**C. Strengthening government peace and development institutions and mechanisms to increase their responsiveness to peace, conflict, and security issues**

Conflict sensitivity and peace promotion (CSPP) will be mainstreamed in the work of NGAs, LGUs, and other government mechanisms such as the peace and order councils, local development councils and disaster risk reduction and management (DRRM) councils. Likewise, the continued implementation of the UNSCR 1325 and NAP-WPS will ensure the protection of women's rights in conflict situations and expand their role in the peace process.

**1. CSPP Mainstreaming.** OPAPP through the CPMU's component to provide assistance in the development of Local Government Units' Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting peacebuilding program for communities, the following activities were coordinated and facilitated in partnership with various peace partners from the government sector and civil society organizations:

- Provided CSPP inputs in the capacity development for the participants of the Peace and Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA) Training conducted by the OCD on 8-11 August 2017 in Iligan City as part of the Early Recovery and Rehabilitation work for Marawi.
- Served as resource person during CSPP-CDP Training on 7 September 2017 in Cabadbaran City for the members of the TWG of Municipal Planning Offices in the Province of Agusan del Norte.
- Served as resource person during the training on Mainstreaming of Mediation and Healing Mechanism in Local Governance on 9 August 2017 at the La Breza Hotel, Quezon City, organized by the LGA. This was an opportunity to share the 6-point Peace and Development Agenda, with emphasis on the importance of alternative conflict management system in conflict affected and fragile areas.
- Served as resource person during the Regional Workshops on National/ Regional Strategic Priorities and Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Alignment organized by DILG-MIMAROPA on 17 August 2017 at the Vista Marina Hotel, Subic. This was an opportunity to share the 6-point Peace and Development Agenda and embed CSPP approaches in the local development plans of participating MIMAROPA LGUs and LGAs.
- Facilitated the declaration of September as CARAGA's Month of Peace in support of the National Peace Consciousness Month which resulted to the:
  - Adoption of the localization of the National Peace Consciousness Month by the RPOC of CARAGA.

- Institutionalization of the CARAGA Roadmap for Peace
- Participated in the Marawi Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Program (ERRP) Planning/Workshop last 8-9 September 2017 in Iligan City and provided support and further inputs on the calibrated plans and activities which shall be implemented from the last quarter of 2017 up to 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2018. A revised ERRP was finalized which will be supported by CPMU, LGU Marawi, other concerned OPAPP units and peace partners in implementation of programs.
- Conducted the Barangay Council Peace Conversations held in MSU-IIT in Iligan City last 30 September 2017 in partnership with IPDM participated in by the 96 Barangay Chairman from Marawi City. The activity aimed to surface current issues of IDPs and recommendations which could support the implementation of ERR in Marawi and the transition of IDPs in their communities.

## 2. National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2017-2022

The new Peace and Development Roadmap of the Administration is an all-inclusive peace framework, committed to continue the work of integrating gender in the peace process, including the implementation of the NAPWPS.

The NAPWPS is the articulation of the Philippine Government's commitment to international resolutions and national mandates on women, peace, and security. The Policy ensures that women's needs and concerns in conflict-affected and post-conflict areas are addressed through the development and implementation of programs, activities, and projects (PAPs) for the protection and prevention of women from all forms of violence in the context of conflict.

As part of the implementation of the NAPWPS the following interventions were undertaken:

- **Strengthening Women and Children Protection Desks.** One of the relevant actors for NAPWPS Outcome/Pillar 1 (Protection and Prevention) or the protection of women's human rights and prevention of violation of these rights in armed conflict and post-conflict situations through the enactment and implementation of gender-responsive and conflict-sensitive policies, programs, and services is the PNP, more particularly its Women and Children's Protection Desk (WCPD).

In order to provide assistance in enhancing the documentation and reporting of violation of rights of women in situations of armed conflict and provide technical assistance to the WCPD officers on NAPWPS, a total of 25 sets of desktop computers with computer tables and multifunctional printers were provided to 25 WCPDs in ARMM, 10 of which were turned over last July 2017. Along with the turn-over of equipment, WCPD officers were also given orientations on GAD and NAPWPS. WCPD in Region X was also given orientation on GAD and NAPWPS. In September, OPAPP's NAPWPS Secretariat revisited the WCPDs in PRO ARMM and gathered updates and feedback on the impact of the assistance conducted:

- Computers were used not only in doing their reports but also in lectures with small audiences outside their office. It was also used in filing online blotters.

