

REPORT ON THE RESULT OF EXPENDED APPROPRIATIONS  
 As of September 30, 2023  
 FUND - General Fund - 101

F.P.P Code	PURPOSE	Amount of Allotments (3)	Expenditures/Obligations Incurred (4)	Actual Work Accomplished/Physical Output of Operations	REMARKS																									
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)																									
<b>REGULAR FUND</b>																														
	<i>Appropriated Allocated/Expenditures- Regular, Continuing, and Contingent Fund</i>	2,094,686,370.73	1,472,318,920.32																											
	Finance, Administrative Services & Other Executive Offices	93,061,503.83	53,287,028.06	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consolidative Meetings</li> <li>• Financial Reports</li> <li>• Narrative Reports / Briefing Materials</li> <li>• Policy Papers</li> </ul>																										
	FAS - Mandatory -GASS	23,700,000.00	20,342,864.86																											
	FAS - Mandatory- Operations	29,983,242.41	21,436,040.40																											
	FAS - Mandatory- Locally-Funded Projects	15,116,056.14	10,125,708.34	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to the implementation of Executive Order (EO) No. 70 "Institutionalizing the Whole-of- Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, Creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework"</li> <li>• Support Peace Development and Strategic Establishment of new developments and strategies for peace agreements sustainability</li> <li>• Support to backchanneling consultations/meetings with Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF)</li> <li>• Support peace engagements with the Rebellusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncavan Brigades (RPM-PIRP/ABBB), Cordillera Peoples' Liberation Army (CPLA) and other peace tables</li> <li>• Consultations/Meetings with local agencies/sectors to monitor the status of respective commitments to address the issues and concerns</li> <li>• Strengthened existing security mechanisms and the continuing peace efforts and confidence building measures</li> </ul>																										
	CAPITAL OUTLAY	54,000,000.00	-0,500,000.00																											
	ADMINISTRATION OF PERSONNEL BENEFITS	351,000.00	4,085,091.96	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Army/Alex Boncavan Brigades (RPM-PIRP/ABBB), Cordillera Peoples' Liberation Army (CPLA) and other peace tables</li> <li>• Consultations/Meetings with local agencies/sectors to monitor the status of respective commitments to address the issues and concerns</li> <li>• Strengthened existing security mechanisms and the continuing peace efforts and confidence building measures</li> </ul>																										
	FAS-INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY SERVICE	6,948,843.49	15,935,837.44																											
	FAS - FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE	18,194,639.34	15,043,097.32	<p><b>Financial Management</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 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</li> <li>- Transmittal and submission of monthly books of accounts (general and special ledgers), and financial statements (Monthly Statement of Bank Reconciliation, January-March 2023)</li> <li>- Monthly and quarterly submission of the following budget financial reports both hard copy and thru the Unified Reporting System (URS):                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Statement of Allotments;</li> <li>b) Obligations and Balances (SAOB);</li> <li>c) Statement of Allotments, Obligations, and Balances by Expenditures (SAOBE);</li> <li>d) Financial Accountability Reports (FAR 1, 1-A, 1-B, and 1-C);</li> <li>e) Statement of Cumulative Allotments, Obligations Incurred &amp; Unobligated Balances (SCAOIUB);</li> <li>f) Summary Performance Monitoring Report (SPMR);</li> <li>g) Summary of Prior Year's Obligations, Disbursements, and Unpaid Prior Year Obligations (SPYODUPI);</li> </ul> </li> <li>h) Financial Report of Operations; and,</li> <li>i) Reports on the Result of Expended Appropriations.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Facilitate the request for the release of Authority to Rent Motor Vehicles (ARMV) for the period April to December 2023</li> </ul>																										
032	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (PPA)	2,121,212.00	997,780.11																											
033	RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (OPEX)	6,238,325.39	4,753,147.96	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 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</li> <li>b. Submitted updates to the COA Resident Auditor on the management actions taken thru the Agency Action Plan and Status of Implementation (AAPS) 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 OPAPF-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.</li> <li>c. Processed a total of 693 Obligation Request and Status (ORS) and 1,258 Disbursement Vouchers (DVs) for the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, detailed as follows:                             <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>MONTH</th> <th>NO. OF PROCESSED ORS</th> <th>TOTAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS (DVs)</th> <th>NO. OF PROCESSED DVs</th> <th>TOTAL AMOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS (net of tax)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>January</td> <td>78</td> <td>25,021,604.86</td> <td>80</td> <td>24,981,372.62</td> </tr> <tr> <td>February</td> <td>264</td> <td>40,334,451.09</td> <td>284</td> <td>36,843,515.45</td> </tr> <tr> <td>March</td> <td>351</td> <td>105,357,173.36</td> <td>794</td> <td>127,173,166.38</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>TOTAL</b></td> <td><b>693</b></td> <td><b>170,713,129.33</b></td> <td><b>1,258</b></td> <td><b>191,696,354.41</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </li> <li>d. 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.</li> <li>e. Relative to the status of Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) utilization as of March 31, 2023, the total amount of released NCA for the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.</li> <li>f. 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.                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Employee Welfare</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing review and enhancement of the draft Employee Welfare and Relations Framework</li> <li>- 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.</li> <li>- Facilitated the administration of Influenza Vaccines to OPAPRU Personnel on January 27 and 30, 2023</li> <li>- Distribution of Vitamin C5 for all OPAPRU personnel</li> <li>- Distribution of 32 medicine/maintenance for hypertension and diabetes</li> <li>- 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- <b>Training and Development Division</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Learning and Career Development Section                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Development of Learning Application Plan (LAP) as part of the monitoring and evaluation tool for L&amp;D</li> <li>- Conduct of Orientation on HR Policies to OPAPRU personnel in the Central and Field Office on January 5, 2023 (hybrid)</li> <li>- Conduct of Peace Orientation Training for 40 Newly Hired Employees on January 23 to 24, 2023 (physical)</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Facilitated in the registration of senior staff for Leadership Development Online Course of Civil Service Institute.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	MONTH	NO. OF PROCESSED ORS	TOTAL AMOUNT OF OBLIGATIONS (DVs)	NO. OF PROCESSED DVs	TOTAL AMOUNT OF DISBURSEMENTS (net of tax)	January	78	25,021,604.86	80	24,981,372.62	February	264	40,334,451.09	284	36,843,515.45	March	351	105,357,173.36	794	127,173,166.38	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>693</b>	<b>170,713,129.33</b>	<b>1,258</b>	<b>191,696,354.41</b>	
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<p>Ethical Leadership on March 15-17, 2023</p> <p>Developmental Conversations For Leaders on March 14 – 23, 2023</p> <p>Facilitation in the enrollment of OPAPRU personnel for DRRM-related training from the Office of Civil Defense;</p> <p>Joint Emergency Services Interoperability Principles (JESIP) Training of Trainers on February 21-24, 2023</p> <p>Facilitation in the enrollment of OPAPRU personnel for technical training.</p> <p>Bringing ArcGIS to Government for Technology-Divern Collaboration (2 IT staff attendees)</p> <p><b>Compliance and Monitoring (Performance Management)</b></p> <p>Finalized SPMS Guidebook as approved by the PAPRU</p> <p>Recording of Individual Performance Commitment and Review (IPCR)</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>2nd Quarter</b></p> <p><b>B. HUMAN CAPITAL</b></p> <p>1. Majority of activities included the review and finalization of OPAPRU offices, services structure and personnel Terms of Reference, finalization of job description and staffing pattern in accordance with the proposed organizational structure provided and approved by the DBM. 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 the 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.</p> <p>2. The installation and setting up of the Human Resources Information System (HRIS) was completed in the OPAPRU offices in Baguio City and in Bacolod for the field units.</p> <p><b>C. FINANCERESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES</b></p> <p>For the quarter, the OPAPRU continued processes on the planning, programming, budgeting and budget preparation for FY 2024. The usual compliances on budget execution and processing and provision of support to operations and other units was likewise provided for FY 2023 PAs and funds.</p> <p><u>OPAPRU FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal</u></p> <p><b>Submission of the OPAPRU FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal</b></p> <p>For FY 2024, the OPAPRU submitted the agency budget proposal to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), amounting to <b>PHP7.2 Billion</b> for both the OPAPRU and the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), lodged under the OPAPRU proposal. The recommended OPAPRU NEP was then provided by the DBM to include the capital outlay for procurement of motor vehicles (following the assessment on the COA Audit Observation Memorandum on the rental of motor vehicles), as well as the infrastructure outlay for various projects of peace tables under the PAMANA program. <b>The recommended OPAPRU NEP amounts to PHP7,003 billion for FY 2024.</b> The amount of PHP2 billion covers mostly agency operations and fund transfers while the other PHP5 billion are for PAMANA infrastructure outlay on community projects such as roads, bridges, multi-purpose hall, and water system.</p> <p>However, as reflected in the OPAPRU NEP for FY 2024 matrix, the recommended budget of PHP7,003 billion does not cover remaining critical aspects, particularly on the operations and requirements of the socio-economic component for the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro and the other catch up interventions such as Peace Education implementation; parallel efforts on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) for surfacing former violent extremists (VEs); and remaining soft projects and livelihood for communities relative to the peace processes with the RPM-PRPAABB, CBA-CPLA and MNLF --- to help turn around geographically isolated and conflict-affected areas and instead make them show windows of peaceful, sustainable and livable communities.</p> <p><b>Budget Execution and Accountability</b></p> <p>1. 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:</p> <p>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 and Accountability Act</p> <p>Transmittal and submission of monthly books of accounts (general and special ledgers), and financial statements (Monthly Statement of Bank Reconciliation April-June 2023.</p> <p>Monthly and quarterly submission of the following budget financial reports both hard copy and thru the Unified Reporting System (URS):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Statement of Allocations;</li> <li>Obligations and Balances (SAOB);</li> <li>Statement of Allocations, Obligations, and Balances by Expenditures (SAOBE);</li> <li>Financial Accountability Reports (FAR 1, 1-A, 1-B, and 1-C);</li> <li>Statement of Cumulative Allocations, Obligations Incurred &amp; Unobligated Balances (SCAUBU);</li> <li>Summary Performance Monitoring Report (SPMR);</li> <li>Summary of Prior Year's Obligations, Disbursements, and Unpaid Prior Year Obligations (SPYODUPY);</li> <li>Financial Report of Operations; and</li> <li>Reports on the Result of Expended Appropriations.</li> </ol> <p>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. The reported actual obligations as of 30 June 2023 amount to PHP665,211,465.44 leaving a balance of PHP100,466,514.56 subject to the request for additional Notice of Cash Allocation to augment the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter operationalization and logistical costs of the Normalization Program.</p> <p>Facilitate/monitor the reprogramming of PHP258,200,000 of PAMANA Project for MNLF socio-economic assistance.</p> <p>Facilitate the request for the release of Authority to Rent Motor Vehicles (ARMV) for the period April to December 2023</p> <p>Conducted coaching sessions per unit and regular coordination meetings with different units from April to June 2023, and other mandated budgeting systems, procedures, policies and principles on budget and fiscal management.</p> <p>2. 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.</p> <p>3. Submitted replies to the COA Resident Auditor on the management actions taken on the Audit Observation Memoranda for CY 2022 and discussed the same during the Exit Conference held on 09 May 2023.</p> <p>4. The results of the Obligation Budget Utilization Rate (OBUR) and Disbursement Budget Utilization Rate (DBUR) as of June 30, 2023, represent <b>63.94%</b> and <b>56.74%</b>, respectively. Relative to the Obligation Budget Utilization Rate (OBUR) of <b>63.94%</b> as of June 30, 2023, the details are shown below.</p> <p>5. In line with the efforts of the Financial Management Service (FMS) on budget execution and accountability to achieve and optimize fiscal resources by continuously improving the financial processes, particularly the operationalization of the Financial Management Information System, the liquidation process, to appropriately obligate and disburse the budget for all approved programs, activities and projects, and the timely submission of the budget and financial accountability reports. Hence, strengthening and enhancing the internal business processes of the FMS and the continued compliance with the government reproferral requirements were the main accomplishments, particularly the increase in budget utilization and disbursement rate for April to June 2023 as well as the decrease in the percentage rate of the Unliquidated Cash Advances of the Special Disbursing Officers and/or the Accountable Officers.</p>	
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6. The regular Administrative Services were provided for the quarter with additional efforts on improving systems and processes on procurement activities, providing early reminders for end-users and accountable offices. From April to June 2023, the Records Management Section received and referred to offices a total of 1,891 documents (encoded and uploaded on the Document Tracking System). Timely assistance on transport vehicle requirements; labeling, travel, accommodation requests; supplies and equipment and ICT were supported and provided.

