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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 second quarter based on the strategies laid down in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2017-2022 and guided by the Six-Point Peace and Development Agenda of the administration:

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

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

1. **13TH Meeting of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and MILF Implementing Panels**, 11 May 2018, Pasig City. The GPH Panel together with its Secretariat organized this meeting to discuss the proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL) and the preparation for the implementation of the Normalization program.

During the meeting, a Colombian expert and senior specialist on violence and post-conflict recovery programs from the World Bank (WB), Marcelo Jorge Fabre, discussed their experiences on Normalization and DDR from the various peace processes they facilitated. The Malaysian Facilitator and/or Special Adviser Kamarudin bin Mustafa and Pia Peters of the WB were present during the meeting.

2. **Political-Legislative Track**. On 28 May 2018, the period of amendments commenced in the Senate, while the period of interpellation began in the House of Representatives.

On 29 May 2018, President Rodrigo Roa Duterte certified the BBL (SB 1717 and HB 6475) as an urgent bill which is a "manifestation of the government's commitment to address the diverse needs of the people in Bangsamoro, and all communities and constituents of Mindanao, towards a just and lasting peace in Mindanao and in the Philippines as a whole."

Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) on the BBL

On 23 April 2018, a Forum on the BBL with the Liga ng mga Barangay sa Pilipinas was held at the SMX Convention Center, Pasay City. This was attended by the BTC members, the GPH and MILF Implementing Panel members, Barangay Captains of Mindanao, Rep. Wilter Palma, Rep. Amihilda Sangcopan and a representative of Senator Edgardo Angara.

The following were discussed: a) understanding the Moro struggle in the Philippines; b) the issue of marginalization through land dispossession in Mindanao; c) overview of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) under the GPH-MILF peace process; d) salient features of the BBL; e) governance in the Bangsamoro: checks and balances in the BBL; and f) opportunities and prospects for development and inclusive growth in the proposed Bangsamoro.

On 18 June 2018, a Multisectoral Forum on the BBL was held at the Notre Dame University Gym, Cotabato City. About 1,700 participants attended the forum from the different sectors and groups: CSOs, NGOs, INGOs, AFP, PNP, IMT, IDB, the academe, religious sector, women's organizations, MILF and MNLF. BTC Commissioner Jose Lorena discussed the differences of the BBL substitute bills. Questions were asked and a press conference was conducted afterwards. It was attended by the members of the BTC and ARMM Regional Governor Mujiv Hataman, the GPH and MILF Implementing Panel members and members of the Normalization mechanisms.

Exhibits and tarpaulins were also set-up in several strategic areas in Lanao del Norte, Basilan, Zamboanga City, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao and Cotabato City.

3. **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. **Security**

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

Development of a monitoring and evaluation system for the Annex on Normalization. On 17-18 May 2018, the GPH mechanisms of the Normalization conducted a workshop for the development of the Monitoring and Evaluation System for the Normalization Program. The workshop served as an avenue for all mechanisms to level off on the intended outcomes and outputs of the various components of the Program. The mechanisms were also able to provide updates on the status of development of their respective monitoring and evaluation systems.

An initial version of the Results Framework for the entire Program was formulated during the workshop as well as the criteria for process monitoring. Subsequent workshops and coordination meetings will be scheduled to finalize the Results Framework and the processes and guidelines for monitoring and evaluation.

Meetings with the Embassy of Japan (EOJ) on the Normalization Program. The Japanese Government, through its embassy in Manila seeks to continue its support to the Mindanao peace process by providing livelihood and infrastructure projects in partnership with the Philippine Government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), this time in support to the implementation of the Annex on Normalization. Brainstorming meetings to craft proposed projects particularly on the Security and Socio-economic aspects of the Normalization Annex have been conducted between the EOJ and the Normalization mechanisms and Panels. On 24 April 2018, the Deputy Chief of Mission of EOJ, Takehiro Kano met with the GPH Implementing Panel Chair and other OPAPP officials to discuss possible engagements on the normalization program as well as participate in the political track, particularly on support to the passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law, the transitional phase and subsequent establishment of the Bangsamoro Government.