- Majority of the WCPDs cannot afford to buy new ink cartridges. They were suggesting getting the supply of ink from OPAPP or converting the printer into continuous ink type of printer while some WCPDs are still printing in other departments/offices.
- **Conversations with Women.** With the objective to provide a venue to enhance women's participation in peace process and build and strengthen networks to support the peace process through the conduct of conversations with women, the NAPWPS Secretariat gathered insights that may feed into the succeeding programs that are being formulated.

For the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2017, the NAPWPS Unit was able to conduct the following Conversations:

1. Women Internally Displaced People (IDPs) in Iligan
2. PAMANA Women Beneficiaries from Burias Island, Masbate
3. PAMANA Women Beneficiaries from the municipality of Mulanay, Quezon
4. PAMANA Women Beneficiaries from the province of Sorsogon
5. Muslim Women from Maharlika Village, Taguig
6. Members of the Samar Women Action Network (SWAN) Congress

The said conversations provided a safe and conducive environment for women to share and discuss issues and concerns of women relative to peace and security. It also surfaced several issues the top of which was lack of access to livelihood of women, prevalent VAWC and SGBV cases, and lack of education. While the activities brought to light women's issues, it also brought out the positive impact of government programs on women, and how women were able to increase not only their participation in the community but also their income and access to livelihood through programs like PAMANA.

- **Training of Trainers for Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Resource Pool.** The new NAPWPS has developed new features seen in its framing, privileging of women's agency, strengthening of coordinative mechanisms on the protection of women, multi-level implementation and monitoring and evaluation. Given these new features, it was essential that agencies involved in its implementation to be completely knowledgeable on NAPWPS and for agencies to develop concrete plans both at the collective and agency levels.

A Training of Trainers for WPS was conducted last 31 July - 3 August 2017. A total of sixty four (64) trainors (55 Female and 9 Male) comprised of representatives from National Steering Committee WPS-member agencies and OPAPP Area Management Teams attended and were trained on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) concepts and NAPWPS, provided with updates, and trained on presenting and speaking.

At the end of the activity, participants were able to fully grasp the said concepts and analyze issues with the WPS lens. Participants were provided with inputs from resource persons from different agencies ( OPAPP, PCW, DND, AFP, DOH, and PNP).



Some of the trainers have been tapped to help in the conduct of women conversations and consultations. DND, PNP and OPAPP AMTs have been especially active and have helped facilitate activities such as Women Conversation with Muslims of Maharlika Village and Strengthening WCPDs in Region X.

- **Strategic Planning on RAPWPS-ARMM.** The Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) has been the pilot area for the localization of the Philippine NAP WPS, which had significant achievements in terms of capacitation and moves towards the institutionalization of WPS. Building on these gains, as well as previously existing requisites for developing its local plans on WPS, the time has come for a more organic process – that of the drafting of a Regional Action Plan (RAP) on WPS.

The RAPWPS ARMM Formulation is a pioneer effort that may serve as a model for the crafting of action plans of other regions. This process will be conducted in three (3) phases: (1) workshop; (2) validation; and (3) finalization. The first and second phases were already undertaken which resulted in the first working draft of the RAP with 13 Action Points and 30 Indicators.

To complete the process of drafting, a Strategic Planning was conducted on 4-5 August 2017 with the following objectives: 1) to contribute to the process of drafting the RAP WPS; and, 2) to discuss ‘ways forward’ on the implementation of the RAPWPS. This was attended by 71 participants (14 male and 57 female) from the Regional Sub-Committee on Gender and Development (RSCGAD) implementing agency-members of the as well as members of the Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA). Output of this activity is the updated draft RAPWPS-ARMM which will be presented during the finalization of the RAPWPS-ARMM. Once the RAP is completed, Executive action at the level of the Regional Governor should formally launch the RAP.

