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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 fourth 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 (Agenda 1)

1. **Political-Legislative Track.** The plebiscite for the ratification of the BOL will be conducted on 21 January 2019 in the present ARMM, Cotabato City and Isabela City and on 6 February 2019 for Lanao del Norte (except Iligan City), affected municipalities in North Cotabato and other contiguous areas whose petition to be included in the plebiscite were approved by the Commission on Elections (COMELEC).

The Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) for the conduct of the Plebiscite for the BOL was adopted by the COMELEC and made effective on 5 October 2018 after due publication.

The BOL and the IRR for the conduct of the plebiscite provided for the accreditation of domestic and international monitoring groups to the plebiscite. Currently, more than 200 international monitors and 36 foreign media were approved by the COMELEC.

In view of the ratification of RA 11054, a series of information, education and communication (IEC) activities such Peace Assemblies, Multi-stakeholder Forums and Town Hall Meetings are at present being conducted in pertinent areas in Mindanao.

On 21 December 2018, the COMELEC, OPAPP and the BTC signed a MOA on their respective responsibilities of the parties for the conduct of the IEC for the BOL Plebiscite. The COMELEC is in charge of the voters' education while the BTC

and OPAPP are in charge of providing technical assistance on the features of the BOL and assisting in the coordination with other government agencies and peace mechanisms for security and other logistics on the ground.

OPAPP led the Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign on the BOL in various strategic places, specifically in the six (6) municipalities under Lanao del Norte, as well as the other sixteen (16) municipalities in the same province that shall vote whether they would allow the aforementioned six municipalities to be part of the Bangsamoro Government; and the thirty nine (39) barangays under North Cotabato Province. The same initiatives were also conducted in the six (6) MILF camps mutually identified by both the government and the MILF.

Launching of the Campaign for Plebiscite. OPAPP spearheaded an event that convened thousands of Bangsamoro People from the different provinces of the ARMM. This launched the campaign for the ratification of the BOL. The event took place at the ORG Complex on 10 December 2018. Thousands attended the event expressing their unified strong support for the BARMM.

2. **Normalization Process.** The CAB defines normalization as 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. **Transitional Components of the Normalization Program (Joint Normalization Committee, Joint Peace and Security Committee, and Joint Peace and Security Teams)**

Conduct of separate GPH and MILF internal orientations and joint GPH-MILF training. Recognizing the need to prepare the JPST candidates prior to the joint GPH-MILF training for JPSTs, the GPH and the MILF conducted separate internal orientations. Topics included cultural and religious sensitivities and what to observe during the joint training activities. The internal orientations lasted for five days for each side, including a medical and physical examination to determine fitness of the candidates to perform rigorous activities.

The opening ceremony on 12 November 2018 signaled the start of the joint training at Camp Salipada K Pendatun in Parang, Maguindanao. Five JPST teams or a total of 150 individuals from contingents of the AFP, PNP and BIAF were identified for the fourth iteration of the JPST training. In addition, 6 AFP/PNP and MILF officers/observers joined the stay-in training in order to build rapport and camaraderie among the different troops.

To capacitate and prepare the JPSTs prior to their deployment, the candidates underwent a series and levels of trainings in view of their assigned tasks. The JPST training activities are geared towards providing skills, knowledge and

team cohesion and bring about trust and confidence amongst JPST members. A guidebook on the training course of JPST members and leaders was developed, taking off from inputs of instructors, subject matter experts, training teams and the secretariat.

On 15 December 2018, a graduation ceremony marked the completion of the training of the five teams for deployment in identified priority areas in Maguindanao as well as to be assigned to the Secured Arms Storage Area (SASA) and the JPSC Operations Center. Representatives from each of the AFP, PNP and BIAF were chosen to deliver their impressions on the recently concluded training. All of them agreed on the need to continue peaceful means to resolving the conflict and to work together in maintaining peace.

Submission of Concept on organizing MILF JPSTs as military auxiliary. Taking off from the inputs by the Technical Working Group on the Civilian Active Auxiliary, the concept to organize the MILF JPSTs as military auxiliary has been elevated to the level of the AFP Chief of Staff and Secretary of Defense for review.

Signing of the OPAPP and Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). An MOU has been signed between OPAPP and the PPSC on the partnership to support the continuing trainings to be provided for succeeding batches of JPSTs. The PPSC, as the premier educational institution for training, human resource development and continuing education for PNP, BFP, and other public safety agencies and stakeholders have agreed to make available its expertise and facilities at the PPSC ARMM Training Center at Camp Brigadier Salipada K Pendatun in Parang, Maguindanao for the conduct of the trainings. PPSC President Ricardo De Leon graced the JPST graduation ceremony and announced PPSC's continuing support for the completion of the batches of JPST trainings until the program closure.

Drafting of OPAPP, DND and DILG Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). A draft OPAPP, DND and DILG MOA is under review by the agencies in order to make effective arrangements on components of the normalization program: decommissioning and other security requirements to support the socio-economic aspect, confidence-building activities and transitional justice and reconciliation activities.

Development of the program on management and reduction of small arms and light weapons (SALWs). Among the tasks identified for implementation under the normalization program is the development of a program on the management and reduction of SALWs of individuals and groups in conjunction with the decommissioning of forces and weapons of the MILF.

The GPH and MILF JNC have requested technical assistance from The Asia Foundation to provide inputs and policy options to enable JNC and JPSC to craft a viable program. The assistance will be from November 2018 to March 2019, after which a draft program on SALWs reduction and management will

be drawn up by the JNC and JPSC for presentation to the Implementing Panels.

b. Socio-Economic Development¹. 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 BIAF members, internally displaced persons (IDPs) and poverty-stricken communities in the Bangsamoro.

- **Status of the 145 Decommissioned Combatants.** In partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a series of home visits were held from 6-21 November 2018 in the communities of the 145 DCs in Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Maguindanao, and North Cotabato, respectively. The visit is part of the continuing effort to monitor and assess the condition of the DCs after receiving the government assistance.

Based on the results of the monitoring visits to 103 DCs, the assistance was utilized but need to be sustained through additional interventions to help improve their lives economically.

As of December 2018, 98% of government commitments to 145 DCs were delivered by the national government agencies; the remaining 2% for provisions for seeds and fertilizers for 13 DCs that reside in Lanao del Sur areas were already coordinated with Department of Agriculture (DA) in Region X for delivery and will continue to be monitored.

In December 21, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (MILF-TFDCC) organized an information, education, and communication (IEC) campaign on the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) to the communities 145 DCs in Camp Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. The status of the government assistance provided to 145 DCs was also discussed during the activity by Dr. Taugan Kikay, the head Secretariat of the MILF-TFDCC.

- **Orientation on the Enhanced Socio-economic program for the Moro Islamic Liberation Front-Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (MILF-BIAF).** Organized by the Independent Decommissioning Body, the enhanced socio-economic program for the next batch of decommissioning was presented to the Northeastern and Northwestern Mindanao Front and Base Commands of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front-Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (MILF-BIAF) on October 9 and 22 in Cagayan de Oro City and Cotabato City, respectively. The activity provided a venue to increase awareness among MILF-BIAF on the enhanced socio-economic assistance packages for decommissioned combatants (DCs) as well as on the progress of the government assistance provided to the 145DCs.

¹ 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.

- **Closure Activities conducted for the Sajahatra Bangsamoro Program.** A turnover ceremony was held in Sulu on 14 November 2018 and in Basilan on 28 November 2018 to conclude the construction of two barangay health stations in these areas. The barangay health stations were part of the remaining deliverables by national government agencies to Bangsamoro communities under the Sajahatra Bangsamoro Program (SBP). SBP operations already ended in November 2015. However, coordination with concerned partner national government implementing agencies will be held in the succeeding quarters to finalize the status of the following pending deliverables to officially close the program:
 - DSWD payment to 374 beneficiaries under their Cash-for-Work Program
 - Mobilization funds to private *madaris* by the Department of Education (DEPED)
 - Construction of two barangay health stations by the Department of Health (DOH) in Tawi-Tawi and Maguindanao
 - Completion of 2 fish landing bays in Pikit, North Cotabato and in Mati, Davao Oriental by the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Philippine Fish and Development Authority
 - Construction of three farm-to-market Roads in Bud Seit, Panamao, Sulu, Butig Lanao del Sur and Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao by the DA
 - Maintenance of social media account to track and engage the SBP grantees through the Commission on Higher Education (CHED)

- **3rd Quarter Joint Task Forces on Camp Transformation (JTFCT) Meeting.** On 19 November 2018, the JTFCT met in Davao City. Camp coordinators from both the Philippine Government and the MILF were present during the activity including the JTFCT core members. The timeline and the progress on the construction of small-scale confidence building projects in the communities of the six previously acknowledged MILF camps in Abubakar, Badre, Bushra, Bilal, Omar, and Rajamuda was presented by a representative from the Bangsamoro Development Agency. Significant discussions also took place to finalize the distribution plan to install and deliver the solar power system in target sites within the camps and the draft movement plan for the conduct of the IEC Campaign on the BOL in December 2018.
 - **Construction of Confidence building projects.** The Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), the main implementer, completed the detailed technical specifications of the small-scale infrastructure projects to be delivered in the six previously MILF-acknowledged camps. As part of confidence building measures, these projects are expected to increase trust in the GPH-MILF peace agreement, and would be instrumental in removing tensions and build understanding in Bangsamoro communities. Parallel to this effort, BDA also conducted a series of social preparatory activities to provide the community members the capacity to oversee and sustain these camp projects. During the quarter, community profiling was held and community-based and/or people's organizations were trained on peace and conflict analysis as well as on citizen monitoring.

- **Solar Power System Distribution and Installation Plan.** At the end December 2018, the installation and distribution plan for an additional 702 solar power kits for the six identified MILF camps were completed. These solar kits are expected to be procured in the first quarter of 2019, which will be distributed equally in the six MILF camps.

3. Ceasefire Mechanisms

- a. **Instituting improvements in Cotabato Operations.** The Cotabato Operations Office initiated working visits to all IMT team sites within the period of 23-28 October 2018, to know the different issues and concerns that the team sites are experiencing, and to reorient and update the SDOs on administrative compliances for the smooth and speedy routing of the financial documents. The unit admin personnel along with IMT HQ SDO conducted coaching sessions for each team site's admin officer to lessen processing delays and/or return of documents which usually cause negative impacts on their daily operations.
- b. **Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) operations and management of the Secured Arms Storage Area (SASA).** Preparations were made for the arrival of the new Verification and Monitoring Assistance Teams (VMAT) International member. IDB members also attended meetings with international stakeholders in Manila. Other activities include conduct of session workshops relative to its year end assessment and planning, as well as presentation of IDB operations to the Bangsamoro Development Authority (BDA) and Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC). The IDB also completed the trainings of the third and fourth batches of the BIAF within this period.

