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FY 2023 FIRST QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT (January – March 2023)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Marcos Jr. Administration continues to invest on peace and security as these are preconditions for an economically developed and transformed society. Guided by the administration's 8-point Socioeconomic agenda, the Government remained committed in sustaining the efforts to promote peace, reconciliation and unity while advancing the nation's socioeconomic development.

This report presents the milestones and accomplishments of the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process for the first quarter of FY 2023, based on the strategies laid down in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028 and the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda, which the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity operates on through its seven (7) major programs:

Program 1 – Meaningful implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) towards healing and reconciliation in the Bangsamoro:

The implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro sustained its momentum through various undertakings under the Political Track and Normalization Track. For the Political Track, the GPIP-MILF engaged with various stakeholders for the delivery of socioeconomic development programs for MILF decommissioned combatants and their communities, including the promotion of agricultural ventures in the six previously acknowledged MILF camps as part of the implementation of the Camps Transformation Plan. The Intergovernmental Relations Body also facilitated the establishment and transition of National Line Government Agencies to the BARMM.

Under the Security aspect of the Normalization Track, the MILF PPO and the JNC Secretariat conducted, attended and supported activities in line with the deliverables of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). Different mechanisms that ensure peace and order in Mindanao were also maintained and operationalized. For this quarter, the JPSC has continuously provided admin and operational support to 20 deployed teams with a strength of 587 JPST members, conducted a total of (1,631) JPST activities, (1) completed JPST Station, (15) meetings with peace partners and (1) major activity in partnership with the Immigration Organization for Migration. To ensure the implementation of the ceasefire agreement, series of activities like attendance to coordination, POC, and security meetings; conduct of Information Education & Communication (IEC) campaign; confidence building measures like joint fellowship activities; courtesy visits; peace dialogues; facilitation of the return of MILF members to their places of origin and support to dispute resolution initiatives were pursued.

Under the Socioeconomic aspect, negotiations and meetings with development partners, private sectors and other stakeholders were conducted for the continuous support or renewal of socioeconomic development of normalization.

Program 2 – Complete the implementation of the remaining commitments under the 1996 GPH-MNLF Peace Agreement

In view of the completion of the remaining commitments for the GPH-MNLF Peace Process, operations of the mechanisms created for the GPH-MNLF Peace Process were sustained and coordination with the security sector and law enforcement agencies (AFP, PNP and NICA) to address issues involving the MNLF groups in different areas in Mindanao have been sustained. Moreover, confidence-building measures to strengthen trust and confidence between the Government and the MNLF groups increased.

For Transformation Program for the MNLF, the approval of the revised Terms of Reference of the GPH-MNLF Sema Coordinating Committee was secured to be able to respond to the requirements of the MNLF Transformation Program. Preparatory activities for the implementation of the Transformation Program in Basilan, Lanao, and Maguindanao were also conducted.

Program 3 – Support to the Effective Implementation of the Whole-of-Nation Approach to Address Local Communist Armed Conflict Pursuant to Executive Order 70, s. 2018

The OPAPRU continues to support the National Government in addressing the Local Communist Armed Conflict through the mainstreaming of Localized Peace Engagements (LPE) which entails the execution of two tracks: (a) community consultations and problem-solving sessions; and (b) local peace dialogues with CTG towards reaching local peace settlement with the group. These interventions will pave the way for the implementation of a Transformation Program (TP) for former rebels, their families and communities. On the mainstreaming and implementation of the Localized Peace Engagement, the OPAPRU gained the support and commitment of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on the implementation of the Transformation Program when the LPE Cluster was convened on February 10, 2023.

On the Transformation Program (TP), the OPAPRU enabled five (5) provinces (Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay) in developing their respective draft Provincial Transformation Program Plans that is envisioned to be institutionalized in the respective local plans of the provinces. Preparatory activities are also underway as 14 provinces shall produce their respective TP Action Plans in the next quarter. Special Project Teams (SPTs) were also established in Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, and Zamboanga Peninsula to serve as a springboard in the advocacy of deradicalization in their areas and will provide support in the sustainment of efforts of LPE and its transformation program for FRs, their families and communities. These organizations are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.

Program 4 – Immediate Conclusion of the Peace Process with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA

The OPAPRU continues the implementation of the different components of the 5-Year Normalization Program for the remaining two years for the CBA-CPLA Peace Process. The operationalization of the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) is also continued through sustained engagement with the Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) to ensure inclusive and meaningful implementation of the peace and development programs under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process.

The RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process, on the other hand, sustained efforts for the holistic delivery of interventions for the *Kapatiran Para sa Progresong Panlipunan Inc. (KAPATIRAN)*. Support for the implementation of the various components of the 2019

Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) was maintained as a showcase of Government commitment to the *KAPATIRAN*. This Quarter saw the operationalization of one of the key policy issuances of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement among OPAPRU, the Department of National Defense (DND), and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for the activation of two Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) Active Auxiliary-1 (CAA-1) companies on 13 April 2023, as part of the security arrangement component of the 2019 CID.

Program 5 – Social Healing and Peacebuilding

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) made significant accomplishments in the first quarter of FY 2023 on partners' engagements on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremisms (PTVE). The proposed WPS Agenda from the Civil Society Organizations were turned over to OPAPRU, of which the 11 Point Agenda shall be integrated during the crafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

In view of advancing the Peace Education agenda, engagements with Ateneo De Davao University for the Madaris Volunteer Program (MVP) and Global Peace Foundation for the Off-Grid Solar Electrification were made for peacebuilding initiatives in the BARMM. The scope of partnerships was already defined and draft MOAs are already undergoing legal review. Other partners engaged for the PCTVE are the UN Agencies during the UN High Level Mission Meeting in Marawi City and the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) where OPAPRU is part of the Country Support Mechanism (CSM).

SHAPEO also supported the Transformation Program (TP Planning) led by the Local Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) in Davao Region and Zamboanga Peninsula and the CSPP for Communicators in the Bangsamoro organized by Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS).

Program 6 – Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program

The PAMANA Program continuously engaged with implementing partners and stakeholders through bilateral coordination meetings, joint field monitoring visits and inspection in aid of facilitating project implementation cum completion of various PAMANA Projects lodged to OPAPRU under FY 2016, FY 2017 and FY 2020:

- 48 or 70.59% completed projects while 15 or 22.05% were reported ongoing, and 5 or 7.35% were reported preparatory out of the 68 FY 2016 PAMANA-DA for ARMM Projects as of December 31, 2022 (subject to further updating in close coordination with Area Management Office for Western, Northern and South-Central Mindanao)
- 383 or 71.86% completed projects while 138 or 25.89% were reported ongoing, 7 or 1.31% were reported preparatory and 5 or 0.94% cancelled/waived out of the 533 FY 2017 PAMANA as of December 31, 2022 (subject to further updating)
- 70 or 15.94% completed projects, 177 or 40.31% ongoing, and 192 or 43.73% for fund release out of the 439 FY 2020 PAMANA as of December 31, 2022

Continued engagement with implementing partners and stakeholders through bilateral coordination, inter-agency meetings, joint field monitoring visits and inspection and problem-solving session in aid of facilitating project implementation and completion of PAMANA Projects lodged to various National Government Agencies (NGAs) under FY 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, 2019, 2021 and 2022.

- 18,066 or 95.72% completed projects while 71 or 0.39% were reported ongoing, 16 or 0.08% in preparatory/procurement phase and 417 or 2.27% were cancelled/terminated out of the 18,874 FY 2011-2022 PAMANA Community Driven Development Projects as of

December 31, 2022 (subject to further data updating and reconciliation with the DSWD Central Office)

- 4,302 or 82% completed projects while 55 or 1% were reported ongoing, 76 or 1.4% in preparatory/procurement phase, 808 or 15% were cancelled/terminated and 20 or 1% out of the 5,261 FY 2011-2018 PAMANA Sub-Regional Development Projects as of December 31, 2022 (subject to further updating)
- 23,782 or 93.22% insured individual beneficiaries out of the 25,512 targets for FY 2021 PAMANA Health Insurance Program for Former Combatants/Rebels and/or their Next of Kin as of December 31, 2022 (subject to further updating – non-cumulative)
- 715 hired individual beneficiaries as forest guards under the FY 2015-2017 PAMANA-DENR Projects as of December 31, 2022 (subject to further updating – non-cumulative)
- 1,368 enrolled student-grantees for AY 2022-2023, bringing the total of enrolled beneficiaries to 3,556 from FY 2017 – 2022 under the PAMANA Educational Assistance Program for IP Students as of December 31, 2022 (subject for further updating)

Program 7 – International Cooperation and Partnerships

For this quarter, the International Cooperation and Partnerships Office continuously maintained and strengthened partnerships and cooperation with 16 international partners and provided government oversight to implementation of programs and projects of international partners in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas. Peace process-related policy recommendations and advice were also provided to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Office of the President, and other international bodies and mechanisms. Moreover, the ICPO started the groundwork relative to the establishment of a government mechanism for monitoring peace process-related efforts of international partners and continued the implementation of the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project in partnership with AECID. The ICPO has been also providing technical assistance to peace tables/major programs on the targeting of available resources from international partners.

Program 8 – Support Cluster

The support processes (Human Capital, Organizational Capital, Finance/Resources, and Strategic Communications) are the organizational systems and processes that facilitate the implementation of OPAPRU Programs 1 to 7 in the core process. The following accomplishments for this quarter are highlighted in ensuring efficient internal business processes for the agency and to level up the delivery of the mandate of OPAPRU: Position classification and personnel complement through the OSSP; Strategic Planning and Management; Agency Budget Proposal for FY 2024; and, ensuring communication of peace process updates and efforts to the public.

Moving forward, the OPAPRU remains steadfast in its commitment to sustain and build upon the achievements that contribute to the ending of decades-long armed conflicts and the attainment of a just and lasting peace and sustainable development. By fostering peace, reconciliation and unity, the Government aims to build a future where peace and socioeconomic development go hand in hand, realizing the vision towards a prosperous, inclusive, and resilient society.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

I. OUTCOME 1: PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONFLICT-AFFECTED AND CONFLICT-VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES SUSTAINED

A. Meaningful implementation of the agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) toward healing in the Bangsamoro (Program 1)

The implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) has two main thrusts: the **political-legislative track** and the **normalization track**:

- The **political-legislative track** includes the passage and ratification of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), the enabling statute that gave rise to the creation of the Bangsamoro political entity which replaced the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM). With the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), OPAPRU is now focusing on setting up governance mechanisms and structures to accompany the BARMM Government in its transition phase until 2025.
- The **normalization track** runs alongside and is complementary to the political-legislative work on the Bangsamoro. The normalization program under the CAB covers four aspects: security, socio-economic development, confidence-building measures, and transitional justice and reconciliation.

The CAB and its Annexes are being implemented and monitored by the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and MILF Implementing Panels. An exit document between the Parties will be signed once all agreements have been fully complied with and its components fulfilled.

The Political and Normalization Tracks of the CAB

1. **Political Track.** In line with its mandate to support the Government of the Philippines Peace Implementing Panel (GIP) and the peace process between the GPH and the MILF, the OPAPRU through the GIP Secretariat facilitated the conduct of the following during this reporting period:
 - a. **Operations of the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF).** The GPIP-MILF Secretariat supports the activities of the BNTF Oversight Body, headed by the GPH and the MILF Peace Implementing Panel Chairs, and Steering Committee as part of the BNTF Interim Secretariat. On 2 February 2023, a technical meeting on the Information, Advisory, and Referral System (IARS) proposed by the TFDCC for funding through the BNTF was organized by the World Bank at its office in Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City. The BNTF Steering Committee also convened on 8 March 2023 at the World Bank office.

b. Operations of the Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme.

On 16 January 2023, the Steering Committee of the SUBATRA Programme held its third meeting in Cotabato City. During the meeting, key accomplishments of its first year, covering August 2021 to July 2022, and the proposed work plan for its second year were presented and discussed.



c. GPH-MILF Joint Communications Plan. With the aim of jumpstarting the formulation of Phase 2 of the GPH-MILF Joint Communications Plan, the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD Centre) hosted the meeting of the Joint Communications Committee (JCC) on 28 February 2023 at its office in Quezon City. During the meeting, the JCC reviewed its Terms of Reference (TOR) and began the process of formulating Phase 2 of the Joint Communications Plan, as initially drafted by the GPH JCC. The JCC agreed



on information, education, and communications (IEC) activities that shall be included in the plan, including the details of the JCC radio program sponsored by the European Union (EU) through the HD Centre which shall be aired weekly in south central Mindanao from April to December 2023.

On 14 March 2023, the JCC met with the Radyo Mindanao Network (RMN) to finalize the details of the JCC radio program, including the contract with the news anchor and other personnel.

d. Commemoration of the ninth anniversary of the signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

During the occasion of the ninth anniversary of the signing of the CAB, the GPIIP-MILF Secretariat led and organized the Forum on the Progress of Peace: Challenges and Prospects for the Bangsamoro on 27 March 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City. The forum had four main



panel discussions, namely, (1) inclusive growth and human development in the Bangsamoro, (2) salient features of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code and prospects for the first Bangsamoro regular elections in 2025, (3) inclusive participation in the Bangsamoro, and (4) security outlook and prospects for peace. The forum was physically attended by members of the GPIIP-MILF, OPAPRU executive and management committees, Bangsamoro Government and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), the diplomatic community, academe, civil society organizations, and the media.

e. Operationalization of IGR Mechanisms. Out of the eight IGR mechanisms enumerated in Republic Act No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL), only the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB) remains to be operationalized. Several IGR mechanisms began convening under the administration of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr., following the directive of the IGRB during its 13th meeting on 1 December 2022 in Davao City.

i. Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB). Following the passage of Bangsamoro Autonomy Act No. 31 on the BSDB which includes its composition on the side of the Bangsamoro Government, Exec. Sec. Lucas P. Bersamin issued a memorandum dated 27 February 2023 on the designation of National Government representatives to the BSDB. Its Co-Chairs, Sec. Arsenio M. Balisacan of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Senior Min. Abdulraof A. Macacua, are scheduled to meet on 11 April 2023 in Cotabato City to firm up the agenda for the first meeting of the BSDB.

ii. Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB). Since it held its 1st meeting in 2020 and 2nd meeting in 2021, the IIDB convened for its 3rd meeting on 21 February 2023 via videoconference. The IIDB discussed the construction and repair of national highways and bridges in the BARMM.

iii. Intergovernmental Energy Board (IEB). Following its 3rd meeting in 2021 and the courtesy meeting on 28 September 2022 at the Department of Energy (DOE) Central Office in Taguig City, the IEB convened for its 4th meeting on 3 March 2023 at the Astoria Plaza in Ortigas Center, Pasig City. During the meeting, the technical working groups (TWGs) formed by the IEB provided updates on their respective discussions in November 2022 and in February 2023.



iv. *Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC)*. Since it held its 1st meeting in 2020, the JBZJC convened for its 2nd meeting on 20 March 2023 at the Astoria Plaza in Ortigas Center, Pasig City to discuss

the participation of LGU representatives to the JBZJC and the delineation of the Zones of Joint Cooperation (ZJCs) in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf.



f. **Resolution of IGR issues raised to the IGRB.** In accordance with the agreements made by the IGRB during its 12th meeting on 1 December 2022 in Davao City and 13th meeting on 24 February 2023 at the Joy~Nostalg Hotel and Suites in Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the various technical working groups (TWGs) under the IGRB continued their discussions and activities towards the resolution of the IGR issues referred to them by the IGRB.

i) **Turnover of Land Transportation Office (LTO) Maguindanao and Marawi City District Offices to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) BARMM.** Following discussions between the Department of Transportation (DOTr), LTO, Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC), and Bangsamoro Land Transportation Office (BLTO) in January and February 2023 which were facilitated by the National Government IGRB Secretariat, the LTO successfully turned over the LTO Maguindanao and Marawi City District Offices to the MOTC on 22 February 2023 at the LTO Maguindanao District Office in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao. The DOTr also mandated the LTO to issue authorization to recognize driver's licenses issued by the BLTO, pending legal opinion of the Department of Justice (DOJ).

After the turnover, the DOTr and the MOTC will be forming a TWG for the interconnectivity of systems used by the LTO and the BLTO for the issuance of driver's licenses.



ii) **Transfer of real properties of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) outside the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) to the National Government.** During its 13th meeting, the IGRB directed the TWG to Study and Recommend on the Implementation of Art. XVI, Sec. 4(d) of Republic Act No. 11054 Involving Cabatangan Properties to resume its discussions. However, pending the official designation of TWG members from the Bangsamoro Government, the TWG was not able to meet. Instead, the National Government TWG met via videoconference on 27 January 2023 and as a result, it conducted consultations and ocular visits in Zamboanga City from 8 to 9 February 2023. It met with the Legal Team of the Zamboanga City LGU and Mayor John M. Dalipe, Barangay Cabatangan LGU, and Armed Forces of the Philippines Western Mindanao Command (AFP WESTMINCOM). Together with the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) and the Development Bank of the Philippines (DBP), the National Government TWG also conducted an ocular visit to the Cabatangan Complex to assess how the properties of the then-ARMM Regional Government will be appraised for purchase of the National Government.

iii) Management of Hajj and Umrah for BARMM residents. In accordance with the directive of the IGRB from its 12th meeting, the TWG on the Management of Hajj and Umrah, composed of representatives from the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) and the Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority (BPA), convened on 7 February 2023, which was facilitated by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Office of the Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and Special Concerns at the DILG Central Office in Quezon City. During the meeting, the TWG agreed that: (1) there are no overlapping powers and functions between the NCMF and the BPA with respect to the management of Hajj and Umrah, (2) the NCMF and the BPA shall align their respective manual of



operations, and (3) the BPA shall coordinate with the NCMF Bureau of Pilgrimage and Endowment (BPE) on operational matters.

Following the 13th meeting of the IGRB, the TWG met again on 3 March 2023 to continue its discussion and to identify the next steps related to the position of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ministry of Hajj and Umrah that the participation of Bangsamoro pilgrims to the Hajj shall be through the NCMF and not the BPA. The BPA committed to submit its position on the matter in April 2023 and a subsequent meeting of the TWG will be set shortly after.

iv) Inventory of liabilities of the ARMM Regional Government. Following the directive of the IGRB during its 12th meeting, the Inter-agency Committee, led by the Office of the President through the Deputy Executive Secretary for Internal Audit, convened thrice in February and March 2023 to discuss pending issues relative to the inventory of liabilities of the ARMM Regional Government. While the committee agreed that the deadline of liabilities shall be until 31 December 2019 when the account of the ARMM was still active, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Commission on Audit (COA), and the Civil Service Commission (CSC) were tasked to reconcile their data with the Bangsamoro Government through the Office of the Chief Minister to be able to reach an agreed value of liabilities of the ARMM Regional Government.



- v) **Powers and functions of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) and the Overseas Workers Welfare Administration (OWWA) in the BARMM.** During its 13th meeting, the IGRB directed the Department of Migrant Workers (DMW) and the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) to form a TWG and to continue the discussions of the TWG between the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the MOLE with respect to the overlapping functions of the POEA and the OWWA with the MOLE in the BARMM. On 20 March 2023, the MOLE conducted a courtesy visit to the DMW wherein the two agencies initially discussed the issue.
- vi) **Re-establishment of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) regional/consular office in the BARMM.** The issue on the re-establishment of the DFA regional/consular office in the BARMM was raised during the 13th meeting of the IGRB. Upon consultation of Senior Min. Abdulraof A. Macacua with the management of the Al-Nor Commercial Complex in Cotabato City, the DFA is allowed to return to its previous office with waived rental fee, as long as the outstanding utilities expenses are paid. The IGRB deemed this issue as resolved.



- vii) **Establishment of a Professional Regulations Commission (PRC) regional/satellite office in the BARMM.** The issue on the establishment of a PRC regional/satellite office in the BARMM was raised during the 13th meeting of the IGRB. During the meeting, IGRB Co-Chair Sec. Amenah F. Pangandaman consulted with DOLE Sec. Bienvenido E. Laguesma who immediately approved the establishment of the PRC office in the BARMM. The IGRB deemed this matter as resolved.

On 22 March 2023, the DBM led a meeting with the DOLE and the PRC to discuss the matter. The PRC agreed to set up in the meantime a satellite office in the BARMM under its Regional Office (RO) XII and eventually transform it into PRC RO BARMM.



2. Normalization Program.

- The Joint Normalization Committee in partnership with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies conducted the Peace Accords Matrix-Mindanao: Co-creation Workshop at Astoria Plaza, Pasig City from 30 to 31 January 2023. Present during the 2-day workshop are the GPH Implementing Panel Chair BGen Cesar Yano (Ret.), JNC-GPH Chair Mr. Ariel Hernandez, JNC Members PA David Diciano, LtGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret.) and Mr. Jerry Abubacar, JTFCT-GPH Co Chair Edir. Cesar De Mesa, JPSC GPH Chair MGen Francisco Ariel Francisco III (Ret.), JNC Secretariat Heads Dir. Wendell Orbeso and Min. Akmad Brahim, OPAPRU Directors Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo and Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, as well as the focals of the different Normalization Mechanisms. The workshop aims to establish the monitoring system and conduct a capacity assessment of the joint JNC Secretariat for implementing the monitoring system.