### 3rd Quarter

#### Human Capital

For the third quarter of 2023, the Human Resource Management Service (HRMS) focused on the preparatory activities and actual implementation of the set program for the 2023 National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) where the Service spearheaded the Opening and Peace Bell Ringing Ceremonies held at the Quezon City Memorial Circle on 05 September 2023. On 19 September 2023, the HRMS organized the conduct of the 30<sup>th</sup> OPAPRU Founding Anniversary Celebration held at the Philippine International Convention Center.

Instrumental in the gradual accomplishment of institutionalizing Meritocracy and Excellence in Human Resource Management (PRIME-HRM) and securing competent and satisfied OPAPRU personnel, the HRMS has undertaken initiatives to further enhance various HR processes in the OPAPRU. These initiatives include the finalization of the Compensation and Benefit Manual, rationalization of the hiring, renewal/non-renewal, and salary adjustment of COSUJO personnel, reconstitution of the PRAISE Committee; installation of biometrics system in the OPAPRU Field Office, and updating of the HRMS internal and external services standard operating procedures in compliance to RA No. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018.

Forming part of the OPAPRU's Support Cluster for Human Capital, the HRMS is committed in its efforts to implement a Competency-Based Recruitment, Selection, and Placement process in the Agency, to establish a Competency-Based Training and Development System, to improve the Compensation and Benefit processes; and institutionalize the Rewards and Recognition and Performance Management System.

The following were the highlights of accomplishments for the period:

- 1. Installation of Human Resource Information System (HRIS) and biometrics system in the OPAPRU-Bacolod Field Office.** On 25 August 2023, the HRMS installed the HRIS and biometrics device in the Bacolod Field Office. Together with the assistance and support from the Information and Communications Technology Division (ICTD), an orientation to the personnel of the OPAPRU-Bacolod Field Office was conducted to provide guidance on the operations and simple troubleshooting of the daily time recording system. Further, the HR policies on the submission of Daily Time Records and utilization of the flexipalce and flexitime through the Remote Time Attendance System (RTAS) were reiterated during the activity. This directly contributed to sustaining and operationalizing the HRIS – a deliverable of the HRMS in the 2023 PCS.
- 2. Free Computerized Eye Examination for OPAPRU Personnel.** On 31 July 2023, the HRMS partnered with EYECON Optical Clinic to conduct a computerized eye check-up for the OPAPRU personnel. A total of 70 personnel from various units availed of the free eye examination services from the partner clinic while half of the participating personnel procured corrective eyeglasses which were mostly delivered on the same day. The Free Computerized Eye Examination for OPAPRU personnel is part of the HRMS' low-cost Personnel Welfare activities which aimed at promoting proper eye care and nutrition to preserve good eyesight. This activity was conducted in observance of the National Month for July and an advanced observance of the Sight Conservation Week pursuant to Proclamation No. 40, s. 1954.

- 3. Conduct of the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> OPAPRU Blood-Letting Activity.** On 03 August 2023, the HRMS, in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross – Rizal Chapter, Rizal Province Branch, spearheaded the conduct of the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> OPAPRU Blood-Letting Activity held at the 3F Conference Room. A total of 33 blood units were collected from the volunteer blood donors of the OPAPRU – Central Office. This activity was conducted in observance of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Month in August and in adherence to the PAPRU's guidance to conduct such activity pursuant to Republic Act No. 7719 or the National Blood Services Act of 1994. The activity promoted the participation of the OPAPRU in voluntary, non-remunerated blood donation.

- 4. OPAPRU 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary Celebration.** On 19 September 2023, the HRMS led the celebration of the OPAPRU's 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City. The event provided a festive venue to celebrate the 3-decade accomplishments and milestones of the OPAPRU on its mandate to manage, direct, integrate, and supervise the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Process in the country. Further, the event highlighted the recognition and appreciation of selected OPAPRU personnel for their significant contributions as peacebuilders and peace advocates. Loyalty Awards were conferred to 15 employees, Service Awards to 22 personnel, and Posthumous Awards to 3 personnel.

**HRMS Internal and External Services Standard Operating Procedures.** The Service has updated and enhanced the procedures and process flow for its internal and external services, and contributed to the Re-engineering Plan of the Agency in compliance with R.A. No. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 and its Implementing Rules and Procedures. The HRMS identified its processes for internal and external clients and ensured the streamlining of the identified processes. These enhancements secure the delivery of responsive and updated procedures in dealing with the stakeholders and clients of the HRMS. Further, to contribute to the Agency's process improvement efforts and in compliance with the Anti-Red Tape Act (ARTA), the HRMS has started the use of the Document Request Form (DRF) and the Client/Customer Satisfaction Survey (CCSS) Form. The DRF shall be used in responding to and monitoring the various document requests in the Service, while the CCSS Form shall serve as a mechanism for the HRMS' Feedback-Response System. The CCSS was structured based on the ARTA's prescribed model for the satisfaction survey form.