Continuing engagement with World Bank (WB). Members from both the GPH and the MILF JNC met with Marcelo Jorge Fabre of WB in Pasig City on 11 May 2018 and discussed challenges in the implementation of the Normalization program as compared to experiences of Colombia where Mr. Fabre oversees programs for ex-combatants.

ii. **Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC)**

Submission of initial draft of the JPST Operations Manual. The JPSC signed and submitted the first draft of the JPST operations manual to the JNC on 11 May 2018. This version of the manual has undergone thorough review from both sides and has been submitted to the JNC with the note that the current version is a working draft and will be continually updated with substantial inputs from the AFP, PNP and MILF. The operations manual outlines the organizational relationship, tasks and functions of the JPSTs and guidelines for the deployment and activities of the teams which will be comprised of units from the AFP, PNP, and MILF-BIAF.

The JNC-GPH transmitted the draft manual to the AFP and PNP on 7 June 2018 requesting for review and inputs. Other areas for inputs and discussions for inclusion in the manual are the force structure of the JPSTs, reporting templates, and rules of engagement by the JPSTs in accordance with roles and functions assigned to the JPSTs.

Identification of PRO-ARMM Training Center as the Venue for the Joint JPST Trainings. The JPSC and JNC Secretariat carried out inspections of the center to revalidate and appraise needed repairs for its

buildings as well as meet with the training director to discuss training needs and the drawing up of trainings teams from the GPH and MILF to oversee the numerous training components.

Conduct of Briefings on the Annex on Normalization (with emphasis on JPSC and JPSTs). From 7 to 8 June 2018, initial briefings with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) 6th Infantry Division and 601st Brigade were carried out to level off on requirements and support for the JPSC and JPST programs and activities. Officers and personnel were informed about the Security component under the Normalization Annex of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

A courtesy call on AFP 6ID BGen. Cirilito Sobejana was also conducted. Discussions with Gen. Sobejana revolved around the planned training and deployment of JPSTs.

- 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.

Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC). The JTFDCCs undertake efforts related to socio-economic and development programs for MILF combatants and their communities under the Normalization Annex of the CAB. It assists the Panels to identify and to implement the socio-economic priorities and development projects that will address the needs of MILF combatants and their communities.

Status and Accomplishments

The JTFDCC and its Secretariat with program partners conducted the following meetings and activities:

- Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and in-depth interviews with the MILF TFDCC Head Secretariat, ADWs and Support Staff on 24 April 2018 in Cotabato City;
- FGD with the five (5) select DCs based in Cotabato City and Maguindanao on 25 April 2018. There were also interviews among DCs from Datu Odin Sinsuat and Matanog Maguindanao.
- Meetings with JICA together with MILF TFDCC regarding the normalization program and services for the DCCs on 25 April 2018 in Cotabato City. JICA intends to extend their assistance thru farming to the MILF BIAF.
- Consultation-workshop for the development and enhancement of the roadmap process and socio-economic program for the Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities on 22-24 May 2018 in Davao City.

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.

- Meetings with the MILF TFDCC conducted by the International Monitoring Team re: Normalization Program on 29 May 2018 in Cotabato City.
- Renewal and re-issuance of identification cards to the 140 DCs were facilitated on 4-8 June 2018 at JNC Office, Cotabato City. Out of 140 DCs, eight (8) were not able to attend due to health conditions, difficulty in communicating and 2 of them were in Manila. Those unable to claim their IDs may get them from the IDB Headquarters.
- Meetings with MILF TFDCC on 19 June 2018 at Em Manor Café, Cotabato City for updates and next steps relative to the socio-economic program for the DCs.

Sajahatra Bangsamoro Program (SBP). The SBP is a socio-economic initiative aimed to uplift the health, education, and livelihood conditions of MILF communities through the delivery of socio-economic services, which include provisions of preventive and clinical services, supplemental feeding, study grants, technical-vocational skills programs and small scale infrastructure in identified communities.

SBP terminated its operations by end of November 2015 but OPAPP ensured that all commitments of government agencies to the Bangsamoro communities and beneficiaries endorsed by the Moro Islamic Liberation Front through its Task Force Sajahatra Bangsamoro were delivered.

As of reporting period, the following were accomplished:

- Ceremonial Turnover of one Day Care Center (DCC) to the beneficiaries of Barangay, Seit Higad, Panamao, Sulu on 4 April 2018;
- Release of allowances of the day care workers in May 2018 amounting to Php30,000.00 pesos for 2 years from DSWD RFO IX;
- Discussions with DOH ARMM relative to the ongoing implementation of 2 barangay health stations (BHS) in Brgy. Magkawa, Albarka, Basilan and Brgy. Bud Seit, Panamao, Sulu on 8 June 2018

Continuous Coordination with SBP Partners on the Status of Pending Deliverables under SBP:

- DENR IX and OPAPP to conduct final inspection on the completed National Greening Program (NGP) project in the area of Alicia and RT Lim Zamboanga Sibugay;
- Conduct site inspection of the ongoing BHS project implementation in the area of Magkawa, Albarka, Basilan and Bud Seit Panamao, Sulu;
- Monitoring with Bangsamoro Development Authority (BDA) Sulu regarding the construction of BHS in Brgy Seit Higad, Panamao, Sulu with 65% physical accomplishment. Construction is still ongoing;
- Conduct of revalidation of livelihood assistance in Sandab, Butig, Lanao del Sur and Albarka, Basilan; and
- Maintenance of the social media account as a means of tracking and engaging the SBP-CHED grantees.

c. Confidence-building Measures

- i. Transformation of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF camps. The Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFACT) mandate is to coordinate, facilitate and implement confidence-building measures for the transformation of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF camps, namely: Camps Abubakar-as-Siddique, Omar, Rajamuda, Badre, Bushra, and Bilal.

OPAPP-funded 2018 Quick Response Projects. The Project Engineering Team of the Task Force has validated the projects below in the respective camps/project target sites for the second quarter of 2018:

PROJECT	LOCATION	STATUS	DATE
Camp Abubakar			
1) Water System Level II	Sitio Madalum, Brgy. Nabalawag, Barira, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 6, 2018
2) Construction of Coco Grill	Sitio Tambak, Brgy. Bugasan Sur, Matanog, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 10, 2018
3) Construction of Solar Drier	Brgy. Tabuan, Kapatagan, Lanao del Sur	Validated with survey	June 10, 2018
4) Construction of Solar Drier	Brgy. Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 10, 2018
Camp Badre			
1) Construction of Hanging Bridge - 150 meters	Brgy. Marader, Talayan - Ahan, Guindulungan, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 12, 2018
2) Construction of Hanging Bridge - 100 meters	Brgy. Sibuto, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 12, 2018
Camp Omar			
1) Construction of community Center with drier	Brgy. Saniag, Ampatuan, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 9, 2018
2) Construction of community Center with drier	Sitio Pigsinbulan, Brgy. Ginibon, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 9, 2018
3) Construction of Box Culvert	Brgy. Tuayan, Datu Hofer, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 9, 2018
Camp Rajamuda			
1) Construction of Solar-Powered	Brgy. Rajamuda, Pikit, North Cotabato	Validated with survey	June 11, 2018

Water System			
2) Construction of Solar Drier	Brgy. Buliok, Pikit, North Cotabato	Validated with survey	June 11, 2018
3) Construction of Solar Drier	Brgy. Kilangan, Pagalungan, Maguindanao	Validated with survey	June 11, 2018

Camps Projects through the Mindanao Trust Fund-Reconstruction and Development Project Phase II (MTF-RDP/2). In 2016-2017, the Mindanao Trust Fund implemented a 90-million Camps Program in support to confidence-building measures by undertaking activities in transforming the surrounding areas of the said camps into peaceful and productive communities. The program, which includes livelihood support, socio-economic infrastructure and Alternative Learning System (ALS), benefitted over 68,000 individual beneficiaries and 31 communities.

The GPH, MILF and MTF committed to continue the efforts by implementing another round of Camps Program under MTF-RDP Phase II. The program is expected to implement: 1) Community Development Grants, to include a) small scale socio-economic infrastructure, b) functional and basic literacy; and, 2) Capacity and Institution-Building.

A Project Board serves as the highest policy-making body for the Project, with reviewing and approving authority for the final selection of sites and sub-projects. It reports to the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels. The Board is Co-Chaired by Asec. Rolando B. Asuncion representing the GPH and Jun Mantawil representing the MILF side.

During the preliminary engagements for MTF-RDP/2 implementation, the JTFCTs attended, participated and performed technical and coordination tasks in the following engagements:

- MTF-RDP/2 Inception Workshop to level off on implementation arrangements, timeline and units responsible, Cotabato City, 16 April 2018
- First Meeting of MTF-RDP/2 Project Board to discuss project cycles and processes, Cotabato City, 17 April 2018.
- Second Meeting of MTF-RDP/2 Project Board to track progress of activities according to timeline, Cotabato City, 25 June 2018.