- As part of the commitment of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) to support the Normalization Program under the CAB, a workshop on Addressing Needs through strategic communication was conducted by USIP on 1 February 2023 at the Holiday Inn followed by a reconciliation workshop on 2 February 2023. The workshops were funded by the USIP and attended by participants from the OPAPRU units and key BARMM ministries.



- On 02 February 2023, a series of meetings between the OPAPRU and USIP was conducted to discuss how USIP can best support OPAPRU in its transformation programs and implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). Further, discussion of the best practices and lessons relevant to the establishment of a Philippine Institute for Peace and Development as well as the OPAPRU-USIP Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) were also identified as agenda.



- On 04 February 2023, Dir. Orbeso represented and delivered the message of Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr. during the Official Launching of the Bangsamoro Peace Institute.



- On 23 February 2023, the 9th Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) convened its 9th Meeting at the PICC. The meeting was attended by the 30 member agencies of the ICCMN and was presided by the Co-Chairs Sec. Galvez and the Special Assistant to the President, Secretary Antonio Lagdameo Jr. The meeting was a platform to discuss the deliverables of the of the body under the new administration.
- An online meeting with EU headed by Sakura Morretto was conducted on 02 March 2023 to discuss the proposal package of ATTAIN Project 2.0. The discussion involved the ways forward of the SUBATRA, PD-BARMM and nexus facility. The meeting highlighted the importance of involving OPAPRU during the discussions to ensure alignment of the projects geared towards the successful implementation of the CAB.
- On 20 March 2023, the Australian Embassy through its Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade requested for Development Health Check Meeting. The meeting aims to strengthen the quality and effectiveness of DFAT's development programs globally.

a. Security Aspect

- On 12 January 2023 the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), with the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH), the Ad-Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG), the AFP and PNP peace process offices, the various AFP and PNP offices from the GHQ and NHQ and the ground units which are involved in the Normalization Program on addressing UXOs and landmines, in partnership with the Fondation Suisse de Deminage (FSD) and with support from the Australian Government, met to finalize the Coordination and Action Framework for the OpCen-EHMR that will be established in Cotabato.
- Meeting of the GPH TWG on Redeployment.

The group
firmed up the
protocols,
process flow,
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for approval of the Panels the agreed Framework, as well as the launching of the OpCen in Cotabato City. Col Mamon was chosen by both the GPH and MILF representatives to lead the OpCen. The whole day workshop was led by JNC member Danilo Pamonag, JPSC Chair MGen Franciso Ariel Felicidadario III, Col Joel Mamon, Dir Orbeso, and supported by the MILF Peace Process Office, JNC Secretariat, CCCH personnel and the FSD team.

- On 03 February 2023, with the instructions from Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr., The MILF PPO together with Program 1 relative units, have assisted the movement and attendance of the USIP delegates during their visit in Cotabato City. This is to introduce the commitment of the USIP to support the peace mechanisms.



- On 15 February 2023, the MILF PPO and the JNC Secretariat participated in the JPSC-IOM Presentation of Evaluation on JPSTs Impact to Peace and Security at the Manila Peninsula, Makati. The activity aimed to assess the impact in the peace and security situation in areas where JPSTs are deployed, as well as serve as benchmarks and lessons learned for future JPSTs to be organized and deployed.
- On 04 March 2023 at Sumisip, Basilan the office attended the Inauguration of the Peace Monument. The Unveiling of Kasanyangan Monument was led by Gov. Jim Hataman Salliman, BGEN Domingo Gobway, CMMC LTGEN Roy Gallido and the guest of Honor, Senior Undersecretary Carlito Galvez Jr. The Kasanyangan or Peace monument illustrates the efforts and sacrifices to achieve the peace being experienced by the people of Basilan.

- On 08 March 2023, A meeting on the BNTF was conducted with the main agenda to discuss and present the Normalization with focus on the Decommissioning process.

- On 15 March 2023, the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Group conducted its 11th Oversight Committee Meeting in Kidapawan City. The aforementioned activity did not only show symbolic commitment of the national government to end the violence in the Cotabato Province, but also sent a strong signal that the current administration will act fast to arrest the deteriorating security situation and will work in partnership with the local government to ensure that durable peace will be enjoyed by the communities affected by these conflicts. The meeting was attended by the representatives from DILG, DND, OPAPRU, AFP, PNP, NBI, DOJ, DSWD, PAOCC, and NICA.



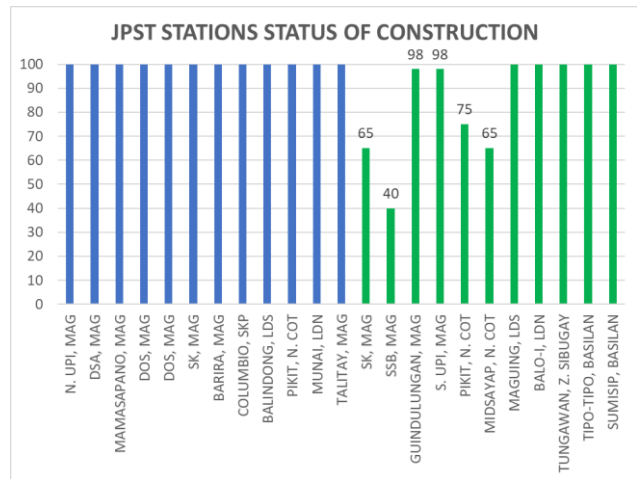
- On 21 March 2023 subsequent meetings on TWG on Redeployment, JNC Meeting and Courtesy Call of IDB with GPH JNC and JPSC was conducted. The meeting tackled the redeployment of AFP Troops from and within the Bangsamoro, and the Normalization Program Monitoring and Evaluation System (M&E System). The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) presented the output during the Peace Accord Matrix (PAM) Workshop. CRS will be continuing its consultation with the GPH and MILF to finalize the indicators for the system. In addition to this, CRS is planning to conduct capacity development trainings for the Normalization Mechanisms to familiarize themselves with the PAM M&E System.



- A Bangsamoro Scenario Building at PICC on 30 March 2023 was facilitated by the MILF PPO. The meeting was conducted to craft strategic responses and to the anticipate challenges and opportunities.



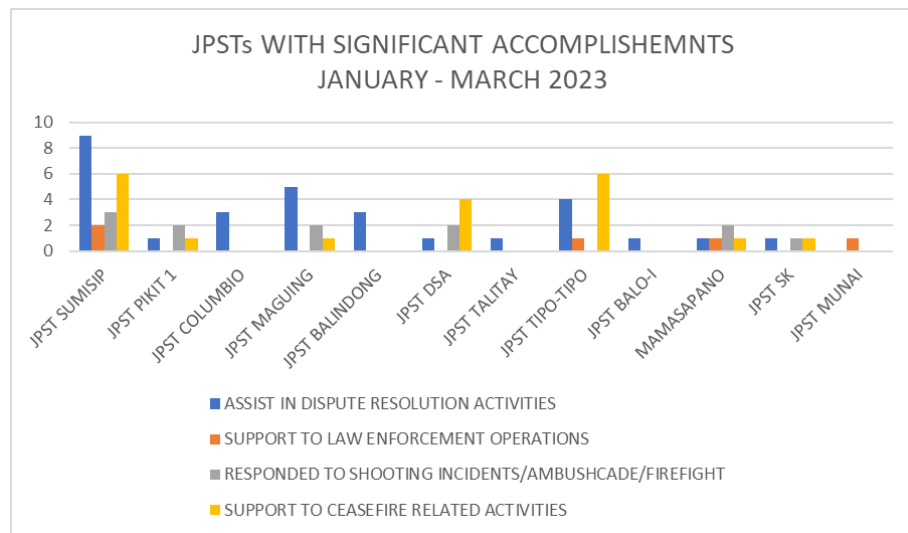
- As of March 2023, a total of 17 JPST stations have been completed, while 6 more stations are expected to be turned over this year. These stations are made possible through funding support from the Japanese government and OPAPRU, and are established in identified JPST deployment areas with due coordination with concerned LGUs, AFP, and PNP in the areas. As of today, 20 Teams with 587 strong personnel were deployed in BARMM and adjacent regions. The latest station turnover was held on 16 February 2023 in Brgy. Gadungan, Talitay, Maguindanao, the activity was attended by LGU and ground commanders of AFP, PNP, and BIAF-MILF.



- Final Presentation of JPST Research Evaluation Result on the JPST Impact on Peace and Security in Ten (10) Mutually Agreed Areas – 15 February 2023 | Manila Peninsula Hotel, Makati City.** The independent evaluation assessed the JPST’s impact on peace and security at the community level. It was commissioned by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) under the UN STEP-BARMM Joint Programme funded by the UN Secretary-General’s Peacebuilding Fund. The findings were presented to key stakeholders from the Moro Islamic Liberation Front; Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity; the Peace Implementing Panel; the Joint Normalization Committee; the Joint Peace and Security Committee; the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities; the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group; the Armed Joint Forces of the Philippines; the Philippine National Police; and international partners from the Embassies and the United Nations. The event provided an important opportunity to discuss the JPSTs’ achievements and challenges and identify strategies that further contribute to the normalization, community stabilization, and conflict transformation in the BARMM and adjacent regions.



- The JPSTs, with the supervision of the JPSC, have assisted a total of thirty (30) dispute resolution activities on the ground from January to March 2023, some of these are preemptive dialogues to prevent a full-blown *rido* within their areas of responsibility, including neighboring municipalities.



- The JPSTs, through their support to law enforcement operations mandate, assisted in the recovery of two (2) stolen vehicles and one (1) stolen motorboat and provided support during the surrender of Lawless Elements operating in the areas of Mamasapano, Maguindanao, and Tipo-Tipo, Basilan in close coordination and partnership with the LGU, AFP, PNP, and MILF.
- The JPSTs actively responded to twelve (12) violent incidents in their respective areas of responsibility, most notable was the ambush incident on Gov. Mamintal Adiong of Lanao Del Sur, along the boundary of Maguing and Amai Manabilang both of Lanao Del Sur Province. Four (4) personnel of the governor was killed. The JPSTs were first to respond at the ambush site and immediately secured the vicinity, reported the incident to the nearest station, cleared the area, and instructed the members of 103rd Base Command, BIAF-MILF to immediately return to their camp to prevent mis-encounter upon the arrival of the GPH forces.
- The JPST conducted a total of twenty (20) support to ceasefire activities in partnership with the GPH-MILF CCCH, most of the activities were dialogues with MILF base commanders with existing conflicts with one another.
- The presence of JPSTs is a positive catalyst for the peace and order situation in communities. Acceptance and strong partnership with LGU and other peace partners (INGOs, CSOs AFP, PNP, MILF) are evident as the JPSTs are tapped to provide assistance during community outreach programs and other stakeholder led-programs.
- The TWG on the Entry of Members of the MILF and MNLF into the Philippine National Police (PNP), composed of representatives from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), PNP, and the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), and representatives from the Bangsamoro Government, convened for its fifth meeting on 26 January 2023 via videoconference. The TWG resolved to: (1) explore the possibility of providing additional quota for the MILF and MNLF from the regular attrition quota of 2023 in addition to the regular quota as may be suggested by the PNP and approved by NAPOLCOM; (2) include in the budget proposal for 2024 a significant number of quota allotment specifically for the entry of qualified MILF and MNLF members; (3) and recommend the extension of the application period. The 13th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body resolved for the agreements of the TWG to be carried over, and the Co-Chairs further directed the TWG on

the Entry of MILF and MNLF into the PNP and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Legal Team to continue its discussions for the resolution of its pending issues, including ways forward on the five-year period.

- During its 13th meeting, the IGRB directed the TWG to meet with the legal team of the DBM to discuss ways forward and propose recommendations on the reckoning of the five-year application period for the entry of MILF and MNLF members into the PNP prescribed in the BOL.
- Supervise and monitor the implementation of the implementing guidelines on the security aspect of the agreement on peace of 2001 through the series of meetings, consultation and dialogues are continuously undertaken by the Ceasefire Mechanism to address the emerging ceasefire issues to maintain the peaceful atmosphere in the CAAM.

For this period, there is a generally peaceful and stable security and ceasefire environment in the conflict affected areas in Mindanao (CAAM). A major challenge faced by the ceasefire mechanisms this quarter was when 39 Special Forces (SF) troopers were allegedly held by the BIAF-MILF in Maguing, Lanao del Sur. With the intervention of the CCCH, AHJAG and Panel, they were formally turned over on the following day. Meanwhile, for general security situation in the CAAM, most violent incidents were monitored in the provinces of North Cotabato, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte and in Cotabato City which varies from *rido* incidents, shooting incidents, firefights, harassment, ambush and explosion.

Despite these incidents, a total of eighty (80) security coordination was facilitated by the CCCH to ensure the safety and security of the visiting agencies like the INGOs/NGOs, government agencies, GPH Panel and other normalization bodies during their activities in the CAAM. It is important to note that coordinated activities were successfully and safely undertaken.

The CCCH was able to monitor a total of seventeen (17) *rido* incidents over the period of three (3) months and the CCCH was able to assist/ witness/facilitate the settlement of four (4) *rido* cases in Maguindanao. Said activities were also participated in by other stakeholders especially the AFP, PNP, Ministry of Peace Order and Safety under BARMM and the Local Government Executives. For the security situation in Pikit, a series of meetings by the Joint Peace and Order Coordinating Council of SGA-BARMM and North Cotabato Province, MPOC meetings of Pikit and BTA Public Order and Safety Committee of the BTA was also attended by the CCCH.

To ensure the implementation of the ceasefire agreement, series of activities like attendance to coordination, POC, and security meetings; conduct of Information Education & Communication (IEC) campaign; confidence building measures like joint fellowship activities; courtesy visits; peace dialogues; facilitation of the return of MILF members to their places of origin and support to dispute resolution initiatives.

One of the major activities which the CCCH successfully conducted was the 51st Joint CCCH Executive Meeting last 29 March 2023. During the said meeting, out of 36 protests on ceasefire violations, 12 protests were resolved. For the remaining unresolved protests, IECs, CMBs thru joint fellowship activities, strengthening of ground monitors, pro-active engagements with LGUs, support to dispute resolution, joint cooperation against threat groups, joint visits/ocular inspections and dialogues will be undertaken to resolve them.

For the period, a total of forty-four (44) Coordinations of Law Enforcement Operation (LEO), Support to Law Enforcement Operation (SLEO), Focused Military Operation (FMO) and Request Voluntary Surrender/ Facilitation of Neutralization were made by GPH – MILF AHJAG from 01 January to 31 March 2023. This coordination resulted to the successful interdiction of criminal elements without jeopardizing the CAB Implementation of the GPH – MILF Peace Process.

It was also in 03 January 2023 that PBGen Victor K. Wanchakan has assumed as Chair of the GPH AHJAG replacing PBgen Belli B. Tamayo who was re-assigned to Manila.

- **Support to dispute resolution initiatives**

The CCCH supports *rido* settlement initiatives in the CAAM especially in cases when it involves the MILF members. This endeavor aims to prevent GPH security forces being dragged into the conflict as they maintain their mandate in securing the peace and order situation in their respective AORs. Hereunder are the four (4) activities to resolve rido, to wit:

On 13 January 2023, Mr. Ryan Dave Jungco, Chief Operations Officer, Combined Secretariat and Jeffrey So, staff, Combined Secretariat attended the *Rido* Settlement between the group of Ustadz Kaharuddin Umbong, Bde Cmdr 104th BC, BIAF-MILF and Bai Wilma Soledad-Utto, Brgy. Chair of Rebuken, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte that was held at Hqs 6Mech Bn, 1BCT Bde, PA at Brgy. Pigcalagan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte.



Both parties signed an agreement to pledge their commitment to cease hostilities and work hand in hand together until such time that the LGU of Sultan Kudarat and those involved in the settlement of the *rido*, can come up with a formal resolution to the conflict. It was also agreed to reactivate the Task Force Salam, composed of AFP, PNP and LGU of Sultan Kudarat. Task Force Salam is not only to monitor both parties but also to give them a livelihood and other support for both parties.

b. Socio-economic Development

To expedite socio-economic development programs for MILF decommissioned combatants and their families and in the six previously acknowledged MILF camps, the GPIIP-MILF chaired by Mr. Cesar B. Yano, together with the Joint Task Force for Camps Transformation (JTFCT) and the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC), led bilateral meetings with various



National Government agencies from 28 to 30 March 2023 to secure funding support and to fastrack implementation. These agencies included the Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).

- **Agricultural ventures for the six previously acknowledged MILF camps**

To jumpstart the implementation of the Camps Transformation Plan (CTP), the GPIIP-MILF intends to explore agricultural ventures for the six previously acknowledged MILF camps. For this quarter, the GPIIP-MILF and the JTFCT conducted ocular visits and engaged various stakeholders relative to potential agricultural production in the camps. On 17 January 2023, the GPIIP-MILF conducted an ocular visit in farming sites in Maguindanao for abaca cultivation. This was followed by a roundtable discussion with various stakeholders.

The GPIIP-MILF Secretariat and the JTFCT Secretariat held a meeting with the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) and agricultural entrepreneur Ms. Georgia Perrine of the UGP Ltd., Co., a private company with business ventures such as banana and abaca plantation in conflict-affected areas in Central Mindanao and Lanao provinces since 1996 which provide employment to MILF/MNLF combatants. To firm up the proposed venture in collaboration with the PhilFIDA and the JTFCT, it was agreed that a coordination meeting will be organized on 4 April 2023 in Davao City to thresh out details for the proposed validation visit for the prospective abaca plantation in line with the implementation of the CTP. It also aims to discuss details for the proposed joint workshop in May 2023 which will identify the proposed partnership in abaca cultivation in the MILF camps as a source of livelihood for MILF decommissioned combatants and MILF communities.

No decommissioning was done by the IDB for the first quarter of 2023. Resumption of the decommissioning process is tentatively scheduled by the second quarter of the year. In preparation for the decommissioning, the IDB conducted meetings with the front and base commanders and political committees of the MILF in various MILF communities. This aimed to orient and update the different commands on the decommissioning process as well as socio-economic programs.



Conduct of MILF-BIAF consultation meeting led by the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) with Base Commanders and Political Committee from Western Mindanao Front and Island Provinces held in Camp Salman, Datu Tumangong, Tungawan Zamboanga Sibugay on 22 February 2023.

- **Bilateral Meetings Conducted with National Agencies**

- i) **Commission on Higher Education (CHED).** The team met CHED Chair J. Prospero De Vera at the CHED Central Office where it was agreed to conduct immediate crossmatching of beneficiaries data between OPAPRU (TFDCC), CHED and MBHTE to be considered for the study program. The TFDCC will submit a validated list of names of beneficiaries for this purpose. However, CHED also suggested that the better option is to download funds directly to public or state universities, not CHED or MBHTE to expedite study grant programs. In attendance were GPIIP Chair Cesar Yano, ICCMN Socio-economic Subcluster Head Ariel Hernandez; EDir. De Mesa, EDir. Jordan Bayam, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Caraig, and Ms. Ranee Sinsuat on 28 March 2023.

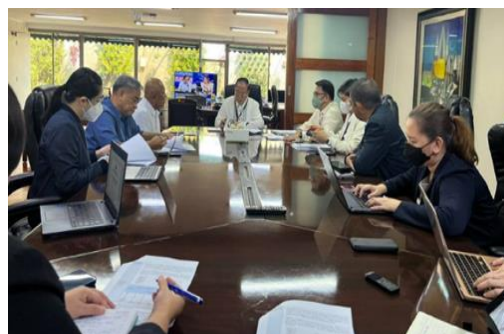


Met with Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Chairman J. Prospero E. De Vera III held at Building C. P. Garcia Avenue, UP Campus Diliman, Quezon City on March 28 March 2023.

- ii) **Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).** The team met DG Danilo Cruz and DDG John Bertiz III at TESDA Central Office. They expressed the slow turnover of liquidation from BARMM MBHTE. TESDA's support to Normalization Program is part of the general funds/general program of the agency not earmarked to any specific sector. Nonetheless, the projected figures for Normalization Program have been considered and integrated in the planning and programming of the TESDA regional offices with the endorsement of list from the OPAPRU. However, should OPAPRU prefer to have a target approach on slot allocation on top of the agency's general funds, OPAPRU may request for additional funds to be transferred to TESDA for disbursement particularly for Normalization Program. This will ensure that OPAPRU's preferred

target beneficiaries (i.e., DCs) and close project monitoring will be done efficiently. TESDA also requested if the training requirements (e.g., IDs) be clarified or adjusted to facilitate training efficiency.

TESDA will also be transferring funds to MBHTE, of which MBHTE mostly prefers Scholarship and Student Assistance Programs (STEP). TESDA will also be establishing 17 modern centers across the country including 1 in Cotabato City. TESDA also recommended that training centers be established in BARMM as the agency is now geared on community-based training which encourages accreditation with private institutions. TESDA also shared that agri-based trainings are highly encouraged. They also suggested to tap LGUs for continuous monitoring. In attendance were GPIP Chair Cesar Yano, ICCMN Socio-economic Subcluster Head Ariel Hernandez; EDir. De Mesa, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Caraig, Ms. Fatima Saquilayan and Ms. Raneer Sinsuat on 29 March 2023.



Meeting with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) held at E. Service Road, Taguig City on 29 March 2023.