B. Completion of the Implementation of the Remaining Commitments under the GPH-MNLF Peace Agreement (Agenda 2)

In line with their efforts to work towards the completion of the implementation of the remaining commitments in the GPH-MNLF peace process, the GPH and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Implementing Panels accomplished the following:

1. Engagement with the Misuari Group

- **Coordination between the GPH and the MNLF Implementing Panels on Security Concerns.** The Panels continue to collaborate in addressing security concerns involving the MNLF forces so they can be appropriately addressed, including the recent report about security enforcement in one of the MNLF camps in Lanao del Sur. The GPH Implementing Panel, coordinated with the security forces and requested its counterpart for immediate action to resolve the said issue.

2. Proposed meeting of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) with Philippine Government Officials regarding the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL).

The OIC Secretary General conveyed his request to visit the Philippines and convene a meeting with the President and officials of Congress. To facilitate the meeting, the OPAPP, through the MCU, regularly coordinated with the Office of the President to determine the head of state's availability and likewise submitted a briefer on the OIC

containing talking points for the President and brief profile of the Secretary General for reference. **Technical support relative to the ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL).**

- **Speakers' Training on the BOL for the MNLF, Ever O Hotel, Zamboanga City, 29-30 October 2018.** The activity was participated in by around thirty (30) members and individuals endorsed by the MNLF coming from the provinces of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, North Cotabato and the city of Cotabato. Among the prominent MNLF leaders who attended the activity include MNLF Secretary Abdul Sahrin, MNLF Vice Chair for Political Affairs Romeo K. Sema, Deputy Secretary-General Rasul Rasdi, MNLF Women Leader Bainon Karon and Deputy Speaker of the Bangsamoro People's Congress Ali Montaha Babao.

The Speakers' Training on the BOL aimed to achieve the following:

- Introduce the salient points of the BOL and those provisions that are specifically beneficial to the MNLF communities and members;
- Simulate questions and answers on topics that are relevant to their sectors or localities;
- Orient the participants on the messaging per sector or province; and
- Formulate action plans on conduct of IEC activities in their localities or within their sector.

Deputy Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process and Undersecretary for Peace Accords Cluster Nabil A. Tan gave the welcome remarks in which he expressed his delight on the MNLF for officially declaring their support for the BOL last 6 October 2018 in Sulu. He enjoined everyone to help in the success of the implementation of the BOL.

For the MNLF, Secretary General Abdul Sahrin urged his comrades in the MNLF to help redefine the organization's vision in relation to the BOL. He said the BOL is "a superior version" of all previous peace agreements signed and will establish an entity far better than the current ARMM. He further urged the members of the MNLF and their communities to support the law.

BTC Comm. Jose I. Lorena provided a presentation setting the context on the quest for Bangsamoro autonomy which dates back to 1974 with the issuance of Resolution No. 18 of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation until the legislation of the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) in 2015. Comm. Lorena enumerated the mechanisms in the said laws that reinforce the convergence of the peace processes with the MNLF and MILF, e.g., transitional justice, special development fund and Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA).

BTC Comm. Omar Sema provided a presentation on the BOL which aimed to equip the speakers with the knowledge and understanding on the BOL as they take on the role of resource persons in IEC activities to be conducted by the MNLF.

- **Planning Workshop with OPAPP and MNLF Core Team on IEC for the BOL, Ever O Hotel, Zamboanga City, 30 October 2018.** The said Planning Workshop

was participated in by OPAPP composed of the MCU, CPAU, FO-SCM and FO-ZAMBASULTA and MNLF Core Team led by MNLF Political Affairs Head, Mr. Romeo K. Sema and MNLF-CC Secretary General Abdul Sahrin.

The activity aimed to achieve the following objectives:

- To level off on the objectives and implementation arrangement of the Joint IEC Plan on BOL;
- To identify areas and audience for IEC activities; and,
- To finalize joint IEC activities.

The Planning Workshop resulted in the following proposals/recommendations:

- Conduct of MNLF Assemblies in November and December 2018 in the proposed Bangsamoro territorial jurisdiction and clustered by 1) Maguindanao including Cotabato City, 2) Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Norte and Marawi City, 3) North Cotabato, 4) Basilan, 5) Tawi-Tawi and 6) Sulu. The assemblies aim to brief the MNLF provincial and municipal leaders, members and supporters on the BOL and to get their support to vote YES in the plebiscite and advocate the same to other members of their communities.
- Draw up of a list of questions that are of interest to the MNLF which shall be included in the IEC materials during conduct of MNLF assemblies.

The team also agreed on the logistical arrangements that will be covered either by OPAPP and MNLF.

- **Conduct of Conversations with Sulu Stakeholders on the BOL.** The OPAPP through the MCU, with support of the AMT-Zambasulta, Rehabilitation and Development Unit (RDU), Cotabato Operations Office, Communication and Public Affairs Unit (CPAU), spearheaded a series of IEC activities on 17-18 November 2018 in Jolo, Sulu which aimed to brief the stakeholders on the salient points of the BOL and encourage them to participate in the plebiscite scheduled on 21 January 2019. Usec. Nabil A. Tan and Commissioner Jose I. Lorena of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC) served as resource persons on the BOL during the aforementioned activities.
- The following IEC activities were held and participated in by various sectors in Jolo, Sulu:

ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE AND VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
1. Forum with the Jolo Barangays and Municipal Government	November 17, Notre Dame College Gym	Male - 114 Female - 56 Total - 170
2. Forum with the Civil Society and Sectoral Groups (<i>Youth, Women, Religious</i>)	November 18, Sulu State College (SSC) Amphitheater	Male - 85 Female - 24 Total - 109
3. Forum with the Bangsamoro Professionals	November 18, SSC Gym	Male - 311 Female - 1,536 Total - 1,847

- **MNLF Assemblies on the Bangsamoro Organic Law, November-December**

2018. The MCU extended support to the MNLF in the conduct of the following MNLF assemblies that aimed to brief the MNLF provincial and municipal leaders, community members and next of kin, and supporters on the BOL and to get their support to vote YES in the plebiscite and advocate the same to other members of their communities.

CLUSTER OF AREAS	SCHEDULE AND VENUE	NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS
Maguindanao (including Cotabato City)	20 November 2018 Camp Ibrahim, Sema at Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao	Male - 1857 Female - 1292 Total - 3,149
Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur and Marawi City	24 November 2018 Dimaporo Gymnasium, MSU-Marawi City	Male - 1217 Female - 1344 Total - 2,561
North Cotabato	27 November 2018 Camp Datu Dima Ambel, Matalam, North Cotabato	Male - 1,897 Female - 1,141 Total - 3,038
Basilan	8 December 2018 Municipal Gym, Tubaran, Basilan	Male - 270 Female - 355 Total - 625
Tawi-Tawi	11 December 2018 MSU Preparatory High School Gymnasium, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi	Male - 547 Female - 551 Total - 1,098
Sulu	29 December 2018 MSU- Jolo, Sulu	3,000

3. Provision of Social Protection Packages for MNLF members, next-of-kin and community members

- **College Education Assistance Project's (CEAP) 1st Peace Formation Session for Basilan grantees.** The OPAPP through the MCU participated in the conduct of the 1st Peace Formation Session and pay-out of the 1st tranche of cash assistance for the College Education Assistance Project (CEAP) in Basilan on 28 - 29 October 2018.

On the same day, OPAPP provided technical assistance to the CSO partner Basilan Advocates for Peace, Environment, and Sustainable Development, Inc. (BAPESDA) on the conduct of peace formation sessions. OPAPP also served as oversight in the release and distribution of cash allowances to the one hundred (100) Basilan grantees.

4. Provision of socio-economic interventions in communities with MNLF presence

- **Meeting between International Organization for Migration (IOM) and MNLF relative to the implementation of the 2017 PAMANA in ARMM, 28 November 2018.** The OPAPP represented by MCU attended the meeting between the MNLF and IOM last 28 November 2018 at the IOM office in Makati City. The meeting provided a venue for discussion and sharing of MNLF's

concerns pertaining to the implementation of the 2017 PAMANA in ARMM and explore collaborative efforts towards its successful project implementation.

Present during the meeting was members of the MNLF and IOM Chief of Mission:

1. Kristin Dadey - IOM
2. Marco Chimenton - IOM
3. Abdurasad D. Sirajan - MNLF
4. Edmund C. Gumbahali - MNLF
5. Hassan M. Jawali - MNLF
6. Abuamri A. Taddik - MNLF
7. Abebakrin K. Lukman - MNLF
8. Abdulajid I. Habib Hussin - MNLF

The MNLF raised the difference of the list of proposed areas for project allocation they obtained from ARMM compared to the list of priority areas by the IOM. In response, the IOM clarified that the mandate given to them by OPAPP is that the priority areas should be by community and not per commander

C. Accelerated signing and implementation of the final peace agreement with the CPP/NPA/NDF (Agenda 3)

Despite the termination of the talks, OPAPP through the GPH Secretariat for talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF has been continuously providing technical support to the Panel members and the PAPP in the following:

- GRP RWC-SER Member Atty. Dinah T. Fuentes represented the Panel Chair and provided updates on the Talks in the IP Forum held on 5 November 2018 in Davao City.
- GRP RWG-PCR Member Atty. Cheryl Daytec represented the Panel Chair and provided Updates on the Talks in the 7th Ecumenical Church Leaders' Council held on 8 November 2018 at the Holy Family Retreat House in Cebu City
- The Secretariat Head provided Updates on the Talks in the Philippines and United Kingdom Joint Bilateral Consultation convened by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on 19 November 2018 at DFA Office, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay Metro Manila.
- GRP RWG-PCR Member Atty. Cheryl Daytec represented the Panel Chair and provided updates on the Talks in the Philippine Press Institute (PPI) Forum held on 10 December 2018 at the PIA Auditorium.