The JTFCT and its Secretariat has also engaged program partners to reach important decisions, conducted internal activities and execute technical work to ensure effective and efficient program implementation through the following meetings and activities:

- Orientation on Monitoring and Evaluation for JTFCT Secretariat, JNC Building in Cotabato City, 19-20 April 2018;
- Meeting with Bangsamoro Development Agency to finalize the work plan of Social Preparation for the Six Camps, BDA Office in Cotabato City, 21 April 2019

- Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency to discuss possible program collaborations in the Six Camps, OPAPP/Agustin 1 Building in Pasig City, 15 May 2018;
 - Meeting with JICA for the latter to update the GPH on its discussions with the MILF counterparts on the Normalization program, and further discuss possible proposals for 2019, OPAPP/Agustin 1 Building, Pasig City, 04 June 2018;
 - Finalized the Terms of References of project partner, Bangsamoro Development Agency, for the conduct of Social Preparation Process for the Six Camps.
4. **Ceasefire Mechanisms.** For the 2nd quarter of 2018, there was no record of direct armed skirmishes between the government and MILF forces. However, the so-called Matalam Incident that transpired last 25 May 2018 regarding the alleged anti-illegal drug operations of the PNP against personalities was later identified as MILF members. The Joint verification report of the IMT is yet to be submitted.

Also, a highlight for the quarter was the signing of Guidelines for Mutual Understanding between the CCCH of the GPH and the MILF for ceasefire-related functions during the 14 May 2018 synchronized Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) Elections at the IMT Headquarters, Ilang-Ilang Street, RH 7, Cotabato City. This agreement aims to safeguard the existing ceasefire agreements of the GPH and MILF, the FAB and the CAB, and the GPH - MILF Peace Process, in general, while the government ensures the conduct of honest, orderly and peaceful Barangay elections.

Various peace advocacy programs and briefings were undertaken for the period to update various stakeholders in the Ceasefire Mechanisms and Bangsamoro Peace Process, such as:

- Peace Advocacy Program on BBL in Brgy. Barongis, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat Province organized by the 116th BC, National Guard Base Command, BIAF-MILF and Palimbang Natives Producers Cooperative;
- BIAF-MILF General Assembly with the theme “Maintaining and Strengthening Unity, Brotherhood and Camaraderie Among Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces held at Camp Darapanan, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. During the event, BGen. Donato emphasized in his speech the important role of the ceasefire mechanism in the implementation of peace process;
- Launching of Partnership for outreach activities on the Peace Process at Camp Salipada K. Pendatun in Parang, Maguindanao where a briefing on the Security Mechanisms in the GPH-MILF Peace Process was delivered. Also present during the activity were Asec. Dickson P Hermoso, and Dir. Wendell P Orbeso,
- Briefing by Dir. Carlos Sol for the The Madaris Volunteer Program (MVP) staff at the GPH CCCH Office, PC Hill, Cotabato City regarding the security situation in relation to the mission and future activities of the MVP;
- Workshop with the GPH JPSC relative to the force structure of the JPST at Richmonde Hotel, Pasig City. Prior to the workshop proper, BGen. Donato briefed the participants regarding the mandate, function, and structure of the GPH CCCH and updates on its operations while Col. De Mesa briefed them

regarding the mandate, function and structure of the GPH AHJAG and updates on its operations.

- Joint JTFC and Stakeholders Conference on Anti-Drug Campaign at Kampilan Clubhouse, 6ID Hqs., Camp Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao.
- Forum on the Discussion on the Proposed Bangsamoro Basic Law on 18 June 2018 re: Prospects for Inclusive and Lasting Peace in the Bangsamoro in Notre Dame University, Cotabato.

Support to the International Monitoring Team (IMT). OPAPP, through its Cotabato Operations Office, monitored and assisted various IMT operations. A meeting was conducted with IMT Team Site 4 to discuss updates within their area of responsibility and administrative support issues/concerns relevant to their operations.

The Head of Mission conducted a medical mission with the members of IMT HQ at Brgy. Batog, Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao on 01 May 2018.

Maj. Gen. Dato HJ Mohd Nazir bin HJ Mami, HOM IMT-HQ, conducted peace advocacies, made field visits and had courtesy calls with the Zamboanga Mayor, WestMinCom, MILF Central Committee 2nd Vice Chairman, Sec. Jesus G. Dureza, among others.

The IMT Team Site 1 facilitated a coordination meeting with the AFP, PNP, MILF members, and combined secretariat of CCCH and AHJAG to discuss details on the visit of Bruneian Armed Forces Commander to Cotabato City on 7 June 2018. The IMT TS2 conducted consultations and coordination meetings with the key stakeholders in support of the activities of the Implementing Panels and Ceasefire Mechanisms while there is a continued conduct of monitoring in Marawi City. TS 2 conducted working visits and courtesy calls.