- iii) **Department of Agriculture (DA).** The team met with DA Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan where it was recommended that the OPAPRU (through ICCMN) recommend to DBM that all government agencies should attribute all their succeeding funds to be transferred or for Bangsamoro as part of Normalization Program (EO 79/ EO 6). Another suggestion is for ICCMN to recommend the creation of a PMO to efficiently expedite the implementation of nationally funded programs rather than subsume these under BARMM programs. This should be considered as national government commitment to accelerate CAB implementation given the short runway until 2025. The PMO will specifically attend to the disbursement of these funds.

As to FY 2023, DA allotted PhP 493M (banner programs and fisheries) to be transferred to BARMM as part of the agency's assistance to BARMM, apart from those initially transferred by OPAPRU in previous years. However, it was not clarified in the GAA 2023 that this is part of the national government role to support Normalization. This will be subsumed in the general funds of the ministries rather than have a focused intervention from national funds.

For the meantime, OPAPRU (JTFCT) will be writing MAFAR its suggested target locations and beneficiaries for consideration and recalibration of programs under the PhP 493M. As to FY 2024 funds of DA, OPAPRU (JTFCT and TFDCC) can still submit its project proposals for inclusion DA programming for normalization. DA suggested to personally pay a call on DBM on this request.

In attendance were GPIP Chair Cesar Yano, ICCMN Socioeconomic Subcluster Head Ariel Hernandez; EDir. De Mesa, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Caraig, Ms. Fatima Saquilayan and Ms. Raneer Sinsuat on 29 March 2023.



Meeting with Department of Agriculture (DA) held at Elliptical Road, Diliman, Quezon City on 29 March 2023.

- iv) **National Electrification Administration (NEA).** The team met with NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeda where he expressed the full support of NEA to improve electrification in Mindanao. He confirmed that the requested funds of OPAPRU (per letter of ICCMN) amounting to PhP 827M has been integrated in the total budget proposal of NEA for FY 2024. The NEA and OPAPRU (TFDCC & JTFCT) will be exchanging notes to submit the list of priority areas for assessment of NEA on nearest electric cooperatives. A ceremonial lighting is also planned in any of the areas in the Bangsamoro.



Meeting with National Electrification Administration (NEA) held at NIA Road, Diliman, Quezon City on 29 March 2023.

- v) **Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).** The team met with DSWD Secretary Rex T. Gatchalian, to discuss the commitment of the agency including the allocation for the transitional cash assistance for 9,000 decommissioned combatants under Phase 4 in their 2024 budget proposal; and other projects being requested for funding. In attendance from OPAPRU were Chair Cesar Yano; ICCMN Socioeconomic Subcluster Head Ariel Hernandez; EDir. De Mesa, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Caraig, Ms. Fatima Saquilayan, Ms. Raneer Sinsuat, Ms. Maggs Barrios, and Mr. Marlon Peria on 30 March 2023.

vi) **Other program partnerships**

Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE). Program Partnership for the implementation of the Technical Vocation and Education Training (TVET) for the decommissioned combatants and their communities.

As of 31 January 2023, a total of 2,552 (21.01%) out of 12,145 DCs and their next-of-kin under the signed partnership with TESDA. Of this number, 1,600 completed National Competency (NC) II, and 952 completed Certificate of Completion (COC). Some 1,065 of which are DCs and 1,487 of which are next-of-kin.

	NC II		COC	
	DC	Next-of-kin	DC	Next-of-kin
Bangsamoro Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)	339	741	175	200
Cotabato City	27	30	7	4
Lanao Del Sur	44	43	17	16
Maguindanao	240	450	106	144
Sulu	22	77	45	35
Tawi-Tawi	6	122		1
Basilan	5	19		
Region VII (Central Visayas)	1			
Cebu	1			
Region IX (Zamboanga Peninsula)	1	3	3	3
Zamboanga Del Norte				1
Zamboanga Del Sur	1	2	3	2
Zamboanga Sibugay		1		
Region X (Northern Mindanao)		5	227	289
Bukidnon	2	2	1	1
Lanao Del Norte		3	226	288
Region XI (Davao Region)	158	25	1	
Compostela Valley	10	3		
Davao Del Norte	26	6		
Davao Del Sur			1	
Davao Oriental	122	16		
Region XII (SOCCSKSARGEN)	130	190	23	31
Cotabato (North Cotabato)	53	146	15	13
Sarangani	7	11		
South Cotabato	15	2	2	
Sultan Kudarat	55	31	6	18
Grand Total	636	964	429	523

- 17 January 2023. 140 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin who completed Organic Agriculture Production NC II (90), Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II (25) and Bread and Pastry Production NC II (25) under the Technical-Vocational Education Training (TVET) Program, held at Municipality of Kapatagan and Nunungan, Lanao del Norte.
- 07 February 2023. Attended First Coordination Committee Meeting under Socio-Economic Assistance for Bangsamoro Normalization Process. The outputs were: i) enhanced planning for livelihood training of DCs; ii) the conduct of market needs assessment by TESDA and MBHTE, and iii) clarity on the prioritization of beneficiaries, held through hybrid meeting; videoconferencing and physical venue at MBHTE-TESDA, Cotabato City. The meeting was actively participated by the representatives from JICA experts Ms. Ariko Ikawa; Joint TFDCC Chairs MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia and MP Aida Silongan; the TESDA CLGS Mr. Jose Descallar; MBHTE TESD Director General Ms. Ruby Andong; and GPH-TFDCC Secretariat Ms. Dorcas Juliette Caraig.

- Program Partnership for the implementation of the Higher Education Access for Decommissioned Combatants: Opportunities for Resiliency and Empowerment (HEADCORE) project.
- Continuing coordination with MBHTE Higher Education Sector for the Submission of requirements of qualified beneficiaries. List of pilot 1,057 qualified DCs and their next-of-kin has been facilitated by the TFDCC Secretariat.
- Technical Meeting with Bureau of Alternative Learning System (BALS) to discuss the implementation of the Functional Literacy Program for DCs in BARMM. The agreements were BALS to submit accomplishment report on 02 March 2023 for the overall implementation status of the program and strengthened coordination with the MILF Focals. BALS was led by its Program Focal, Mr. Mohammad Faisal Dimalen, held at TFDCC OpCen, D.O.S, Maguindanao on 22 February 2023.
- 13 March 2023. Technical Meeting with MBHTE to discuss their request to meet with OPAPRU regarding the Higher Education Access for the Decommissioned Combatants: Opportunities for Resiliency and Empowerment (HEADCORE) Project via video teleconference.
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Attended the following events under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Project: 1.) Ceremonial Signing of Letter of Agreement between UNDP and MBHTE for the Implementation of the TVET Program for 600 Decommissioned MILF Combatants at the MBHTE Office; and 2.) Ceremonial Signing of the Responsible Party Agreement between UNDP and Bangsamoro Development Agency for the Implementation and Monitoring of PROACTIVE Projects and activities in the Six Previously Acknowledged Camps of the MILF at Pagana restaurant, Cotabato City. In attendance were: MILF TFDCC Chair MP AidaSilongan; MBHTE Minister Mohagher Iqbal; EU Ambassador H.E. Luc Veron; UNDP Resident Representative Dr. Selva Ramachandran; MILF JTFCT Co-Chair MP Ali O. Salik; PROACTIVE Project Manager Engr. Nelson Peloton Jr.; and BDA Chairperson Mr. Mangontawar Macacuna. Engr. Junsar and Ms. Asmerah Lontua attended on behalf of GPH TFDCC Chair MP Atty. Laisa Alamia on 16 January 2023.



Ceremonial Signing of Letter of Agreement between UNDP and MBHTE held at MBHTE Central Office on January 16,2023.

- 06 February 2023. Attended and witnessed handover ceremony with United Nations and Development Programme (UNDP) of farming types of machinery of two tractors with disc harrows, disc plows, rakes and trailer extension for 2 MILF Cooperatives covering Camp Bad'r, held at Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur and Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. In attendance were: Mr. Chinot Adao, Program Analyst of UNDP Philippines; Hon. Datu Midpantao M. Midtimbang Jr., Mayor Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur; Bangsamoro Development Agency; President and member of 2 MILF cooperatives under Camp Bad'r and Engr. Junsar Abduhasad represented GPH-TFDCC Secretariat.



- 06 February 2023. Meeting between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) experts and TFDCC technical team for brief discussion of TVET Implementation Process. The output was clarity on the step-by-step protocols and coordinations the TFDCC is facilitating during the implementation of the program, held at Peace Room, OPAPRU Office, D.O.S, Maguindanao. In attendance were Principal Consultant Ms. Mariko Ikawa; Senior Adviser Ms. Dohi Yuko; and TFDCC Secretariat Mr. Khalid Kabaro, Ms. Sittie Fahara Ebrahim and Ms. Sanabila Sabil.

- 7 February 2022. Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency to discuss i.) Workplan; ii.) status of the implementation of Technical-Vocational Education and Training; iii.) introduction of each participants roles in then implementation of the Activities/TVET; iv.) selecting needs support for DCCs, scholarship system, matching the market needs and individual DCCs training needs, mechanism in linking DCCs to Livelihood improvements and activity goals.



- Initiative for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS). Program Partnership for the implementation of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services (ALIAS-DC) civil registration of qualified MILF decommissioned combatants' and their next-of-kin under Phase 2.

- Attended Distribution of 50 Certificates of Live Birth and Turn-over of Equipment under Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC) at Municipality of Pikit, North Cotabato. In attendance were Municipal Mayor Hon. Sumulong Sultan, Mr. Sam Chittick, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation (TAF); Exec. Dir. Edgardo Ligon, IDEALS; Mr. Hamzah Salik, representative for MILF; Mr. Jimmy Adil, MILF Area Coordinator, Pikit Cluster; 1LT Michael Allan Eugenio (INF) PA; Mr. Michael Tobias; Pikit Local Civil Registrar.



- Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP). Attended and witnessed the Ceremonial Handover and MOA Signing of the Skills Development Center (SDC) constructed by Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) at Camp Badre, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao on 31 January 2023



- 22 March 2023. Attended meeting with Philippine Business for Social Progress to discuss the management of the Skills Development Center in Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte via video teleconference. In attendance were Kauswagan Mayor Hon. Rommel C. Arnado, PBSP Representative Rommel Gonzalez, TESDA Central Office Focal Ms. Norma Jane Eballa, OPAPRU Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, GPH-TFDCC Ms. Sanabila Sabil and GPH-JTFCT Secretariat.
- Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) and Balay Rehabilitation Center (BRC). Discussed the program orientation of Implementation of the Accompanying the Transition, Transformation of Conflict and Advocacy on social cohesion in the Normalization of Bangsamoro (ATTAIN) Program. In attendance were MILF-TFDCC representatives Engr. Abdulrahman Asim, Mr. Hashim Manticayan; Ms. Josephine Lascano, Executive Director; Mr. Glen Larot; and GPH-TFDCC Ms. Dorcas Juliette Caraig and Ms. Asmerah Lontua on 06 February 2023. On 25-28 March 2023, the 1st Batch of Training of Trainers was conducted which focused on conducting sessions, promoting self-care, healing and war-to-peace mindset transition of Decommissioned Combatants and their communities, held at Midway Minkay Resort, Initao, Misamis Oriental. In attendance were twenty (20) DCs and their next-of-

kin, Nonviolent Peacforce (NP) Mr. Muamar Alim, Balay Rehabilitation Center (BRC) Mr. Glen Larot, MILF-TFDCC headed by Mr. Hashim Manticayan and GPH-TFDCC Ms. Asmerah Lontua.

- Individual data of 24,844 DCs managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).
- Introduction of the Information, Advisory and Referral Service (IARS). A scoping study was done by the IARS Consultant Stavrous George “Aki” Stavrou. This proposed system will enable the OPAPRU and GPH-MILF to keep safe the records of the decommissioned combatants, which will be migrated from the DSWD Brave System to the IARS. Several meetings and discussions with World Bank were held for the IARS concept.



c. Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

As agreed during the series of working group meetings, the agencies shall submit the following to the TJR secretariat:

- 1) Updates on the status of their respective agency deliverables to the roadmap; and,
- 2) List of designated permanent and alternate representatives to the ICCMN-TJR Cluster.

i) Working Group Meeting on Truth and History, 7 February 2023

The meeting was attended by eight (8) permanent/alternate/members from the following agencies, to wit: National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF)– Co-Chair, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP)- Co-Chair, Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Department of Education (DepEd), National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), Human Rights Violations Victims Memorialization Commission (HRVVMC), and the National Youth Commission (NYC). Each of the member agencies provided updates on the status of development on their respective PPAs, particularly the NHCP, HRVVMC and CHED. Updates generated from the member agencies under Truth/History are geared toward: (a)

Integration of Bangsamoro and IP histories and studies and peace education in the formal education system; (b) Mapping and identification of sites with historical significance; (c) Setting up of historical markers; (d) Development and maintenance of archives and database on human rights violations; and, (e) Collection and/or retrieval of archival documents and/or artifacts, among others.

ii) Working Group Meeting on Justice and Reparation, 7 February 2023

Six (6) agency members from the Department of Justice (DOJ) – Co-Chair, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) – Co-Chair, National Security Council (NSC), Department of National Defense (DND), Human Rights Violations Victims Memorialization Commission (HRVVMC), Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) have attended the meeting. As a result, a

separate meeting with concerned agencies was recommended to discuss the proposed drafting of a community reparation program framework. This PPA is a deliverable of DSWD in close coordination and partnership with DILG under the thematic area of Justice and Reparation. In line with this, a proposed workshop shall be conducted with technical experts and concerned agencies and ministries from the BARMM to discuss and develop a community reparation program framework for the victims of mass atrocity crimes in the past.

iii) Working Group Meeting on Land-related Issues, 8 February 2023

In attendance during the meeting were representatives from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) – Co-Chair, Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) – Co-Chair, and Department of Justice (DOJ). The following are updates generated from the agencies:

- (a) DAR and NCIP have submitted their respective datasets, as committed.
- (b) DENR has initially submitted the mineral distribution data and shall be submitting the rest of the cadastral maps/surveys and other land and resource tenurial instruments in due time.
- (c) The Land Registration Authority (LRA) shall overlay these datasets into digital maps to show overlaps and opportunities for development as soon as the different datasets are forwarded.

• Initial Meeting on the Proposed Development of a Community-Based Reparations Program, 17 February 2023

The CBRP is one of the deliverables committed to by the DSWD in coordination with the DILG. It shall be noted that the DILG through the Project Management Office on Preventing, Countering Violent Extremism (PMO-PCVE) has initiated and spearheaded the development of the Community-based Restoration and Reconciliation (CBRR) Framework and roll out of the CBRR Guidebook to DILG Regional Offices, as its contribution to the TJR Roadmap, in partnership with the DSWD. The meeting was attended by a total of Six (6) personnel from the DSWD, DILG and HRVVMC. This also served as an opportunity to get them together as agencies mandated as far as the reparations program is concerned. As identified next steps/ways forward during the meeting, there is a need to further review and revisit the program's target beneficiaries, among others to be aligned with the existing deliverables in the TJR Roadmap; and convene another meeting with the involvement of the concerned regional level counterparts until OPAPRU, DSWD and DILG are clear with the targets.

• 5th Meeting of the GPH-MILF TWG on TJR, 21 March 2023 in Pasig and Cotabato Cities

On 21 March 2023, the GPH-MILF TWG on TJR was convened for its 5th meeting with the following objectives: (1) cascade the recent developments and efforts of the ICCMN-TJR to update the TJR Roadmap; and, (2) for the MILF TWG to provide updates relative to of its lead role in convening the BARMM ministries/agencies as part of efforts to update the TJR Roadmap and to assist in facilitating the interface between the BARMM ministries/agencies and the ICCMN-TJR Cluster agency counterparts.

The remaining or pending deliverables to be undertaken are as follows:

- 1) On the Track I of the TJR Roadmap, recent guidance is to prioritize support for the establishment of a regional TJR mechanism in lieu of the proposed NTJRCB creation as mandated by the Bangsamoro Organic Law.
- 2) Continuing support for the implementation of PPAs (42%) across 4 components of Truth/History, Justice and Reparation, Land-related Issues and Guarantee of

non-Recurrence based on agency mandates on the Track II of the TJR Roadmap.

- 3) Endorsement of additional TJR deliverables/ programs that will be identified to concerned TJR Cluster agencies and/or BARMM ministries/agencies for implementation.

MILF TJR Focal, Mr. Ammier Dodo briefly shared that as part of their advocacy in pursuing the TJRC recommendations, they have conducted several engagements with different groups aside from BARMM Ministries they also engaged with CSOs to champion and advocate for the creation of TJR mechanism at the national level parallel to the efforts on establishment of a regional TJR office.

- **Briefing Orientation on the TJR Roadmap for the PNP TWG-TJR, 13 February 2023.** The following were identified as ways forward:
 - a) Review and update the ICCMN-TJR agency deliverables to the ICCMN-approved TJR Roadmap.
 - b) Secure the commitments of ICCMN-TJR member agencies on the deliverables to the updated TJR Roadmap (2022- 2025)
 - c) Submission of updated deliverables/commitment to the RM to TJRO Secretariat on 15 February 2023
 - d) Interface of ICCMN-TJR Cluster agencies with their respective BARMM counterparts.
- **Orientation on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation and Dealing with the Past Framework, 2 March 2021, AFP Peace and Development Office, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City.** On 2 March 2023, briefing and orientation on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation and Dealing with Past Framework was provided by the member of the OPAPRU-TJRO for the AFP Technical Working Group composed of commissioned and non-commissioned personnel under the AFP Peace Process and Development Office (AFP-PPDO) to maintain the momentum of implementing the ICCMN-TJR program that is in consonance with AFP TWG on DwP perspective. A total of thirteen (13) commissioned and non-commissioned personnel from the following offices were oriented on the key concepts of TJR and dealing with the past framework: OJ1, OJ2, OJ3, OJ5, OJ8, OTIG, AFPCLOAC, TJAG, TPMG, and AFPREO. The following were identified as ways forward during the meeting:
 - Submission of revised/updated agency commitments/ deliverables to the TJR Roadmap (2023-2025) for approval of the ICCMN and GIP
 - Interfacing with BARMM counterpart ministries/agencies to harmonize national and regional efforts on TJR
 - Inclusion of TJR-related PPAs/deliverables in the programming of agency budgets as committed
 - Implementation of PPAs/deliverables as mandated in response to the TJRC recommendations under Track II



- **Marawi TJR Summit, 14 March 2023 at the MSU Convention Center, Marawi City**

The objective of the event was to create a platform for internally displaced communities (IDPs) to communicate their ongoing needs and for the government and civil society groups to work together to develop a plan of action to achieve lasting solutions to the issues resulting from the Marawi Siege in 2017. The event was attended by IDP representatives from the women and youth sectors, as well as by dignitaries such as Ambassador of Canada to the Philippines David Hartman, TFBM ASec. Felix J Castro Jr., BARMM Minister Atty. Anna Tarhata Basman, the Marawi Compensation Board, MSU Marawi City, Atty. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs, and former GPH designate to the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC). Mr. Jose Regulus Ortega, head of the AMO-NM, represented OPAPRU.

The summit provided an opportunity for government and non-government partners to respond to the issues and concerns raised by the IDPs, as follows:

1. Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM) Field Manager, ASec. Felix J Castro Jr, explained that a number of dialogues, conversations and consultations have already been facilitated by the TFBM and the LGU of Marawi with land owners where issues and concerns have already been endorsed to concerned entities. Proactive efforts to engage the BARMM government on its commitments for rehabilitation have also been undertaken.
2. Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines, David Hartman, highlighted his government's commitment to support the Bangsamoro, recognizing rehabilitation and development that should be participated by the women and CSOs providing safe and open spaces on the concerns of the vulnerable sectors.
3. Atty. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, former UN Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of IDPs and former GPH designate to the TJRC, presented the standards of IDP rights followed by a discussion on transitional justice which could be applied in Marawi City by looking into the durable solutions on lingering issues. She explained that the Marawi Crisis could be a subject of transitional justice not just being a part of the Bangsamoro but on the realities that had transpired on the ground in the past six years. Justice has yet to be realized and guarantee of non-recurrence should be assured. She further suggested that it would be helpful for government and non-government organizations to pursue work on peacebuilding apart from physical restoration.
4. The AMO-NM reiterated OPAPRU's commitment to continue its social healing and peacebuilding program in Marawi and Lanao del Sur. It has been engaging vulnerable sectors in partnership with the TFBM and CSOs since 2017 when IDPs were still in Iligan City until they were relocated to the transitional shelters in Marawi City. Response to security issues in the transitory shelters were also provided together with the participation of the Kalimudan Foundation on some of the IDPs inquiries and issues.

d. Confidence Building Measures

For this quarter, the OPAPRU through GPIP-MILF requested for the issuance of monthly safe conduct passes for 11 MILF members who concurrently serve in the Bangsamoro Government, Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), and peace process mechanisms to ensure that their work remain unhampered. As best practice of the CCCH and other ceasefire mechanisms, both parties continue to initiate CBM related activities to increase the trust and confidence and strengthen the relationship of GPH and MILF forces.