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) (Agenda 4)

1. GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process

The 2011 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the GPH and the CBA-CPLA covers the implementation of the: (1) disposition of arms and forces (DAF); (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 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 4th Quarter are as follows:

a. Disposition of Arms and Forces. On 25 October 2018, OPAPP met with the Police Regional Office –Cordillera (PRO-Cor) to discuss and review the status of the plan for the demilitarization process. It was agreed that OPAPP will provide logistical requirements of the activity which includes demilitarization materials such as four (4) pieces of circular saw blades, and acetylene with extra tank among others.

b. Socio-economic Reintegration

i. DENR - OPAPP Forest Guard Program. Five hundred eight (508) profiled former CPLA members, and their next of kin are continuously employed as Bantay Gubat under the DENR-OPAPP Forest Guard Program.

A year-end assessment and planning workshop was conducted on 27-29 November 2018 at Sulo Riviera Hotel, Brgy. Diliman, Quezon City to determine the extent of implementation of the National Greening Program particularly the employment of Bantay Gubat and other interventions. The identified next steps from the workshop were to continue the implementation and request supplemental budget from DENR Central Office to cover additional Bantay Gubat personnel, if necessary.

ii. Livelihood. On 1 October 2018, representatives from the Highlanders for Peace and Development, Inc. (3), Apayao Reformist Association (5), Sadanga Peden Livelihood Association (4), United Kalinga Livelihood Organization (3), HIBLA - Banaue Chapter (1) participated in the ASEAN Agriculture Summit at SMX, Pasay City. This activity facilitated the exposure of the POs to different actors and players in the Agriculture and Agribusiness within Southeast Asia who can be potential linkage to technical assistance and marketing tie-ups. Re-Entry Action Plans on an Enterprise each participating PO will be pursuing was formulated by the participants after the Summit.

A meeting with the Apayao Reformist Association in Conner, Apayao was conducted on 3 October 2018, and with the United Kalinga Livelihood Organization in Tabuk, City on 4 October 2018. These meetings were conducted to create a documentation of affected livelihood projects of POs in Apayao and Kalinga due to Typhoon Ompong.

On 14 November 2018, a meeting with Dr. Elpidio Basilio of Ifugao State University (IFSU) was conducted in Tabuk City, Kalinga to discuss strategies on collaboration regarding native pig production for selected POs across CAR.

Two (2) units of rice mill and three (3) units of threshers (post-harvest facilities) were formally turned-over to the Matagoan Tako Organization in Paracelis, Mountain Province on 5 December 2018.

iii. Social Protection Program. Accompanying the economic/livelihood programs are social protection programs in collaboration with PhilHealth and CHED.

- **PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program.** 1,001 individuals are reported as beneficiaries of the PAMANA – PhilHealth Sponsored Program under the CBA-CPLA peace table. A profile review of these enrolled beneficiaries was undertaken by the OPAPP and as a result, there were 118 individuals identified as senior citizens. As a general policy of PhilHealth, senior citizens are automatically enrolled under the Senior Citizen program. These 118 individuals were removed from the list of PAMANA-PhilHealth beneficiaries, making the total number of beneficiaries under the CBA-CPLA peace table 883.
- **OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program.** For the fourth quarter, PAMU conducted a monitoring visit and courtesy call to scholarship coordinators assigned in Ifugao State University (IFSU) on 25 October 2018 to check the status of all recorded grantees in the institution. Of the 25 recorded grantees in IFSU, PAMU was able to get the status of 2 grantees (1 LOA; 1 graduated).

c. Transformation of the CPLA into a socio-economic organization. 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 (5YPS) 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.”*).

The 5YPS is a basic reference document for further discussion with government line agencies, international development partners, the private sector, and community stakeholders in the Cordillera region. One of the objectives of the 5YPS is to support the transformation of the CBA-CPLA into a new and unarmed, potent socio-economic entity, building on gains earned since the 1986 Sipat and the 2011 MOA. This will cover four levels of transformation: of (i) individuals; (ii) the CBA-CPLA as a former armed organization; (iii) communities supportive of the peace process; and (iv) their relationship with the Philippine government and its instrumentalities.

The draft 5YPS for the development of Cordillera has been submitted by the Technical Team and was scheduled for presentation to the Peace Accords

Cluster last December 2018 but was deferred to 2019 in deference to the incoming PAPP.

- d. Community Development Projects (Inter-Municipal/Provincial 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 (MOA) with the GPH pursued the implementation of eighty-one (81) community development projects (CDP) in fifty-seven (57) barangays.

The planned turn-over of the 12 projects in Ifugao was postponed for further discussion to determine if it still necessary to conduct a formal turn-over (program) or just submit a documentation to highlight those CDPs that provided benefits to the people in the community.

e. Support to Cordillera Initiatives for Autonomy

- **Partnership with the Cordillera Regional Development Council (RDC-CAR) and NEDA-CAR.** OPAPP was invited to participate in the annual Year-end AB/CB Partners' Assembly of the RDC-CAR at Ridgewood Hotel, Baguio City on 19-21 December 2018 which resulted in a revised Roadmap and Communication Plan instrumental for gaining autonomy towards federalism. The RDC-CAR and NEDA-CAR provided financial counterparts during meetings and other gatherings to further the support for Cordillera Autonomy.
- **Partnership with the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office.** OPAPP was represented by PAMU in the 7th Plenary Meeting-Workshop of the Presidential Legislative Liaison System (PLLS) at Novotel, Cubao, Quezon City on 25 October 2018. The purpose is to continuously strengthen linkage with the PLLO and raise awareness on the number of days of session of the current Congress including the critical number of days left before adjournment along with the criteria of prioritizing bills to be passed. This topic has a bearing on the timeline of the bill for Cordillera Autonomy.

Other engagements in support of the Transformation, Healing and Reconciliation of other CPLA Groups and Communities outside the 2011 MOA

- a. Reaching out to other CPLA Groups Outside the 2011 MOA.** A meeting with the AFP Peace and Development Office was conducted on 9 October 2018 to gather inputs and recommendations to be submitted to the AFP Chief of Staff regarding other CPLA Groups (e.g. Mailed Molina and Balao-as). The meeting produced the following points for further discussion:
- i. The study of the Peace and Development Force (PDF) concept as a template for the transformation of other CPLA members outside the 2011 MOA prior to submission to OPAPP.
 - ii. The role of the government is to build support for what has been accomplished and reach out to groups which were not part of the 2011 MOA as part of due diligence;

- iii. Continuing engagement is needed as it is a process to address the issue which has become complicated, consistent with GPH's policy of inclusiveness in order to bring groups together.
- b. Support to the Group of Former Rebels from Isabela.** OPAPP, through PAMU, addressed the issues and concerns of a group of former rebels (the Bagong Buhay Bagong Pag-asa Rural Urbanization Development, Inc.) in Isabela, about the economic assistance provided to their members. The meeting on 05 October 2018 at the Provincial Government, Ilagan City, Isabela resulted in the following:
- i. The list of the RR members who were (or were not) provided with financial assistance was already validated by OPAPP and submitted to the PLGU Coordinator;
 - ii. During the meeting, there were also suggestions on how to handle their internal dynamics and how to proceed with regards to their operation as a group; and,
 - iii. The Provincial Administrator of Isabela PLGU also confirmed that Governor Faustino Dy III is always willing to extend help to their group if necessary thru their regular programs and projects as what was normally done in the past.
- c. Support to disaster affected communities in Kalinga.** Typhoons Ompong (in October) and Rosita (in November) brought down several structures in the Cordilleras, including school buildings and houses affecting sources of income for the people, and not to mention the loss of lives.

OPAPP through PAMU facilitated the request of public schools from Tanudan (Dacalan Elementary School and Guinaang Elementary School) in finding assistance to reconstruct and refurbish damaged structures (buildings), facilities (computer sets), educational materials (books, charts, etc.), and schools supplies among others through PAMANA funds. However, the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO) detailed that due to budgetary constraints, OPAPP cannot provide the financial assistance needed. Thus, the request will be forwarded either to the Department of Education (DepEd) Central Office or the National Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC), Office of the Civil Defense (OCD) as the agency mandated for disaster concerns, for appropriate actions

2. Completion of the 2000 Peace Agreement with the GPH- RPMP/RPA/ABB (Tabara-Paduan Group)

- a. Finalization of the Draft Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID).** The RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG leadership has given its consensus to the draft CID to the 2000 Peace Agreement.

The CID has been concurred to by the PNP/DILG, AFP/DND, DSWD, Philhealth, CHED, and DENR. The last agency to submit its concurrence was the Department of Justice (DOJ) on 27 December 2018, with proposed changes on the provisions, including the provisions on the release of the remaining alleged political offenders. Once the CID has been fully vetted with the

agencies, the next step is to seek the approval of the President in signing the Document with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG.

The CID will have the following components, Disposition of Arms and Forces (DAF) and Security Arrangements; Social and Economic Reintegration of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG/KAPATIRAN; Release of the remaining alleged political offenders (APOs); Transformation of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG into a civilian organization engaging in socio-economic and political activities; and, Community Peace Dividends.

The document has 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 Community Security Force

- b. Operationalization and Establishment of the Interim Joint Enforcement and Management Committee (JEMC).** OPAPP requested Secretary Delfin Lorenza to designate Undersecretary Cesar B. Yano to head the Interim JEMC. The JEMC is the structure which will oversee the implementation of the CID. In response, the Department of National Defense (DND) issued Department Order No. 385 on 17 October 2018 designating Undersecretary Yano as Interim head of the JEMC.

The interim JEMC held its first meeting on 29 October 2018 at OPAPP Kapayapaan Conference Room, attended by JEMC members led by Usec. Cesar B. Yano, Milo Ibrado, Jr., Veronica Tabara, Ramel Farol and Pastor Noel Villalba (Third Party member), Col. Cesar De Mesa (AFPPDO), PAMU Dir. Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, Evelyn Daplas of OPAPP and Joyce Ann Azurin of DND. The agenda of the meeting were: Presentation of updates on the draft CID; support requirements of the JEMC relative to its TOR, and mapping of plans and activities in preparation for and immediately after the signing of the CID. Consensus points and action points were drawn up per CID component as a result of the meeting.