Likewise, the team site conducted monitoring and verification, as well as provided the panel a report on the implementation of the peace agreement between the GPH and MILF, the implementing guidelines on the humanitarian, rehabilitation and development aspects, and on the civilian protection component.

Support to the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB). IDB had its regular operational activities in the Secured Arms Storage Area (SASA), Camp Abubakar, Barira, Maguindanao and facilitated the construction of weapons' rack.

The IDB Chief of staff, Mr. Asbjorn Lode attended the Launching of Partnership for Outreach Activities on the Peace Process at PNP Police Regional Office ARMM, Parang, Maguindanao on 08 May 2018. He also met with the new member of IDB and attended the JNC's conduct of Normalization Workshop at Linden Suites in Pasig City on 17-18 May 2018.

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

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 focused on the socio-economic development of MNLF communities

1. Provision of Technical and Administrative Support to the GPH Implementing Panel

- a. **2nd Formal Meeting between the GPH and MNLF Implementing Panels, 4 May 2018, Ortigas Pasig City.** The proposal of the MNLF for a joint coordinative body that will be tasked to address security concerns on the ground, especially involving the latter and the security sector was discussed. The Panels agreed to draw up a working paper on the said matter.

The Panels also appraised each other on the developments in the cases of the co-accused of Chair Nur Misuari. The Panels agreed to meet again after the end of Ramadhan.

- b. **Preparation and Coordination regarding deliverables from the 2nd Formal Meeting between the GPH and MNLF Implementing Panels.** The OPAPP, through MCU as GPH Implementing Panel Secretariat, is facilitating the deliverables that were agreed upon during the 2nd Formal Meeting, which includes drawing up of a concept paper on the joint coordinative body that will be tasked to address security concerns on the ground involving MNLF members and the security sector and address the continued possession of firearms of the MNLF.

The MCU is also coordinating with the National PAMANA Management Office (NPMO) regarding the query of the MNLF Panel on the possibility of proposing new areas for PAMANA.

- c. **Preparation of Briefers on Indonesia's Mediation relative to the PAPP's Participation to the Oslo Forum.** The MCU prepared the briefer on Indonesia's participation in the GPH-MNLF peace process and a research on the mediation strategies employed by Indonesia during peace negotiations between the Government of the Philippines and the MNLF which culminated in the signing of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement.

The said briefers were prepared as reference materials of the PAPP in his participation to the Oslo Forum in Norway on 19-20 June 2018.

- d. **Cases of Misuari and his co-accused**

Preparation of Report to the Office of the Solicitor-General (OSG) Re: Case of Misuari. The MCU provided updates on the GPH-MNLF Peace Process, as inputs, to the monthly report submitted to the OSG from April-June 2018 relative to the extension of the six-month suspension proceedings and enforcement of the warrant of arrest against Misuari from March-September 2018. This is required by the Court. The peace process with the MNLF is the main factor for the approval of the court of Misuari's extension of temporary liberty.

Support to the Safe and Orderly Return of the Co-Accused of Chair Misuari under Case Nos. 152737-39

- **OPAPP-ARMM Meeting on the Release and Return of the 133 Co-accused of Chair Nur Misuari relative to the Zamboanga Siege, 18 April 2018, Makati City.** The meeting aimed to discuss the financial, logistical and security challenges on the release and return of these individuals to their hometowns in Sulu, Basilan and parts of Zamboanga Peninsula.

The Regional Human Rights Commission of the ARMM (RHRC) is the lead agency that is providing legal support to these individuals.

OPAPP is assisting the RHRC in securing the use of a C130 or navy vessel to transport these individuals back home.

The meeting was attended by Asec Dickson Hermoso and Ms. Jana Gallardo for OPAPP while ARMM was represented by Executive Secretary Atty. Laisa Masuhud-Alamia, Atty. Edy Santiago and Atty. Fatima Hinay (RHRC).

- **Meeting for the Return of the co-accused of Misuari to their hometowns, 25 May 2018, OPAPP.** The OPAPP spearheaded the final meeting with the concerned agencies namely Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Regional Human Rights Commission of ARMM, Armed Forces of the Philippines Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (AFP-OJ3), Philippine National Police Directorate for Operations, for the return of the co-accused of Misuari to their hometowns, who were released by the Court on 17 May 2018.

The meeting aimed to polish the details of the arrangements for the transportation and logistical needs (*i.e., C-130 and navy vessel, local vehicles*), medical assistance, debriefing, security during transit, food, IDs, among others, of the returnees during their transit bound to their hometowns.