#### Financial Resource and Administrative Services

- 1. Process Review – Financial Management.** The MEALS issued memorandum 23-4170 dated 07 August 2023 on the Participation of the Finance Resource Cluster in the FY 2023 Process Evaluation of OPAPRU Core Process: Financial Management – Budget Execution. As of the reporting period, the MEALS is conducting data gathering. It is expected that the Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and report writing to be conducted by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Moreover, said KII will be in collaboration with the Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS).

- 2. OPAPRU and NAC FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal.** The OPAPRU and the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) continues to attend budget hearings and sessions in defense of its FY 2024 proposed budget. The House of Representatives on 26 September 2023, approved the proposed Pnp7 billion 'peace investment budget' of OPAPRU, including for the NAC, during the HOR budget deliberation. The OPAPRU, led by Secretary Ceito G. Gaváz, Jr., was not interpellated nor questioned during the said deliberation, which lasted for only two minutes. Rep. Mercedes-Avarez of the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Negros Occidental, sponsored the OPAPRU proposed budget. Alvarez reaffirmed Congress' continued and full support to the Comprehensive Peace Process. Secretary Gaváz emphasized that the peace investment will be utilized to fund transformation, rehabilitation and socio-economic programs that aim to uplift the lives of former rebels, their families and communities.

- 3. Conduct of Early Procurement Activities (EPA) for FY 2024.** To ensure the conduct of timely procurement of support services such as the security services, office space, petroleum and fuel, and other requirements, the agency started to conduct EPA for FY 2024. The submission to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), Secretariat of the EPA, signifies due diligence for the efficient allocation of resources and fulfillment of administrative support functions.

- 4. Budget Utilization Status (as of September 2023).** For the period, the OPAPRU has an obligation ratio of 72.36% or PHP1.5 billion obligation of the over PHP2 billion allotment for FY 2023.

#### OTHER KEY OPAPRU ACTIVITIES

- Celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) 2023.

				<p>OPAPRU units supported and participated in the different activities in the celebration of the IPCM FY 2023 which commenced on 01 September 2023 during the Opening Ceremony and Dedication of Patawan Island as Insurgency Free. This was followed by the Peace Bell Ringing at the Quizon City Memorial Circle on 05 September 2023, KapEACIahan Opening Ceremony at the Tinoma Mall on 06 September 2023, OPAPRU 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on 19 September 2023 and the Closing Ceremony and Awarding of the Gawad Kapayapaan on 29 September 2023.</p> <p>2. <b>Ringling of Peace Bell and Candle Lighting Ceremony</b></p> <p>On 05 September 2023 at the Quizon City Memorial Circle, as part of events promoting the National Peace Consciousness Month with the theme: Kapayapaan Responsibilidad ng Bawat Mamamayan, the MILF PPO together with the HRMS facilitated the conduct of the Ringling of Peace Bell ceremony. The activity also highlighted the candle lighting and pledge made by the attendees which ranged from various peace stakeholders which included leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Moro National Liberation Front, KAPATIRAN, representatives from the OSAP, Congress, Quizon City LGU, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, civil society organizations, international organization, and members of diplomatic corps.</p> <p>3. <b>OPAPRU Peace Research Conference</b></p> <p>On 07 September 2023 at the Chardonmy by Astoria, the OPAPRU conducted the 3rd OPAPRU Peace Research Conference. The topics discussed during the first day revolved on building resilient communities through preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization. Whilst second day of the conference includes panel discussion on synergistic efforts on PCVE in a sectoral approach (NGA, SecurityWomen, Academe, INGO/WPS, NGO/PI/PPS). The OPAPRU research, documentation, and evaluation (RDE) agenda 2023-2028 was also presented. The activity was a platform to present different line efforts of the government in ensuring peace in the country. Likewise, selected SHARPEO personnel participated in the Peace Research Conference on 7-8 October 2023 where twelve research papers were presented, all focused on the theme of "Building Resilient Communities and Preventing Violent Extremism". These papers were grouped into four sub-themes, each showcasing different peace-building efforts on the ground to address the challenge as a mechanism for the HRMS Feedback-Response System. The CCSS was structured based on the ARTA's prescribed model for the satisfaction survey form. Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners, including with the Peace Month Celebration, mixed composing Area, Citronella Oil Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Tagukon Agricultural Training project implemented by CPSU, were provided. The meeting was attended by NHA Regional Manager Hermes Jude Juntillo, Atty. Solinap, and Acht Verges Ramos.</p>
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031	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND MANAGEMENT SERVICE (OPEX)	6,297,953.86	5,160,063.36	<p>A total of 12 research papers were presented in the Peace Research Conference, from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and even internationally with presenters from Australia and France. The event was also graced by a Keynote Speech from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), presentation of the NAP-PCVE by DILG, and a Panel Discussion on Synergistic Efforts on PCVE—with panel discussions coming from the AFP, DILG, United Nations Women, Mindanao State University (MSU) System, and Propelling Our Inherited Nation Through Our Youth Inc. (Poiny). Up to 150 physical participants joined the event, complemented by around 250 online participants.</p> <p><b>Organizational Capital</b></p> <p><b>Executive Order creating the Philippine Institute for Peace and Development and its IRR.</b> 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 NGOs will be solicited.</p> <p><b>Submitted Executive Order strengthening E.O. No. 570, s. 2006 and its IRR to the President through the OES.</b> The proposed EO 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 from HD economic and Healing and Reconciliation, design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. y. Muscovado Processing area, (2) Vermicast composing Area, Citronella Oil Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Tagukon Agricultural Training project implemented by CPSU, were provided. The meeting was attended by NHA Regional Manager Hermes Jude Juntillo, Atty. Solinap, and Acht Verges Ramos, Mlo Irado-IE/MC, Edr Susana Marcasta - Head, LCT Cuisler, and ROCO - Ifo Field Office represented by</p> <p><b>Cascading of the Approved 2023 Policy and Strategic Thrust.</b> The 2023 Policy and Strategic Thrust was approved last 03 February 2023 and cascaded to all OPAPRU units on 06 February 2023.</p> <p><b>Cascading of the Approved 2024 Planning Guidance.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Approved healing and reconciliation framework and process for Indigenous Peoples for the transformation program for former communist terrorist groups.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Implemented PGS interventions.</b> 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 2023 Strategy Map, engaging its stakeholders who are the Agency's external champions and advocates.</p> <p><b>Towards an ISO-QMS Certification on Financial Management.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Development of Community Healing and Reconciliation Framework for MNLF communities.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>Continuous provision of policy inputs.</b> 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 POP 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø National Security Strategy of the National Security Council (NSC) and other concerns</li> <li>Ø Regional Development Council IX Resolution</li> <li>Ø Peacephone's Project of the Ateneo de Manila University</li> <li>Ø United Nations' Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework</li> </ul>