Pending the signing of the CID, the implementation of the following components are ongoing:

- a. Community Peace Dividends (CPD).** In partnership with DSWD, a provision of livelihood support through the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) under DSWD PAMANA 2016 were allocated to one hundred (100) barangays identified by the RPA-TPG as conflict affected areas in Negros (52), Panay (39) and other areas in NCR (1) and Mindanao (8) amounting to Php 500,000.00 for each barangay. By the third quarter of 2018, all one hundred (100) SLPAs from the RPA-TPG identified barangays were accredited and awarded the seed capital amounting to Php 500,000.00.

In reference to OPAPP's letter to DSWD dated 11 September 11, 2018, requesting DSWD's assistance in facilitating the government's compliance to

the socio-economic component of the draft CID, OPAPP transmitted to DSWD the list of 727 profiled RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG members; RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG members to settle in Kabankalan City, a copy of the Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) of the Kapatiran in Sitios Ilan and Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental dated 26 November 2018, list of RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG members to settle Cauayan, Negros Occidental, and a copy of Proclamation No. 1056 dated 12 May 2006.

On 19 December 2018 a year end assessment was initiated by DSWD-SLP Region VI. Issues commonly experienced by the SLPA and DSWD personnel revolve around security, organizational and financial management, related to sustainability and profitability. OPAPP-PAMU requested DSWD to identify Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs) which have limitations in organizational management, financial management, and those that belong to conflict-affected areas.

The DSWD-Protective Services Bureau during the OPAPP-DSWD bilateral meeting on 15 October 2018 in DSWD conveyed to OPAPP that DSWD has 2018 funds, which can be utilized for social protection (PhP 10,000.00 each). This is one of the three socio-economic interventions under the DSWD for the TPG focused at the individual and household levels to be provided as a short-term, minimum impact package composed of cash assistance and /or in-kind goods. The livelihood support focused at the individual and household levels is a long-term, high-impact intervention with a grant of PhP 50,000.00 allotted per profiled RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG member.

OPAPP was represented by PAMU in an emergency meeting organized by the group of DSWD Dir. Christian Deloria on 19 December 2018 at the AIM Conference Center in Makati City. Discussed were the SLP program and Field Office Region VI projects under CPSB-DSWD; the review of the OPAPP-DSWD Consolidated SLP Guidelines by 1st Quarter 2019 and programming of social preparation in 2019 for implementation by 2020, including operational requirements to support socio-economic interventions for the nine (9) peace and development sites of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG.

b. Socio-Economic Reintegration

i. **DENR-OPAPP Forest Guard Program.** A total of one hundred twenty-eight (128) profiled members of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB (TPG) were rehired as forest guards. The 128 TPG members are broken down as follows: PENRO Aklan - 14; PENRO Antique - 22; PENRO Iloilo - 6, PENRO Negros Occidental - 58, DENR Region 7 - 18, DENR Region 10 - 10.

ii. Settlement Sites

- **Facilitation of the Issuance of the Tenurial Instruments.** MOAs between DENR-OPAPP-KAPATIRAN as the tenurial instruments for the settlement sites in the cities of San Carlos, and Cadiz were already signed by the DENR Secretary on 5 November 2018. The said MOAs

grant the members of the KAPATIRAN temporary occupation and use of a portion of the Northern Negros Natural Park (NINNP). OPAPP conveyed in a letter dated 16 November 2018 its appreciation to DENR for its positive action on OPAPP's request to facilitate the concurrence and signing of the two MOAs.

OPAPP and DENR jointly organized a site visit and updating of the ground preparation in the peace and development community settlement site in Ibajay, Aklan on 21 November 2018; and presentation and discussion with DENR Asec. Joan Lagunda, RD Jim O. Sampulna and RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG representatives on the formulated action plan for Cadiz and San Carlos, Negros Occidental on 22 November 2018 in Kalibo, Aklan.

On 7 December 2018, OPAPP transmitted to DILG Secretary Año, copies of the Cadiz and San Carlos MOAs to request the DILG to commence the implementation of PAMANA projects in Negros Occidental. However, there has been no formal response from the DILG on the said matter.

The Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) No. 39223 of Kabankalan was awarded to Kapatiran on 11 December 2018, in Bacolod City. This is a production sharing agreement between the DENR, and Kapatiran for a period of 25 years, renewable for another 50 years and shall provide tenurial security and incentives to develop, utilize and manage a specific portion of forest land. Work Plans for the three Peace and Development sites, the community forest management framework and other documentary requirements to be complied for the implementation of various 2017 PAMANA projects will be crafted by OPAPP and DENR.

- **Peace and Development Community.** 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.

For this quarter, the AFP Task Force on Infrastructure and Development had submitted the Program of Expenditures (POE), in the amount of Php 65,263,579.00 seeking the approval/concurrence of the PAPP for the following projects:

- i. Site development, construction of 58 units single detached core shelters, labor and transportation costs, in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City Negros Oriental.
- ii. Site development for the construction of 70 units single detached core shelters in Sitio Ilan, Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental
- iii. Site development, construction of 42 units single detached core shelters, labor and transportation costs, road concreting from main road junction to core shelter, construction of drainage system, construction of sidewalk, curb and gutter, and start up

requirement and insurance premium, in Brgy. Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan.

The Philippine Army Engineering Battallion based in Negros Occidental and Iloilo, under the 53rd Engineering Brigade will implement the above-mentioned projects. They will be supervised by the AFP Task Force on Infrastructure and Development.

ON 21 Noveber 2018 OPAPP concurred with the list of DND-AFP officials designated (DND letter dated 10 September 2018) for the Joint Performance Management Teams (JPMTs), for infrastructure and capacity building projects as per OPAPP-DND-AFP MOA dated 27 September 2017. OPAPP noted that these JPMTs are crucial mechanisms for the implementation of PAMANA 2017 projects that seek to promote the full transformation of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG. In line with its designation of its officials to the JPMTs, the DND requested for the activation of the OPAPP-DND-AFP Joint Project Management Teams (JPMTs).

Thereafter, OPAPP issued Office Order Number 161 dated 21 November 2018, Series of 2018 entitled “Activation of the OPAPP-DND-AFP JPMTs for Infrastructure and Capacity building Projects...” OPAPP named its designated officials in the JPMTs, as follows: the National Program Manager of PAMANA; Director IV, NPMO, PAMANA; and Director IV, Peace Accords Management Unit.

- **Congregated Sites.** OPAPP has endorsed twenty-eight (28) RPA-TPG members from NCR Bacolod and Silay to the National Housing Authority (NHA) for inclusion in their socialized housing project on 23 November 2018. In addition, OPAPP requested support in the identification of existising or possible areas for the provision of socialized housing in Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental, Iloilo, Antique and Bukidnon.

On 4 December 2018, OPAPP transmitted to NHA the matrix of information sheets of the 24 individuals from NCR and four (4) individuals who are seeking provision of socialized housing in Baras, Rizal and Bacolod and Silay, both in Negros Occidental.

NHA personnel oriented Ms. Veronica Tabara on the socialized housing project in Rizal, for NCR members, on 14 December 2018 in OPAPP, Pasig City.

c. **Social Protection Program**

i. **PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program.**

For 2018, OPAPP received the official list of enrolled individuals under the program for FY 2018 from the PhilHealth Central Office. A total of four hundred thirty-nine (439) RPA-TPG members and eight thousand

nine hundred sixty-three (8,963) individuals from the identified Community Peace Dividends (CPD) areas were enrolled in the program for FY 2018.

In preparation for the enrolment and renewal of beneficiaries under the program for FY 2019, OPAPP-PAMU conducted a profile review of both endorsed and enrolled individuals under the program for FY 2018 from October to December. A total of ten thousand eight hundred sixty-three (10,863) profiles from RPA-TPG and identified CPD areas were reviewed. Below is the result of the profile review:

Corresponding Sponsored Program	Subtotal
Enrolled under PAMANA-PhilHealth	9,262
Formal Economy	243
NHTS	197
OFW	31
Senior Citizen	111
No status on corresponding sponsored program provided by PhilHealth	1,019
TOTAL	10,863

Individuals with no identified sponsored program for 2018 will be re-endorsed to PhilHealth for enrolment to the program for FY 2019. Moreover, those who were tagged under formal economy, NHTS and OFW will be also endorsed to PhilHealth to verify whether these individuals are still enrolled or have been delisted under their current sponsorship program. In the event that an individual would be delisted from its previous sponsorship program, he or she will be enrolled as a beneficiary under the PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program for FY 2019.

ii. **OPAPP/ PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program.** For 2018, there are 70 individuals from RPA-TPG and CPD areas who are continuously benefiting from this program.

d. **Disposition of Arms and Forces (DAF) and Security Arrangements.** The PNP Firearms, Explosives and Ammunitions Disposal Committee (FEADC) VI, together with PNP Peace Process and Development Center, OPAPP PAMU and Western Visayas Field Office, conducted the firearms inventory and validation in the provinces of Region VI in the fourth quarter. 130 short and 110 long firearms were stenciled and accounted for, while 209 explosives and 9,062 ammunitions were also accounted for the fourth quarter. By the end of 2018, a total of 318 firearms (208 short, 110 long) were stenciled and accounted for, along with 263 explosives and 13,440 ammunitions.

It was also during the assessment meeting in EB Magalona, Negros Occidental on 18 October 2018, that it was discussed that those TPG members who were unable to present their firearms during validation in their respective areas, should be validated in their respective Municipal Police Stations on the dates to be provided and officially communicated by the FEADC VI, otherwise the

PNP will not hesitate to conduct law enforcement operations against the TPG members who are in possession of unrepresented firearms pursuant to the provisions of RA 10591. Ms. Veronica Tabara was amenable to this procedure. The FEADC VI Secretariat Head provided a copy of this resolution signed by the FEADC VI, and PSSUPT Jesus D. Gambay, Jr. as Chairperson and Deputy Regional Director for Administration.

OPAPP transmitted to DND on 17 September 2018 the final list of candidates of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG to the community defense group (CDG) from the peace and development communities and congregated sites, to facilitate the conduct of the CDG training.

The Addendum to MOA of OPAPP-DND-AFP MOA dated 18 July 2018 was jointly crafted by DND, AFP and OPAPP to clarify and enhance the Original MOA with respect to the implementation of infrastructure and development projects. It mandates OPAPP (through PAMANA NPMO or its representative) and AFP Units and/or concerned AFP Major Service Units to form a JPMT for the project to ensure continuity, regular supervision and effective and efficient implementation (Section 7.1, Article VII, Project Management). The Addendum will serve as basis for the fund allocation of PhP 39, 713, 912.00, under PAMANA for 2017, to be used for the training of some 267 members of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB (TPG), who will provide security support to the five (5) settlement sites in Negros Occidental, Negros Oriental and Aklan.

