

## Program 5: SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING



Anchored on the preceding Peace and Development Agenda, in the beginning of 2020, the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) has issued the Secretary's Policy Guidance that features seven (7) major programs capturing the Government's Six (6) Point Peace and Development Agenda, institutional reforms and organizational development programs that OPAPRU shall undertake. One of the identified major programs is the Social Healing and Peacebuilding (SHAPE) Program that supports and operationalizes the strategy on the protection and development of communities in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas (CAAs/CVAs) as laid down in the 2017-2022 Peace and Development Plan.

The SHAPE Program specifically seeks to address the key drivers of conflict with an emphasis on reducing or preventing violence in response to political, social, and economic grievances and injustices. Peacebuilding interventions under SHAPE intend to mainstream conflict-sensitivity in program delivery in CAAs/CVAs and to help facilitate transformation in conflict-affected communities into resilient, peaceful, and harmonious units of society. The focus of this program includes women, youth, indigenous peoples (IPs), former violent extremists (FVEs) and their families, internally displaced persons (IDPs), and other vulnerable groups in areas covered by the peace processes. SHAPE also aims to consolidate peaceful relations, to strengthen viable political, socio-economic, and cultural institutions capable of conflict management, and to revitalize other mechanisms that will either create or support the necessary conditions for sustained and durable peace.

Furthermore, as provided under the approved 2021 OPAPRU Strategic Thrust, SHAPE's principle of healing and reconciliation (H&R) is also continuously mainstreamed in the different peace tables in order to honor and sustain the gains achieved in the implementation of the peace agreements with MILF, MNLF, CPLA and RPMP-RPA-ABB. It is likewise envisioned to add to the array of efforts and measures implemented by the NTF-ELCAC through the mainstreaming of conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting approaches and practices, culture of peace and non-violence, dialogue and meaningful participation of individuals from vulnerable sectors, families and communities to bring about their own development.

SHAPE's H&R and peacebuilding interventions aim to prevent and reduce violence, and ensure the protection and welfare of the vulnerable groups in identified communities of the peace tables to improve their relationships of trust between and among individuals, their communities, and their government.

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### **Highlights of Accomplishments**

- ✓ National Action Plan on Preventing, Countering and Transforming Extremism and Marawi Rehabilitation supported
- ✓ Social healing and reconciliation initiatives mainstreamed in peace tables
- ✓ Localization of National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and the development of NAP Youth, Peace and Security
- ✓ Human Fraternity Document
  - OPAPRU partnered with Ateneo de Davao University to boost its collaboration with its academic partner institutions and other peace partners to be able to effectively communicate the "Document on Human Fraternity" which was signed by Pope Francis and Grand Imam of Al-azhar Ahmad Al-Tayyeb in Abu Dhabi on February 4, 2019.
  - OPAPRU aims to promote and integrate the principles of the human fraternity document into the peacebuilding initiatives of other peace partners ensuring that vulnerable individuals, groups and communities have the capacities to prevent, resist, resolve and transform conflict.

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) is mandated to carry out and support programs, projects, and activities that are designed to address or contribute to addressing the key drivers of conflict and change the conflict dynamics, with particular emphasis on reducing or preventing and/or transforming of violence as a means of addressing political, social and economic problems and injustices. It shall aim to consolidate peaceful relations and strengthen viable political, socio-economic, and cultural institutions capable of handling conflict, and to strengthen other mechanisms that will either create or support the necessary conditions for sustained peace.

In furtherance of this, it shall undertake interventions to bring about the transformation of individuals, families, and communities in conflict-affected areas into resilient, peaceful, and harmonious units of society. Interventions shall prioritize addressing the needs, issues and concerns of the women, youth, children, former rebels and their families, IDPs and IPs in the conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable communities.