- **Departure of the co-accused for their hometowns, 28 May 2018, Villamor Airbase, Pasay City.** OPAPP, in coordination with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), the BJMP, the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the ARMM Human Rights Commissions, facilitated the safe and orderly return of the co-accused of Chair Nur Misuari whose plea bargain agreement was approved by the court and therefore have been released from detention. Further, MCU provided assistance for their food requirements during their departure from SICA 2 detention facility.

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

- a. **Meeting with CHED Central Office on PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program, 6 April 2018.** OPAPP and CHED met to discuss the implementation of PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program for AY 2018-2019 and the drafting of

the implementing guidelines for the re-conceptualization of the financial aspect of the OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED programs.

The MCU, as one of the units implementing the PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program, participated in the meeting to provide insights and recommendations on the experiences in implementing the current program.

- b. **INFO-EX: A Conversation with the 2017 OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program Beneficiaries, 23-28 April 2018.** The MCU in collaboration with the AMT South and Central Mindanao, held its annual orientation with the newly approved study grant beneficiaries in an activity titled “INFO-EX: A CONVERSATION WITH THE 2017 OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED STUDY GRANT PROGRAM BENEFICIARIES” on 23-28 April 2018, in the following areas:

- Cotabato City;
- Midsayap, North Cotabato; and,
- Isulan, Sultan Kudarat

A total of two hundred eighty-six (286) grantees of FY 2017 OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program composed of one hundred twenty-one (121) males and one hundred sixty-five (165) females, participated in the south and central Mindanao leg.

The activity provided an avenue for the participants to have an exchange of information between OPAPP and CHED as service providers and the students as beneficiaries and implementation partners. The activity was able to resolve issues that the student grantees encountered in the implementation of the program

- c. **Submission of the 2018 New Applicants to Philhealth and Processing of Walk-in Applicants.** The GPH-MNLF Peace Process is provided with 3,000 slots for FY 2018. As of June 2018, the MCU has submitted 2,921 applications to RDU (as national coordinator) for the latter’s submission to PhilHealth Central Offices. Out of the total applicants, 1,609 are male and 1,291 are female. There are 21 applicants whose sex could not be determined through their names.

The MCU, with the assistance from AMTs, are still validating some of the information they have submitted from their area of operations such as date of birth, barangay of their residence, among others. Further, list of affected individuals of Marawi siege without Philhealth are still being collected as of the writing of this report.

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

On 4 April 2018, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (PAPP) Secretary Jesus G. Dureza issued a Statement that, “President Duterte directed during the Cabinet meeting today to work on the resumption of peace talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF with clear instructions on the importance of forging a ceasefire agreement to stop mutual attacks and fighting while talks are underway. The President said: Let’s give

this another last chance. He also committed to provide support, if necessary, in replacement of the 'revolutionary tax' that he asked be stopped".

With this Presidential directive, the Panel conducted several rounds of discreet backchannel talks with the NDF to discuss the requirements for said resumption of peace talks.

On 8 May 2018, the PAPP released a Statement on the ongoing backchannel talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF in Europe. It stated that Secretaries Dureza and Bello informed the President that his clear directives are being relayed "across the table" and are now the subject of discussions in the ongoing meetings. Best efforts are being done to meet the deadline set by the President to resume the talks within 60 days.

On 14 June 2018, the PAPP held a press conference and read his Statement that the timeline that the backchannel team had worked on with their counterparts (CPP/NPA/NDF) "across the table" had to be necessarily adjusted. He announced that the Panel was directed by the President to engage the bigger "peace table" - the general public as well as other sectors in government - to ensure that all those consensus points and agreements forged in the negotiations table have palpable support from them. This GRP position was further clarified by the PAPP in his Statement issued the next day where it was explained that the resetting of the planned peace talks is exactly for the purpose of protecting the gains achieved in the backchannel talks prior to the formal resumption of peace negotiations.

Upon instructions from the PAPP and Secretary Bello III, this GRP position was formally communicated to the NDF by a government team that met with NDF Panel Chair Fidel Agcaoili and Chief Political Consultant Jose Maria Sison, witnessed by the Royal Norwegian Government, as Third Party Facilitator for the talks. In a Statement issued on 21 June 2018 by Hernani Braganza, Government Negotiator for Backchannel talks with the NDF, he said that the team also conveyed the GRP decision to suspend all backchannel talks with the NDF pending the three-month review of all signed agreements related to the peace negotiations. The team also conveyed the invitation of the PAPP and Secretary Bello for NDF representatives to join the public consultations on the peace negotiations.