<p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ø Priorities of Indonesia as ASEAN Chair for 2023</li> <li>Ø Concept Note on the East Asia Summit (EAS) High-Level Policy Dialogue</li> <li>Ø Constructive Dialogue with the UN's Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (UNCERD)</li> <li>Ø National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) concerns</li> <li>Ø NDRRMC contingency assessments</li> <li>Ø ASEAN Leaders' Statement on the Post-2025 Vision</li> </ul> <p><b>Lecture on 5 PRU Agenda with AFP Squadron Class 2023.</b> 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.</p> </p>			
<p><b>2nd Quarter</b></p> <p><b>A. Organizational Capital</b></p> <p>Towards this end, the OPAPRU PDSMS strategically leverages the relationships and mechanisms it has built and nurtured aimed towards the accomplishment of its annual targets, and in the execution of the Agency's vision for the country and the Filipino people.</p> <p><b>1. Approved Bill on OPAPRU transformation to Department of Peace, Reconciliation and Unit (PAPRU level).</b> The draft bill creating the DPRU is currently being revised by the PDSMS, for review of the technical working group (TWG) on DPRU. The first TWG meeting aimed at soliciting inputs and comments on the draft bill is targeted to be convened within the third quarter of 2023.</p> <p><b>2. Approved Healing and Reconciliation Framework and Process for Indigenous Peoples for the Transformation Program for Former Communist Terrorist Groups.</b> On 30 May 2023, the Technical Working Group (TWG) presented the latest framework to the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainable (LCTPS) Cluster representatives. The comments and additional inputs from the discussion were incorporated in the enhanced version which was then presented to the Cluster Head on 21 June 2023. To seek further inputs and concurrence from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the TWG is arranging a meeting with the said agencies tentatively scheduled on the first week of July 2023.</p> <p><b>3. Implemented PGS Interventions.</b> The Office of Strategy Management (OSM), led by the PDSMS, conducted one-on-one meetings with the Programs from May to June 2023, to discuss the comments and inputs gathered from the Visioning Activity in February 2023. It likewise conducted a pre-work session with the Mini-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC) on 02 June 2023, to seek their inputs on the updated PGS roadmaps and scorecards. Currently, the Programs are enhancing their basic governance documents while the OSM is finalizing the documentary and budgetary requirements in preparation for the final vetting to the PAPRU.</p> <p><b>4. Completed ISO-QMS Certification on Financial Management.</b> The OPAPRU through the PDSMS successfully applied for the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP) of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP). The GQMP Grant was conferred to OPAPRU last 15 June 2023 which will run until 31 December 2023. In relation to this, the PDSMS conducted leveling-off discussion last 19 June 2023 with the DAP Program Manager, Dr. Ador G. Padino, to set the timeline and operational tempo of the project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OPAPRU and DAP is being finalized to formally commence the project.</p> <p><b>5. Updated, published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen's Charter.</b> Pursuant to R.A. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the PDSMS is currently working with the Programs on the updating and enhancement of the OPAPRU Citizen's Charter. It is likewise crafting the supplemental documents required by the Anti-Red Tape Authority such as the updated Committee on Anti-Red Tape (CART), Client Satisfaction Measurement Report (CSMR), and Initial Whole-of-Government (WOG) Reengineering Plan.</p> <p><b>6. Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures.</b> The OPAPRU remains committed in continuously maintaining and operationalizing the established data and information policies, and protocols, executed by virtue of R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and the Data Privacy and Compliance Framework issued by the National Privacy Commission. Since April 2023, the Data Privacy Mechanism has updated the designations of Privacy Compliance Officers (PCOs) through the Office Order No. 75, s. 2023 signed last 27 March 2023. The Order further strengthens the integration of the culture of respect for privacy at the unit level. Complementing this move is the conduct of the Data and Information Security Learning Session last 31 May 2023, which was participated in by a lot of 50 OPAPRU personnel from the Central Office and Area Management Units (AMUs). The Session engaged subject matter experts from the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) -- an attached agency of the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT).</p> <p><b>7. Continuous provision of policy inputs.</b> 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 Socioeconomic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies.</p> <p><b>8. Preparations for the Celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM).</b> To establish the enabling mechanism that will support the execution of the celebration of the NPCM 2023, the PDSMS has successfully facilitated the approval of the Office Order institutionalizing the NPCM 2023 Organizing committee last 13 February 2023. Following the approval of the Order, the Committee has convened several meetings to ensure the appropriate preparations are conducted relative to the observance. In June 2023, the PDSMS has successfully facilitated the approval of the NPCM 2023 mother memorandum. To this end, the administrative and logistic preparations are underway in collaboration with the committee and relevant units.</p> <p><b>9. OPAPRU's Revised Policy on the Delegation of Authority to Sign Various Forms and Document.</b> The PDSMS, in collaboration with the technical working group (TWG) on the Delegation of Authority (DoA) and concerned OPAPRU offices/units, spearheaded the formulation and approval of Office Order No. 134, series of 2023, "Revised OPAPRU's Delegation of Authority to Sign Various Forms and Documents", signed by the APAPRU on 08 June 2023. Said office order aims to streamline and expedite the processing of documents pertaining to issuances and communications, administrative, personnel, procurements, and finances. The PDSMS likewise facilitated the conduct of the Cascading Session on Office Order No. 134, s. 2023 with OPAPRU personnel from the Central Office and AMUs on 14 June 2023 via MS Teams.</p>	<p><b>3rd Quarter</b></p> <p>The third quarter of 2023 for the Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS) has been filled with successful implementation of activities relative to the achievement of the Service's Performance Governance System (PGS) commitments and priorities, the continued discharge of its mandates, and the further provision of technical and administrative support to the OPAPRU's flagship programs and the Agency's internal transformation and improvements. Moreover, the PDSMS has particularly engaged with various agencies in the formulation and approval of policies relative to national and regional security, peace education, and the mainstreaming of the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda.</p>		

			<p>At the organizational level, the OPAPRU remains committed in ensuring the consistent collaboration of all units in policy and program development, and implementation – such as, but not limited to the formulation of the IP Hearing and Reconciliation Framework, updating and enhancing of privacy policies, development of OPAPRU’s inputs to various ASEAN-related documents, formation of inputs to the National Counter-Terrorism Strategy of the Philippines, among others. Moreover, the PDSMS remains active in the Agency’s move to ensure streamlined processes will be optimized in the use of all available resources, refocus and realign its priorities, and religiously comply with all government and international standards and protocols. This includes the creation of enabling mechanisms to continue the ISO-QMS efforts and comply with the Anti-Red Tape Act, and the Data Privacy Act.</p> <p>1. <b>Approved Healing and Reconciliation (H&amp;R) Framework and Process for Indigenous Peoples for the Transformation Program for Former CPP/INP/ANFP.</b> On 14 July 2023, the Technical Working Group (TWG) convened meetings with the Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) and the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) to discuss and finalize the IP H&amp;R framework and narrative. Subsequently, it held meetings with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) on 17 July 2023, and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on 8 August 2023, to gather additional inputs and secure their concurrence. A feedback and comments received from these activities have been incorporated into the document. The final document has been forwarded for endorsement to the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Cluster, pending approval and operationalization.</p> <p>2. <b>Implemented PGS Interventions.</b> The Office of Strategy Management (OSM), led by the PDSMS, conducted Pre-Final Vetting Sessions for the Refreshed Performance Governance System (PGS) Documents. On 3 July 2023, two Quarters and four Programs were able to present their refreshed Basic Governance Documents (BGDs); the Bangsamoro Transformation (BT) and Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Clusters, along with Programs 1, 2, 3, and 6. On July 10, 2023, the OSM continued the session, during which the frameworks of the remaining Programs were presented by their respective Administrators.</p> <p>3. <b>Updated, published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen’s Charter.</b> The updated OPAPRU Citizen’s Charter was submitted to the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) in August 2023. The PDSMS is currently facilitating the printing of handbooks and tarpaulins to be distributed to the units.</p> <p>4. <b>Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures.</b> In view of the Agency’s commitment to foster the culture for respect for privacy, the OPAPRU remains committed in steadfastly implementing the spirit and aims of the R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act (DPA) of 2012 and the Data Privacy and Compliance Framework issued by the National Privacy Commission. To this end, the OPAPRU has created enabling policies that shall propel the agency in its goal of embedding in its operations the fundamental respect for privacy and anonymity. On 18 September 2023, the enhanced OPAPRU Data Privacy Manual (DPM) and Privacy Management Framework (PMF), in collaboration with the OPAPRU offices, services, and units, was approved by the PAPRU. The DPM and the PMF detail all agency endeavors that are envisioned to process and utilize personal data. The DPM as well as the PMF will be complemented with the previous and recently approved Internal Coordinating Center (ICC) – an attached agency of the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), the satisfaction survey form, Site Coordinating Team Meet</p> <p>5. <b>Continuous provision of policy inputs.</b> 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 Socioeconomic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies. From July – September 2023, the Agency has successfully provided its inputs and/or recommendations to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• President’s Report to the People 2022-2023</li> <li>• Zero Draft of the ASEAN Vision 2045</li> <li>• Zero Draft of the Chairman’s Statement of the 13th East Asia Summit (EAS)</li> <li>• Foreign Ministers’ Meeting</li> <li>• House Bill No. 969, “Strengthening the Mindanao State University System as a National Peace University”</li> <li>• National Counter-Terrorism Strategy</li> </ul> <p>6. In support to the celebration of NPCM, the PDSMS served as a resource person during the <b>Lecture Series on Peace</b> organized by the DILG. During the lecture, OPAPRU presented the updates on the peace process, 5-Point PRRU Agenda, and its mechanisms and programs promoting the culture of peace through citizen’s participation.</p>	
104	KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND PEACE INSTITUTE DEPARTMENT (PPA)	3,423,129.25	1,469,866.51	<p><b>Support to GAD Implementation and Women’s Month.</b> 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, “<i>TECHKNOWWAGY: Education in the Digital Frontier Towards Achieving Gender Equality and Empowerment</i>” 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. Jata is an independent consultant, criminologist, and a retired police officer. She is also a certified National Gender and Development Resource Pool (NGDRP) 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 combating online gender-based violence, and gathered inputs for empowerment by making it safe online.</p> <p><b>2nd Quarter</b></p> <p><b>Peace Capacity and Constituency Building</b></p> <p>1. <b>Learning and Reflection Session on Cultivating Interreligious Dialogue as Effective Peacebuilding Mechanism in the Academe.</b> Interfaith/interreligious dialogues are introduced to facilitate multi-faceted cultural understanding and tolerance to achieve and sustain peaceful goals and as means to conflict resolution.</p> <p>OPAPRU, through the Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Service (KMPIS) spearheaded the conduct of the “<i>Learning and Reflection Session on Cultivating Interreligious Dialogue as Effective Peacebuilding Mechanism in the Academe</i>” last 27 April 2023 via Zoom videoconference. The activity was attended and participated by the administrators, academics and other academic personnel coming from both the basic and higher education sectors across the country.</p> <p>2. <b>Series of Coordination Meetings with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG)</b> relative to the conduct of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Peace Education Summit. Anchoring on the theme, “<i>Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines</i>”, the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Peace Education Summit is a nation-wide gathering of Peace Education champions, relevant National Government Agencies (NGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other peace advocates in order to come up and generate relevant inputs to the draft Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRRs) of the proposed Executive Order on the Strengthening of the Institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development in Basic and Higher Education and Other Learning Institutions.</p> <p>For the conduct of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Peace Education Summit, OPAPRU intends to closely galvanize its engagements with key implementing National Government Agencies such as DepEd, CHED, TESDA and DILG to ensure the successful institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development in formal and non-formal learning institutions nationwide to promote understanding, dialogue, and culture of peace and non-violence.</p>
105	KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND PEACE INSTITUTE DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	4,615,284.60	3,566,652.65	
115	PEACE EDUCATION AND PEACE PROMOTION INTERVENTIONS	6,806,000.00	3,950,181.74	