- **Peace Dialogues, Peace and Order Council Meetings, and MPOS Hearings**

- i) **Special Municipal Peace and Order Council Meeting of the Pikit LGU** on 17 February 2023 - Col. Joel Q. Mamon INF (GSC) PA, Head of Combined Secretariat for GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG assisted by Jeffrey So and April John Soriano, both staff, Combined Secretariat/GPH CCCH Central Mindanao Desk Officers attended the meeting presided by Mayor Sumolong Sultan of Pikit held at Liga Hall, Municipal Hall Compound, Pikit, Cotabato. Said meeting aimed to discuss the current security issues faced by the municipality and come up with the solutions to resolve and prevent the worsening situation. The meeting was attended by the Sanguniang Bayan members of Pikit; Officials from 602nd Inf Bde, PA; PRO 12; PRO BAR; BLGU Officials and concerned BIAF-MILF units in Pikit and contiguous areas.



- ii) **Committee hearing on Public Order and Safety, Maguindanao** attended by the GPH Combined Secretariat on 07 March 2023 particularly in Maguindanao, Municipality of Pikit and Special Geographic Area (SGA) of BARMM presided by MP Mohammad Kellie Antao, Vice Chair, Committee on Peace and Order, BTA-BARMM held at Ace Royale Convention Center, Midsayap, Cotabato. Said meeting aimed to conduct parliamentary inquiries to aid the legislation of the series of killing and alarming state of the public order and safety.
- iii) **Continuing coordination activities** – On 16 March 2023, Col. Joel Q. Mamon INF (GSC) PA, Head of Combined Secretariat assisted by the Combined Secretariat personnel attended the meeting of PA David B. Diciano with Butch Malang, Chair, MILF CCCH; Anwar Alamada, Chair, MILF AHJAG; and the MILF Commanders of 105BC, 106BC, 107BC, 108BC, 111BC, 118BC, 128BC, 129BC, FGBC, all BIAF-MILF. During the meeting, the MILF Commanders provided updates on the security and ceasefire situation in their respective areas. Guidance for the implementation of ceasefire and maintenance of the security situation were also provided by PA Diciano and Col. Mamon.

B. Completion of the remaining commitments under the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) (Program 2)

The Government is currently engaging the two factions of the MNLF, namely, the group under the leadership of Founding Chairman Nur Misuari and another headed by Yusop Jikiri to complete the remaining commitments of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA). The two (2) remaining commitments resulting from the Tripartite Review Process (TRP) of the 1996 FPA are geared towards uplifting the socio-economic and security conditions of the MNLF combatants, their families, and communities, especially for members who were not integrated into the AFP and PNP by virtue of the 1996 FPA.

Through the Joint Coordinating Committees that were established in 2019, a transformation program for the MNLF combatants, their families, and communities will be implemented beginning with the profiling of MNLF combatants in Sulu this year. It shall mirror the normalization program of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) whereby combatants are transformed to have productive and peaceful lives. It intends to deter disgruntled MNLF combatants from joining the Abu Sayyaf Group and other violent extremist groups in Southern Philippines and avoid another “Zamboanga Seige” or “Marawi Siege”. The Transformation Program will focus on socio-economic, security, confidence-building and community healing and reconciliation.

As of this reporting period, the following were accomplished:

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

- **GPH-MNLF Peace Coordinating Committee Meeting.** On 20-24 January



2023, a series of meetings were held between the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Peace Coordinating Committees to discuss the amnesty for MNLF members and legal and humanitarian concerns

for the MNLF. The series of meetings were attended by the members of the MNLF Peace Coordinating Committee, namely MP Abdulkarim T. Misuari, Atty. Randolph Parcasio and Ms. Nur Ainee T. Lim and officials from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Office of the Solicitor General (OSG). The meetings held have completed one of the achievements of the confidence-building interventions with the MNLF Peace Coordinating Committee.

- **1st GPH Coordinating Committee and the JBDAF Meeting.** The 1st GPH Coordinating Committee and JBDAF Meeting were held last 3 February 2023 to review proposed adjustments/ modifications on the following: (1) the validation and verification processes of the security component of the MNLF



Transformation Program; and (2) the composition of the JBDAF, Joint Validation Team (JVAT), Joint Verification Team (JVET), and Joint Security

Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JMSCT). The members discussed the comments of the MNLF and made the necessary adjustments and adaptations.

- Academe Meets the Peacemakers: Forum on the Progress of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process.** The GPH Coordinating Committee Chair, Cesar B. Yano served as a Resource Person on the topic “The GPH-MNLF Peace Process in the Context of the Bangsamoro Peace Process.” The seminar was held at the Mindanao State University (MSU) in General Santos City last 8 February 2023. Students of the MSU-GenSan were given a chance to be oriented and raise queries on the updates of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process.



- GPH Coordinating Committee and Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster Executive Meeting.** On 10 February 2023 the GPH Coordinating Committee Chair, (BGen. Cesar B. Yano (Ret.) and PA David B. Diciano, Presidential Assistant of the Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster, led the executive meeting to review the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Mechanisms, as well as the preparation for the upcoming activities of the MNLF Transformation Program. The meeting resulted in the following action points: 1) reconstitution of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee, with representatives from identified agencies; 2) to come up with strategies to operationalize the agreements concerning the BDAF, TIMC, SRSF and socio-economic interventions for the MNLF.

- GPH-MNLF Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting.** The meeting was attended by the following TWG members of the GPH, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.), Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, and the Secretariats, namely, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Head Secretariat of GPH Coordinating Committee. The MNLF TWG members attended the meeting, namely, Mr. Romeo Diocolano, Mr. Mohammad Habib Sarief, Mr. Mohammad John Usman, Mr. Abdulrahman Jhovel, Engr. Dong Anayatin and Mr. Michael Odin.



The meeting was conducted at the East Asia Royale in General Santos City last 15 February 2023 and resulted in reviewing the current terms of reference, composition, and structure of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee and its sub-committees, and agreeing on the timeline for the completion/ approval of the reconstitution of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee and related mechanisms.

- 1st GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee (GMCC) Meeting.** On 16 February 2023, the GMCC convened to provide updates on the Proposal of the TWG on the Reconstitution of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee and discuss the proposed adjustments in the Validation and Verification Processes relative to the security component of the MNLF Transformation Program. The meeting was held at East Asia Royale in General Santos City. The meeting reached a consensus on directing the TWG to conduct a meeting, revising the terms of reference of the said committee.

Present were the members of the GMCC namely, BGen. Cesar B. Yano (Ret.) and Uttoh Salem Cutan, Co-Chairs of the GMCC, member of the GPH CC, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.) and the Head Secretariat, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, Mr. Julhamri B. Aragasi and Ms. Patricia Beatriz Gener. The MNLF CC was represented by its members, namely, Mr. Awad Hamid, Mr. Alexis Malna, Mr. Alhabsi Hassan, and the secretariats, Engr. Dong Anayatin as the Head, and Mr. Michael Odin.



- **Courtesy Call to the Western Mindanao Command, Provincial Governor of Basilan, and Meeting with the Task Force Basilan and 101st Brigade.** On 27-28 February 2023, the GPH Coordinating Committee paid a courtesy call to the Western Mindanao Command (WMC) to discuss on their engagement with the MNLF and orient the upcoming implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program in Basilan. Further, a courtesy call with the Provincial Governor of Basilan was also conducted to brief the PLGU partner on the MNLF Transformation Program and consult them on the appropriate approaches and methodologies in implementing the aforementioned program given their intimate knowledge of the areas where the Program will be implemented this year.



The meeting with the Task Force (TF) Basilan and 101st Brigade was also convened to brief the TF Basilan and 101st Brigade on the MNLF Transformation Program and the role of the AFP in the implementation of the program and consult them on the data that they have on the MNLF arms and forces, and inquire best approaches to ensure that the security component of the program shall be acceptable to the MNLF in Basilan.

Present therein were the members of the GPH Coordinating Committee, namely, BGen. Cesar B. Yano (Ret.), Chair of the GMCC, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.), Chair of the Community Healing and Reconciliation Subcommittee and the Secretariat, namely, Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios, and Mr. Julhamri B. Aragasi.



- **2nd GPH-MNLF Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting.** On 1 March 2023, a meeting was held to review and finalize the terms of reference of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee for deliberation and approval of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee (GMCC). The Joint TWG resolved the terms of reference to be submitted to the GMCC for its approval, agreed on the timeline, and completed the discussion on the reconstitution of the GMCC.

The meeting was attended by the following TWG members of the GPH, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.), as the Chair of the GPH TWG, Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, and the Secretariats, namely, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Head Secretariat of GPH Coordinating Committee, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, Head of Political Engagement Division, Mr. Julhamri B. Aragasi and Ms. Cherina Mae Abundo. The MNLF TWG members attended the meeting, namely, Atty. Omar Sema, as the Chair of the MNLF TWG, Mr. Romeo Diocolano, Mr. Mohammad Habib Sarief, Mr. Mohammad John Usman, Mr. Abdulrahman Jhovel, Engr. Dong Anayatin and Mr. Michael Odin.



- **2nd GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee (GMCC) Meeting.** On 14 March 2023, the GMCC met in order to approve the proposed terms of reference (TOR) reconstituting the GMCC, finalizing and adapting the validation, verification, and profiling process of the MNLF Arms and Forces. The meeting was held at Seda Hotel in Davao City. The meeting reached a consensus approving and signing the summary of agreements incorporating the approval of the proposed TOR to be submitted to the Executive Board, finalized the validation, verification, and profiling process along with the adjustment on the timeline of implementation.

Present were the members of the GMCC namely, BGen. Cesar B. Yano (Ret.) and Uttoh Salem Cutan, Co-Chairs of the GMCC, members of the GPH CC, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.), PA David B. Diciano, Presidential Assistant of the Bangsamoro Transformation and the Head Secretariat of the GPH CC, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, Head of Political Engagement Division, Mr. Julhamri B. Aragasi and Ms. Cherina Mae A. Abundo. The MNLF CC was represented by its members, namely, Mr. Awad Hamid, Mr. Alexis Malna, Mr. Alhabsi Hassan and MP Randy Karon, and the secretariats, Engr. Dong Anayatin as the Head, and Mr. Michael Odin.



TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

A. Socio-economic Component

- **Meeting with PSA Basilan for the implementation of Transformation Program.**

On 20 February 2023, MNLF Transformation Program conducted a meeting and orientation to appraise Mr. Mahmur Sarail Chief Statistician of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Basilan on the process and implementation of the Transformation program for MNLF combatants in Basilan.



- **Meeting with AMO Western Mindanao on the Status of PAMANA projects.** On 20 February 2022, the MNLF Transformation Program requested a meeting with Area Management Office Western Mindanao to provide background information and sequential activities in the implementation of PAMANA projects in the MNLF communities for the period covering FY 2016 up to the present in the province of Sulu, Basilan, and Tawi-Tawi. The activity was attended by OPAPRU AMO Head Peter Cheng, Engr. Hayriya Mohammed, and Bensaudi Sawabi.

- **Meeting with the Provincial Government of Sulu personnel for the construction of Brgy. Kagay Road.** On 21 February the MNLF PPO requested a meeting with the Provincial Planning and Development Coordinator Mr. Bertrand Chio, Provincial Administrator Mr. Erwin Tan, and Provincial Engineer Engr. Abdurasad Baih relative to the Construction of Kagay Road Project (under the 2023 unprogrammed funds) with a budget of Php50M.

The meeting was spearheaded by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios, Mr. Marlon Peria, AMO WSM Bensaudi Sawabi and Project Management Office Sulu Al Fatima Ahiyal, and Ferdauzi Tautoh.



- **Consultative Meeting with MNLF Leaders, Brgy. Captain and 11th Infantry.** On 21 February 2023, The Socio-economic component of the Transformation Program for MNLF headed by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios conducted a consultative meeting to finalize the proposed PAMANA FY 2024 Projects and to discuss with the MNLF Leaders, Brgy. Captain of Budtaran Adjid Said, Sawaki Omrijal Salem, Langpas Nursing Bairulla, Pasil Juhai Bensimal and Kagay Siti Rona Hadil and LGU Indanan Engr. Ajan Ajijul the requirements for proposals and for implementation.



- **Consultative Meeting with the 11th Infantry Division in the Implementation of Transformation Program in Sulu.** On 2 February 2023, the MNLF Transformation program conducted a consultative meeting with the 11th Infantry Division to provide an update on the upcoming activities relative to the community projects in Sulu, and inventory of the materials and equipment purchased from the previously downloaded funds to AFP relative to the Transformation Program as to discuss the transfer of the same to Basilan for the FY 2023 implementation. Present therein were OIC Col Giovanni Franza, Col. Montano Almodavar, Col Alaric Avelino Delos Santos, Maj. Henry Tumabat, and Maj. Alexander Palacios.



- **Orientation and Meeting with Ministry of Public Works.** On the 22nd of February 2023, the MNLF Transformation Program conducted a meeting with the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) BARMM to request assistance in the requirements of PAMANA projects for FY 2024. The meeting was attended by District Engineer, Engr. Ajan S. Ajijul and MPW personnel.

- **Meeting with the Sulu State College.** On 23 February 2023, The MNLF PPO conducted a meeting with Sulu State College (SSC) to monitor the fund utilization of FY 2022 funds and the inventory of materials and equipment purchased for the supposed profiling of MNLF combatants in Sulu as well as to discuss the transfer of the same to Basilan for the FY 2023 implementation. The meeting was attended by the SSC President Charisma Utalum and Ms. Alnadzma Tulawi SSC Coordinator.



- Meeting with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region IX.** On 23 February 2023, MNLF Transformation Program led by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios conducted an initial meeting with the DSWD Region IX Director Riduan Hadjimuddin, to initially discuss the operationalization of the Transformation Program, specifically the implementation of initial cash assistance and cash-for-work program to profile MNLF combatants in Basilan. Also in attendance were Ms. Cledalou Zaragoza Focal for special concerns, Rea Ann Curray Finance Officer, Bensaudi Sawabi and Engr. Hayriya Mohhamad.



- Meeting with Mindanao State University Gensan Systems.** On the 31st of March, a consultative meeting was conducted with Prof. Mayong Aguja from the Mindanao State University (MSU) regarding the future activities for the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Peace Process Office. The meeting was attended by Chair Yano, Director Jana Gallardo, Ms. Magdalena Barrios, Mr. Marlon Peria and Mr. Thomas Philip De Leon from the MNLF PPO.

During the meeting, the MNLF PPO, Chair Yano, and Prof. Aguja discussed subject matters related to the upcoming activities with the MNLF. Aside from this, discussion on the updated data related to the Peace and Development Communities (PDCs), PAMANA, and forming a partnership with the MSU System relative to the socio-economic interventions with the MNLF communities across provinces were also discussed.


The course of the meeting has identified steps to be taken to further the plans for the intervention. These steps include proposing a tripartite meeting among GPH, MSU, and MNLF to discuss and finalize details of their future partnership, which was initially recommended by Chair Yano. To add, Prof. Aguja recommended for MSU General Santos City Campus to be the focal of the MSU System in coordination, management, and other relevant matters.

On other matters, Prof. Aguja shared the recent trends in science and technology and its usage for peacework. As well as trends and recent results on stunted children within the Bangsamoro Region, and how health will play an important role in shaping the peace efforts of the OPAPRU. It was also noted that most development works in the BARMM focused on physical infrastructure, and less highlight on health, both of which are equally important.

On future data-gathering activities, Prof. Aguja recommended to include the grandchildren's details on the profiling tool as including grandchildren could identify which programs could be extended to their level. Furthermore, Prof. Aguja also advised to test the instruments and processes for the first batch of combatants, any problems, revisions, errors, or risks that may arise could be addressed resulting in a better, more efficient version of the processes and instruments.

In relevance to the issue of stunted children, it was recommended to coordinate with the Department of Health (DOH) with regard to the data, affected population, and geography. Lastly, it was recommended by Chair Yano to coordinate with the MNLF to recommend the municipality (LGU) where they have harmonious relationship with to at least ensure the smooth processing and coordination with implementing interventions, programs, and other activities.

B. Security Component

- **JBDAF Planning Meeting relative to the Validation, Verification, and Profiling Processes.** On 26 January 2023, the planning meeting was held at the Hinirang Hall, PCC Building, Camp Crame, Quezon City for the JBDAF secretariats relative to the validation, verification, and profiling processes of the MNLF Transformation Program. The meeting was presided by Col Noel Buncab PN(M), Chief, Bangsamoro Peace Support Division of the AFP PDO and Director Jana Jill Gallardo, Head of the OPAPRU-MNLF Peace Process Office. The planning meeting was attended by several PNP, AFP, and OPAPRU-MNLF PPO personnel physically and virtually.
- **Special Meeting of JBDAF Co-Chairs and the Security Sub-Committee of the MNLF Transformation Program.** On 31 January 2023, the JBDAF Co-Chairs meeting which was jointly presided was called to deliberate and document major activities and recommendations derived from the planning meeting held on 26 January 2023. The special meeting was jointly presided by Capt Norsal Dimaporo PN Chief, AFP – PDO and BGen Percival Agustus Placer. Furthermore, the OPAPRU-MNLF PPO was spearheaded by Director Jana Jill Gallardo. The meeting was attended by several PNP, AFP, and OPAPRU-MNLF PPO personnel physically and virtually. Discussed during the meeting were the Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms of the Security Component (IAMSC) and the Terms of Reference of the JBDAF as well as the funds for CY 2023.
- **Meeting with GPH – CC and JBDAF Co- Chairs.** On 03 February 2023, the GPH – CC and JBDAF Co-Chairs held a meeting to discuss consolidated data about MNLF arms and forces, presentation of the proposed amendments of the implementing arrangements of the security aspect of the MNLF Transformation Program and the Terms of Reference of the JBDAF. Other matters such as issuance of JBDAF membership orders from the OPAPRU and issuance of JBDAF Mechanisms membership orders for the PNP and the AFP from the OPAPRU.

The meeting was attended by PA David Diciano, Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, EDir Cesar De Mesa, and BGen Buenaventura Pascual (ret), Director Jana Jill Gallardo, Capt Norsal Dimaporo PN, and PBGen Agustus Placer. Other attendees were from the PNP, AFP, and the OPAPRU MNLF – PPO.



- **JBDAF Secretariat Meeting.** On 28 March 2023, the JBDAF Secretariat held a meeting at the AFP PDO to review the existing processes and incorporate the consensus points of the GPH-MNLF Coordinating Committee (GMCC) now Joint Management Committee (JMC), review the Terms of Reference of the JBDAF now JBMAF and schedule the JBMAF Meeting sometime in April 2023 to review and amend the TOR.

The meeting was presided by Director Jana Jill Gallardo and attended by Col Noel Buncab of the AFP PDO, PLTC Heinrich Alafritz of the PNP PPDO, as well as other personnel from the AFP, PNP, and OPAPRU-MNLF PPO.



C. Peace Process with the Communist Party of the Philippines/ New Peoples Army/ National Democratic Front (CPP/NPA/NDF) and effective implementation of the Whole-of-Nation Approach to address local communist and other armed conflicts pursuant to EO 70 (Program 3)

Executive Order No. 70 “Institutionalizing a Whole of Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework” was issued on 04 December 2018. The OPAPRU supports this mandate through the mainstreaming of Localized Peace Engagements (LPE) which entails the execution of two tracks: (a) community consultations and problem-solving sessions; and (b) local peace dialogues with CPP/NPA/NDF towards reaching local peace settlement with the group. These interventions will pave the way for the implementation of a Transformation Program (TP) for former rebels, their families and communities.

The TP aims to address the needs of former rebels, their families and communities so that their return to the mainstream of society will be sustained, and that they will remain resilient against the recovery efforts of the CTGs. It entails facilitation and coordination of a transformation program for the former rebels, their families, and communities.

For the First Quarter of FY 2023, the program highlights the following accomplishments:

- OPAPRU gained the support and commitment of the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) on the implementation of the Transformation Program with the convening of the LPE Cluster on 10 February 2023. During the meeting, the new member agency representatives were briefed about the Local Peace Engagement (LPE) Cluster Organization and Implementation Plan, updated LPE Framework and its Transformation Program. Ways forward on various policy issues were also identified during the meeting.
- The OPAPRU enabled five (5) provinces (Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay) in developing their respective draft Provincial Transformation Program Plans which identify the needed interventions along the four (4) components to address the needs of FRs, their families, and communities, as well as the projected timelines and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the respective local plans of the provinces. There will be 14 provinces that will be producing their respective TP Action Plans next quarter.

To achieve this, OPAPRU facilitated three (3) Pre-planning workshops and five (5) Transformation Planning workshops.

- c) The Special Project Teams (SPTs) serve as transformation agents in operationalization of the Transformation Program and ensure that the four (4) components of TP are in place and implemented. To date, out of ten (10) targets for FY 2023 FR organizations, four (4) SPTs were established in Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, and Zamboanga Peninsula. SPTs will serve as a springboard in the advocacy of deradicalization in their areas and will provide support in the sustainment of efforts of LPE and its transformation program for FRs, their families and communities. These organizations are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.

1. Mainstreaming and Implementation of Localized Peace Engagements

The LPE Cluster is spearheaded by DILG and OPAPRU in strengthening capacities of national and local governance actors to effectively address socio-economic divides, create modalities, and strengthen capacities of communities to resist violence and participate in peace building and development to achieve community resiliency and cultural harmony.



On February 10, the 1st Localized Peace Engagement Cluster was convened at the Presidential Security Group Compound, Paco, Manila. The meeting was presided by the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Undersecretary Marlo L. Iringan, Chairperson of the LPE Cluster, and Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisima, Co-Head.