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:

- The Panel presented to the Cabinet Cluster on 20 April and 29 May 2018, the Updated Roadmap that was presented to the President as well as the results of several rounds of backchannel talks with the NDF.
- The Panel briefed the President and the security sector on the results of 5-9 June 2018 backchannel talks. In particular, it presented to the body the signed Stand Down Agreement (SDA) and the initialed Interim Peace Agreement (IPA) and the coordinated Unilateral Ceasefire (CUC) Guidelines. The President directed the Panel to conduct consultations in the next 3 months.
- Joint Meetings of the Bilateral Teams on Agrarian Reform and Rural Development and National Industrialization and Economic Development (NIED) chapters of Comprehensive Agreement on Socio-Economic Reform, held on 26-27 April 2018 at the Mercure Hotel, Ortigas Center, to discuss the remaining contentious issues.

On the other hand, the GRP Monitoring Committee on CARHRIHL continued to monitor and facilitate complaints on the alleged violations on human rights and International Humanitarian Law (IHL). During the reporting period, they conducted the following:

- Received and endorsed to the GRP MC two hundred fourteen (214) complaint forms filed with the Cubao Office. A total of two hundred four (204) or 95% was filed against the Government (GRP) and ten (10) or 5% was filed against the National Democratic Front (NDF).
- GRP-MC Meeting held on 4 May 2018 at the Pearl Manila Hotel in Manila.
- Meeting re reconvening of the GRP-MC Technical Working Group held on 4 May 2018 at the Pearl Manila Hotel in Manila.
- Small Group Meeting of the GRP-MC Technical Working Group held on 9 May 2018 at the Quezon City Memorial Circle.
- PNP Human Rights Officers' CARHRIHL Orientation held on 21 June 2018 at the PNP Training School, Camp Crame in Quezon City.

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

1. GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process

The 2011 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the GPH and the 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 commitments of the parties have been significantly implemented and its completion is projected in the 2nd Quarter of 2018.

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 2nd Quarter are as follows:

- a. Disposition of Arms and Forces.** Taking off from the dialogue with MOA Signatories early this year, there was a move to conduct a final round of turn-in and remuneration of arms and forces following the list of the last activity in July 2017. As of reporting period, there are remaining thirty-seven (37) inventoried firearms across Cordillera to be turned in. Additionally, a meeting will be scheduled with the MOA Signatories to address firearms with issues and to

recommend activities geared towards the conclusion of the Disposition of Arms and Forces Component of the GPH-CBA-CPLA MOA.

The idea on what to do with the collected firearms as a way to commemorate the CPLA struggle was continuously sought and conferred with the security sector particularly with the Police Regional Office - Cordillera (PROCOR) and the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

b. Socio-economic Reintegration

- i. DENR - OPAPP Forest Guard Program.** For 2018, a total of five hundred eight (508) profiled former CPLA members, their next of kin, and Comprehensive Local Integration Program (CLIP) beneficiaries were renewed as Bantay Gubat under the DENR-OPAPP Forest Guard Program.

OPAPP was informed that the forty-nine (49) individuals who were previously hired in July 2017 were not renewed while the one hundred fifty-two (152) applicants endorsed last December 2017 are awaiting appointment as well pending approval of the supplemental budget which will be the source of their salaries as per DENR-CAR. Several meetings and follow-ups both with DENR-CAR and DENR-CO were undertaken to closely monitor the request. In June 2018, DENR-CAR sent an invitation for the conduct of a Values Orientation and Training on Environment and Natural Resources (ENR) Laws, Rules and Regulations for Selected Bantay Gubat across CAR. The activity projected that there were already newly hired Bantay Gubat coming from the new list, however, it was clarified during the activity that it is a refresher course for existing BGs for 2018 that have not undergone a formal values orientation and training on ENR laws yet.

The OPAPP, through the Peace Accords Monitoring Unit, have also strengthened the linkage with concerned offices in DENR that handle the Bantay Gubat Program by establishing closer monitoring and exchange of data and information to facilitate hiring and contracting of Bantay Gubat applicants.

- ii. Livelihood.** For the second quarter of 2018, the (tree) nursery for the Alfonso Lista-based Kabunian Peoples Organization was established and inaugurated in April. This nursery was a collaboration between the Ifugao State University-Alfonso Lista Campus, Kabunian PO and OPAPP. It is intended to produce forest tree seedlings in support to the requirements of the National Greening Program of the government. It is one of the identified income generating projects of the PO.