- **Localization of the NAPWPS in LGUs.** Several activities to localize the NAPWPS in the LGUs have been conducted as part of the effort to mainstream the NAPWPS and capacitate stakeholders. These include the following:
  1. NAPWPS Orientation for Provincial and Selected Municipal Governments in RRA Areas held in Bacolod City last 29 August – 1 September.
  2. Mainstreaming NAPWPS in the GPBs of LGUs of Camarines Norte held in Daet, Camarines Norte last 6-8 September

The said activities were participated in by GAD Focals, and Planning Officers of the said province and municipalities. It provided them with knowledge and skills how to identify and integrate WPS programs into their GAD Plans and Budget through workshops and exercises. During the activity, participants were already asked to identify specific and concrete WPS PAs in relation to the women issues they have identified in their province/municipality.

- **Forum on Women and New BBL: Prospects and Challenges.** With the objectives to provide a venue for better understanding of the draft BBL, clarify issues and concerns, as well as implications of the BBL’ implementation once it is passed and ratified, and

build constituency that will support the passage of the revised draft, the activity Women and New BBL: Prospects and Challenges Forum was conducted on 12 September 2017. This is part of the technical assistance and implementation of the last leg of engagement with the SERLEC.

The forum was attended by a total of 79 participants (21 male and 58 female) coming from the different offices in the ARMM Government (RCBW, DOTC, TESDA, BDA, RPDO, DOLE, among others), the Academe, Religious Sector, Women, Youth, IPs, Business Sector, and Civil Society. In the forum, relevant provisions on women in the BBL were articulated as well as the benefits that women will have relative to the proposed BBL.

- 3. Disaster Risk Reduction and Management (DRRM) Modules.** In line with strengthening the DRRM capacity of the Department of Education (DepEd), DepEd’s Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Service (DRRMS) developed a DRRM Ladderized Capacity Building Program to ensure the competencies of the Region and Division DRRM Coordinators. The PPU served as the learning facilitator for the modules on “basic understanding on peace and conflict” and “conflict-sensitive education” during the roll-out activities for the DRRM Training Modules that the DepEd and UNICEF developed. To date, the PPU served as the learning facilitator in the following roll-out activities:

| DepEd Cluster | Date              | Venue     |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Visayas       | 20 September 2017 | Sarangani |
| Luzon         | 4 October 2017    | Bohol     |
| Mindanao      | 11 October 2017   | Aurora    |

- 4. Armed Forces of the Philippines Command and General Staff College (AFPCGSC) Peace, Conflict, and Development Module**

This is the 3rd run of the Module on Peace, Conflict and Development as part of the continuing partnership with the AFPCGSC. The Module was developed in 2014. In August, September and October, OPAPP conducted sessions on peace, conflict and development for 177 participants with the rank of major and lieutenant colonel. Out of the 177 participants, there are 3 coming from Indonesia, 3 from Malaysia, 2 from South Korea, and 1 from Cambodia.

- a. Securing Peace: The Links between National Security and the Government’s Roadmap to Peace, by Dir. Pamela Ann S. Padilla-Salvan, 29 August 2017
- b. DDR Processes: The Philippine Experience delivered by Asec. Dickson Hermoso, 4 September 2017
- c. Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Framework/Paradigm delivered by Eileen Salvador (Consultant), 4 September 2017

**5. Development Academy of the Philippines Graduate School of Public and Development Management Master in Public Management major in Development and Security (MPM-DevSec)**

The course caters to the senior officers of the Philippine National Police (PNP), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). In July 2017, OPAPP provided briefings to 3 batches of students (159 students) on the 6 Point Peace and Development Agenda status and updates.

- 4 July 2017 - PeaceAccords Cluster
- 12 July 2017 - NAPWPS
- 25 July 2017 - PPU

**6. Basic Course on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting Practice for OPAPP Technical Staff, 21-25 August 2017, One Tagaytay Place. The capacity building training was intended to:**

- Deepen OPAPP staff's appreciation and understanding of the basic concepts on peacebuilding;
- Practice using the tools and skills, that will help OPAPP staff in their peacebuilding work; and,
- Identify and propose ways of integrating the conflict sensitive and peace promoting concepts, lessons learned, tools introduced in their respective areas of work.