OPAPRU gained the support and commitment of the DILG on the implementation of the Transformation Program when the LPE Cluster was convened on 10 February 2023. During the meeting, the new member agency representatives were briefed about the Local Peace Engagement (LPE) Cluster Organization and Implementation Plan, the updated LPE Framework and its Transformation Program. Ways forward on various policy issues were also identified during the meeting. The meeting was attended by Justice Angelita Miranda, Chairperson of the Legal Cooperation Cluster, Assistant Secretary Andre P. Del Rosario of the Office of the Press Secretary, Police Brigadier General Percival Placer, and other officials from government agencies.

The highlights of the meeting were as follows:

- a) LPE cluster Organization and Implementation plan.
 - i. LPE Track 1 emphasized the conduct of Community Consultations or Problem-Solving Sessions that ensures participation of mass-based

organization members and underground movement supporters. This track includes existing efforts such as Barangay Development Program (BDP), Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP), Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) and PAyapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA).

- ii. LPE Track 2 or the Local Peace Dialogues are conducted between the local mechanism and leaders/member. DILG recommends ensuring convergence efforts among LPE cluster members at the community level and complementing the programs and services provided to the FRs, their families and communities. They also highlight active participation in strengthening their culture, values, gender and conflict sensitive peace dialogues. OPAPRU clarified that the government did not terminate the peace process with the CPP-NPA-NDF but shifted its approach to a local peace engagement.
 - iii. OPAPRU discussed the LPE Framework and its Transformation Program. They reiterated to the members that the cluster addresses the primary issues that drive the insurgency and that it intends to reach peace settlements with former CTGs at the local level and persuade them to return to the folds of the law.
- b) OPAPRU provided context about the Transformation Program. Usec. Purisima also mentioned that OPAPRU and DILG are planning to implement the Transformation Program in selected provinces of Regions 8, 9, and 11. Dir. Francis Lauengco of OPAPRU noted that as per discussion with AFP Peace and Development Office, PNP Peace Process and Development Center, and DILG, they have selected Davao as the pilot province where the program will initially be launched. He stated that they are requesting a manifestation from the NTF-ELCAC and the cluster that the province will be advised when the NGAs will conduct a visit. This is also to get support from the local government, the Governors and Provincial Task Force Commanders, as they will be the ones responsible for implementing the program.
 - c) On the issues on ancestral domain, NTF-ELCAC Executive Director Ernesto Torres commented that most of the conflict on the ground are brought about by problems on land ownership which he said is systemic and needs to be addressed and harmonized at the national level as to who is the sole authority in the issuance of land usage.
 - d) On the designation of the Cabinet Officers for Regional Development and Security (CORDS). Exec. Dir. Torres highlighted the importance of the designation of the CORDS as they will be giving the directives to the various Regional Directors of each JRTF. He informed the Cluster that the National Security Adviser already submitted his recommendation to the President.
 - e) On the assistance to former rebels, Director Liza Umpar of NICA shared her experiences with former rebels in Region 6. She cited that NICA assisted in facilitating the registration of FRs to various government agencies for them to receive aid. Usec Purisima discussed about organizing the different People's Organizations (POs) composed of former rebels so they would have a legal entity and can draw support officially from various NGAs. Based on OPAPRU's experience in Maragusan, 600 POs were federated with each group electing their representatives tasked to seek support from government agencies and private organizations.

2. Mainstreaming and Implementation of Transformation Program (TP) for former CTG Rebels, their Families and Communities

The Transformation Program (TP) aims to address the needs of the former CTG members, their families, and communities through a holistic and convergent implementation of its four (4) components. The transformation process for former rebels, their families and communities will cover the following phases: surfacing of former combatants; mainstreaming them with their families and communities; and institutionalization and sustainability. The program aims to sustain the return of the former rebels to the mainstream of society and that they remain resilient against the recovery efforts of the CTGs.

For the First Quarter of FY 2023, the OPAPRU enabled five (5) provinces (Davao Oriental, Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro, Zamboanga del Sur, and Zamboanga Sibugay) in developing their respective draft Provincial Transformation Program Plans which identify the needed interventions along the four (4) components to address the needs of FRs, their families, and communities, as well as the projected timelines and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the respective local plans of the provinces. There will be 14 provinces that will be producing their respective TP Action Plans next quarter.

To achieve this, OPAPRU facilitated a series of TP Planning workshops. Five (5) TP planning workshops and 3 pre-planning workshops have been conducted in Eastern Samar, Davao and Zamboanga. At the culmination of each TP pre-planning workshop, attendees were kept abreast of the LPE and its TP status of regional and provincial level government efforts for the FRs. Moreover, during each preplanning workshop, an enhanced TP Workshop program design based on each province participant's inputs was produced. Each Provincial Planning Workshop generated a Provincial Transformation Program Plan, that responds and adapts to the conflict context and needs of the province. Consequently, stakeholders were able to identify and rationalize existing PAPs. Further, it served as a venue to surface issues and concerns of the implementing agencies of services and interventions for FRs.



- **Conducted five (5) Provincial Transformation Planning Workshop**
 - i) **Davao Oriental** – held from 7-8 March 2023 attended by 70 participants from agencies and LGUs. The following TP components provided a glimpse on how PLGU-Davao Oriental will incorporate PPAs stated in TP plans:
 - **Socio-Economic Component-** the main objective is to provide easy access to basic government services and extend socio-economic programs to FRs, their families and communities for them to alleviate their present condition.

- **Security Component-** that the PLED cluster will be functional and promote to strengthen integrated territorial defense system (ITDs) with PNP's Peace and Order and Public Safety Plan.
- **Healing and Reconciliation Component-** aims to promote community acceptance for FRs, H&P focused on IPs communities and sectoral organizations and to harmonize existing policies on local peace engagements.
- **Confidence-Building-** Provide concrete legal assistance to FRs with pending cases. Deliver what has been promised to the FRs and strengthen their belief and faith in the government.



Davao Oriental Provincial Transformation Program Planning workshop participants, together with Governor Corazon Malanyaon, NTF-ELCAC Executive Director Ernesto Torres Jr, OPAPRU Officials, PA Wilben M. Mayor, EDir Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, Director Lapina and Regional Adviser for Peace and Security.

ii) **Davao del Norte** – held on 16-17 March 2023 attended by 71 participants from agencies. The following TP components provides an overview on how PLGU-Zamboanga del Sur will incorporate PPAs stated in TP plans:

- **Confidence Building Measure component** - Hasten reintegration of FRs to mainstream of society by speeding up processing of pending cases through establishment of Legal cooperation cluster as part of the Peace Center. Intensify information drive and dissemination of peace efforts and culture-sensitive and gender mainstreaming campaign and establishment of government accreditation organization for FRs and enhancement of existing instruction for deradicalization.
- **Healing and Reconciliation** - Inclusion of immediate families in intervention programs to aid full reintegration of FRs to mainstream society. Moreover, reconciliation through the conduct of *Papaguli tugaynawa* and tribal reconciliation ceremony
- **Socio-economic** - Provision of sustainable livelihood program and capacity development through educational assistance, employment assistance and skills development for FRs.
- **Security Component** - Establishment of existing local peace center or joint communication center.



iii) **Davao de Oro** – held from 8-9 March 2023 attended by 51 participants from agencies. The following TP components shows an overview of their action plans:

- **Socio-economic Component-** synchronization and rationalization of existing government interventions; increase accessibility to socio-economic programs for CTG cleared communities; conduct in-depth analysis to identify driving factors
- **Security Component** - to ensure safety of FRs, family and community a revised and amended peace and order and safety plan. Intensify operation of Integrated Territorial Defense System and awareness campaign on the international Humanitarian Law.
- **Healing and Reconciliation Component** - to address the drivers of conflict, further implementation of *Katarungang Pambarangay*, further provision of legal assistance, youth for peace movement
- **Confidence-Building** - provision of legal assistance, further implementation of *Katarungang Pambarangay*, youth for peace, quick impact projects

The plenary concurred on further implementation of *Oplan Pagbabago* (Kumustahan, Tulong Serbisyo) - a Davao de Oro PLGU initiative program for Former Rebels.



iv) **Zamboanga del Sur** – conducted on 28-29 March 2023 with 100 participants from agencies. The following is an overview of the TP components:

- **Socio-economic Component-** Transforming rebels into productive and peaceful civilians and their communities into resilient communities.

- **Security Component-** FRs fully integrated into society after being recipients of government amnesty and reintegration of FRs into their former barangays/locality. Ensure sustainable development among CAAs and promote peace.
- **Healing and Reconciliation Component-** Rebuilding relationships between FRs and aggrieved families, tribal leaders and communities.
- **Confidence-Building-** To promote good governance and citizen's participation in peace and development



v) **Zamboanga Sibugay** – conducted on 30-31 March 2023 attended by 96 participants from agencies. The following is an overview of TP components:

- **Socio-economic Component-** focused on the provision of opportunities to FRs in terms of education, health, employment, livelihood and capacity development.
- **Security Component-** provide legal support to FRs with cases and ensure safety of the FRs while under their custody. No atrocities committed on Former Rebels by CTG groups and their remnants.
- **Healing and Reconciliation Component-** FRs will be provided with counselling and other psychological sessions and enrolled in community organizations and equipped with necessary skills to better their lives.
- **Confidence-Building-** ending discrimination and stigma among FRs and their communities, pursue amnesty for those FRs with existing cases, enhance database system and improve mental health, and spiritual well-being of FRs.

3. Organization of FRs and Establishment of Special Project Team (SPT)

The SPT serves as transformation agents in operationalization of the Transformation Program and ensure that the four (4) components of the TP are in place and implemented. To date, out of ten (10) targets for FY 2023 FR organizations, four (4) SPTs were established in Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, and Zamboanga Peninsula. SPTs will serve as a springboard in the advocacy of deradicalization in their areas and will provide support in the sustainment of efforts of LPE and its transformation program for FRs, their families and communities. These organizations are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered. As an organization, they will have an elected set of officials, internal policies and by-laws and action plans that suit the needs of their areas. It is envisioned that this will facilitate full operationalization of their organization and encourage other rebel groups to return to the folds of the law.

4. Support to ELCAC Mechanisms

Through the Regional Adviser for Peace and Security (RAPS), OPAPRU ensures active participation in regional representation in the Regional Development Council (RDC), Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC), and Regional Task Force on ELCAC (RTF-ELCAC). These regional bodies are the institutions that coordinate and set the direction of all economic and social development and peace and order efforts in the region. This serves as the forum where local efforts can be related and integrated with regional and national development activities. For the first quarter of the year, the following RPOC and RDC were attended:

- **Region 8 Regional Development Council (RDC)** meeting on 31 January 2023 held at Ormoc City Hall, Leyte was attended by RAPS MGen De Leon. The meeting tackled the Region 8 budget proposal that will be submitted to NEDA, of which MGen De Leon raised the need for the inclusion of a remedial budget for the implementation of SBDP programs and projects defunded last year. The recommendation was well taken by the regional director of DBM, and proposed Php6B budget was set aside for the implementation of barangay development programs (BDP) and projects in CSP and RCSP-cleared barangays in region 8. Further, the meeting was utilized as an avenue to discuss with the local chief executives the FR organizing efforts of OPAPRU, emphasizing the vital role of the LGU.



- **Joint Regional LPE and E-CLIP and Amnesty Program (EAP) meeting and Coordination meeting with key stakeholders on LPE Mainstreaming and TP Operationalization** in Eastern Visayas on 16 February 2023. This was attended by regional and provincial stakeholders and Usec. Purisima at Abanador Hall, Camp Lukban City, Samar. This activity was the initial engagement of Usec. Purisima with the Samar-Island PTF-ELCAC and the RTF Core Group and served as an opportunity to get the commitment and support of the PLGUs on LPE Mainstreaming and TP Implementation. The activity includes vetting and consolidation of FRs data and the PPAs availed by FRs and the presentation of the status of support to BDP projects by DILG.
- **Region 9 Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC)** on 20 March 2023 at the Provincial Capital Zamboanga was attended by Governor Dulce Ann Hofer, RD Paisal Abutazil, RAPS MGen Paje and RPOC member agencies. During the activity, the status of the application for the security clearance of CSO representatives, brief orientation on the Omnibus Guidelines for Peace and Order Council and the conduct of Peace and Order Council (POC) performance Audit for the CY 2022 were presented.

5. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.

Mainstreaming CSPP in LPE-TP Plans. As part of the efforts in mainstreaming LPE and its Transformation Program at the local level, Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) orientation and discussion was part of the training design for the TP planning workshop conducted for five (5) PLGU partners. Peace partners were coached on how to make their plans more conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting in identifying their Program, Activities and Project (PAPs). The OPAPRU Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) facilitated the CSPP orientation which included discussions on the basic concepts, areas of assessment and its application in formulating interventions. It was further emphasized that formulated plans for the FRs must be CSPP compliant. A tool to evaluate PLGU TP plans is being developed to assess their compliance to CSPP and existing local development plans.

D. Completion of the 2000 Peace Agreement with the Rebolusyong Partidong Manggagawa-Pilipinas/ Revolutionary Proletarian Army/ Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPMP-P/RPA/ABB) (Program 4)

Anchored on the five-point peace, reconciliation and unity agenda, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) continued to sustain efforts for the holistic delivery of interventions for the *Kapatiran Para sa Progresong Panlipunan Inc. (KAPATIRAN)*. Support for the implementation of the various components of the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) was sustained as a showcase of Government commitment to the *KAPATIRAN*. This Quarter saw the operationalization of one of the key policy issuances of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) with the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement among OPAPRU, the Department of National Defense (DND), and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) for the activation of two Citizen Armed Force Geographical Unit (CAFGU) Active Auxiliary-1 (CAA-1) companies, as part of the security arrangement component of the 2019 CID.

For the quarter, the following were accomplished:

1. **Continued operationalization of the implementing mechanisms (JEMC, JB-DAF, SERC, and SCT)**
 - **Operationalization of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC).** For the Quarter, the JEMC continued to perform its oversight and supervisory functions to ensure that the holistic interventions for the implementation of the 2019 CID are undertaken. The JEMC conducted an initial meeting with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Chairperson Atty. Leah Armamento and Commissioner Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic for the RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Table on 23 March 2023 in Ortigas, Pasig City. The meeting resulted in the agreement that the NAC Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), which was drafted during the NAC Strategy planning and IRR writeshop conducted on 20-21 March 2023, will be shared to the JEMC for review to check for provisions which may affect the implementation for the RPM-P/RPA/ABB. The JEMC also participated in the meeting organized by RCCO in Ortigas, Pasig City on 31 March 2023, which discussed the proposed technical assistance to address operationalization of the management structure of the *KAPATIRAN* to implement AECID-funded projects in the Ibajay and Aklan Peace and Development Community (PDC). The JEMC provided its strategic inputs, particularly on the strategies for the cascading of the Citizen-Led Monitoring (CLM) being implemented by the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn Program - National Program

Management Office (PAMANA - NPMO) to State Universities and Colleges (SUCs) and Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) and the proposed provision of operational management support to the KAPATIRAN for the PDC sites in Aklan, Tanjay, and Kabankalan to improve and strengthen the KAPATIRAN's operational management capability as an urgent step to ensure continuous viability of on-going Livelihood Settlement Grant livelihood projects and incoming Livelihood Reinforcement Grants projects.

- **Operationalization of the Socio-Economic Reintegration Cluster (SERC).** As the mechanism tasked to assist the JEMC in planning, developing, designing, and coordinating with agencies within the cluster, the 16-member SERC agencies continued to promote the efficient implementation and convergence of efforts, especially on the socio-economic interventions through their agency programs that support the economic transformation of the *KAPATIRAN*. OPAPRU conducted a meeting with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on 23 January 2023 to discuss the ways forward of the SERC, including the request for Usec. Alan Tanjusay to chair the SERC, which he immediately accepted.
- **Operationalization of the Site Coordinating Teams (SCT).** On 25 January 2023, the OPAPRU RCCO Field Office and the Aklan SCT Technical Committee conducted a consultation meeting on the implementation of AECID funded projects as additional support to the coco mill project of the *KAPATIRAN* Aklan Chapter. Work and Financial Plan (WFP) for FY 2023 and Calendar of Activities for the establishment of coco plantation were finalized by the group.

Through the facilitation of the SCTs, various activities/programs were conducted and achieved as follows:

- a) Implementation of farm-to-market road (FMR) projects in Janiuay, Iloilo and Cauayan, Negros Occidental funded under OPAPRU-PAMANA, and Kabankalan, Negros Occidental funded under LGU Kabankalan;
- b) Job Order employment of 14 *KAPATIRAN*/Women in the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental;
- c) Employment of 15 *KAPATIRAN* next-of-kin in Kabankalan Chapter under Special Program for the Employment of Students (SPES) FY 2023 and seven (7) Community Defense Unit (CDU) members under the Department of Labor and Employment - *Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers* (DOLE-TUPAD) Program facilitated by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Kabankalan City;
- d) Fund allocation for the repair of Multi-Purpose Building, Day Care Center and Health center in Kabankalan PDC damaged during Typhoon Odette;
- e) Construction of rainwater collector for the school building in Kabankalan PDC funded by Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) 3rd District Engineering Office (DEO) Negros Occidental;
- f) Competency Assessment of 29 *KAPATIRAN*/Women/NOK in Negros Oriental enrolled in Driving NC II funded under the regular program of TESDA Negros Oriental;
- g) Distribution of twenty-five (25) Welding Machines to *KAPATIRAN*/ NOK in Kabankalan Chapter as part of their Shielded Metal Arc Welding (SMAW) NC I Training Program under the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), sponsored by Negros Occidental 6th Congressional District representative, Congresswoman Mercedes Alvarez;

- h) Identified new proposed congregated sites for acquisition in Moises Padilla and Bago City, Negros Occidental;
 - i) Implementation of the 2017 OPAPP-PAMANA Projects in San Carlos and Cadiz Sites in Negros Occidental; and,
 - j) Distribution of rice allowance to San Carlos and Cadiz CDU Detachments.
- **Integration of support programs to existing Local Mechanisms to support the Normalization Program.** OPAPRU RCCO Western Visayas Field Office facilitated the following activities to ensure sustainability for the normalization program:
 - a) Presented the proposed Programs/Activities/Projects (PAPs) of OPAPRU for FY 2024 amounting to PhP 78.7M (construction of 44 housing units, road opening from Tanjay PDC Site to Brgy. Pamplona, health center, Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) construction, residual containment facility, and provision of medicines, and medical supply equipment) during the Negros Oriental Provincial Development Council (PDC) meeting on 10 March 2023. The proposed PAPs were duly approved for endorsement by the Regional Development Council (RDC) VII.
 - b) Facilitated the approval of Local Peace and Order (POC) Budget for the continued operationalization of the SCT and implementation of interventions for the *KAPATIRAN* PDC Sites in Negros and Panay Islands.
 - c) As a regular member of RPOC VI, the OPAPRU RCCO Field Office attended the 1st Quarter RPOC Meeting held on 28 March 2023 at Diversion 21 Hotel, Iloilo City. Newly-appointed Chairperson, Gov. Eugenio Jose V. Lacson of Negros Occidental presided the meeting. The agenda of the meeting included the following: updates on the insurgency and peace and order situation, anti-illegal drugs in Region VI, as well as other peace and public safety concerns were discussed in the meeting; PRO6 presentation on their preparations for the peaceful observance of Holy Week 2023; updates on the status of oil spill in the waters of Northern Antique were presented by DENR 6 and OCD 6. The meeting resulted in the passage of resolutions reorganizing and expanding the membership of the council.
 - d) The Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) of Negros Oriental conducted its 2nd regular meeting on 13 April 2023 at the Plenary Hall, Convention Centre, Dumaguete City. The meeting was presided by PPOC Vice Chairperson, Vice Gov. Manuel L. Sagarbarria, and attended by the various PPOC member-agencies. Also present to discuss concerns was Sta. Catalina Mayor Peve Obaniana Ligan. Discussed in the meeting were the Peace and Order situation provided by the PNP, AFP and PDEA, and presentation of accomplishment reports of the various PPOC members. The meeting resulted in the adoption of the *KASIMBAYANAN* Program (multisectoral forum) in the province of Negros Oriental.
 - **Partnership with Academe and NGOs.** OPAPRU RCCO maintains partnerships with the academe and non-government organizations in Panay and Negros Islands to complement existing interventions for the *KAPATIRAN*.

On 23 March 2023, RCCO co-facilitated the ceremonial signing of Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between *KAPATIRAN* Kabankalan Chapter

and Convoy of Hope (COH) Philippines relative to the supplementary feeding program for children currently enrolled at the PDC Extension School. It was attended by Punong Barangay of Locotan, Principal of Lowag Elementary School, Executive Director of Yusay Foundation, National Director of COH, *KAPATIRAN* Chapter President, *KAPATIRAN* Women, and RCCO. The event was a result of a series of consultation meetings of RCCO with COH and Yusay Foundation.

RCCO assisted the Central Philippine State University (CPSU) and Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) in the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs) in the identified Community Peace Dividends (CPD) barangays of Southern Negros (Negros Oriental and 6th District of Negros Occidental).