The swine breeding and production project in Ifugao involving the HIBLA ng Pagkakaibigan Peoples Organization (Banaue Chapter) was inaugurated and turned-over to the organization on 3 May 2018. The project was in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, the LGU of Banaue, and OPAPP. It was envisioned that the LGU of Banaue will provide technical and financial support to this project and establish it as a breeding facility for the

municipality. Pursuing this plan will provide much needed income and resources for the PO.

A meeting with the PO, Matagoan Tako Organization, was conducted in Paracelis, Mountain Province on 7-8 June 2018 to validate the potential sites on where to establish the approved post-harvest facilities (two units of customized rice mill and three units of multi-purpose thresher/sheller). The PO is expected to submit to the PLGU Focal Person on Livelihood the technical specifications of the farm machineries that will serve as the reference of the bidding documents.

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

- *PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program.* In 2018, one thousand one (1001) former CPLA members were renewed as beneficiaries of the PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program.
- *OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED Study Grant Program.* On 3 May 2018, PAMU and CHEDRO II were able to reconcile and update the list of OPAPP/PAMANA - CHED grantees for Region II. PAMU visited CHEDRO II for a courtesy call and a meeting with focal person handling the OPAPP/PAMANA - CHED Study Grant Program. This was followed by a monitoring visit with Student Financial Assistance Programs (StuFAPs) coordinators of University of Cagayan Valley and University of St. Louis in Tuguegarao City.

CHEDRO II provided the status and report of payment of financial assistance of the OPAPP/PAMANA-CHED Grantees in Region II. There were a total of thirty-nine (39) grantees in Region II. However, based on the report provided by CHEDRO II, there were only four (4) grantees released with financial grants. It is also noted that there were four (4) grantees out of thirty-nine (39) grantees who already graduated.

OPAPP endorsed a total of thirty-five (35) next of kin out of the fifty-two (52) applications received and reviewed by PAMU. This endorsement includes the thirteen (13) qualified applications reviewed during the first quarter. PAMU is waiting for the official results from CHED Central Office for the approved OPAPP/PAMANA grantees.

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."*).

Following the activities during the 1st quarter for the continuing work on the crafting of the 5YPS, a data completion and analysis workshop was conducted on 29-31 May 2018 that led to the following outputs:

- Completed data for the 143 barangays covered under the 5-Year Partnership Strategy Document;
- Vetted the list of proposed priority projects per focus barangay with MOA Signatories; and
- Write-up per component of the 5YPS document was divided among the team members and was drafted including initial analysis.

The writing of the entire document is being collated, organized and expected to be completed until end of June 2018. Further analysis on economic, political, social and other essential factors shall be undertaken next quarter with some experts on the matter.

- 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 with the GPH pursued the implementation of eighty-one (81) community development projects in fifty-seven (57) barangays.

The Water System for Barangay Lamao in Bucloc, Abra was turned-over last 23 May 2018 in Bucloc. The system will service all the households within the poblacion area including the Municipal Government Center. The said project is part of the list under the 2011 MOA.

- e. **Support to Cordillera Initiatives for Autonomy.** With OPAPP supporting autonomy for Cordillera, PAMU and OPAPP Consultant Thomas Killip, participated in the conduct of a Public Consultation on HB 5343 for Benguet Province and Baguio City at the BENECO Conference Hall on 19 April 2018. This was spearheaded by the House of Representatives with support from NEDA-CAR.

House Bill 5343 is being championed by OPAPP Secretary Jesus G. Dureza. As part of the continuous efforts to support the Cordillera Initiatives for Autonomy, OPAPP Secretary Dureza submitted a memorandum to President Rodrigo Roa Duterte last 8 March 2018 requesting that House Bill No. 5343 and Senate Bill No. 1678 be included as a priority legislative agenda of the current administration. The request was later on referred to the Presidential Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO). Moreover, last 8 June 2018, OPAPP Consultants and OPAPP-PAMU were both engaged in a collaborative meeting with the PLLO and Regional Development Council - CAR in Baguio City. The meeting discussed the PLLO's role in the Legislative-Executive coordination for priority measures.

2. GPH- RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process

The draft Final Peace Agreement (FPA) is being reviewed by both the GPH and RPMP/RPA/ABB national leaders with some sections of the agreement and its annexes clarified and refined. Moreover, vetting with concerned agencies relative