This was participated in by 53 staff.

**7. OPAPP's Response to the Marawi Crisis**

In response to the alarming humanitarian crisis in Marawi City, on 28 June 2017, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte created through Administrative Order No.3 Task Force Bangon Marawi an inter-agency task force for the recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation of the City of Marawi and other affected localities. This is in recognition of the need for a unified and comprehensive effort on the part of the National Government in coordination with other major stakeholders.

In the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM), OPAPP is a member of the Executive Committee and of the Security, Peace and Order Sub-Committee and the Information Management and Strategic Communications Support Group. As such, one of its major roles and responsibilities is to mainstream conflict sensitivity and the peacebuilding lens in the planning and implementation of the rehabilitation and recovery of Marawi. OPAPP anchors its Social Healing and Peacebuilding Program under its work for the Security, Peace and Order Sub-Committee.

**a. Focus Group Discussion on Women, Peace and Security (25 -28 July 2017)**

Key women leaders in four (4) evacuation centers (ECs) and four (4) IDP host communities in Iligan City were involved and benefited in the following:

- Listening session on women's issues resulting from the Marawi Crisis and orientation on women, peace and security
- Provision of 25 boxes of sanitary napkins and adult diapers

Specifically, 5,666 individuals or 944 families of IDPs in the following areas in Iligan City benefited from this activities:

- School of Fisheries EC
- Buruun Gym EC
- Sta. Elena EC
- Ma. Christina Gym EC
- Brgy. Kiwalan Purok Singko
- Brgy. Kiwalan Purok Jardin
- Brgy. Saray
- Brgy. Upper Hinaplanon

**b. Culture of Peace Orientation for Youth IDPs in Iligan City (31 July to 5 August 2017)**

Youth IDPs in four (4) ECs of Iligan City and 24 key youth leaders (specific areas same as above ) were involved in the following activities:

- Listening and conversation session on youth issues resulting from the Marawi crisis, group psychosocial therapy sessions, and Culture of Peace Orientation.
- Organizing of youth groups and selection of youth leaders for future and sustained engagement for recovery and rehabilitation program.

**c. Post Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA) (8 August 2017)**

OPAPP participated in the conduct of the Post Conflict Needs Assessment (PCNA) to ensure peace lensing in the conduct of the assessment. Actual field data gathering for the Human Recovery Needs Assessment (HRNA) component of the PCNA commenced on in the affected communities.

**d. Peoples' Peace Table on the Marawi Crisis (30 August 2017)**

OPAPP organized the **Peoples' Peace Table on "Making Humanitarian Response and Civilian Protection Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting (CSPP)"** and held on 30 August 2017 at the DFA, Manila to provide Task Force Bangon Marawi with the platform and the space to discuss the political, security and socio-economic challenges in responding to the Marawi crisis and to develop an action plan on how to make recovery, reconstruction and rehabilitation efforts conflict-sensitive and peace promoting.

The activity had the following objectives:

- a. To increase the knowledge and awareness of the government agencies on CSPP and mainstreaming entry points for CSPP in humanitarian response and civilian protection;
- b. To identify issues, gaps and challenges in making early recovery, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts CSPP-compliant; and,
- c. To identify action points and develop an action plan by Task Force Sub-Committees on Reconstruction, Housing, Health and Social Welfare, Business and Livelihood, and Peace and Order with an additional group who shall discuss Healing and Reconciliation on how to respond to these issues, gaps and challenges.

It was attended by around 100 participants from Task Force Bangon Marawi member agencies, other concerned government agencies, international humanitarian aid organizations, LGU representatives from Marawi City and Lanao Del Sur and local CSOs.

**e. Peace Month Opening Celebration/“Eid’l Adha” in the IDP Camps (1 September 2017)**

With the theme, “Puso Para sa Kapayapaan, Magkaisa Para sa Bayan”, OPAPP opened the celebration of the “National Peace Consciousness Month” with the IDP communities affected by the Marawi Crisis, in the four (4) evacuation camps (Buruun School of Fisheries, Maria Christina Gym, Buruun Gym, and Santa Elena) and one (1) host community (Upper Hinaplanon) located in Iligan City, Lanao del Norte. The celebration coincided with our Muslim brothers’ and sisters’ observance of one of the holiest Muslim Holidays, the Eid’l Adha or the Feast of Sacrifice.