- e. **Release of Alleged Political Offenders (APOs).** A meeting organized by OPAPP on 8 November 2018 among OPAPP, DOJ and RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG resulted in the adoption of the strategy for the prioritization of cases to be submitted to DOJ.

In the 29 October 2018 interim JEMC meeting in OPAPP, one of the identified action points under this component is to make representation before the DOJ through the PCBReP Secretariat to begin review of the cases even prior to the signing of the CID. An initial list of cases of priority cases was written and transmitted to Atty. Berlin Berba of DOJ in December 2018.

Engagements with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB- Nilo Dela Cruz (NDCG). The NDCG is the splinter group that emerged from the internal split within the RPM-P/RPA/ABB in 2007. The Government dealt with the NDCG within the framework of the 2000 GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Agreement. GPH engagements with the NDCG were undertaken by officials of 3ID, PA and OPAPP in 2017.

In response to the letters sent by Mr. Rustico Cutanda of NDCG to OPAPP requesting for updates on the GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB peace process and possible resumption of discussions with GPH representatives, Secretary Jesus G. Dureza approved the recommendation that discussions with Mr. Cutanda be continued in line with the policy of the Duterte Administration to honor all signed peace agreements, subject to some parameters, namely:

- there are only two factions of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB, the TPG and the NDCG;
- discussions will be within the bounds of the GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Agreement of 2000;

- discussions should result in the identification of remaining commitments under the 2000 Peace Agreement;
- the group should show proof that they actually represent the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-NDCG;
- the group's transformation including the disposition of arms and forces should include the undertaking of inventory and profiling processes.

The Discussion Team is composed of the following: Mr. Milo Ibrado, Jr. - former co-chair of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), Ms. Evelyn Daplas - former secretariat head of the JEMC, Retired Maj. General Jon Aying - former Division Commander of the 3rd ID, PA, Dir. Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida of PAMU, OPAPP and a representative from 3rd ID, PA.

The Discussion Team met with the NDCG on 24 October 2018. Participants to the meeting were:

- NDCG: Rustico Cutanda, Lejun dela Cruz, Eddie Callanga, Edwin Segaya and Au Cutanda.
- GPH: Discussion Team with LTC Leroy Daanton of 3ID, PA and Maj. Joemar Barreon of 301st Brigade.

The meeting resulted in the Joint review of the 2000 Peace Agreement. The next step in pursuing the implementation of the peace agreement provisions was also identified. The NDCG also submitted to OPAPP its proposed schedule of ground consultations among their members from the Rural Poor (farmers, fishermen, and farm workers), Urban Poor and Labor Sector. The stakeholder consultations were conducted with the rural poor (farmers, fishermen, and farm workers), urban poor and labor sectors to allow the NDCG to generate a comprehensive priority agenda among its members and their communities.

Follow through meetings with RPM-P/RPA/ABB were undertaken in Injap Hotel, Iloilo City on 13 November 2018 and 14 December 2018 in Pasig City. Discussed were the review of the 2000 GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Agreement components, and identification of the remaining commitments/deliverables under the said agreement, document/s to be submitted by the NDCG, status of the JEMC, and NDCG's proposed conduct of grassroots consultations nationwide.

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

A. Implementation of peace-promoting catch-up socioeconomic development in conflict-affected areas (Agenda 4)

1. **PAYapa at Masaganang PamayaNan (PAMANA) Program.** 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 conflict affected and vulnerable areas as well as help build a culture of peace and conflict sensitivity.

FY 2017 PAMANA. Of the 533 FY 2017 PAMANA projects lodged under the OPAPP budget, 55 (10.32%) are completed, 176 (33.02%) are ongoing, 109 (20.45%) are undergoing procurement, 161 (30.21%) are in the preparatory phase, 23 (4.32%) are suspended, 4 (0.75%) are for cancellation and 5 (0.94%) are for status updating/validation. Overall, 478 projects are still for completion as of the 4th Quarter of 2018. OPAPP forged partnerships with government (i.e., DND-AFP, DPWH, NCIP, Local Government Units, CHMSC) and non-government entities (i.e., UNDP, IOM) for the implementation of these projects.

FY 2018 PAMANA. Of the 98 FY 2018 PAMANA road and bridge projects lodged under the OPAPP budget, 34 (34.69%) are ongoing, 1 (1.02%) are suspended, 31 (31.63%) are undergoing procurement, 31 (31.63%) are in the preparatory phase and 1 (1.02%) is for cancellation. Overall, 97 projects are still for completion as of the 4th Quarter of 2018. Funds allocated for these road and bridge projects under the FY 2018 PAMANA were directly released to the DPWH.

See Annex I for the detailed Status of the 2017 and 2018 PAMANA Projects lodged under OPAPP and with implementing partners.

Social Protection Program. Since 2013, partnership with Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) has been continuing through the PAMANA program. For FY 2018, a total of 23,062 PAMANA-PhilHealth Health Insurance program beneficiaries were endorsed for health insurance premium coverage.

Program	Peace tables	CY 2018 No. of Beneficiaries
PAMANA-PhilHealth	MNLF	12,082
	CPP-NPA-NDF	597
	RPMP/RPA/ABB	9,402
	CPLA	981
Total		23,062

During the quarter, several meetings were also held with the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) to discuss about the release of cash assistance to 1,065 student beneficiaries who are the next of kin (or as endorsed by) former combatants from different peace tables. This cash assistance is part of the educational assistance program under PAMANA in partnership with CHED where the students are provided with cash assistance in the amount of PhP 10,000 annually to help them cope with educational expenses until they graduate from College.

The following is the breakdown of the beneficiaries per peace table:

Program	Peace tables	CY 2018 No. of Beneficiaries
PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program	MNLF	924
	RPMP/RPA/ABB	70
	CPLA	71
Total		1,065

B. Empowering communities by increasing their capacity to address conflict and reduce their vulnerabilities (Agenda 5: Building of a culture of peace and conflict sensitivity)

The constituency-building agenda focuses on the formation and revitalization of existing partner organizations and communities developing a peace constituency actively supporting the peace process in the implementation of existing peace agreements; signing and implementation of the final peace agreement with the CPP/NPA/NDF; implementation of peace promoting catch-up socio economic development in conflict-affected areas; and, the building of a culture of peace and conflict sensitivity.

This component is also responsible for nurturing a peaceful environment towards the attainment of a culture of peace. The People's Peace Tables initiatives for the Youth, IP, Women, Sultanates and other stakeholders provides a platform for stakeholders to have conversations on peace and conflict issues and concerns that are at the root of, resulting from or affecting the peace process. The Peace Tables with various sectors (IP, Youth, Women) throughout Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao has helped not only to shed light on their concerns and issues relating to the peace process but also to gather recommendations and strategies to address these concerns, which will contribute to the development of policy, peacebuilding programs and action plans.

1. IP Peace Table. OPAPP provided support to the GRP-IP Peace Panel (IPPP) Chair Atty. Reuben D. Lingating for various interventions.

a. Conceptualization of a Peace and Development Program for IPs in Conflict affected Ancestral Domain Areas

A Series of meetings were undertaken by the President of the Landbank of the Philippines with the IP Peace Panel Chair and NCIP Commissioners on 4 October at the NCIP Office, Quezon City and 14 December 2018 at the Diamond Hotel, Pasay City in designing a socio-economic development program for IPs in conflict areas. This is towards establishing a peace and development program for IPs affected by and vulnerable to situations of armed conflict. Conflict and culture-sensitive processes and do-no-harm principles were embedded in the program design. Said program also seeks to contribute to the recently-signed EO 70 which institutionalizes a whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace.

b. Interagency Preparatory Meeting relative to the conduct of Peace Conversation with Key IP Leaders in the Municipalities of Magpet, Arakan, Pres. Roxas in North Cotabato on 27 November 2018, Kidapawan City.

This activity is a follow through to the side meeting of the former PAPP Dureza with key IP leaders of Magpet, North Cotabato on 13 August 2018 wherein the OPAPP, through the IP Peace Panel, in partnership with the Provincial Government of North Cotabato conducted an interagency meeting with NCIP, DENR, DA, DILG, DOJ, DSWD, OPAIPC, AFP, NICA, and Southern Christian College(SSC) to: (1) discuss peace, security, and development issues and concerns affecting the IP communities in the municipalities mentioned; and, (2) prepare key government agencies in

responding to the various issues and concerns that will be taken up during the actual conduct of the Peace Conversations which is proposed to be held in early 2019.

This IP peace conversations and follow through peace actions are in line with the directive of the President to address IP peace, security, and development issues. They are intended to concretize government efforts in response to various IP issues as raised during the IP summits initiated by the Office of the Cabinet Secretary among other venues where these issues and concerns have been articulated.

The inter-agency preparatory meeting provided a venue for dialogue between OPAPP, the IP Peace Panel Chair and key agencies providing interventions in IP areas in order clarify the issues concerning the IP communities and provide possible solutions. It resulted in the following recommendations:

1. Government agencies to identify development priorities of available services, programs, and activities they can contribute on the issues and concerns as reflected in the ADSDPP of the municipalities mentioned.
2. Come up with a local mechanism modeled from the framework of Region XIII in providing intervention in conflict affected IP/AD areas. The different key agencies clustered into the following committees which will constitute the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) and Regional Development Council (RDC) and a Special Committee on IP concerns headed by NCIP to execute convergence: (a) Committee on Basic Services (DAR, DENR, LRA), (b) Committee on Legal and Policy (PNP, RP, NICA, AFP), and (c) Committee on Security (DILG, AFP, PNP)

c. Indigenous Peoples Legislative Assembly in the Cordillera Administrative Region (IPLA-CAR)

The IPLA-CAR is a follow through from the CAR Peace Conversations held last November 2017 where participants composed of key IP leaders in CAR unanimously expressed support for HB 5343, "An Act Establishing the Autonomous Region of the Cordillera (ARC)" with reservations that it does not truly embody Cordillera IPs quest for self-determination.