- 2. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements.** In line with the operationalization of the Transition Plan and Sustainability Strategy for the implementation of the security arrangement in the settlement sites, OPAPRU participated in the series of meetings conducted via virtual teleconference on 1 January, 22 February and 28 February 2023. Present in the meetings were officials and focal staff from the AFP (Peace and Development Office (PDO), Office of the Judge Advocate General (OTJAG), Force Integration Branch (FIB), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations (OG3); 3rd Infantry Division (3ID), Philippine Army (Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Personnel (OG1), Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Logistics (OG4), 3rd Infantry Division CAFGU Active Auxiliary Affairs Unit (3DCAU), 53rd Engineering Brigade (EB), 552nd EB, 542nd Engineering Construction Battalion (ECB), Philippine National Police Peace Process Development Center (PPDC) and OPAPRU.

The series of meetings served as follow-through on the 2022 Security Assessment Report of the Joint Body on the Disposition of Arms and Forces (JBDFAF) led by the AFP PDO and the PNP PPDC, which recommended that the CDUs with the current force strength of 212, can be maintained and converted into CAFGU Active Auxiliaty-1 (CAA1) to secure the *KAPATIRAN* settlement sites while efforts to complete the deliverables, particularly the remaining housing core shelters for the *KAPATIRAN* are being completed.

The meetings resulted in the finalization of the details of the MOA among DND/AFP and OPAPRU for the transfer of funds to the DND/AFP amounting to PhP42.8M for the activation of two CAA-1 companies. The OPAPRU-DND/AFP MOA was signed on 13 April 2023. After the MOA signing, the AFP will implement the next courses of action for the activation of the two CAA-1 companies such as the deactivation of the CDU companies, organizing of the 29th and 30th Negros CAA-1 Companies, issuance of clearance of Visayas Command, transmission to GHQ of the deactivation of the CDU companies and activation of the CAA-1 companies to Office of the Deputy of Staff for Operations, Organization and Training (J3), AFP, and assignment of the former CDUs to the now existing CAA-I (8) eight patrol bases in the *KAPATIRAN* communities sites.

3. Social and Economic Reintegration of *KAPATIRAN* Members

- ***Livelihood and Employment.*** The RCCO Western Visayas Field Office facilitated the following:
 - a) Conduct of resource assessment activity of DOLE Aklan with *KAPATIRAN* Aklan Chapter Officers on 17 February 2023. The current condition of the Chapter as well as the existing resources on site was evaluated by DOLE as a requirement for the availment of DOLE's Livelihood Integrated Program (DILP).

- b) Endorsed the list of recommended *KAPATIRAN* for renewal of contracts as Forest Guard under the supervision of the DENR.
 - c) Led the conduct of a series of meetings with the Local Social Welfare and Development Office (LSWDO) of concerned LGUs to discuss ways forward on the implementation of the Livelihood Settlement Grant (LSG) and Livelihood Reinforcement Grant (LRG) for the *KAPATIRAN* in Negros and Panay.
 - d) Assisted DSWD in the Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) Assessment of *KAPATIRAN* in Negros and Panay. A total of 446 members (78%) were assessed out of the 614 targeted number of *KAPATIRAN* members for assessment. The result will be a basis of DSWD in providing appropriate intervention for the individual *KAPATIRAN*.
 - e) In Janiuay, a training for PAMANA and *KAPATIRAN* Associations on entrepreneurship development with business planning and leadership, organizational management was spearheaded by the DSWD on 30 March 2023. Resource persons from the DTI were invited to train a total of 85 participants including five (5) *KAPATIRAN* Iloilo Socio-Economic Committee (SEC) Members and 10 SLPAs (CPD and CVA).
- **Establishment of Settlement Sites.** On 20 February 2023, RCCO Field Office conducted a meeting with National Housing Authority – Regional Office VI (NHA RO VI) to discuss the housing site for the *KAPATIRAN* in Janiuay and Antique. As agreed, NHA will finalize the Area Development Plan (ADP) of Janiuay to be presented in the 1st Quarter SCT meeting. Also discussed was the scheduling of a meeting with the Local Inter-Agency Committee (LIAC) for Housing on the occupancy and completion of documents for the proposed *KAPATIRAN* site in Antique.

RCCO also assisted in the implementation of two infrastructure projects in Ibayay PDC Site in partnership with DPWH, DOST and the LGU of Ibayay, Aklan, namely: Solar Mechanized Water Distribution System Level II and three (3) phase power supply (electric transformer) to run machine component (expeller) of the coco milling facility project of *KAPATIRAN*.

- **Social Protection Package.** RCCO finalized and endorsed the master list of *KAPATIRAN* and CPD members to PAMANA-NPMO for renewal/new application to Philhealth FY 2023.

4. Community Peace Dividends

RCCO Field Office, DSWD RO VI, and LGU Ilog monitored the SLP projects under PAMANA in the Community Peace Dividends (CPD) and conflict-vulnerable areas (CVA) Barangays of Ilog, Barangay Canlamay, Balicotoc and Pinggot in Negros Occidental were among the barangays monitored. Respective SLPAs shared updates on their previous and recent livelihood projects (1st and 2nd Cycle). They also expressed their appreciation for the assistance provided.

On 24 March 2023, RCCO Field Office attended the Provincial Project Review and Assessment (PPRA) of DSWD to SLP Associations in Aklan. Nine (9) accredited SLP associations presented their project proposals for review and approval by the Project Management and Monitoring Team (PMMT). Project proposals were duly approved by the body. The RCCO Field Office also attended the simultaneous distribution of SLP grant amounting to Php300,000.00 each for Community Peace Dividends SLP Associations in Negros and Panay.

- **Operationalization of Peace Process with Nilo Dela Cruz Group (NDCG)**

As of date, the NDCG remains non-committal with their cooperation with the GPH. However, with the issuance of Proclamation 1092, granting Amnesty to members of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB, the group has expressed intent on putting forward their application.

- **Support to the Implementation of Executive Order No. 70**

On 7 February 2023, RCCO Western Visayas Field Office attended the ceremonial blessing and inauguration of EO 70 Livelihood Projects in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental. Three (3) SLP Associations from Barangay Hilamonan, Carol-an and Tan-awan were among the recipients of DSWD-SLP grant amounting to PhP300,000.00 funded under EO No. 70. The associations implemented livestock and vegetable production in partnership with Multi-sectoral Alliance for Development (MuAD) of Negros Occidental.

- **Mainstreaming of Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Practice**

RCCO facilitated the participation of the members of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) and members of the *KAPATIRAN* Chapters in Western Visayas in the Orientation and Training for a Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting – Livelihood Project Development and Management (CSPP-LPDM) and CSPP Citizen Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM). The PAMANA NPMO together with the International Cooperation and Partnership Office (ICPO) recently concluded a four-day Orientation and Training for a CSPP-LPDM and CSPP-CLM at The Linden Suites in Ortigas Center, Pasig City, on 14-17 March 2023.

The orientation and training on the CSPP-LPDM is meant to capacitate trainers and implementers on the ground to study and understand the specific locale of social enterprise/ livelihood project and its macro context. Meanwhile, the use of the CSPP-CLM approach is envisioned to promote inclusive participation and build the capacities of project partners, promote constructive engagement among project stakeholders, and resolve issues relating to project implementation. It also aims to enhance meaningful participation in decision-making and strengthen the participation of the LGUs and community members, particularly the women and youth and other marginalized and most vulnerable sectors in project implementation and monitoring.

E. Completion of the 2011 Memorandum of Agreement with the Cordillera Bodong Administration - Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA – CPLA) (Program 4)

The completion strategy for the CBA-CPLA peace process has a two-track approach. The first approach is the implementation of an inclusive normalization process. The overall objective of which is the former CPLA combatants' transformation into active partners for a peaceful and developing Cordillera Region free from CPP-NPA and other threat groups guided by the following principles:

- **Transform** – support the transformation of the CBA-CPLA, building on the gains since the 1986 Sipat. This will cover four (4) levels of transformation: (i) individuals; (ii) CBA-CPLA as a former armed organization; (iii) communities supportive to the peace process; and (iv) their relationship with the Philippine Government and its instrumentalities--“From leaders of war to leaders of development and influential advocates of peace; meaningful participation in decision-making processes in their communities.”;

- **Sustain** – sustain the gains of the Cordillera peace process by giving back to communities supportive to the CBA-CPLA; and,
- **Include** – in the spirit of the Mt Data Sipat, support inclusive regional growth by prioritizing tribal communities that have lagged due to conflict and geographic isolation.

The 5-Year Normalization Plan (2020-2024) has the following components: (i) Security Component; (ii) Socio-Economic Reintegration Component; (iii) Transitional Justice Component; and (iv) Confidence Building Component.

As of reporting period, the following were accomplished:

1. Operationalization of the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC).

As part of the OPAPRU Executive guidance, the JEMC as a body shall become part of the Transformation Program of the 232 CBA-CPLA-identified communities and other transitioning rebel groups in the Cordillera; the continuation of the JEMC as a structure was deemed relevant in implementing the remaining two years of the Five-Year Normalization Program.

2. Implementation of 5-Year Normalization Program (5YNP).

OPAPRU Executives reviewed and provided guidance on the implementation and completion of the remaining two years of the 5YNP held on 03 February 2023 at the OPAPRU Central Office and via videoconference. The activity was attended by PA Isidro L. Purisima, Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, JEMC members BGen Ramon Yogyog (Ret.), Thomas Killip (Consultant), Jessica C. Banganan and Charlotte B. Matias. In concurrence, the Executives agreed that the GPH-CBA-CPLA peace process shall adhere to the Five-Year Normalization Program and the Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028; to continuously embed dialogues to explain the Normalization Program; subsequently shift the perspective that OPAPRU is not the only government agency supportive to the CBA-CPLA; and to finalize the 5YNP document outlining the interventions of the government to be signed by all CBA-CPLA.

3. Implementation of Security Component.

To maximize the two-day meeting last 02-03 February 2023 with the OPAPRU Executives, a threat assessment was efficiently tackled by the participants. Guided by its mandate, the JEMC Chairperson BGen Ramon Yogyog (Ret.), will coordinate with concerned offices and draw up recommendations to establish processing in resolving issues and concerns.

4. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Individual Level)

- **OPAPP-NCIP Special Educational Assistance Program (SEAP) for CBA-CPLA and/or their Next-of-Kin**

Relative to the continuous monitoring of the OPAPP-NCIP student-grantees, the following efforts were undertaken:

- a) Together with NCIP-CAR, the status of two hundred (200) student-grantees comprising 1st and 2nd batches of SEAP is constantly monitored, particularly, the submission of Certificate of Enrolment (COE) and Certificate of Final Grade (CFG) for second semester for School Year 2022-2023 as mandatory compliance. Significantly, a projected number of sixteen (16) student-grantees are set to graduate this year since the program's inception in 2021.
- b) A one-time grant for the first semester of School Year 2023 for the additional two hundred (200) student-grantees has been duly approved. To help them achieve quality education and realize their dreams, funds allocated to secure their tuition and other expenses have been provided.

5. PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program. In support of the PAMANA-PhilHealth program, OPAPRU-RCCO consistently monitors a total of Eight Hundred Forty-Nine (849) CBA-CPLA beneficiaries who are currently enrolled. OPAPRU-RCCO maintains close coordination with PHIC-CAR to accommodate future endorsements from the CBA-CPLA members and their next-of-kin. This medical insurance is intended to lessen the burden of paying medical expenses incurred for hospitalization and other medical-related needs covered by the said program.

6. Operationalization of the OPAPP-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-02. Highlighted in an online meeting with DENR-CAR on 02 February 2023 was a consensus to recommend the increase of the salary of CPLA employed as *Bantay Gubat* to be pegged to Salary Grade 2 under SSL V 4th Tranche. This is deemed necessary to cover their basic needs in consideration of inflation, high cost of living, and inclusive of travel allowance as the majority of their areas are outside their residential community. Significantly, a request letter addressed to the DENR Secretary Ma. Antonia Yulo-Loyzaga was submitted for their agency's assessment in adjusting the remuneration of *Bantay Gubat* to Salary Grade 2 equivalent.

7. Implementation and Monitoring of Referral System. On 7 March 2023, DSWD-CAR and OPAPRU-RCCO personnel met for a consultation meeting at the DSWD-CAR Operations Center, Baguio City. It resulted in the following:

- a. For the *Bantay Gubat* to qualify for the Social Pension, they must be endorsed by their respective Municipal Social Welfare and Development Offices (MSWDO)/ Local Government Units (LGUs) to DSWD subject to availability of slots. Thus, OPAPRU will provide the list of *Bantay Gubat* to the respective MSWDOs for assessment.
- b. To provide immediate and exclusive assistance to the referred CPLA old guards and BGs in terms of education, health, and livelihood, the team was advised to course requests through Special Referral to the DSWD.
- c. The JEMC officers endorsed four (4) CBA-CPLA next-of-kin to OPAPRU-RCCO for the probable provision of employment assistance through integration in the AFP-5ID quota in Gamu, Isabela. Currently, a recommendation on the request of CBA-CPLA JEMC is being undertaken to obtain guidance relative thereto both from the JEMC Chairperson and OPAPRU Executives.

8. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Community Level)

- **Implementation of Sustainable Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Program**

The OPAPRU RCCO maintained close coordination with partners and recipients with regards to the sustained management of the SIPAT FY 2021 projects through the following efforts:

- a) Monitoring of the formal turn-over of various agricultural tools and small machineries such as multi-tiller, micro tiller, micro mill, pipes, grab hoes, and organic fertilizers to the Agayap Farmers Organization of Hungduan, Ifugao on 28 February 2023. These interventions are now supporting the Heirloom Rice Industry of the target beneficiaries and also providing income to the PO through rental scheme.
- b) Conduct of on-site assessment and documentation of the projects in Bao-ayan, Boliney; Lamao, Bucloc; and Bazar, Sallapadan on 16-17 March 2023 with the participation of DA-CAR, MLGU-MAO representatives and BLGUs. Initial

data/information were obtained from the three (3) POs and partners which are significant in the drafting of SIPAT- Knowledge Products.

- c) Conduct of regular monitoring and documentation of turned-over projects for Canaan Organic Farmers Association Cooperative, Kinniwid Ya Sinnagkat Women's Association, and Mangali Centro Fisherfolk's Association in Kalinga attended by members of the CPLA and their next-of-kin and PO members as integral part of the draft SIPAT KPs.
- **On the monitoring of SIPAT Fiscal Year 2022, the following interventions were physically delivered to the target communities by DA-RFO-CAR:**
 - a) Bagu, Bakun, Benguet – Fifty-eight (58) bags of Fertilizer/ Triple 14 and thirty-one (31) heads of goats were inspected by the Benguet Provincial Veterinary Office and provided with immediate care. Consequently, these were delivered on 15 February 2023 to the Liblibo Singa Farmers Organization.
 - b) Danac West, Boliney, Abra – Ninety-three (93) heads of upgraded goats were accepted by the Danac West Livelihood Association. The goats were inspected by APCO-Abra, PO officers and members including the MLGU-MAO staff and BLGU officials. These were distributed to the target recipients and are now closely monitored by the Association.
 - c) Dao-angan, Boliney, Abra - Sixty-seven (67) bags fertilizer, fifty (50) heads of piglets and fifty (50) bags hog starter feeds were received by the Masakbayan Tree Planter's Association in support to their project on Hog Production and Heirloom Rice Production. The remaining two (2) units mechanical reapers will be delivered once procured.
 - d) Lul-luno, Luba, Abra - Upper Luba Farmers Irrigators Association of Lul-luno received one hundred two (102) piglets (90-female and 12 male), sixty-eight (68) bags hog starter feeds, and sixty-eight (68) bags hog growers. These were inspected by Department of Agriculture- Agricultural Program Coordinating Officer (DA-APCO) Dr. Rose Tesoro, LGU-MAO staff and other officials prior to its distribution to the recipients for proper care and management.
 - e) Poblacion West, Lamut, Ifugao – Nineteen (19) heads cows were delivered on 20 March 2023. Through the hands-on technical assistance of APCO Head Charlemagne Monayao and LGU-MAO staff, the goats were inspected and provided with immediate care and management. A written agreement between the Peoples Organization and the CBA-CPLA recipients was signed to ensure transparency, accountability, and sustainability of the project.
 - f) Nabuangan, Conner, Apayao- Nabuangan Indigenous Peoples Organization received two thousand seven hundred (2,700) pieces each of clear foil stand-up resealable pouch for 1.5 kilogram capacity, twenty-five (25) pieces of crates, three (3) units of cooking vats, two (2) units of foot sealers, and extractor (to be delivered). As part of the project cycle, DA-RFO-CAR trained and equipped the members of the organization on muscovado processing and Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) from preparation, production, and packaging of muscovado products.

The respective implementation plans of these projects were already in place supported by the internal policies and sustainability plans of the concerned POs. The projects in Abra were formally turned-over to the three (3) POs on 14-15 March 2023, and was witnessed by OPAPRU consultant Thomas A. Killip and staff, DA-RFO-CAR May Ann Tuba-ang and Laarni Sagulo, APCO-Abra Dr. Rose Tesoro, LGU-MAO representatives, Barangay LGU officials and community members.

9. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Organization Level)

- **Engagement of Peoples Organization to Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) and Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA)**

In support to the speedy implementation of the ten (10) SIPAT-AECID Projects in the Cordillera, the team orchestrated strategic measures to meet the timeline and establish desired outputs, to wit:

- a) Coordination with the three (3) Contractors of the projects resulting to the setting of timeline of construction of the greenhouses with stable water and lighting system.
- b) Monitoring of the on-going construction of the two (2) greenhouses in Ileb and New Bangad of Nambaran, Tabuk, Kalinga on 16 February 2023 where key agreements on land use and partnership initiatives were discussed with the PO representatives.
- c) Project Orientation and Planning with stakeholders were undertaken in the two (2) sites in Abra: Mogao, Licuan-Baay on March 14, and Ducligan, Bucloc on 15 March 2023. Project sites for the plant nurseries were also physically inspected/validated having designed the land use agreement between the POs and landowners. The preparation of a feasible plan of action was formulated with the presence of the Municipal LGU and Barangay LGU representatives, and the contractor.
- d) The same activity is set to be conducted in the other eight (8) AECID areas on 27 March 2023 up to the second week of April 2023.

10. Implementation of Confidence Building Component. Secured funding support from Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) amounting to PhP2.3M for the series of key activities in support to the establishment of Cordillera Autonomous Region in partnership with the Regional Development Council. Said activities include Civil Service Organization-led autonomy provincial forum and activities; review and validation of the legacy documentation for CBA-CPLA women and old guards; and medical missions in the provinces of Abra and Mt. Province; and Defender and Advocates of Youth and Women (DAYAW) Program forums on peace and development. The conduct of various activities correlates with Philippine Development Plan Chapter 13 “Ensure Peace and Security and Enhance Administration of Justice” and OPAPRU’s strategic thrust on the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process which is to implement a consensus-based, multi-stakeholder Transformation Program to sustain the gains of the peace process where the aspiration of the Cordillera People’s meaningful autonomy is supported.

11. Implementation of Healing and Reconciliation Component

- a) The documentation project for the CBA-CPLA old guards and martyrs is progressing with at least eighty-five percent (85%) of the target personalities interviewed and with draft narratives. To have a clear course of action to complete the publication of the legacy documentation, a timeline for March to September 2023 was devised for guidance.
- b) A total of one hundred fifty-two (152) old guards/next-of-kin of martyrs residing in the fifteen (15) Normalization Barangays were endorsed to DSWD-CAR for possible inclusion to the PAMANA-SLP 2023.
- c) To sustain the integrity of the Mt. Data Peace Covenant of 2022, the team is prompt in the monitoring of the developments of the Butbut-Betwagan boundary conflict particularly the measures undertaken by the partners in the ground during the recent firing incidents in the contested area that has claimed lives from both sides.

Immediately, Mr. Thomas Killip also met with the local officials of Mt. Province on 10 January 2023 to gather more information and discuss mitigating measures to prevent the upsurge of armed conflict between the two conflicting parties. The PNP also provided the requested Incident Report which provided more accurate ground information which was used as reference by the team.

- d) To sustain OPAPRU's engagement on local peace and development, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez and other Executives attended the 28th Founding Anniversary and Fourth Bodong Festival of Kalinga as guest of honor on 15 February 2023. The presence of Sec. Galvez was a testimony of strong support to the local peace systems and solidifies unity in advancing partnership for peace and development in the region.

12. Support to Cordillera People's meaningful autonomy. On 3 February 2023, OPAPRU-RCCO participated in the roundtable discussion on House Bill 3267, An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region, at the Citylight Hotel, Baguio City. The attendees included speakers for the Social Preparation of CAR into an Autonomous Region-Information, Education and Communication (SPCAR-IEC), local officials, legal luminaries and representatives of different Civil Society Organizations and Indigenous Peoples Champions. OPAPRU Consultant BGen Bismarck Soliba (Ret.) shared the key initiatives of OPAPRU in line with the 1986 Mt. Data Sipat, and its continuous efforts in pursuing the region's aspiration for self-determination. Through this, the commitment of OPAPRU will focus on the autonomy activities led by the Regional Development Council-Civil Service Organization (RDC-CSO).

13. Mainstreaming Gender and Development- Women/ Youth Peace and Security (GAD/W/YPS). At least thirty-one (31) female members of the Nabuangan Indigenous Peoples Organization joined the OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Training on Muscovado Production held in Nabuangan Barangay Hall, Conner, Apayao on 30 March 2023.