Generally, the activity aimed to celebrate Eid’l Adha with the IDPs in the identified ECs affected by the on-going crisis in Marawi City. Specifically, it aimed to achieve the following:

- Strengthen the relationship between Muslims and Christians and arrest the renewal of stereotyping against one another;
- Provide spiritual refuge and inner healing from the traumatic armed conflict experience; and,
- Create a venue for a more aggressive campaign to remind the public of the importance of unity to achieve lasting peace and progress.

This one day peace month opening activity formed part of the OPAPP’s Early Recovery and Rehabilitation Program, to help in the healing and reconciliation of the IDPs in the ECs. Highlights of the activity were the mainstreaming of conflict sensitive and peace promoting lessons during the sermon (Khutbah) of the Imam/Aleem; the shared feast among the IDPs to celebrate Eid’l Adha wherein OPAPP provided one (1) live cattle/carabao and one (1) sack of rice to each of the communities for the meals to be shared and prepared by the IDPs; and, games for the children and the youth.

**8. National-level Policy Development and Advocacy.** The OPAPP through the Peace Policy Unit (PPU) in coordination with concerned government agencies provided technical inputs and participated in the following:

- a. Manila Declaration to Counter the Rise of Radicalization and Violent Extremism.** The PPU submitted OPAPP’s inputs to the “Manila Declaration to Counter the Rise of Radicalisation and Violent Extremism” to the Philippine Center on Transnational Crime (PCTC) which served as part of the Philippines’s inputs during the meeting of the ASEAN 14<sup>th</sup> Working Group on Counter-Terrorism and the Senior Officials Meeting on Transnational Crime (SOMTC) Working Group on Counter-Terrorism, both conducted on 18 September 2017. The Declaration shows the determination and commitment of ASEAN Member States to work together to “counter radicalisation and violent extremism, in particular those which lead to terrorism in all forms and

manifestations, through means such as the prevention of radicalisation, financing, recruitment, and mobilization of individuals into terrorist groups.”

**b. Conference on Peace and the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Southeast Asia**

A Conference on Peace and the Prevention of Violent Extremism in Southeast Asia was held on 22-23 September 2017 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Manila as part of the commemorative events of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). This was organized by the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID), the ASEAN Society – Philippines, and the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Nanyang Technological University (NTU), Singapore, in coordination with the Offices of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and the National Security Adviser. The conference aimed:

1. To encourage the development of appropriate policies and standards, and adoption of good policies for action plans at national and regional levels;
2. To prevent violent extremism in ASEAN member states by strengthening local actors, particularly the women and the youth;
3. To engage local communities as critical partners in rehabilitation and reintegration initiatives, and monitoring and peace-building efforts;
4. To address the specific societal dynamics and drivers of radicalization to violence, and discuss means to counter ideology, messaging and recruitment methods that extremist groups and propagandists employ.
5. To identify sustainable and proactive efforts for preventing support for violent extremism in areas where there is an emerging threat; and,
6. To promote dialogue and discourse among political leaders, government officials, security analysts, peace advocates, civil society, academe, religious leaders, business leaders, and media, with particular attention to women and youth. *This should include representatives of ASEAN member states and partners from Mindanao’s conflict-affected communities.*

Over 400 ASEAN leaders from academe, business, religious, politics, women and youth attended the conference where discussions led to the surfacing of best practices, replicable initiatives and culturally-nuanced approaches reflective of ASEAN realities. Moreover, it resulted in recommendations that will contribute to the development of an ASEAN Plan of Action and National Action Plans against Radicalization and Violent Extremism.