Pre-assemblies were simultaneously conducted in the 6 provinces of CAR and Baguio City dated 7-9 November 2018 with a total of 708 participants, with the objectives of complementing the RDC-CAR's IEC efforts on HB5343, to generate proposals from the delegates on their proposed enhancements to the said Bill and choose among themselves the representatives for the Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA) that was held on 7-9 December 2018 in Baguio City.

The Assembly Proper was composed of 105 delegates who were chosen during the pre-assemblies from the different provinces and City of Cordillera. The duly selected delegates for the RLA discussed and generated consensus on the proposed enhancement and the inclusion of IP provisions into the said bill, as well as the drafting of a formal legislative proposal to be formally submitted to the proponents of the said Bill.

Three resolutions were signed by the RLA delegates specifically on: (1) Constituting and authorizing the Panel of Representatives to present the outputs of IPLA-CAR to the concerned members of the House of Representatives and Senate; (2) Adopting and endorsing the outputs of the IPLA-CAR to the House of Representatives and Senate; and, (3) Requesting the House of Representatives and the Senate to conduct on-site public hearings on the autonomy bill and to fund this undertaking.

The final output of the assembly was formally submitted to the Chair of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Cordillera Autonomy Bill, Cong. Mark Go for review and possible integration into House Bill 5343.

d. Meeting of the Lumad Husay Mindanao (LHM) with the PAPP and IP Peace Panel Chair on 26 November 2018, OPAPP Office

The LHM is a potential CSO-led local peace mechanism that may be tapped to support local peace engagements under EO 70. It is a group of IP leaders mandated and endorsed by their respective communities and networks that converged to serve as an independent “dialogue” platform for consensus-building process among the IP leaders to negotiate with key actors and other stakeholders, including non-state armed groups.

Among the proposals they presented that can be considered in the peace process include the proposed establishment of a community-based ceasefire mechanism for civilian protection, the recognition and adoption of indigenous justice system in the settlement of conflicts and the interfacing of existing legal procedures and IP conflict resolution. These proposals were discussed with the IP Peace Panel Chair on 19 October 2018 in Davao City for the consideration of the OPAPP.

2. Youth Peace Table

- a. ASEAN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) Regional Youth Conference on Peace and Tolerance, 18-19 October 2018, Jakarta, Indonesia.** This Conference aimed to enhance the role of youth in policy formulation and promotion of peace and tolerance to counter intolerance and violent extremism. Speakers were experts in the region which came from youth organizations in ASEAN Member States and the Republic of Korea. Among the topics discussed were countries’ experiences and current domestic developments on peace and security.

OPAPP shared its lessons learned and best practices/strategies on youth, peace and security including the Youth Peace Table, efforts on the formulation of a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), and engagements for and with the youth during and after the Marawi crisis.

OPAPP also discussed why member states should prioritize youth participation in the peace process and peacebuilding in general. It then presented insights on the role of Information, Communication and

Technology (ICT) in preventing violent extremism and the importance of sharing positive narratives and spaces for dialogue in times of conflict.

Select youth delegates including OPAPP were able to produce a declaration containing a set of recommendations and proposed youth initiatives on the issue. The declaration is planned to be submitted to the ASEAN leaders.

3. Mainstreaming Peace Education

Assessment of Implementation of EO570 in 18 Schools and Madaris in Lanao del Sur. The ERR team in partnership with local CSOs and Department of Education (DepEd) were able to conduct an assessment in the 18 Schools and Madaris in Lanao del Sur on 3-7 December 2017. This aimed to integrate and institutionalize Peace Education in basic education and teacher education. The said activity also served as an orientation to school peace partners in mainstreaming peace education.

Based on the assessment and planning workshop, participants were able to identify the following recommendations:

- After learning and appreciating the accomplishments of School of Peace Framework implemented by the J. Marquez School, both the DepEd school group and Madaris group wanted to replicate the school of peace framework in their respective schools and recommended that the OPAPP should allot budget for implementation
- Inclusion of Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) in Peace-related interventions to increase the understanding of the Muslims, Christians and other denominations or religions.
- The community affected needs more attention from the government, NGO's and others organizations to fast tract the healing process
- Conduct regular debriefing program especially for the children in school for emotional stability; continued support from people should be given to give comfort to the affected individuals
- Establishment of school of peace in invoke innovations as a process towards social healing
- Enhance the coordination and partnerships among GOs and NGOs.

4. Training of Trainor's on Culture of Peace

In the last quarter of 2018, the OPAPP-Early Recovery and Rehabilitation (ERR) team trained 18 Partner Municipalities of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte. 72 Municipal officials were capacitated on a "culture of peace" principles. They applied their learnings in the conduct of peace table initiatives in the community and influenced their integration of peace building initiatives in the over-all municipal development plan; processes and analysis on the conducted activity shall serve as future reference to OPAPP intervention.

- 5. Basic and Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Training.** Under the Support to Peacebuilding and Normalization (SPAN) Program with support from the NDRRMC Fund, the Early Recovery and Rehabilitation (ERR) Team in

partnership with local CSOs conducted series of Basic and Advanced Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Training which shall capacitate individuals engaged in conflict resolution mechanisms in Marawi City and identified barangays in the provinces of ARMM. Trained individuals are expected to be part of the conflict resolution mechanisms in the community to resolve different types of conflict in their communities. A total of 187 participants were trained in ADR.

6. **Participation as resource persons in the LGA's Training on Mediation and Healing Mechanisms on 27 November 2018, Pinnacle Hotel, Davao City.** The said training was led by the Local Government Academy. OPAPP Representatives and the IP Peace Panel chair served as resource persons in the sessions on the National Peacebuilding Framework and the Current Conflict and Peacebuilding Realities in IP communities in Mindanao. The expected outcome of the LGA training is geared towards setting up alternative conflict resolution or mediation mechanisms especially in IP communities where indigenous conflict resolution and justice systems can be tapped in cases of dispute settlement.

C. Strengthening government peace and development institutions and mechanisms to increase their responsiveness to peace, conflict, and security issues (Agenda 6)

The Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) approaches 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

- a. **Guidebook and Facilitator's Manual on Mainstreaming CSPP in CDP of LGUs.** On 8 October 2018 at the Ateneo de Davao University, the PPU had a meeting with the Ateneo Resource Center for Local Governance and GIZ COSERAM to further enhance/refine the Guidebook. Also discussed was the possible roll-out/dry run of the Facilitator's Manual in particular areas in Mindanao.

A draft OPAPP-DILG Joint Memorandum Circular for the adoption of the Guidebook and Facilitator's Manual by the LGUs is currently being reviewed for refinement.

- b. **PAMANA DSWD CSPP Training for National and Regional Implementers, 1-4 October 2018 at the Linden Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig City.** DSWD national and regional PAMANA project implementers were capacitated on conflict sensitive and peace promoting approaches that they will be applying in the implementation of PAMANA projects. The participants agreed to create CSPP core groups in the national and regional offices.

OPAPP representatives from the PPU, CPMU and field offices served as resource persons and facilitators during the 4 day training.

c. **Social Healing and Peacebuilding (SHaPE) Program.** The SHaPE Program intends to enhance social cohesion, promote peacebuilding, and contribute to peace and security in conflict-affected areas. It includes the following projects: The Build Peace; Welfare Assistance for Vulnerable Entities; and College Educational Assistance Projects. Specifically, the areas covered include: Marawi City; 18 other municipalities in Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur that are affected by the Marawi attack; and selected areas in the provinces of Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi.

i. **The Build Peace Project.** An orientation on the CSPP approach was held in Cagayan de Oro City on 25-27 October 2018 and 19-22 November 2018. A total of 88 participants from the municipal and barangay governments of Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur provinces attended the orientation. During the three-day training, sessions with topics related to understanding peace and conflict; building a culture of peace; and the concepts on transitional justice, peacebuilding, and conflict-sensitivity were discussed.

Similarly, from November to December 2018, local civil society organizations (CSOs) were trained by Ateneo de Davao University Resource Center for Local Governance (ARCLG) on the integration of CSPP approach in the local development planning of barangay governments. The CSOs are expected to subsequently replicate the training in 98 of barangays of Marawi City and in selected municipalities of Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Maguindanao provinces.

ii. **Welfare Assistance for Vulnerable Entities (WAVE).** A formal partnership was forged with Bayan Academy in December 2018 to implement the *Social Entrepreneurship for Peace and Prosperity in ARMM (SEARMM)* Project. Bayan Academy is expected to conduct a series of activities that will lead to the identification and formation of potential social enterprises in selected Bangsamoro areas. These activities include rapid assessments for identification of beneficiary social enterprise and capacity development, which includes the training on Social Enterprise Management as informed by the CSPP approach. It shall cover selected areas in Basilan, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, and Marawi City in Lanao del Sur.

There have been continuing discussions to forge partnerships with potential hospitals in the cities of Cotabato, Marawi, and Zamboanga to handle the post-care services after the delivery of assistive devices such as eye glasses, hearing aids, crutches, and wheel chairs to Bangsamoro beneficiaries. There are also ongoing discussions with potential local CSO partners that will be tapped to deliver the assistive devices in select areas in the ARMM.

- iii. **College Educational Assistance Project (CEAP).** The objective of this Project is to develop peace advocates among the youth in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas through the provision of educational cash grants (P10,000) for one semester and through the provision of two peace formation sessions for the student grantees enhancing their capacities for peace. Within the 4th quarter, out of 1,200 target beneficiaries, 764 student beneficiaries from Lanao Del Sur, 97 in Basilan, 100 in Sulu, 97 in Tawi-Tawi and 92 from Maguindanao received transitional cash assistance in the amount of PhP5,000 each to support their studies. The remaining amount will be provided after their attendance to the second peace formation session.
2. **National Action Plan on Women Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2017-2022.** 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) that support the empowerment and meaningful participation of women and girls, and ensure the protection of their human rights before, during, and after various conflict situations and the prevention of the incidences of violence that violate human rights and international humanitarian law.

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

- a. **Pillar 1: Empowerment and Participation.** Women and girls, through meaningful participation and leadership, are active change agents in conflict transformation and post-conflict development.
 - i. **Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) Orientation, 9 October 2018, DFA Office, Pasay City.** The WPS topic is included in the department's PDOS module that is conducted regularly for DFA officers for deployment in Philippine Embassies in various countries.