	<p>3. <b>Leveling Off Meeting with United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Representative, Dr. Haroro Ingram</b> relative to OPAPRU-USIP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). To discuss the latest status relative to the OPAPRU-USIP Memorandum of Understanding, the KMPIS together with Program 1 and ICPO representatives met with USIP Representative to the Philippines, Dr. Haroro Ingram on 28 April 2023. During the meeting, it was discussed that the current draft MOU between OPAPRU and USIP is currently being vetted by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The signed MOU is a crucial document before USIP can officially start supporting OPAPRU's peace initiatives and efforts. USIP can aid KMPIS in designing a Peacebuilding and Peace Education Capacity Development Program and Initiatives for its internal stakeholders or the agency's personnel and its external stakeholders or its various peace partners, specifically the members of the academe.</p>	
	<p>4. <b>Exploratory Meeting with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on 23 June 2023.</b> Together with Executive Director Cesar De Mesa and Director Lela Hatid of the SHAPEO, the UNODC met with OPAPRU to discuss points of collaboration and partnership related to OPAPRU's PCVE efforts. In the meeting, identified areas of collaboration included CSPP training and capacitation for personnel in corrective facilities, and activities and programs that would foster Culture of Peace for the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) Sector. The UNODC also explored potential partnership for their upcoming Summit on PCVE, as they were informed through online channels of OPAPRU's 3rd Peace Research Conference on PCVE that will be conducted in September.</p>	
	<p>5. <b>Participation to the Seminar-Workshop by DOST-NRCP Towards a National Security Research Roadmap.</b> During an inter-agency seminar-workshop organized by the DOST-National Research Council of the Philippines to develop the National Security Research Roadmap, the KMPIS participated to take notes and present the significance of OPAPRU programs to human security. The seminar-workshop facilitated a multidisciplinary exchange among various fields such as Health, Biology, International Policies, Governance, Agriculture, and the Social Sciences. The representative from KMPIS provided inputs during the workshop, focusing on the OPAPRU programs anchored on the implementation of peace agreements and complementary peacebuilding interventions. OPAPRU's attendance to such collaborative efforts helps ensure that research efforts align with the needs and priorities of peacebuilding initiatives and human security concerns.</p>	
	<p><b>3rd Quarter</b></p>	
	<p><b>Proofing Peace Education through Effective Cybersecurity Measures in the Academe.</b> With instability and threats growing in cyberspace, this online learning and reflection session conducted on 23 August 2023 via Zoom videoconference shed light to an issue of increasing importance to peace, and support peace education community of practice (COP) in capacity-building, networking and socialization. Moreover, addressing cybersecurity threats strengthens confidence-building measures. For the 3rd Quarter, KMPIS provided support and conducted major deliverables for external and internal peace partners and stakeholders. The activities conducted for the third quarter are aligned with the refreshed strategic roadmap and scorecard of KMPIS. The following activities were conducted and outputs produced:</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct of the Online Learning and Reflection Session on Future Proofing Peace Education through Effective Cybersecurity Measures in the Academe (23 August 2023)</li> <li>2. Conduct of the 2nd National Peace Education Summit with the theme, "Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines" (25-28 September 2023)</li> <li>3. OPAPRU Participation to the ASEAN-IPR University Tour 2023 at the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta (18 August 2023)</li> <li>4. Facilitated OPAPRU Participation to the Discussion Series on "Lessons Learned in Developing a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security" jointly organized by ASEAN-IPR and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands (14 September 2023)</li> <li>5. Shortlisting and Panel Interviews of the Final Nominees for the Gawad Kapayapaan Peace Partner Champions (19 July 2023 &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Week of August 2023)</li> <li>6. Conduct of the Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Awards as part of the Culminating Activities of the National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration (29 September 2023)</li> <li>7. Crafting of the KAPAYAPAAN Newsletter for July, August, and September Content (July-September 2023)</li> <li>8. Provision of Technical Assistance to various Programs on the development and operationalization of the RDE Agenda 2023-2028 (July-September 2023)</li> <li>9. Crafting and Approval of the Research, Documentation, and Evaluation (RDE) Agenda 2023-2028 (07 September 2023)</li> <li>10. Conduct of the 3<sup>rd</sup> OPAPRU Peace Research Conference 2023 (07-08 September 2023)</li> <li>11. 888 internal and external library clients for 2023 served (physical and online)</li> <li>12. OPAPRU e-Library interface updated and enhanced to cater the peace-resource information needs of internal and external clients</li> <li>13. 13 new acquisitions added to AMTYPRC Collection</li> <li>14. Nineteen (19) Peace Resource materials circulated, and three (3) Amnesty-Related Requests acted upon.</li> </ol>	
	<p><b>Peace Capacity and Constituency-building</b></p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conduct of the Online Learning and Reflection Session on Future promotes preventive activities and conflict resolution initiatives.</li> </ol>	
	<p>This learning session was actively participated in by sixty-three (63) online attendees (36 females and 27 males) coming from different schools, colleges and universities from all over the country.</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Conduct of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Peace Education Summit with the theme, "Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines", the 2nd National Peace Education Summit once again gathered peace education champions from all over the Philippines to share and discuss matters of paramount importance to peacebuilding and peace education. Over the course of the Summit, attendees coming from different National Government Agencies (NGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), different schools, colleges and universities, were engaged in meaningful dialogues, exchanged valuable experiences, and explored innovative approaches to peace education. These exchanges were essential in equipping educators and professionals with the tools needed to empower communities and individuals with the principles of peace and unity.</li> </ol>	
	<p>NGAs that presented their peacebuilding efforts and programs aimed at supporting peace education included the DILG, CHED, DepEd, TESDA and OPAPRU. The Bangsamoro agencies including the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education and Ministry of Public Order and Safety. In a panel discussion, representatives from the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao Office, United Nations Development Programme, and Pagdikit Alang sa Pag-ama sa Kalawad, Inc. explained how genuine peace can trigger sustainable development in communities.</p>	
	<p>In a separate panel discussion, universities shared their teaching strategies, which are designed to make peace education more interactive and interesting to their students. These universities included the Cavite State University, Bicid University, Silliman University, Bukidnon State University, Western Mindanao State University, and Mindanao State University - Iigan Institute of Technology. Another panel discussion was participated in by the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, Ambassador Gusti Aging Waseska Puja and Mindanao State University, Rahlan Yusoph who shared lessons learned in establishing a peace institute. The 2-day summit was attended by 139 onsite participants and almost 220 online participants, coming from different line agencies, civil society organizations, DepEd Regional Offices, Higher Education Institutions and other learning institutions.</p>	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. OPAPRU Participation to the ASEAN-IPR University Tour 2023 at the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta. Bringing the spirit of the 56th ASEAN Day and the 78th Indonesian Independence Day celebration, the ASEAN Institute for Peace &amp; Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) convened another leg of its University Tour, this time to the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta (UMJ). Organized by the current Chair of ASEAN and ASEAN-IPR Indonesia, this leg of the University Tour also brought the spirit of Indonesia's chairmanship theme of ASEAN in 2023 – "ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth." Up to 120 students from University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta participated in this leg of the ASEAN-IPR University Tour, where it was also graced by the presence of Members of the ASEAN-IPR Governing Council (GC)/Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, Members of the ASEAN-IPR Advisory Board (AB), Executive Director of ASEAN-IPR, as well as leadership and faculty members of the University, Executive Director Andres S. Aguinaldo, Jr., representend Coordinating Center (CICC) -- an attached agency of the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), the satisfaction survey form.</li> </ol>	