- c. ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR).** The PPU provided technical support to the Chair of the AIPR Advisory Board (AB), ASec. Cecilia D. Papa, during the conduct of the 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the AIPR AB and the Interface Meeting between the AIPR Governing Council and Advisory Board, both held on 1 October 2017. These meetings resulted in the identification of strategies for promoting the AIPR and specific research topics that the AIPR can possibly pursue. The catalogue of think tanks was also discussed during the meetings and the Philippines presented its current inventory as gathered by the PPU. These think tanks are potential partners that can undertake the research topics that would be approved by the AIPR. It was agreed during the meetings that each AIPR AB Member will submit its catalogue that would

comprise only the think tanks who already gave consent to be included and who have been approved by their respective governments.

**d. AIPR Symposium on IHL**

Recognizing the importance of promoting respect for rules that preserve the human dignity of victims in conflict situations and the need to uphold the responsibility to act collectively, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in partnership with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), with the support of the Governments of Norway and Switzerland, organized the Strengthening Convergences for Humanitarian Action in ASEAN: An AIPR Symposium on International Humanitarian Law, which was held on 2-3 October 2017 at the Manila Hotel.

The Symposium focused on “Exploring Convergence between IHL, Humanitarian Principles, Religious Norms and Customary Practices to Address Humanitarian and Protection Challenges.” The outcomes of which led to a set of recommendations highlighting best practices and codes of conduct.

The symposium gathered over a 100 participants representing the AIPR Governing Council, AIPR Advisory Board Members and other representatives of ASEAN Member States; Philippine national government officials; NGOs, international organizations, United Nations agencies, think-tanks, universities, religious organizations, eminent personalities, and community leaders; relevant members of the ASEAN Secretariat; and, National and International Red Cross/Red Crescent societies; ICRC representatives from Geneva, the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Malaysia.

**e. The PPU provided substantial technical inputs to the following policy documents:**

- i. Rights of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict.** On 25 September 2017, the Commission on Human Rights of the Philippines (CHRP) conducted an inter-agency workshop on the mapping of government programs and services to assess the level and gaps in terms of respect, protection, and fulfillment of children’s rights in the Philippines at the CHR Bulwagang Ka Pepe, Quezon City. The PPU participated during the said workshop and shared how OPAPP’s programs and services promote the rights of children in situations of armed conflict (CSAC). The PPU will participate in the follow-through workshop to be scheduled by the CHRP.
- ii. Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).** On 3 August, 2017, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Philippine Business for the Environment (PBE) conducted the “Experts Consultation for the Philippine Private Sector SDG Reporting Framework” at the Ateneo de Manila University. This consultation focused on crafting the metrics that would capture the private sector’s

contribution to the SDG 16<sup>10</sup> in the Philippine context. The PPU participated in the consultation, inputting on the need for the private sector to report on the how their businesses peacefully and justly managed disputes with other stakeholders and cases filed against them; assessment of businesses' impact on conflict context and promoting peace; and how they incorporate conflict in their risk assessment or studies. The UNDP and PBE will be conducting a follow through consultation once they have consolidated all the inputs for all the 17 SDGs.

- 9. Communicating Peace.** The OPAPP Communications and Public Affairs Unit (CPAU) of OPAPP provided communications support and services to the different OPAPP Units to communicate information on the peace process to the public.

In July, the CPAU spearheaded communications work and support for the following major activity/ies:

- OPAPP's effort in ERR in Iligan City. The CPAU outputs include feature articles, video production, media relations, and social media coverage. CPAU also deployed staff to perform communications work in Marawi City.
- BBL turnover in Malacañan. The CPAU extended support to the GPH Implementing Panel Secretariat by arranging media invites, preparing press kits, talk points, script, and arrangement of program.