Ms. Helen Rojas represented OPAPP and discussed the NAPWPS. In this session, participants were able to gain knowledge on the basis, background, concepts, legal mandate and the 2017-2022 Philippine NAPWPS.
 - ii. **Agency-Specific Action Plans (ASAP) WPS One-on-One Coaching Session with NSCWPS member agencies.** The NAP Secretariat conducted one-on-one coaching sessions to provide technical assistance in the enhancement of the ASAP WPS of the following agencies that were not able to attend the NSC WPS TWG Strategic Planning held last July 2018:
 - TESDA on 11 October 2018 at TESDA Women's Center, Taguig City
 - CHED on 16 October 2018 at CHED Central Office, Quezon City
 - NCIP on 22 October 2018 at NCIP Central Office, Quezon City

Said agencies were able to clarify questions regarding their ASAPs and were guided with inputs to improve their respective plans.

- iii. **Deepening Session on WPS, 24-25 October 2018, Bayview Park Hotel.** A Refresher Course to deepen understanding and appreciation of WPS was conducted with the objective of strengthening the internal resource of OPAPP as chair of the NSCWPS. This shall address the current challenge on insufficient number of resource persons within OPAPP who can be tapped to provide technical assistance on WPS, considering the numerous requests coming from other agencies and the units' NAPWPS deliverables. The 2-day workshop was attended by a total of 19 employees; 9 of them have undergone the Training of Trainers (TOT) in 2017.
- iv. **Women's Celebration, 26 October 2018, Sulo Riviera Hotel, Quezon City.** With the theme "*Believe in our Faith, in Ourselves to Transform Humanity,*" the Catholics for Reproductive Health (C4RH) led the Women's Celebration 2018 held on 26 October 2018 at the Sulo Riviera Hotel, where a parallel session on "*Seeking Refuge and Sanctuary in the Promotion of Culture of Peace and Harmony,*" was sponsored by OPAPP.

The Women's Celebration Conference is a platform for conversation, understanding and solidarity among women of faith from different backgrounds. It is composed of women coming from different socio-economic, political and even religious affiliations who come together every two years to celebrate.

In the parallel session participated in by 30 people (3 male; 27 female), the OPAPP representative presented the OPAPP's initiatives in protecting and empowering women in conflict as part of the NAPWPS implementation.

- v. **Muslim Women Religious Leaders National Summit, 26-29 October 2018, Cotabato City.** To strengthen constituency support for the ratification of the BOL, Nuroos Salam, an organization of Muslim women religious leaders, was provided with technical assistance on WPS and the BOL.

The activity was participated in by religious leaders from Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. By the end of the activity, the participants came up with an action plan which indicates their follow-thru activities to help in the advocacy campaign for the ratification of the BOL.

- vi. **4th Quarter NSC Executive Committee Meeting, 06 November 2018, Cagayan de Oro City.** The meeting was attended by officials from OPAPP, DSWD, DFA, DND, RCBW, NCMF and NCIP. During the meeting, the following were discussed:
 - Agency updates on ASAP implementation
 - Presentation of the concept, methods and scope of the medium-term assessment research on the implementation of the NAPWPS
 - Presentation of the Result of the ARMM RAPWPS particularly on the actions that need to be taken for the body to endorse the continued implementation of the RAPWPS to the Bangsamoro Transition Team

- Updates on the Marawi Crisis
 - Agreements on the ways forward
- vii. **MWRWA Skills Training, 9-15 December 2018, Cotabato City.** Following their training on local conflict mediation, thirty-five (35) women former MNLF and MILF combatants were provided with skills training on bread and pastry, as part of the capacity building interventions provided to their organization, the Muslim Women Rural Workers Association (MWRWA). The MWRWA is an organization of peace and development advocates working on the ground on conflict prevention and peace building.
- viii. **NAPWPS Orientations.** As part of the localization efforts, OPAPP conducted the following NAPWPS orientations:
- Legazpi City, Albay, 13 December 2018. Attended by 15 municipal planning and development coordinators, provincial Social Welfare Development Officers and GAD Focal persons.
 - Lucena City, Quezon, 13 December 2018. Attended by 20 representatives from LGU, line agencies and civil society organizations.
 - Oriental Mindoro, 13 December 2018. Attended by 27 officers (20 female; 7 male) from the different municipal LGUs of Oriental Mindoro, mostly GAD Focals and Municipal Planning and Development Officers of their respective municipalities.
 - Palawan LGUs, 30 October 2018, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. Attended by a total of 42 planning officers (10 male; 32 female) from the different municipal LGUs of Palawan. At the end of the orientation, a workshop was facilitated which highlighted the WPS-related current issues that the province has. Outputs of this activity were the issues presented by the participants and the proposed strategies to address the same.
- ix. **Symposium on the ASEAN Women for Peace Registry, 12-13 December 2018, Cebu City.** The symposium was co-organized by the Permanent Mission of the Philippines to ASEAN, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) and the Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU). It was envisioned to provide a platform for experience-sharing and knowledge exchange among women peace practitioners; building and enhancement of the capacities of women in conflict resolution processes; documentation of the experiences and achievements of women in conflict resolution strategies at all levels; promotion of respect for human dignity and human rights in conflict resolution practices, gender mainstreaming; and, enhancement of the role of women in peace and reconciliation.

Further, it was also the objective of the activity to operationalize the '*Joint Statement on Promoting Women, Peace and Security in ASEAN*' adopted on 13 November 2017 in the Philippines during the 31st ASEAN Summit which, among others, encouraged the integration of gender perspectives in all conflict prevention initiatives and strategies.

One of the outputs of the activity was the launch of the *ASEAN Women for Peace Registry (AWPR)* comprised of women peace practitioners from

ASEAN Member States who may be tapped to assist in peace processes and reconciliation efforts in Member States. Such a Registry is intended to be a living document, updated by ASEAN Member States as they see fit. The Registry will form part of the resources of the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR). The women experts included therein may also be tapped as resource persons for future ASEAN-IPR events.

For the Philippines, the nominees for the women peace registry composed of Ms. Amina Rasul-Bernardo, former Secretary Teresita Quintos-Deles (absent during the launch) and Undersecretary Gloria J. Mercado

The activity was participated in by the following countries: Philippines, Brunei, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Indonesia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Norway.

3. CSPP Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) System for Peace Tables and Programs

- a. PAMANA Year-End Assessment.** OPAPP through the Peace Policy Unit (PPU) provided an orientation to PAMANA implementing partners on the PAMANA goals, pillars, and results framework as well as basic CSPP practice during the first legs of the PAMANA Year-End Assessment activities, particularly for Regions V and IV-B, CAR, X and XII.

The PPU also conducted surveys among the represented local government units implementing PAMANA projects on their level of adherence to CSPP as well as on emerging outcomes that have already been observed. The orientation and conduct of survey were delegated to the Area Management Teams for the succeeding legs. The survey was accomplished by LGU representatives during the assessment activities in November 2018. Seventy one (71) LGUs submitted the accomplished survey.

Out of 71, 12 (16.9%) LGUs reported that they have observed all of the 9 CSPP processes in the survey tool for all of their PAMANA projects. 24 (33.8%) LGUs who averaged between 2.50 to 2.99, have adhered to most of the CSPP processes for all projects, but there were some items where they did not apply for all projects. Moreover, 25 (35.2%) LGUs who averaged between 2.00 to 2.49, were able to apply the CSPP processes for more than 50% of their projects, but they also rated themselves as not being able to apply some CSPP processes for less than 50% of their projects. Finally, there were 10 (14%) LGUs who reported that they observed most of the CSPP processes for less than 50%.

In terms of emerging outcomes, there were 28 LGUs that reported improvements in terms of the level of participation of their community beneficiaries in consultations, project implementation, and monitoring, as well as having increased trust with the local government in light of the concrete services delivered. 21 LGUs reported that they observed improvements in the socioeconomic condition in their areas, particularly in terms of beneficiaries having increased income or improvements in the

quality of their livelihood produce. Fifteen (15) LGUs reported observable improvements in terms of beneficiaries' access to basic services such as health centers, schools, and water. Seven (7) LGUs reported that there were no changes in their stakeholders yet and 5 did not respond to the question at all. Five (5) LGUs reported that they observed their beneficiaries feeling more safe and secure, being more vigilant about securing the projects so that they are not destroyed by possible perpetrators. There were improvements in the relationship among community beneficiaries observed in 6 LGUs. Note that there were 14 LGUs that reported on more than one category of outcomes so the total number exceeds 71.

- d. **OPAPP-IOM Joint Monitoring Activity in Sulu.** From 24-26 October 2018, OPAPP and IOM undertook a joint monitoring activity in Jolo, Sulu. Two (2) out of three (3) projects covered were recently completed (2-3 weeks prior the monitoring activity) so no emerging outcomes, other than the acquisition of knowledge and skills for livelihood. For these two projects, the project was rated "Good" (highest is Very Good) by the beneficiaries.

One of the projects monitored was the Lakas Kabataan. Youth participants expressed that the Lakas Kabataan amazed and inspired them to be active youth leaders. They gained confidence in relation to contributing in responding to issues and learned that they can make changes as youth and formed the "Sulu Youth POWER Group" which currently has more than 30 members. Their recent activities involved organizational management, team building, election of officers, and a leadership session. They used their own resources for these activities as they have yet to find a partner organization that can support their cause. They are currently working on their by-laws to facilitate their formal registration.

- e. **Citizen-Led Monitoring (CLM).** The CLM seeks to build the capacity of CSOs and citizen monitoring groups in monitoring projects and engaging their LGUs in a constructive manner. It also aims to build on or improve the responsiveness of LGUs in citizen participation and monitoring using constructive engagement as the main modality. Consultants from the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability - East Asia Pacific (ANSA-EAP) were contracted as partner implementers for this initiative. For this quarter, Phase 2: Tool Development Workshop for LGUs, CSOs and community volunteers was successfully completed in all four (4) targeted PAMANA LGUs, as follows:

PAMANA LGU	VENUE	DATES
Quezon and Sorsogon	Avenue Plaza Hotel, Naga City	15-20 October 2018
Maguindanao	Safe Haven Hotel, Cotabato City	5-9 November 2018
Northern Samar	The Oriental - Leyte, Tacloban City	19-24 November 2018

The objective of the workshop is to capacitate and build partnership among stakeholders on monitoring of OPAPP projects using CSPP lens through participation and constructive engagements.

For FY 2019, pursuant to the CLM Roadmap, the aforementioned PAMANA LGUs will undergo Phase 3: Orientation and Partnership Meeting wherein the outputs from the tool development workshop will be presented (in a form of a monitoring module) to the LCEs for approval and support.