				<p>4. <b>Facilitated OPAPRU Participation to the Discussion Series on "Lessons Learned in Developing a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security" jointly organized by ASEAN-IPR and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands.</b> KMPIS facilitated OPAPRU's participation to the Discussion Series on "Lessons Learned in Developing a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security" jointly organized by ASEAN-IPR and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands held on 14 September 2023, which aimed to raise awareness on the role of youth in peacebuilding and contribution towards developing National Action Plan (NAP) on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). The discussion series further aimed to explore the process of mapping as well as implementing the NAP in other countries, particularly the recent experience of the Philippines. Reflecting from the lessons learned, the discussion explored the feasibility of developing a NAP on YPS in Indonesia. In coordination with the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO), OFHD Coordinating Center (CICC) -- an attached agency of the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT), the satisfaction survey form, Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. ing with the Peace Month Celebration, micast composing Area, Chronista OI Process</p> <p>5. <b>Conduct of the Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Awards.</b> To culminate the celebration of National Peace Consciousness Month, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity held its Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Award on 29 September 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center. This year's awardees included Former Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Atan Governor Florencio "Joelbet" Tumbokon Miraflores, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). The Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Award gives recognition to the nation's peace exemplars who have significantly contributed in pushing forward and sustaining the gains of the comprehensive Philippine peace process over the years. Gawad Kapayapaan aims to recognize select peace advocates, champions and exemplars for the "critical role they have played in achieving peace in the country," as well as highlight the accomplishments, milestones, and innovative peacebuilding programs that have been carried out/nd Coordinating Center (CICC) -- an attached agency of the Department of Information</p> <p>5. <b>Provision of Technical Assistance to various Programs on the development and operationalization of the RDE Agenda 2023-2028.</b> The KMPIS has provided continuous technical assistance to Programs with regards to the development of their RDE Priority Themes. In the operationalization level, Program 1 and Program 3 have already coordinated topics that they plan to move in 2023 and in 2024—advancing some of the Program's identified RDE Priority Themes.</p>
034	MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY & LEARNING DEPARTMENT (PPA)	2,395,664.25	614,316.42	<p><b>Organizational Systems and Processes</b></p> <p><b>MEAL System Development (Transparency and Accountability Mechanism)</b></p> <p>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 Kalanga and Negros Oriental shall begin training and mobilization of community volunteers by 27 March 2023.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>MEAL Capacity Development (OPAPRU RF MEAL System operationalized)</b></p> <p>The OPAPRU Results Framework (2022-2025) and the RF Monitoring Plan were reviewed by PCME Focus last 16 March 2023. Comments and clarifications from the participants were noted and Program contribution to the targets per RF Indicators were also confirmed.</p> <p><b>OPAPRU Internal reportorial templates harmonized</b></p> <p>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&amp;E Planning Session last 16 March 2023 and shall be utilized for the FY 2023 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter reporting period.</p> <p><b>Organizational Systems and Processes (Data Management)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>Integration of the Results Framework (RF) MEAL Plan. It will enable the Users to input the Gads description, Organizational Outcome, Immediate Outcome, and Indicators based on the revised Strategy Map 2022-2025 to monitor the Targets and Accomplishments status per Program.</p> <p>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 every end of the month using the Automated Dashboard System. The MEALS also issued a memorandum on 9 March 2023 program offices/ units reiterating the use of dashboard.</p> <p><b>Organizational Systems and Processes</b></p> <p><b>1. Transparency and Accountability Mechanism (TAM).</b> As of the 2nd quarter, there was no external feedback received or encoded through the FRS web-based platform. This can still be attributed to operational concerns such as the departure or transfer of designated FRS coordinators, the lack of knowledge on the FRS by external stakeholders, and their preference to use traditional methods to submit feedback.</p> <p>As a response, program offices and units were provided a orientation on the FRS during the conduct of the Strategy Refresh Vetting Sessions. They were also enjoined to include Feedback and Response in the respective Program Frameworks and PGS deliverables. Moreover, the web-based platform has undergone redesigning and enhancements.</p> <p><b>2. Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced and/or maintained</b></p> <p><b>a. Automated Program Dashboard System.</b> As part of the continuing operationalization, enhancement and/or maintenance of digitized systems, the Automated Program Dashboard version 2 has undergone major enhancements such as expense classification, disaggregation of GAD PAs, accomplishments per Program, presentation view function, strategy review tool, and categorization.</p> <p><b>b. Feedback and Response System (FRS).</b> As part of the efforts to revitalize the FRS, the web-based platform has been integrated into the OPAPRU official website by the Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) on 08 June 2023. A QR code was also provided for the FRS to make it more accessible just by scanning. Moreover, the FRS web-based platform interface has also been redesigned to enable users to easily identify the appropriate form for the feedback they wish to submit. The FAQ sections were also made more conspicuous and accessible.</p>
035	MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY & LEARNING DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	3,816,535.47	2,310,261.82	



				<p>c. <b>Local Peace Engagements - Former Rebels Information System (FRIS).</b> On 13 June 2023, the MEALS had a meeting with the OPAPRU Executive Director of Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS), as well as representatives from LPEO, RCCO, and ICTS, to discuss the proposed database / system for Former Rebels. The Clarificatory Implementing Document Information System (CIDIS), an information system that contains data on profiled KAPATIRAN members, interventions given, and an inventory of decommissioned weapons, was presented by the MEALS to aid in conceptualizing the design of the FRIS. The LPEO will go forward by sending MEALS a concept note outlining the proposed FRIS design and functionality and data needs.</p> <p><b>Performance Management</b></p> <p>1. <b>Progress Updates Reporting.</b> As part of the regular tracking of OPAPRU's accomplishments of its PAPs, the MEALS reported to the ManCom progress updates as of the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter and April. Overall, there is still a significant gap between the physical accomplishment of PAPs with an average difference of 24%. This is primarily attributed to the lack of encoding/updating of data in the automated program dashboard by program offices/units, ongoing compliance of documentary requirements / preparatory activities and proposed reprogramming. To address said data gaps, the MEALS issued a supplemental memorandum last 31 May 2023 reiterating the need to encode and update accomplishments in the system. Further, units are directed to encode updates as of the succeeding month.</p> <p>2. <b>Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Cluster Assessment.</b> The MEALS was invited to facilitate and document Day 2 of the LCTPS Cluster Assessment held on 4 April 2023, at the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Commissioned Officers' Country (AFP-COC). With the goal of solidifying the cluster's strategic framework and plans, MEALS facilitated the session on the assessment of the cluster's internal mechanisms and identified recommendations moving forward. Full documentation was consequently submitted on 13 April 2023.</p> <p>3. <b>Process Review – Financial Management.</b> The MEALS met with the Office of the Senior Undersecretary to discuss the proposed conduct of a study of OPAPRU's identified OMS/ISO core process, Financial Management, after the recent exit conference held by the Commission on Audit (COA) with OPAPRU in May 2023. The study's initial design will concentrate on tying COA findings to OPAPRU's current financial management procedures, identifying recurrent themes, issues, and concerns, and recommending appropriate measures. At present, the MEALS is conducting desk review of the initial set of documents and recording provided by the Financial Management Service (FMS). Data gathering, key informant interviews (KIIs) and report writing are expected to be conducted by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of FY 2023.</p> <p><b>3rd Quarter</b></p> <p><b>Transparency and Accountability Mechanism (TAM).</b> As of the third quarter, there was no external feedback received or encoded through the Feedback and Response System (FRS) web-based platform. This can still be attributed to operational concerns such as the departure or transfer of designated FRS coordinators, the lack of knowledge on the FRS by external stakeholders, and their preference to use traditional methods to submit feedback. As a response, the MEALS conducted an orientation on the FRS for the Localized Peace Engagements Office (LPEO) and the Local Conflict Transformation – Field Implementation Support Unit (LCT-FISU) on 25 July 2023 in Pasig City.</p> <p><b>Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM).</b> Following the creation of the CSPP-CLM TWG during the LCTPS Catch-up planning activity, the MEALS facilitated the 1<sup>st</sup> TWG meeting on 8 September 2023 at the Chaobunay by Asilva. One of the major agreements of said meeting is the drafting of the office order on the creation of the CSPP-CLM TWG and its respective terms of reference. As of 15 September 2023, the MEALS has already provided inputs to the draft document and is awaiting its endorsement to the Executive Director for LCTPS.</p> <p><b>Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced and/or maintained</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarificatory Implementing Document Information System (CIDIS). As part of the regular of updating of the CIDIS, the MEALS, in collaboration with the RPM/PPW/ABB-CBA-CHLA Concerns Office (RCCO), migrated the following datasets to the system: PhilHealth, Community Defense Units, CID Projects and CHED beneficiaries. Moreover, the MEALS is currently integrating additional data feeds in the CIDIS to accommodate the data requirements of RCCO and produce more accurate reports.</li> <li>Automated Foreign Governments and International Entities' (FGIEs) Travel to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) System. Following the initial discussions with the International Cooperation and Partnerships Office (ICPO) on the development of the automated system, the MEALS has already commenced with phase 1 of the system development which is the creation of the offline clearance request form that can easily be accessed by FGIEs. Version 1 of the system is expected to be fully operational by October 2023.</li> </ul> <p><b>Development of the Conflict Vulnerability Index System (CVI).</b> As discussed during the previous Office for Strategy Management (OSM) meetings, the MEALS has drafted an initial concept note, Gantt Chart, Terms of Reference and Contract on the CVI and submitted it to the OSM TWG for review and inputs on 18 August 2023. A follow through meeting was conducted on 4 September 2023 with the PDSMS to discuss the next steps on the CVI.</p> <p><b>Research, Documentation and Evaluation (RDE).</b> The MEALS met with the KMPIS on 18 September 2023 to discuss the operationalization of the RDE 2023-2028 Agenda following its approval by the PAPRU on 7 September 2023. The MEALS will help the KMPIS cascade the RDE through its inclusion of the RDE on its presentations / engagements and provide assistance to the programs on finalizing the design of their submitted topics. Further, the MEALS presented the RDE to the ManCom during the 13<sup>th</sup> regular ManCom Meeting last 25 September 2023. For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, it is expected that the RDE will be included in the Planning and Budgeting Guidelines for FY 2025 onwards.</p>
060	INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP DEPARTMENT (PPA)	711,000.00	27,000.00	
061	INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	5,116,629.80	1,559,765.35	<p><b>International Cooperation and Partnerships for Peace and Development</b></p> <p>For this quarter, relative to the International Cooperation and Partnerships Roadmap of the OPAPRU, the ICPO has accomplished the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completed 25% of the OPAPRU's operational guidelines of the strategic framework for international cooperation and partnerships;</li> <li>24% of programs and projects of international partners for conflict-affected and vulnerable areas aligned with government's peace and development agenda and priorities</li> <li>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;</li> <li>Started the groundwork relative to the establishment of a government mechanism for monitoring peace process-related efforts of international partners;</li> <li>Maintained and strengthened partnerships and cooperation with 16 international partners;</li> <li>Managed and provided government oversight to implementation of eight (8) programs/projects of international partners in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas, among others;</li> <li>Continued the implementation of the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project in partnership with AECID; and,</li> <li>Provided technical assistance to peace tables/major programs on the targeting of available resources from international partners.</li> </ul> <p>Under its four (4) Key Results Areas (KRAs) on Policy Analysis, Constituency-Building, Program Management and Resource Mobilization, following are the ICPO's accomplishments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Policy Analysis.</b> 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.</li> </ul>