RCCO CBA-CPLA Division drafted a proposal to conduct Information, Education and Communication on Gender and Development (GAD) and Women/ Youth, Peace & Security (W/YPS), and medical mission in CBA-CPLA areas addressing the health concerns of female old guards, provision of access to basic livelihood as part of their economic empowerment, and promote their safety through solar lights project as prevention of gender-based violence in unlighted pathways and communal spring where mostly women fetch water.

14. Mainstreaming of Conflict Sensitivity Peace-Promoting Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM). The eight (8) standards of CSPP-CLM in the implementation of peace and development programs of OPAPRU was introduced during the AECID Project Orientation and Planning with the stakeholders in Mogao, Licuan-Baay and Ducligan, Bucloc of Abra Province. As a result, these standards were incorporated in their Project Implementation Plans (PIP) which will be closely monitored by the organized Citizen-led Inspection and Monitoring Team.

Likewise, a localized data-gathering tool aligned to the five (5) CSPP-CLM standards and indicators was developed by the team and was adequately administered during the assessment of the three (3) SIPAT FY2021 Projects in Abra through Focus Group Discussion with the PO/community beneficiaries.

F. Implementation of peace-promoting catch-up socio-economic development in conflict-affected areas

The Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program

The PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program continues to implement peace-promoting catch-up socio-economic interventions in peace agreements, conflict-affected and conflict vulnerable areas. The PAMANA Program aims to contribute to: (1) Addressing issues of injustices and improve community access to socio-economic interventions; (2) Improving governance by building the capacity of national government agencies and local government units for a conflict-sensitive, peace-promoting, culture-sensitive and gender-sensitive approach to human rights promotion and development; and, (3) Empowering communities and strengthening their capacities to address issues of conflict and peace.

- 1. Constituency building to strengthen engagements with stakeholders.** In the exercise of its oversight and implementing functions, the OPAPRU through the PAMANA-NPMO shall ensure the conduct of regular inter-agency and bilateral coordination meetings with implementing partners to discuss both the physical and financial progress of project implementation and address issues on project implementation.

The OPAPRU shall likewise ensure the participation of local implementing partners to said inter-agency coordination meetings, if any.

- **Inter-agency Meetings**

Inter-agency meetings were regularly conducted on a quarterly or semestral basis as a monitoring activity with implementing partners at the national level (i.e., BARMM-BPDA, MPW-BARMM, BARMM-MSWD, CHED, DA, DA-BFAR, DAR, DENR, DILG, DPWH, DSWD, NCIP, NEA, PHIC, and OPAPRU).

The PAMANA-NPMO is set to conduct Inter-Agency Meeting with partner-NGAs relative to the implementation of FY 2012 to FY 2022 PAMANA Program on the 2nd Quarter of FY 2023. This shall serve as a venue for the OPAPRU and its implementing partners to share project implementation updates and discuss “*where we are now*” in terms of physical and financial progress; determine further actions to be taken or “*what still needs to be done*” on slow or non-moving projects; and, come-up with action plans in aid of fast-tracking project implementation and completion particularly those from prior years as deemed feasible.

- **Bilateral Meetings**

Regular monitoring and coordination activities with implementing partners at the national and local levels were conducted (DSWD, DPWH, NCIP, NHA, DA) for ongoing projects and proposals for FY 2024.

- 2. Resource mobilization (access to financial resources for development interventions supported)**

- **Regional Development Council (RDC) Meeting**

In preparation for budget planning and programming FY 2024, the OPAPRU through Area Management Units (AMUs) attended and participated the scheduled Regional Development Council Meeting across regions in preparation for FY 2024 Budget Planning and Programming on February-March 2023.

- **Transformation Program of Former Rebels and their Families**

In support of the Transformation Program (TP) of Former Rebels and their families, the PAMANA-NPMO engaged and participated during the TP Planning and Workshop for the Provinces of Davao Oriental and Davao del Norte on March 7-10, 2023. During the planning and workshop activities, the PAMANA-NPMO introduced the PAMANA Program as socio-economic arm of development interventions which may contribute to the plans and programs to TP, promoting convergent interventions between and among the different national government agencies. It also served as the bridge that fills the identified gaps of the Local Government Units (LGUs) in aid of providing interventions/ assistance to conflict-affected and conflict vulnerable areas where former rebels are residing.

3. Program Management (CSPP-compliant project management)

The PAMANA Program implementation is guided by the following project implementation process flow: (a) Pre-Project Implementation Phase; (b) Project Implementation Phase; and, (c) Monitoring and Evaluation Phase. Inclusion, participation, transparency and conflict-sensitivity embedded in all stages of sub-project implementation. The PAMANA Program activities under the Monitoring and Evaluation Phase shall involve: (a) conduct of monthly and quarterly physical and financial monitoring, (b) annual outcomes and process monitoring, (c) mid-term and final impact monitoring, and (d) reporting to the peace agreement partners.

- **Field Visits.** The conduct of field monitoring visit, inspection and problem-solving session is part of the oversight function of the OPAPRU through the PAMANA-NPMO in close coordination and collaboration with OPAPRU Area Management Units and partner-NGAs to the overall implementation of the PAMANA Program lodged to OPAPRU and/or partner-LGUs/NGAs. The following PAMANA-NPMO and/or AMUs initiated field-based activities were conducted:

No	Date	Activity	Collaborating Area Team
1	February 13-17, 2023	Joint project monitoring visit and inspection of eight (8) Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) Projects under the FY 2022 PAMANA in the Province of Masbate on February 13-17, 2023	PAMANA-NPMO, AMO Southern Luzon
2	March 13-18, 2023	Joint project monitoring visit and inspection of various projects under the FY 2020 PAMANA Program in the Province of Oriental Mindoro on March 13-18, 2023	AMO Southern Luzon
3	March 13-18, 2023	Joint project monitoring visit and inspection of various agricultural productivity support projects under the FY 2017 PAMANA in the Provinces of Camarines Norte, Camarines Sur and Sorsogon on March 13-18, 2023	PAMANA-NPMO, AMO Southern Luzon
4	March 20-24, 2023	Joint project monitoring visit and inspection of various projects under the FY 2020 PAMANA Program in the Provinces of Batangas and Rizal on March 20-24, 2023	AMO Southern Luzon

- **PAMANA Project Turn-Over**

The OPAPRU headed by Acting PAPRU Isidro L. Purisima attended, witnessed and graced the Ceremonial Mass Turn-over of completed road projects amounting to **PhP528,819,930.12** implemented by DPWH Cotabato 1st District Engineering Office (DEO) under the FY 2016 and FY 2018 PAMANA-DPWH Program in the Municipality of Alamada, Cotabato on March 31, 2023. The activity was attended by government officials of the Province of Cotabato. Acting PAPRU Secretary Isidro L. Purisima emphasized the importance and impact of the implemented projects to communities and explained the concept of

the PAMANA Program. He further encouraged the locals as the beneficiaries to be responsible in the sustainability and maintenance of completed FMR projects for maximum utilization.

- **Transparency and Accountability Mechanism**

The PAMANA-NPMO spearheaded the conduct of training workshop relative to adoption and roll-out of the conflict-sensitive and peace promoting (CSPP) – livelihood project development and management (LPDM) and CSPP-Citizen Led Monitoring (CLM) modules to clustered peace partners on March 13-18, 2023. The activity aims to enhance the capacities of the targeted partner monitors in the monitoring and evaluation activities of the PAMANA Program implementation and further recognition at the local level.

- **Implementation Support**

This supports the coordination, monitoring and evaluation of PAMANA programs/projects/activities in close coordination with implementing partners at the national and local levels aimed at facilitating progress updating in light of the then target for soft infrastructure and hard infrastructures.

4. Physical and Financial Progress Status of PAMANA Projects Lodged to OPAPRU

- **FY 2016 PAMANA-DA for ARMM (presently known as BARMM)**

Physical Accomplishment

Subject to further updating, the FY 2016 PAMANA-DA for ARMM (presently known as BARMM) has accomplished 48 or 70.58% completed projects, 15 or 22.05% ongoing, and 5 or 7.35% under preparatory stage.

Financial Accomplishment

As per PAMANA-NPMO data (subject to confirmation with the FMS), a total of PhP222,492,500.00 (97.12%) obligated, PhP201,343,250.00 (90.49%) was disbursed to partner-LGUs and PhP174,550,996.66 (86.69%) liquidated.

ALLOTMENT	OBLIGATION	OBLIGATED BALANCE	DISBURSEMENT	DISBURSEMENT BALANCE	LIQUIDATION	BALANCE FOR LIQUIDATION
229,092,500.00	222,492,500.00	6,600,000.00	201,343,250.00	21,343,250.00	174,550,996.66	9,496,308.65
%	97.12%	2.88%	90.49%	9.59%	86.69%	4.71%

NOTE:

- obligation/allotment x 100%
- obligation balance/allotment x 100%
- disbursement/obligation x 100%
- disbursement balance/obligation x 100%
- liquidation/disbursement x 100%
- balance for liquidation/disbursement x 100%

- **FY 2017 PAMANA-OPAPRU**

Physical Accomplishment

Subject to further updating, the FY 2017 PAMANA-OPAPRU has accomplished 400 or 75% completed projects, 123 or 23% ongoing, 5 or 1% preparatory and 5 or 1% cancelled/waived.

Financial Accomplishment

As of December 2022, total of PhP 6,923,725,385.40 (97.88%) of the total project cost was released by OPAPRU. Of which, PhP 5,446,279,477.61 (78.66%) was reported as liquidated by implementing partners, PhP 77,602,861.04 (1.12%) refunded to OPAPRU/Bureau of Treasury, PhP 1,533,308,222.28 (22.14%) for liquidation. The remaining balance is pegged at PhP 150,153,105.60 (2.12%) of the allocation.

ALLOTMENT	OBLIGATION	OBLIGATED BALANCE	DISBURSEMENT	DISBURSEMENT BALANCE	LIQUIDATION	BALANCE FOR LIQUIDATION
7,073,878,491.00	7,073,878,491.00	-	6,923,725,385.40	150,153,105.60	5,446,279,477.61	1,533,308,222.28
%	100%	0%	97.88%	2.12%	78.66%	22.15%

NOTE:

- obligation/allotment x 100%
- obligation balance/allotment x 100%
- disbursement/obligation x 100%
- disbursement balance/obligation x 100%
- liquidation/disbursement x 100%
- balance for liquidation/disbursement x 100%

• **FY 2020 PAMANA-OPAPRU**

Physical Accomplishment

Subject to further updating and confirmation reports from LGU implementing partners, AMO monitoring updates with additional inputs from PAMANA-NPMO indicated a total of 70 or 15.94% completed projects, 177 or 40.31% ongoing, and 192 or 43.73% for release out of the 439 FY 2020 PAMANA as of 30 September 2022 (subject to further updating).

Financial Accomplishment

Of the PhP 650,000,000.00 total allocation per FY 2020 GAA, PhP 7,500,000.00 intended for the administrative cost, PhP 86,850,000.00 realigned to COVID-19 response and PhP 34,100,000.00 pegged as unobligated balance. Administrative cost and unobligated balance of the said fund already reverted.

Of the above-mentioned total allocation per GAA, only PhP 521,550,000.00 are implementable projects. PhP 273,140,000.00 or 52.37% released to the different implementing partners as of 30 September 2022. PhP 87,377,552.10 or 31.98% reported as liquidated by implementing partners, and PhP 186,759,436.37 or 68.02% for liquidation.

ACTUAL ALLOCATION	OBLIGATION	OBLIGATED BALANCE	DISBURSEMENT	DISBURSEMENT BALANCE	LIQUIDATION	BALANCE FOR LIQUIDATION
650,000,000.00	615,900,000.00	34,100,000.00	359,990,000.00*	248,410,000.00	87,377,552.10	186,759,436.37
%	94.75%	5.25%	58.44%	40.33%	24.27%	51.87%

* inclusive of PhP 86,850,000.00 realigned for COVID-19 response

NOTE:

- obligation/allotment x 100%
- obligation balance/allotment x 100%
- disbursement/obligation x 100%
- disbursement balance/obligation x 100%
- liquidation/disbursement x 100%
- balance for liquidation/disbursement x 100%

1. PAMANA Information Database

Data generation, reconciliation and processing of PAMANA projects covering FY 2012-2022 PAMANA Program for the 3rd Quarter of 2022 are partially completed as of the reporting period. The PAMANA-NPMO prepared datasets and reference materials.

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

Social Healing and Peacebuilding Program (SHAPE) interventions (Program 5) & Peace Education & Building on Knowledge Management and support for Peace Institute efforts (Program 8)

1. National Action Plans Formulated, Updated and Monitored

Women Peace and Security (WPS)

Proposed CSO WPS Agenda. The Proposed Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Agenda by Civil Society Organizations (CSO) was turned over to OPAPRU as Chair of the National Steering Committee on WPS (NSCWPS). The 11 Points Agenda was developed through the Participatory Engagement in Assessing, Crafting and Expanding the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (PEACE-NAPWPS) Project implemented by GZO Peace Institute/ Women Engaged in Action on UNSCR 1325 (WEAct 1325) and Oxfam Pilipinas of which 73 groups and organizations were consulted in a series of assessments and agenda-building workshops.

Proposed CSO Agenda for the 2023-2033 NAP WPS

Pillar	Proposed Agenda
Pillar 1: Protection and Prevention	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Intensify social reform and poverty-reduction programs to address the root causes of armed conflict and protection of women, girls, and the youth with diverse and intersecting identities. 2. Foster and promote culture and gender-sensitive safe spaces for the protection of women with diverse and intersecting identities before, during, and after conflict or violence. 3. Ensure access to justice for victims of sexual and gender-based violence, armed conflicts, prolonged displacements and other security threats.
Pillar 2: Participation and Empowerment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Strengthen women’s full participation in peace processes and decision-making bodies. 5. Strengthen capacities of women with diverse and intersecting identities to respond to vertical and horizontal conflicts at the community level. 6. Strengthen community-driven processes with increased participation in government bodies and processes of women with diverse and intersecting identities in planning, budgeting, implementing and Monitoring and Evaluation such as Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) and Community Based Monitoring System (CBMS).
Pillar 3: Promotion and Mainstreaming	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 7. Institutionalize and strengthen culture and gender-sensitive, peace promoting, and rights-based approach in (at all levels) and all government plans, policies, processes, programs and services in all three branches of government at all levels. 8. Ensure WPS lens in Disaster Risk Reduction and Management and Environment planning, budgeting, implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation.
Pillar 3: Promotion and Mainstreaming and Pillar 4: Monitoring and Evaluation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 9. Intensify the implementation of the NAP WPS as a national mandate by ensuring that the GAD planning and budgeting have WPS lens

Pillar	Proposed Agenda
Pillar 3: Promotion and Mainstreaming	10. Mainstream Women, Peace and Security perspective in all existing government programs and projects in the menu of government post-conflict and rehabilitation services
Pillar 4: Monitoring and Evaluation	11. Strengthen the role of CSOs in holding local, regional, and national governments to be transparent and accountable in their plans, budgets, and accomplishment reports in partnership with the government oversight agencies.

The CSO Agenda will be integrated in the development of the NAP-WPS 2023-2033 while WEAct 1325 is proposed as one of the CSO representative in the Technical Working Group (TWG) that would draft the said document, subject to the approval of the National Steering Committee on WPS (NSCWPS). OPAPRU through SHAPE and the NSCWPS will finalize the activities and timeline leading to the launching of the new NAPWPS.

Prior to this turn-over, WEAct 1325, GZO and Oxfam Pilipinas through the support of the Australian Embassy in the Philippines launched the result of PEACE-NAPWPS last 21-22 March 2023. During this event, they requested to ceremonially turn-over the report to OPAPRU.



Figure 1. Turn-over of the CSO 11 Point Agenda on Women, Peace and Security to OPAPRU.

2. **Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)**

The updates and ways forward for the finalization of the National Action Plan for Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) and Executive Order on the creation of a National Steering Committee on Youth, Peace and Security (NSCYPS) was discussed during the meeting of OPAPRU and National Youth Commission (NYC) last 01 March 2023. This activity was attended by representatives from NYC and OPAPRU. A joint decision to reconvene the Multi-Stakeholders group through a virtual modality to enable the request for inputs on the draft NAPYPS and Executive Order on the creation of NSCYPS resulted from this meeting. The inputs will be consolidated and presented in the final vetting session of the said documents. The NYC also recommended requesting technical assistance from the National Society of Parliamentarians (NSP). Members from NYC, OPAPRU and NSP will serve as the secretariat for the activities on the ways forward.

3. **At least 5% GAD Budget Utilized**

In observance of the 2023 National Women’s Month Celebration, a series of activities were spearheaded by SHAPEO in OPAPRU Central Office.

Brown Bag Session on SOGIE 101. SHAPEO in collaboration with Mujer LGB conducted the Brown Bag Session on SOGIE 101 last 10 March 2023 during

the GAD Focal Point System Meeting. OPAPRU personnel who participated via online and face-to-face improved their knowledge and understanding of the social identity framework focused on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression. The activity was attended by ten (10) female and five (5) male OPAPRU personnel.



Figure 2. Discussion o SOGIE 101 with Mujer LGBT and OPAPRU Personnel

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening. SHAPEO and Human Resource Management Service (HRMS) in partnership with the Philippine Cancer Society conducted the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Activity last 28 March 2023. The activity improved the knowledge and promoted the importance of the said screening especially for the women personnel of OPAPRU. As a result, a total of 54 personnel were screened and tested negative for breast and cervical cancer.

4. PTVE, WPS, YPS, IP Peace Education Agenda Advanced formal and informal institutions

Partnerships with Ateneo De Davao and Global Peace Foundation. Engagement with the Ateneo De Davao University for the Madaris Volunteer Program (MVP). The MVP is a Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) peacebuilding initiatives where college graduates are recruited, trained, and deployed by the program as volunteer madaris teachers in Madaris (Islamic schools) located in the BARMM. The scope of partnership and financial arrangements were already defined including the formulation of the Program Proposal. Discussed with Global Peace Foundation, an international non-sectarian, non-partisan, non-profit organization, which promotes an innovative and values-based approach to peace building, the Off-Grid Solar Electrification that can be implemented in the Bangsamoro and Local Conflict Transformation Target Areas as part of the Healing and Reconciliation Programs.

UN High Level Mission Meeting. OPAPRU concurred and participated in the UN High Level Mission Meeting on the rehabilitation and PCVE initiatives in Marawi City last 13 February 2023, in commemoration of the “International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism.” This activity was attended by OPAPRU through SHAPEO together with AMO-Northern Mindanao, Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and the Socio-economic Development Unit-TFDCC, Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM), and 2nd Mech Infantry “Atomic” Brigade of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, UNHCR, UNOCHA, DCO, and International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA). Areas for possible partnerships and assistance by the UN were also discussed.

With the adoption of the UN Resolution 77/243 declaring February 12 as the “International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive

to Terrorism” OPAPRU will be conducting P/CTVE activities every 12th of February. OPAPRU will also invite ATC-PMC, DILG and NSC as part of the NAP P/CTVE core group to join the committee in organizing the 12 February 2024 P/CTVE activities.



Participants during the UN High Level Mission Meeting in Marawi City.

GCERF Philippines Country Support Mechanism. OPAPRU through SHAPEO is part of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF) Philippines Country Support Mechanism (CSM). GCERF is a non-profit Swiss foundation that supports local, community-level initiatives that address the local drivers of violent extremism and strengthen resilience against extremist agendas. A Grant Launching Event was conducted in Marawi City last 06 March 2023 which was attended by SHAPEO. Three organizations, namely Teach Peace Build Peace Movement, Mahintana Foundation and Initiatives for International Dialogue were recipient of the said grant. This activity was followed by the GCERF Country Support Mechanism (CSM) Meeting last 13 March 2023. The status and updates from GCERF such as the third round of grants, CSM matters and the ways forward were presented and discussed. OPAPRU shall be supporting the localization of the NAPPCVE.



Participants during the GCERF Grant Launching Event in Marawi City.

Indigenous Peoples’ Healing & Reconciliation. Reviewed and provided input on the Memorandum of Cooperation between OPAPRU and National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) with PDSMS and Area Management Units on the IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework last 20 March 2023 via Zoom.

CSPP Transformation Program Formulation Process Facilitated/ Monitored. SHAPEO provided support in the Transformation Program Planning through the facilitation of the Healing and Reconciliation component of Local Conflict Transformation led by the Local Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) in Davao Region on 6-9 March and in Zamboanga Peninsula on 28-31 March 2023.



Figure 5. Participants during the Transformation Program Planning in Zamboanga del Sur.

International Cooperation and Partnerships for Peace and Development

For this quarter, relative to the International Cooperation and Partnerships Roadmap of the OPAPRU, the ICPO has accomplished the following:

- Completed 25% of the OPAPRU's operational guidelines of the strategic framework for international cooperation and partnerships;
- 24% of programs and projects of international partners for conflict-affected and vulnerable areas aligned with government's peace and development agenda and priorities
- Provided with peace process-related policy recommendations and advice to the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the Office of the President, and other international bodies and mechanisms;
- Started the groundwork relative to the establishment of a government mechanism for monitoring peace process-related efforts of international partners;
- Maintained and strengthened partnerships and cooperation with 16 international partners;
- Managed and provided government oversight to implementation of eight (8) programs/projects of international partners in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas, among others;
- Continued the implementation of the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project in partnership with AECID; and,
- Provided technical assistance to peace tables/major programs on the targeting of available resources from international partners.