From August to September, the CPAU spearheaded communications work and support for the following major activity/ies:

- International Youth Day (IYD) in partnership with National Youth Commission (NYC). The CPAU met with NYC to discuss where OPAPP will extend its support and facilitated the production of Information, Education and Communication and exhibit materials that was used during the IYD.
- Mindanao Indigenous Peoples' Legislative Assembly (MIPLA). The CPAU team in Davao gave administrative support for organizing of MIPLA. The CPAU also facilitated the production and conceptualization of IEC materials that was used during the MIPLA. IECs include press kits, print collaterals, and video production. The CPAU team in Davao also arranged radio guestings for Atty. Reuben Lingatin. Lastly, Comms performed social media coverage and documentation work.
- PVE ASEAN forum in partnership with International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The CPAU met with the ICRC and DFA to discuss where OPAPP will extend its support.
- The CPAU also organized the 1<sup>st</sup> series of Huntahan sa Kapayapaan that aims to drumbeat the Peace Month activities to the members of the media.
- Peace Month. The CPAU also facilitated and conducted inter-unit meetings in preparation for this year's celebration of National Peace Consciousness Month. The CPAU established partnership with Armed Forces of the Philippines, and Philippine National Police for the security and safety of the Peace Buzz. CPAU is also part of the team who organized the OPAPP anniversary in Malacañan.

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<sup>10</sup> SDG 16 is "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."



- The CPAU also conducted an IG Photo Contest in partnership with MNLF Concerns Unit.

A total PR Value of PHP 4.2 Million was recorded from positive stories generated pertaining to the Peace Buzz caravan peace efforts of the government from 20 September to 5 October 2017. As aforementioned, most of these stories revolved around the activities in each stop of the Peace Buzz.

The OPAPP-CPAU was able to produce relevant press releases and stories of peace that put more focus on the positive efforts of the government in response to the Marawi incident. Because of this, the result was a perceptible increase in more positive and constructive stories (especially since June) that highlighted the peace initiatives of the government, particularly the Peace Corridor, Peace Month activities, and OPAPP early recovery and rehabilitation (ERR) efforts.

To effectively communicate the peace agenda of the Duterte administration, a total of forty-five (45) stories are drafted and released to the press and other communication channels of OPAPP; twenty-seven (27) talking points and two (2) speeches were drafted for OPAPP's officials; six (6) messages were composed upon the request of other government agencies and peace stakeholders; twelve (12) information and educational materials were crafted; four (4) media advisories were drafted and; eighty (85) events were covered as a support to OPAPP-units' various activities.

**Social Media.** The OPAPP-CPAU team produced content geared towards the promotion of the accelerated peace process under the Duterte administration.

From July to September, statistics in Social Media was highlighted by two important events:

- Turn-over of BBL
- National Peace Consciousness Month

Social media engagements were overwhelmingly positive especially in the Peace Buzz caravan. Most importantly, the turn-over of BBL was hailed as a milestone by many netizens.

**Facebook Total Reach:**

| Month     | No. of Reach |
|-----------|--------------|
| July      | 177,212      |
| August    | 121,274      |
| September | 392,819      |

**D. Ensuring government rationalization, coordination, and monitoring of the delivery of socioeconomic programs, and other interventions by donor institutions and government agencies in conflict-affected areas, especially in Mindanao.**

**1. Development of the Strategic Framework for Mindanao Peace and Development (SFMPD)**

- The SFMPD and Multi-Partner Financing Facility (MPFF) were further enhanced based from inputs and recommendations of different OPAPP units that were provided during the OPAPP Assessment and Planning last 25-29 July 2017.
- OPAPP through the Donor Coordination and Partnership Unit (DCPU) facilitated a Coordination Meeting on the SFMPD with the Cabinet Cluster on Security, Justice, and Peace that was held on 31 August 2017. It was attended by Secretaries Dureza, Alonto and Mamondiong, and with high-level officials from National Security Council (NSC) and Presidential Adviser on Overseas Filipino Worker (PAOFW). The Secretaries agreed to endorse the Strategic Framework to the Cabinet.
- DCPU assisted the Executive Director in the presentation of the Strategic Framework and the Financing Facility to the Cabinet Assistance System (CAS) last 22 September 2017. The draft documents are now being revised and finalized to reflect the comments and inputs of other government agencies. The members of the CAS expressed affirmation and appreciation on the efforts of OPAPP in the drafting of the SFMPD.
- The Strategic Framework and the draft Executive Order were forwarded to the Office of the President last 29 September 2017 to the concerned agencies for their approval and endorsement.

On the MPFF, OPAPP and UNDP have revised the TOR, MOA, and other documents of the new funding mechanism. A letter dated 15 September 2017 was sent to DOF to officially endorse the MPFF and to request DOF's facilitation to secure a Special Presidential Authority (SPA).