4. Policies and programs to address injustice and deprivation (land, identity, human rights, natural resources)

Interagency Orientation Workshop on Moving Forward with the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJRC) Agenda. On 16 October 2018, an Inter-Agency Orientation Workshop on TJRC Recommendations was held at the 3rd floor Conference Hall of OPAPP, with the following objectives:

- i. Convene and coordinate with the agencies to work towards the adoption and implementation of the recommendations;
- ii. Endorse the TJRC Report to the relevant agencies for their review and assessment;
- iii. Raise awareness and deepen the understanding of the concerned national and regional government agencies on the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Agenda and TJRC Report; and,
- iv. Identify current initiatives, gaps and ways forward to address the TJRC recommendations based on the four (4) themes of the TJRC Report, i.e., *Right to Know, Right to Justice, Right to Reparation, and Guarantee of Non-recurrence.*

This resulted in the following:

- 32 national and 2 regional line agencies (ARMM) gained knowledge and understanding on the TJRC Agenda and the TJRC Report;
- Initial mapping of current initiatives, gaps and ways forward to address the TJRC recommendations;
- NEDA, DND, PNP and DFA have given their concurrence and designated their official representative to the inter-agency working groups; and,
- Agencies agree to establish Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on 4 themes to further study the recommendations and formulate action plans to implement the same.

OPAPP informed them of the plan to conduct an inter-agency planning workshop to implement the recommendations.

5. Joint Communications Campaign (JCC) Plan for the ratification of the BOL

- a. **Speakers' Workshop on BOL on 19 October 2018, Manila and 29-30 October 2018, Davao.** After the said workshops, participants from National Government Agencies and Civil Society Organizations were equipped with in-depth knowledge on the salient features of the BOL and boosted their confidence in discussing its provisions with different stakeholders, especially the voting public.

- b. BOL Video and Animation Production.** OPAPP through the Communication and Public Affairs Unit (CPAU) worked with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and MetaPIXEL Inc. for the production. The production was done last 13 November 2018 in Parang, Marikina. The video materials were used in various events as part of the IEC campaign for the Bangsamoro Organic Law.
- c.** From October to December 2018, the CPAU drafted sixty-nine (69) news and feature releases, one hundred fifty-one (151) digital and print Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) content, nineteen (19) talking points for PAPP and OPAPP executives, twelve (12) speeches and statements for OPAPP executives, seven (7) scripts for BOL campaign and events.
- d.** OPAPP through the CPAU maintained partnerships and collaborations with different organizations, especially with the UNDP in relation to the implementation of some items in the Organic BBL Communications and JCC Campaign such as drafting of IEC content and BOL video scripts.
- e. Social Media Engagements.** The information campaign and the start of the formal campaign for the BOL ratification boosted the number of reach and engagements in Facebook and Twitter. With peace assemblies, videos, social cards, and statements, the social media campaign for the measure helped in the overall campaign. Videos such as Larawan contributed to the increase of engagements and reach with 276 shares. The BOL kick off campaign had the highest reach and impressions with 153,898 reach and 7,077 engagements (shares, likes, comments, etc).

6. OPAPP's Systems and Business Processes

a. Senate Plenary Debate on OPAPP Budget, 12 December 2018

OPAPP defended its proposed budget for FY 2019 amounting to Php 688,659,000, with Senator Panfilo Lacson as OPAPP's budget sponsor.

b. 2018 Year-End Assessment of the Peacebuilding and Development Cluster and Field Offices, 18-19 December 2018 at the Discovery Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig City

The assessment had the following objectives:

- i. To track/ monitor accomplishments vis-à-vis its annual targets at the output level and its contributions to the outcomes;
- ii. To reflect on the internal and external facilitating and hindering factors encountered in the achievement of output and outcome targets and cull-out peacebuilding lessons from them; and,
- iii. To assess physical and financial performances and to identify action points for deficiencies or weaknesses, which will serve as inputs to planning, programming and possible improvements in operations.

This resulted in the following:

- i. units and field offices' reports on major outputs, contribution to the organizational outcomes and major facilitating and hindering factors
- ii. units and field offices' Office Performance Commitment Reports (OPCR) for submission to HR

- iii. Identification of emerging outcomes observed and major outputs of work undertaken in the past year
- iv. SWOT Analysis and strategies identified based on the SWOT.

c. Data and Mapping Needs

The following data requirements were processed:

- i. data including maps of government-owned lands for possible coverage under the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program (CARP);
- ii. summary of conflict-affected areas from 2009-2017; and,
- iii. data on package of assistance provided to former rebels from the Isabela province based on the list provided by Peace Accords Management Unit (PAMU).

d. Compliance Reporting. The PPU facilitated the submission of the eighteen (11) compliance reports to various national government agencies and oversight bodies.

e. Management of the Ambassador Manuel T. Yan Peace Resource Center (AMTYPRC). The AMTYPRC, holds historical documents, printed materials, and audio-visual files on the Philippine peace process that have been under the care and supervision of OPAPP since 1989 when it started as the Peace Office Commission. In addition, it holds a collection of more than 3,000 books, journals, and electronic resources acquired from various local and international sources on peace and conflict resolution.

i. Cataloging (Subject Classification) and **accessioning** (Assigning Accession Numbers) of newly acquired and donated resource materials are ongoing. These also serve as inventory. For this quarter, thirty-one (31) resource materials were cataloged and accessioned.

ii. Labeling resource materials (print) involves putting actual call numbers on the spine or front cover of the material and Due Date and Book Slips at the back page of the material. Nineteen (19) resource materials were labeled during the 4th quarter of 2018.

iii. Library Visitors

- Internal to OPAPP- 65
- External - 3

iv. Library Borrower's Card Distribution

- Two (2) library cards provided to concerned OPAPP staff.

v. New Acquisitions through Donations and Solicitations

- Forty-four (44) print resource materials and fifteen (15) non-print resource materials were received by the AMTYPRC.

vi. Promotion of AMTYPRC

- The Online Library System (OLS) is now up in the OPAPP Website (peace.gov.ph) and can be accessed by everyone online. This was made possible through the collaboration among the PPU, CPAU, and ICTU.
- The OLS can be accessed through: Peace.gov.ph > Resources > OPAPP Library
- As part of its promotional activity, the PPU had a meeting with the officials of the Miguel de Benavides Library of the University of Sto.

Tomas (UST) in Manila. The meeting was held at the conference room of said library on 12 October 2018. Aside for the promotional AMTYPRC poster that will be displayed in strategic areas of the library premises, OPAPP publications were also provided by PPU to the UST library officials. A special shelf will be allocated where OPAPP publications and other knowledge products on peace can be placed.

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OPAPP (represented by Ms. Fatima Arceo, OPAPP Librarian) and the UST Library (represented by Rev. Fr. Angel A. Aparicio O.P, UST Prefect of Libraries) was executed and signed on 19 October 2018. The MOU establishes the areas for collaboration between the AMTYPRC and the UST Library in the promotion of the AMTYPRC collection and its services.

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. **Signing and approval of the President on the final document on the Strategic Framework for Mindanao Peace and Development (SFMPD) and the Executive Order (E.O.).** On 24 October 2018, OPAPP finalized the memorandum to the President on the request for approval of the draft E.O. adopting the SFMPD and the SFMPD draft document. This was transmitted to the Office of the President on 13 November 2018.
2. **Strengthened partnerships with the International Partners and Donor Agencies**
 - a. **UN Peacebuilding Fund (PBF) Project "Building Capacities for Sustaining Peace in Mindanao.** On 4 October 2018, the UN PBF Advisory Board approved the revised list of projects amounting to USD 311,000 to be implemented by the OPAPP. These projects consist of peace conversations and platforms for dialogue relative to the ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) and prevention of violent extremism. In the same meeting, the UNDP agreed to partially fund some activities under the IEC campaign of the OPAPP for the BOL, providing around USD 150,000 for the implementation of said activities.
 - b. **Mindanao Peace and Development Programme (MinPaD).** The proposed MinPAD programme builds on, consolidates and strengthens the EU's political and development cooperation support to Mindanao through (i) a contribution to a multi-donor facility focused on building consensus for peace and effective governance; (ii) support to civil society; (iii) promoting poverty alleviation and economic development through job creation by enabling farmers and small entrepreneurs, including women and indigenous peoples (IPs), to unlock their productive capacities; (iv) strengthening agricultural cooperatives and similar farmers' organizations; (v) rehabilitating rural infrastructures; and (vi) improving the enabling environment for private sector development.

The MinPAD programme aims to contribute to a peaceful, cohesive, secure and inclusively developed Mindanao and in particular, support for peace and development and support for inclusive growth and job creation. It will be implemented through different Development Partners (UNDP, GIZ, World Bank) and civil society organizations. The project duration is 5 years or from 2019 until 2024 with a total estimated cost of EUR 179.6 Million or Php 11.3 Billion (EUR 1 = Php 63.12), EUR 55 Million or Php 3.4 Billion of which will come from the EU contribution.

OPAPP discussed the proposed programme with NEDA, DOF, DFA and other relevant government agencies for its adoption and approval. The target is for Brussels to approve the proposal in October 2018 and for the Financing Agreement between the Government of the Philippines and the European Union to be signed soon thereafter.

3. **Management and supervision of Project Management Offices (PMOs) for ODA-supported programs, projects and activities**

- a. **Mainstreaming Peace and Development in Local Governance in the Philippines (MPDLGP).** The Spanish Government through the Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID) is the donor partner for the MPDLGP in support to the Philippine Peace Process.

The project ended last 30 June 2017. As of this reporting period, OPAPP is working on the submission of the final audit report. The balance of the project fund amounting to PHP 31 million (final amount is to be determined by the audit report) will be transferred to the successor project, Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF).

- b. **Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF).** AECID awarded a Grant Resolution to the Philippine Government on 12 November 2015 for the financing of the project. The grant amounts to €500,000.00 or equivalent to PHP 28,069,884.00².

OPAPP is presently finalizing the frameworks, guidelines, and capacity building modules for both the CSPP livelihood project and citizen-led monitoring components. Roll-out of capacity development trainings and actual implementation of CSPP livelihood project will commence by the first quarter of 2019.

² The amount in Philippine peso is based on the certification issued by the Bureau of Treasury on 29 June 2017.