Ø **Constituency-Building:** The ICPO was able to maintain and strengthen its engagement and partnership with 16 international partners, namely:

- o European Union
- o Japan Embassy/Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)
- o World Bank
- o Australian Embassy
- o British Embassy
- o Embassy of the Republic of Turkey
- o Embassy of the Royal Norwegian Government
- o United Nations Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO)
- o United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- o UN Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- o UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
- o United States Institute of Peace (USIP)
- o Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP)
- o Malaysian Embassy
- o Spanish Embassy/AECID
- o 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.

Ø **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.

Ø **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).

**2nd Quarter**

For this quarter, relative to the refreshed roadmap of the OPAPRU/ICPO, the office has accomplished the following:

Ensured that the peace process agenda is at the forefront of twenty-seven (27) high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements, consultations, and dialogues with international partners

Established two (2) partnerships and strengthened existing partnerships and cooperation with thirty-three (33) international partners

Facilitated the assessment and endorsement of 86 travels of foreign governments and embassies in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao

Assisted in the representation of the OPAPRU to six (6) international trainings and events

Continued resource mobilization efforts to complement the efforts of the peace tables.

Following are the ICPO accomplishments for the quarter:

**1. Policy Review and Enhancement.** The ICPO was able to provide policy inputs to the UNDP Stakeholder Consultation for the UNDP's next Country Programme Document (CPD). The ICPO also facilitated the provision of inputs of the OPAPRU to the following: Political Consultations with Spain, France, Romania, Croatia, Ph-Morocco Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation, Third PH-EU Joint Committee Meeting, and High-Level Visit to Malaysia.

**2. Constituency-Building.** As of the second quarter of 2023, the ICPO was able to establish new partnerships for OPAPRU, namely, with the Qatar Government, and with the Save the Children.

The ICPO was also able to strengthen its partnerships and cooperation with 33 international partners:

#	Foreign Government	#	International NGO, CSO, etc.
1)	Embassy of Australia in the Philippines – Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT Australia)	21)	World Bank
2)	British Embassy	22)	International Organization for Migration (IOM)
3)	Delegation of the European Union (EU) in the Philippines	23)	UN International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)
4)	Embassy of Canada in the Philippines – Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD – Canada)	24)	UN Development Programme (UNDP)
5)	Embassy of Columbia	25)	UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women)
6)	Embassy of Germany	26)	United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS)
7)	Embassy of Japan	27)	The Asia Foundation (TAF)
8)	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands	28)	Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD)
9)	Embassy of Malaysia	29)	Conciliation Resources
10)	Embassy of New Zealand	30)	International Alert (IA)
11)	Embassy of the Royal Norwegian Government	31)	Community and Family Services International (CFSI)
12)	Embassy of Spain	32)	Fondation Suisse de Deminace (FSD)
13)	Embassy of Switzerland	33)	Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP)
14)	Embassy of the Republic of Turkey		
15)	Embassy of the United States		
16)	Agencia Espanol de Cooperacion Internacional para el Desarrollo (AECID)		
17)	Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)		
18)	Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA)		
19)	United States Agency for International Development (USAID)		
20)	US Institute of Peace (USIP)		

The ICPO also facilitated the high-level meetings of the OPAPRU with the EU Ambassador, UNDP Resident Representative, Malaysian Ambassador, Norwegian Ambassador, Swiss Ambassador, New Zealand Ambassador, the UN Women Senior Regional Policy Officer, and the EU European External Action Service (EEAS).

042	RPM-PIRPA/ABB & CBA-CPLA CONCERNS DEPARTMENT (PPA)	891,828.00	5,724,923.43	<p>3. <b>Program Management.</b> The ICPO continued to manage and provide government oversight to the nine (9) peace-related programs of the international partners on the following: the EU Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD BARAMM); Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme; Bangsamoro Agri-Enterprise Programme (BAEP); the Japanese Embassy Assistance to Normalization Project, the JICA's Capacity Development Programme for the Bangsamoro (CDPB); UN Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF); Australia's Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Mindanao Portfolio; Colombia's Technical Cooperation Project on the Reincorporation and Normalization of Former Combatants; and, the USIP Technical Cooperation Project. 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 livelihood projects in RPM/PIRPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA areas.</p> <p>4. <b>Capacity Development.</b> The ICPO facilitated the attendance and participation of OPAPRU Executive Committee and Management Committee in capacity development activities outside the country such as the following: Conciliation Resources-led Course on Shaping Using Transformative Scenarios, held in Athens, Greece; and Cross-Regional Exchange to Strengthen Partnership in Promoting Resilience against Violent Extremism in Central and Southeast Asia Workshop in Istanbul, Turkey.</p> <p>5. <b>Monitoring and Evaluation and Feedback.</b> The ICPO is currently working with the OPAPRU Monitoring and Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Services to facilitate the digitalization and automation of the process of evaluation and endorsement of trends of foreign government and international entities (FGIEs) to conflict-affected areas in Mindanao (CAAM). The matter was also discussed with counterparts from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).</p>
043	RPM-PIRPA/ABB & CBA-CPLA CONCERNS DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	8,321,364.35	5,342,308.87	<p>A. <b>Completion of the 2000 Peace Agreement with the Rebolusyonaryong Partidong Manggagawa-Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-PIRPA/ABB) (Program 4)</b></p> <p>Attached 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 <i>Kapatiran Para sa Progressing Panipunan, Inc. (KAPATIRAN)</i>. 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 Implementation 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.</p> <p>For the quarter, the following were accomplished:</p>
044	RPM-PIRPA/ABB DIVISION (PPA)	7,760,824.70	3,114,873.10	<p>1. <b>Continued operationalization of the implementing mechanisms (JEMC, JB-DAF, SERC, and SCT)</b></p> <p><b>Operationalization of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC).</b> 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 Marohommar for the RPM-PIRPA/ABB Peace Table on 23 March 2023 in Origas, 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 workshop concluded 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-PIRPA/ABB.</p>
045	RPM-PIRPA/ABB DIVISION (OPEX)	5,878,895.70	46,939,490.34	<p>The JEMC also participated in the meeting organized by RCCO in Origas, Pasig City on 31 March 2023, which discussed the proposed technical assistance to address operationalization of the management structures from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation, design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. In Misocovado Processing area, (2) Vermicast composing Area, Citonela Oil Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Tagulogan Agricultural Trampoline project implemented by CPSU, were provided. The meeting was attended by NHA Regional Manager Hermes Jude Jimillo, Atty. Solmap, and Atty. Vergie Ramos, Mlo Ibrado-JEMC, Edr Susana Maracada - Head, LCT Cluster, and RCCO - Iolo Field Office represented by Ms. Henrie Dionela. In on-going Livelihood Settlement Grant livelihood projects and incoming Livelihood Reinforcement Grants projects.</p>
046	CBA-CPLA DIVISION (PPA)	6,128,540.76	81,454.83	<p><b>Operationalization of the Socio-Economic Reintegration Cluster (SERC).</b> 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 Unop. Alan Tansuay to chair the SERC, which he immediately accepted.</p>
047	CBA-CPLA DIVISION (OPEX)	1,891,852.04	286,000.00	<p><b>Operationalization of the Site Coordinating Teams (SCT).</b> On 25 January 2023, the OPAPRU RCCO Field Office and the Alan 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.</p> <p>Through the facilitation of the SCTs, various activities/programs were conducted and achieved as follows:</p>
181	RPM-PIRPA/ABB DIVISION - ADDITIONAL FUND (PPA)	56,567,788.45	81,454.83	<p>a) Implementation of farm-to-market road (FMR) projects in January, Iolo and Cauayan, Negros Occidental funded under OPAPRU-PAMANA, and Kabankalan, Negros Occidental funded under LGU Kabankalan;</p> <p>b) Job Order employment of 14 KAPATIRAN/Women in the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental;</p> <p>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 - <i>Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Atang Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (DOLE-TUPAD)</i> Program facilitated by the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) of Kabankalan City;</p> <p>d) Fund allocation for the repair of Multi-Purpose Building, Day Care Center and Health center in Kabankalan PDC damaged during Typhoon Odette;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>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;</p> <p>h) Identified new proposed congregated sites for acquisition in Moses Padilla and Bago City, Negros Occidental;</p> <p>i) Implementation of the 2017 OPAPP-PAMANA Projects in San Carlos and Cadiz Sites in Negros Occidental; and,</p> <p>ii) Distribution of rice allowance to San Carlos and Cadiz CDU Detachments.</p> <p><b>Integration of support programs to existing Local Mechanisms to support the Normalization Program.</b> OPAPRU RCCO Western Visayas Field Office facilitated the following activities to ensure sustainability for the normalization program:</p>
182	RPM-PIRPA/ABB DIVISION - ADDITIONAL FUND (OPEX)	286,000.00	81,454.83	