**2. Setting up of the Multi-Partner Financing Facility (MPFF)**

The OPAPP and UNDP have revised the TOR, MOA, and other documents of the new funding mechanism. A letter dated 15 September 2017 was sent to DOF to officially endorse the MPFF and to request DOF's facilitation to secure a Special Presidential Authority (SPA).

**3. Development of the Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding Program (CTPP)**

- DCPU conducted a workshop last 18-19 September 2017 which was attended by OPAPP and UNDP to discuss and brainstorm on the proposed Conflict Transformation and Peacebuilding Program (CTPP).
- The CTPP is envisioned to be a program under the Strategic Framework which will be implemented in conflict-affected areas that are not covered by the peace agreements.
- The program document of the CTPP is currently being drafted and will be presented to the principals and partners once the draft is already available.

- 4. European Union's Programs and Projects In Support of The Philippine Peace Process**
  - DCPU drafted OPAPP's position on the Framework Agreement on Partnership and Cooperation between the Philippines and the European Union (PH-EU PCA) which was submitted to DFA on 16 August 2017.
  - DCPU had meetings with the European Union on 7 and 14 September 2017 to discuss the issue on EU grants and on EU programme for peace and development in Mindanao.
  - EU remains to be committed in providing technical and financial assistance in support of the peace process.
- 5. World Bank's Programs and Projects In Support of The Philippines Peace Process**
  - OPAPP-DCPU had a meeting with Ms. Pia Peeters of the World Bank last 26 September 2017 to discuss various projects and activities of the World Bank in support of the peace process.
  - The World Bank will continue to play a major role in the following programs and projects of the government:
    - a. Support the Task Force Bangon Marawi in coordinating with the international development partners
    - b. Continuing implementation of the Mindanao Trust Fund - Reconstruction and Development Program
    - c. Support to the development of the 6 MILF Camps and to the decommissioned MILF combatants under the Normalization Program
    - d. Continuing implementation of the Facility for Advisory Support for Transition Capacities (FASTRAC) in support of the GPH-MILF peace process. FASTRAC is being implemented in partnership with the UNDP.
- 6. UNDP's Programs and Projects In Support of The Philippines Peace Process**
  - The OPAPP-DCPU assisted the Executive Director in the meeting with UNDP last 11 September 2017 to discuss the UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF). The UN PBF has been approved and signed by the PAPP and submitted to UNDP.
  - The DCPU assisted the PAPP and other OPAPP executives in the meeting with UNDP last 13 September 2017 to discuss the National Acceleration Modality (NAM). The NAM is being proposed to be an implementation mechanism for government projects using the UNDP procurement processes. It is being reviewed if OPAPP projects can be implemented using NAM.
- 7. Mainstreaming Peace and Development in Local Governance in the Philippines (MPDLGP) Project and Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project**
  - The DCPU had a meeting with the Project Management Team (PMT) on 5 July 2017 to discuss the Logical Framework of the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF). CPDF is a project being funded by AECID and implemented by OPAPP. The logical framework is being enhanced based from inputs and recommendations given.
  - With the request from the PMT in July 2017, DBM is currently processing the request on the issuance of Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) and Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) which are required to facilitate the transfer of the project fund from the National Treasury to OPAPP-CPDF Trust Fund account.
  - DCPU-PMT had a meeting with AECID officials led by Juan Pita on 27 September 2017 to discuss the developments on the justification report of the Mainstreaming

Peace and Development in Local Governance in the Philippines (MPDLGP) Project and the preparatory activities for the implementation of the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF)

- On the MPDLGP, the DCPU-PMT has done the following activities:
  - ✓ Continuing work on the drafting of the terminal report
  - ✓ Conducted preliminary activities for the external terminal evaluation and financial audit
- On the CPDF, the DCPU-PMT has done the following activities:
  - ✓ Continuing work on facilitating the transfer of grant funds for the CPDF from the Bureau of Treasury/Department of Finance to OPAPP
  - ✓ Continuing work on the enhancement of the Program Document and Logical Framework of the CPDF

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