Under its four (4) Key Results Areas (KRAs) on Policy Analysis, Constituency-Building, Program Management and Resource Mobilization, following are the ICPO's accomplishments:

- **Policy Analysis:** The ICPO was able to provide policy inputs to the DFA for high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements with eight (8) international partners, particularly: Japan, South Korea, France, Colombia, Malaysia, Turkey, United Nations, and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Further, the ICPO provided technical assistance to the DFA on the assessment and endorsement of the travels of 42 international partners to the conflict-affected and vulnerable areas across the country, particularly in Mindanao. Two of the highlights of the ICPO's support to the DFA were during the state visit of the President to Japan and the state visit of the Malaysian Prime Minister to the Philippines.

- **Constituency-Building:** The ICPO was able to maintain and strengthen its engagement and partnership with 16 international partners, namely:
 - European Union
 - Japan Embassy/Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
 - World Bank
 - Australian Embassy
 - British Embassy
 - Embassy of the Republic of Turkiye
 - Embassy of the Royal Norwegian Government
 - United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO)
 - United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
 - UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
 - UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
 - United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
 - Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP)
 - Malaysian Embassy
 - Spanish Embassy/AECID
 - German Embassy/GIZ.

The ICPO also facilitated the high-level meetings of the OPAPRU with the German Ambassador, British Ambassador, Turkish Ambassador, Japanese Ambassador, JICA President, JICA Chief Representative, World Bank Country Director, Nonviolent Peaceforce Regional and Country Head, and USIP officials.

- **Program Management:** The ICPO continued to manage and provide government oversight to the seven (7) peace-related programs of the international partners: the EU's Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme; the Japanese Embassy's Assistance to Normalization Project; the JICA's Capacity Development Programme for the Bangsamoro (CDPB); UN Women's Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF); Australia's Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Mindanao Portfolio; and Colombia's Technical Cooperation Project on the Reincorporation and Normalization of Former Combatants. The ICPO, through the Project Management Team (PMT), and in partnership with the AECID, also continued to implement the CPDF Project, specifically Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) livelihood projects, in RPMP- RPA-ABB and CBA-CPLA areas.
- **Resource Mobilization:** The ICPO has been continuously exploring avenues to tap the available resources of international partners to support the funding gaps and requirements of the various peace tables. Exploratory meetings with possible development partners, such as the Australian Embassy, German Embassy, USIP, and Turkey, among others, were conducted.
- **Mainstreaming GAD, WPS, and CSPP.** The ICPO has been integrating Gender and Development (GAD), Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and CSPP, with its every engagement with international partners. It is included in policy recommendations to executives and even in the policy guidance provided to peace-related programs and projects of international partners. For the CPDF Project, which is implemented by the OPAPRU, for example, these three (3) are integrated not only in the planning stage of the project, but all throughout its implementation.

- **Stakeholders Participation.** Constituency-building is core to the work that the ICPO does. As such, it ensures that for all the interventions that the ICPO implements, internal and external stakeholders are involved. Internally, the ICPO works with all the core programs and support offices. Externally, it also engages with the relevant national government agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs), academe, and civil society organizations (CSOs).

II. OPAPRU INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND BUSINESS PROCESSES IMPROVED

1. Organizational Capital

Executive Order creating the Philippine Institute for Peace and Development and its IRR. The proposed Executive Order creating the Philippine Institute for Peace and Development has been drafted and deliberated by the OPAPRU Legislative and Legal Service last 31 January 2023 with no further amendment as to its legal elements. Inputs from relevant NGAs will be solicited.



Submitted Executive Order strengthening E.O. No. 570, s. 2006 and its IRR to the President through the OES. The proposed E.O. entitled: Strengthening the Institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development in Basic and Higher Education and Other Learning Institutions has been enhanced on the strength of comments and inputs derived from the OPAPRU Legal and Legislative Service (LLS) and Office of Programs and Standards Development (OPSD) of the CHED, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Youth and Special Concerns (OASYASC), Office of the Undersecretary for Legislative Affairs and Partnerships (OULAP), Bureau of Curriculum Development (BCD), and Office of the Undersecretary for Curriculum and Teaching (OUCT) of the DepEd, Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Department of Justice (DOJ), National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), Department of National Defense (DND), Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism-Project Management Office (PCVE-PMO) of the DILG, Department of Finance (DOF), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP), and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP). Likewise, the OPAPRU, after due diligence, presented the proposed E.O. to the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) together with its relevant member/support agencies on 24 January 2023. After careful deliberation, the ATC adopted a Resolution endorsing the proposed E.O. to the Office of the Executive Secretary for the President's approval.



Cascading of the Approved 2023 Policy and Strategic Thrust. The 2023 Policy and Strategic Thrust was approved last 03 February 2023 and cascaded to all OPAPRU units on 06 February 2023.

Cascading of the Approved 2024 Planning Guidance. The 2024 Planning Guidance was approved last 03 February 2023, following a series of consultations and reviews in coordination with all OPAPRU units. The approved Guidance shall inform the planning and programming of all OPAPRU offices, services, and units for FY 2024.

Approved healing and reconciliation framework and process for Indigenous Peoples for the transformation program for former communist terrorist groups. The formulation of the IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework contributes to the results framework set out to achieve the goal of ending local communist armed conflict in the country. The Technical Working Group (TWG), led by the PDSMS, continuously worked on the finalization of the framework. It convened several meetings from January to March 2023 to review the draft Memorandum of Collaboration shared by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and enhance the latest narrative report.

Implemented PGS Interventions. The agency continues to pursue its internal transformation with the heightened adoption of the Performance Governance System (PGS) into the organization's systems and processes. To ensure embeddedness and functionality of the PGS mechanisms in the Agency, the Office of Strategy Management (OSM) conducted a Visioning and Strategic Planning Activity on 21-22 February 2023. This undertaking helped the organization identify key factors that may potentially shape the overall peace and security environment and develop strategic plans to proactively respond to changing circumstances. This likewise ensured that all OPAPRU's efforts are aligned with the higher goals of the organization outlined in its 2025 Strategy Map, engaging its stakeholders who are the Agency's external champions and advocates.



Towards an ISO-QMS Certification on Financial Management. The OPAPRU endeavors to develop its own Quality Management System (QMS) certifiable to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 in order to streamline the processes and advance the delivery of its services pursuant to Executive Order No. 605, s. 2007, Administrative Order No. 161 s. 2019, and Republic Act No. 11032. The OPAPRU through the PDSMS applied for the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP) of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP). The technical assistance enhances the agency's capability and preparedness for QMS certification and/or Philippine Quality Award application through productivity and quality improvement approaches.



Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures. The OPAPRU continuously complies with the directives of R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and the Data Privacy and Compliance Framework issued by the National Privacy Commission. As of March 2023, the PDSMS has successfully facilitated the updating and enhancement of the Approved Data Privacy Manual and the Office Order on the designation of Privacy Compliance Officers.



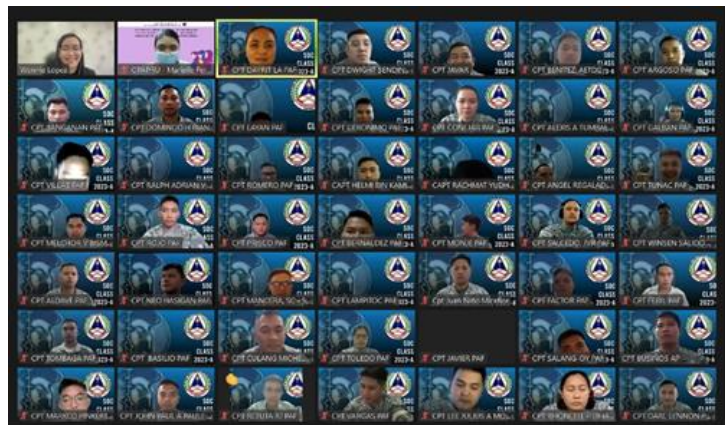
Support to Implementation and Women's Month. In support of the National Women's Month Celebration 2023, the PDSMS, in collaboration with the KMPIS, conducted a face-to-face learning session with the theme, "*TechKNOWlogy: Education in the Digital Frontier Towards Achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment*" held on 08 March 2023 at the Discovery Suites Hotel, Ortigas Center, Pasig City. A total of 43 participants attended the activity. The resource person, PCOL Susan R. Jalla is an independent consultant, criminologist, and a retired police officer. She is also a certified National Gender and Development Resource Pool (NGRP) member from the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). She provided various perspectives on technology and how it contributes to empowerment and abuse, discussed how the justice system is working on combatting online gender-based violence, and gathered inputs for empowerment by making it safe online.

Development of Community Healing and Reconciliation Framework for MNLF communities. The efforts to formulate a Healing and Reconciliation Framework for MNLF communities remains to be facilitated in collaboration with the OPAPRU-MNLF Peace Process Office.

Continuous provision of policy inputs. The OPAPRU, through the PDSMS remains committed in advocating for the Government's Peace Agenda in accordance to the President's directives as stipulated in the PDP 2023-2028, the Eight-Point Socio-economic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies. As of March 2023, the agency has successfully provided its inputs and/or recommendation to the following:

- National Security Strategy of the National Security Council (NSC) and other concerns
- Regional Development Council IX Resolution
- Peaceptions Project of the Ateneo de Manila University
- United Nations' Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework
- Priorities of Indonesia as ASEAN Chair for 2023
- Concept Note on the East Asia Summit (EAS) High-Level Policy Dialogue
- Constructive Dialogue with the UN's Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (UNCERD)
- National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) concerns
- NDRRMC contingency assessments
- ASEAN Leaders' Statement on the Post-2025 Vision

Lecture on 5 PRU Agenda with AFP Squadron Class 2023. OPAPRU provided a lecture on the 5 PRU Agenda with the Squadron Class of 2023 on 22 March 2023. During the lecture, the students were informed of the strategic priorities of the government in the implementation of the peace processes and questions on the Bangsamoro and the Local Conflict processes from the students were addressed. The students were encouraged to continue supporting and highlighting the messages of peace and contribute to the attainment of the 5 PRU Agenda.



- **Organizational Systems and Processes**

MEAL System Development (Transparency and Accountability Mechanism)

The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Service (MEALS) provided technical assistance to the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project Management Team and the PAMANA National Program Management Office on the design of the CSPP-CLM Training for identified Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Moreover, the MEALS participated as process observers in Day 1 of the CSPP-CLM Training in Linden Suites Hotel last 14 March 2023. Trained participants from Kalinga and Negros Oriental shall begin training and mobilization of community volunteers by 27 March 2023.

The MEALS also assisted the International Cooperation and Partnership Office (ICPO) in the establishment of their SharePoint. Integrated a Create, Read, Update, Delete (CRUD) list for the ICPO Calendar, Directory of International Partners, ICPO Projects Database, ICPO documents, CAAM Travels and ICPO Home page. SharePoint will enable them to monitor their program activities, and partners' activities and travels, manage internal and external reports, documents and project database.

MEAL Capacity Development (*OPAPRU RF MEAL System operationalized*)

The OPAPRU Results Framework (2022-2025) and the RF Monitoring Plan were reviewed by PCME Focals last 16 March 2023. Comments and clarifications from the participants were noted and Program contribution to the targets per RF Indicators were also confirmed.



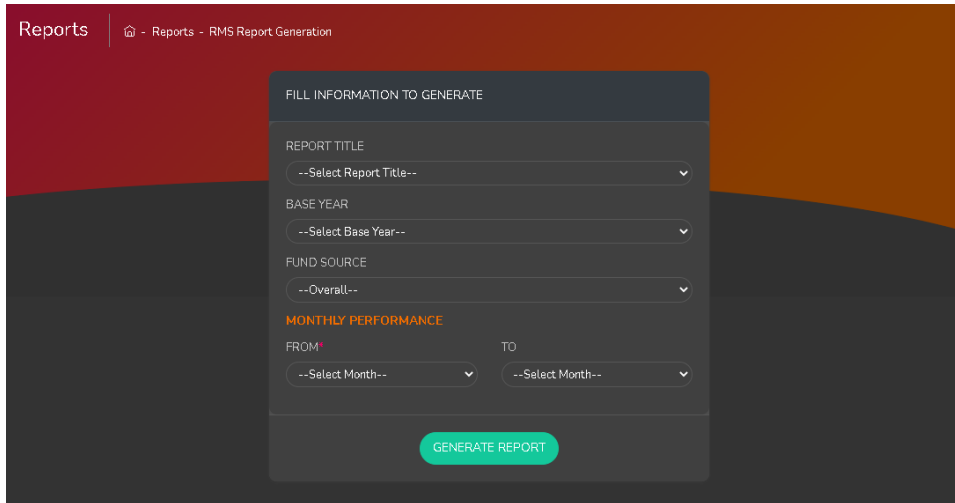
Presentation of the M&E Plan Guide during the OPAPRU RF Review and M&E Planning Session

OPAPRU internal reportorial templates harmonized

MEALS provided inputs in the updated OPAPRU Quarterly Report Template facilitated by RMS. To ensure that Gender and Development (GAD), Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) approaches are integrated in program implementations and Feedback Response System (FRS) are utilized, these Cross-Cutting themes were added in the report template. Other sections such as the Table of Indicators, PPA Accomplishments and Financial Performance were deleted from the template since these are already presented in the Automated Program Dashboard. RMS presented the said template during the OPAPRU RF Review and M&E Planning Session last 16 March 2023 and shall be utilized for the FY 2023 1st Quarter reporting period.

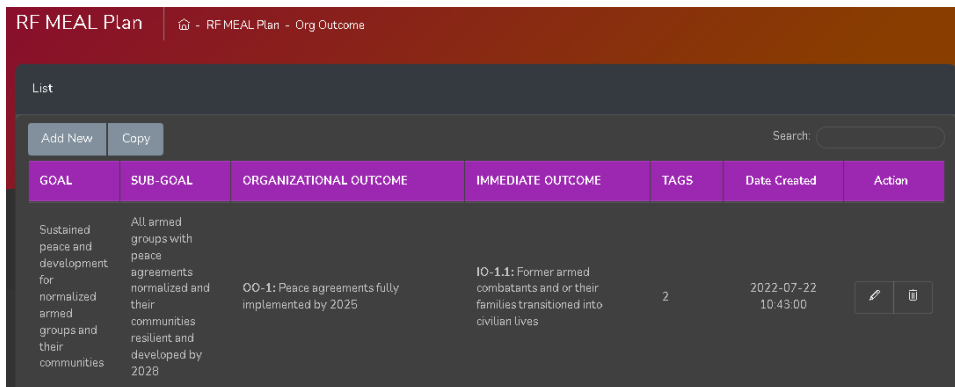
Organizational Systems and Processes (Data Management)

The PGS articulates the need to operationalize, enhance and/or maintain digitized systems in the OPAPRU. As such, the MEALS, in collaboration with the RMS presented the enhanced Automated Program Dashboard last 17 January 2023. The enhanced system highlights the classification of program funds according to expense class and addition of a customizable reporting module that allows users to filter and generate reports by expense class, fund source, month range etc.



Screenshot of the RMS Report Generation Module

Integration of the Results Framework (RF) MEAL Plan. It will enable the Users to input the Goals description, Organizational Outcome, Immediate Outcome, and Indicators based on the revised Strategy Map 2022-2025 to monitor the Targets and Accomplishments status per Program.



Screenshot of the OPAPRU Results Framework MEAL Plan Module

As agreed during the Junior Program and Budget Advisory Committee (JPBAC) Meeting, program offices/units shall be reporting the status of their physical and financial accomplishments at the every end of every month using the Automated Dashboard System. The MEALS also issued a memorandum on 9 March 2023 program offices / units reiterating the use of dashboard.

2. Financial Management

- a. Complied with various oversight agencies, such as the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Commission on Audit (COA), Senate, Office of the Cabinet Secretary, Congress, and National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) on the regular submission of Financial Reports and Books of Accounts of OPAPRU, including but not limited to:
 - Posting of Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs) to the OPAPRU website as part of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Law under the Transparency Seal
 - Transmittal and submission of monthly books of accounts (general and special ledgers), and financial statements (Monthly Statement of Bank Reconciliation January-March 2023).
 - Monthly and quarterly submission of the following budget financial reports both hard copy and thru the Unified Reporting System (URS):
 - a) Statement of Allotments;
 - b) Obligations and Balances (SAOB);

- c) Statement of Allotments, Obligations, and Balances by Expenditures (SAOBE);
 - d) Financial Accountability Reports (FAR 1, 1-A, 1-B, and 1-C);
 - e) Statement of Cumulative Allotments, Obligations Incurred & Unobligated Balances (SCAOIUB);
 - f) Summary Performance Monitoring Report (SPMR);
 - g) Summary of Prior Year's Obligations, Disbursements, and Unpaid Prior Year Obligations (SPYODUPY);
 - h) Financial Report of Operations; and,
 - i) Reports on the Result of Expended Appropriations.
- Facilitate/monitor updates relative to the request for the reprogramming of Php765,768,000.00 funds for the implementation of the Normalization Program in Bangsamoro.
 - Facilitate the request for the release of Authority to Rent Motor Vehicles (ARMV) for the period April to December 2023.
- b. Submission of reports on Agency Budgets for the COVID-19 Initiatives and Utilization as of **December 31, 2022**, in compliance with the DBM CL No. 2020-9 and Report on the Inter-Agency Fund Transfers FYs 2020-2022.
- c. Submitted updates to the COA Resident Auditor on the management actions taken thru the Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPSI) as of December 31, 2022, in compliance with the Annual Audit Report (AAR) for CY 2021 as follows: Requested an authority from Permanent Committee to maintain the OPAPP-CA account and to open another special bank account for the collection from procurement-related activities and payment of BAC honoraria in compliance with COA recommendations during the conduct of their CY 2021 audit. A request is still subject to review and approval.
- d. Processed a total of **693** Obligation Request and Status (ORS) and **1,258** Disbursement Vouchers (DVs) for the 1st quarter, detailed as follows:

MONTH	NO. OF PROCESSED ORS	TOTAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS	NO. OF PROCESSED DVs	TOTAL AMOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS (net of tax)
January	78	25,021,504.86	180	24,981,272.62
February	264	40,334,451.09	284	39,542,915.41
March	351	105,357,173.38	794	127,172,166.38
TOTAL	693	170,713,129.33	1,258	191,696,354.41

- e. The results of the Obligation Budget Utilization Rate (OBUR) and Disbursement Budget Utilization Rate (DBUR) as of **March 31, 2023**, represent **8.39%** and **100.00%** respectively.
- f. Relative to the status of Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) utilization as of March 31, 2023, the total amount of released NCA for the 1st quarter is **Php191,697,000**, and the total amount disbursed **Php 191,693,354** which also shows a 100.00% utilization rate, and the unutilized or lapsed amount is **Php 646.00** reverted to the Bureau of Treasury.
- 3. Human Resource Management.** In line with the current efforts to improve HR systems and processes, policy and guidelines are being reviewed and updated to further develop frameworks responsive to the employees' needs. These policy enhancements aim to increase the maturity level of OPAPRU in PRIME-HRM which elevates the public sector HRM to a level of excellence through the assessment, assistance, and awarding processes of HRM Systems, Practices, and Competencies using HRM maturity level indicators that are at par with global HRM standards.

- **Employee Welfare**

- Ongoing review and enhancement of the draft Employee Welfare and Relations framework
 - Conducted the Stress Management Seminar for OPAPRU personnel on March 7, 2023 with Dr. Noel V. Reyes, Medical Center Chief II of the National Center for Mental Health as the guest resource speaker.
 - Facilitated the administration of Influenza Vaccines to OPAPRU Personnel on January 27 and 30, 2023
 - Distribution of Vitamin Cs for all OPAPRU personnel
 - Distribution of 32 medicines/maintenance for hypertension and diabetes
 - Facilitated the conduct of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Activity on March 28, 2023 in collaboration with SHAPE Office and Philippine Cancer Society (54 female OPAPRU personnel were tested negative in the screening). This activity was part of the Agency's observance of the National Women's Month Celebration.
- **Training and Development Division**
 - ✓ Learning and Career Development Section
 - Development of Learning Application Plan (LAP) as part of the monitoring and evaluation tool for L&D
 - Conduct of Orientation on HR Policies to OPAPRU personnel in the Central and Field Office on January 5, 2023 (hybrid)
 - Conduct of Peace Orientation Training for 40 Newly Hired Employees on January 23 to 24, 2023 (physical)
 - Facilitation in the registration of senior staff for Leadership Development Online Course of Civil Service Institute:
 - Ethical Leadership on March 15-17, 2023
 - Developmental Conversations For Leaders on March 14 – 23, 2023
 - ✓ Facilitation in the enrollment of OPAPRU personnel for DRRM-related training from the Office of Civil Defense;
 - Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) Training of Trainers on February 21-24, 2023
 - ✓ Facilitation in the enrollment of OPAPRU personnel for technical training;
 - Bringing ArcGIS to Government for Technology-Driven Collaboration (2 IT staff attended)
- **Compliance and Monitoring (Performance Management)**
 - ✓ Finalized SPMS Guidebook as approved by the PAPRU
 - ✓ Recording of Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR)
 - ✓ Facilitated the amendment of the approved OPAPRU SPMS to include the contract of service (COS) personnel in the scope and coverage of the conduct of performance evaluation.