<p>a) Presented the proposed Programs/Activities/Projects (PAPs) of OPAPRU for FY 2023 amounting to PHP 78.7M (construction of 44 housing units, road opening from Tanjay PDC Site to Bgy. 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) VI.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>c) As a regular member of RPOC VI, the OPAPRU RCOO Field Office attended the 1<sup>st</sup> 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. PROS presentation on their preparations for the peaceful observance of Holy Week 2023, updates on the status of at spill in the waters of Northern Antique were presented by DENR 6 and OCD 6. The meeting resulted in the passage of resolutions recognizing and expanding the membership of the council.</p> <p>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. Sagatbarria, and attended by the various PPOC member-agencies. Also present to discuss concerns was Sta. Catalina Mayor Pove 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.</p> <p><b>Partnership with Academe and NGOs.</b> OPAPRU RCOO maintains partnerships with the academe and non-government organizations in Panay and Negros Islands to complement existing interventions for the KAPATIRAN.</p> <p>On 23 March 2023, RCOO 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 Puning Barangay of Locatán, Primopt of Locatán Elementary School, Executive Director of Yussy Foundation, National Director of COH, KAPATIRAN Chapter President, KAPATIRAN Women, and RCOO. The event was a result of a series of consultation meetings of RCOO with COH and Yussy Foundation.</p> <p>RCOO assisted the Central Philippine State University (CPSU) and Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) in the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;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).</p> <p><b>2. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements.</b> 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 concluded via virtual teleconference on 1 January, 22 February and 28 February 2023. Present in the meetings were officials and local 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)), 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)), 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division CAFGU Active Auxiliary Unit (3DCAU), 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineering Brigade (EB), 552<sup>nd</sup> EB, 542<sup>nd</sup> Engineering Construction Battalion (ECB), Philippine National Police Peace Process Development Center (PPDC) and OPAPRU.</p> <p>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 (JBDARF) 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 Auxiliary-1 (CAA-1) to secure the KAPATIRAN settlement sites while efforts to complete the debaratates, particularly the remaining housing core shelters for the KAPATIRAN are being completed.</p> <p>The meetings resulted in the finalization of the details of the MOA among DND/AFPP and OPAPRU for the transfer of funds to the DND/AFPP amounting to PHP42.8M for the activation of two CAA-1 companies. The OPAPRU-DND/AFPP 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 Staff for Operations, Organization and Training (DJ, AFP, and assignment of the former CDUs to the new existing CAA-1 (8) eight paired bases in the KAPATIRAN communities sites.</p> <p><b>3. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members</b></p> <p><b>Livelihood and Employment.</b> The RCOO Western Visayas Field Office facilitated the following:</p> <p>a) Conduct of resource assessment activity of DOLE Altan with KAPATIRAN Altan 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 availing of DOLE's Livelihood Integrated Program (DLIP).</p> <p>b) Endorsed the list of recommended KAPATIRAN for renewal of contracts as Forest Guard under the supervision of the DENR.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>e) In January, 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 Italo Socio-Economic Committee (SEC) Members and 10 SLPAs (CPD and CVA).</p> <p><b>Establishment of Settlement Sites.</b> On 20 February 2023, RCOO Field Office conducted a meeting with National Housing Authority – Regional Office VI (NHA RO VI) to discuss the housing site for the KAPATIRAN in January and Antique. As agreed, NHA will finalize the Area Development Plan (ADP) of January to be presented in the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.</p> <p>RCOO also assisted in the implementation of two infrastructure projects in Ibaigay PDC Site in partnership with DPWH, DOST and the LGU of Ibaigay, Alton, 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.</p> <p><b>Social Protection Package.</b> RCOO finalized and endorsed the master list of KAPATIRAN and CPD members to PAMANA-NPMO for renewal/new application to PHHealth FY 2023.</p> <p><b>4. Community Peace Dividends</b></p> <p>RCOO 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 Cantamay, Baticoloc and Pinggot in Negros Occidental were among the barangays monitored. Respective SLPAs shared updates on their previous and recent livelihood projects (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Cycle). They also expressed their appreciation for the assistance provided.</p>	
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<p>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.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operationalization of Peace Process with Nilo Dela Cruz Group (NDCG)</li> </ul> <p>As of date, the NDCG remains non-committed with their cooperation with the GFH. However, with the issuance of Proclamation 1092, granting Amnesty to members of the RPMA-PRPAABB, the group has expressed intent on pulling forward their application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support to the Implementation of Executive Order No. 70</li> </ul> <p>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 Hlamanon, Carat-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 (MiuAD) of Negros Occidental.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mainstreaming of Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Practice</li> </ul> <p>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 conducted 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Completion of the 2011 Memorandum of Agreement with the Cordillera Bicolong Administration - Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA – CPLA) (Program 4)</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Transform</b> – support the transformation of the CBA-CPLA, building on the gains since the 1986 Spat. 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*.</li> <li><b>Sustain</b> – sustain the gains of the Cordillera peace process by giving back to communities supportive to the CBA-CPLA, and,</li> <li><b>Include</b> – in the spirit of the Mt Data Spat, support inclusive regional growth by prioritizing threat communities that have lagged due to conflict and geographic isolation.</li> </ul> <p>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.</p> <p>As of reporting period, the following were accomplished:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Operationalization of the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC).</b> 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.</li> <li><b>Implementation of 5-Year Normalization Program (SYNP).</b> OPAPRU Executives reviewed and provided guidance on the implementation and completion of the remaining two years of the SYNP held on 03 February 2023 at the OPAPRU Central Office and via videoconference. The activity was attended by PA Isidro L. Purisma, Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcada, JEMC members BGen Ramon Yogyog (Ret.), Thomas Kilip (Consultant), Jessica C. Bangaman and Charicite B. Mabias. In concurrence, the Executives agreed that the GFH-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 still the perspective that OPAPRU is not the only government agency supportive to the CBA-CPLA, and to finalize the SYNP document outlining the interventions of the government to be signed by all CBA-CPLA.</li> <li><b>Implementation of Security Component.</b> To maximize the two-day meeting last 02-03 February 2023 with the OPAPRU Executives, a threat assessment was efficiently lacked 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.</li> <li><b>Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Individual Level)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPAPP-NCIP Special Educational Assistance Program (SEAP) for CBA-CPLA and/or their Next-of-Kin</li> </ul> <p>Relative to the continuous monitoring of the OPAPP-NCIP student-grantees, the following efforts were undertaken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Together with NCIP-CAR, the status of two hundred (200) student-grantees comprising 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li><b>PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program.</b> 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 enderments 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.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>		
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<p><b>6. Operationalization of the OPAPP-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-02.</b> 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 Banlay Gubat to be pegged to Salary Grade 2 under SSL V 4<sup>th</sup> 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 Banlay Gubat to Salary Grade 2 equivalent.</p> <p><b>7. Implementation and Monitoring of Referral System.</b> 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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>For the Banlay 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 Banlay Gubat to the respective MSWDOs for assessment.</li> <li>To provide immediate and exclusive assistance to the referred CPLA old guards and BCGs in terms of education, health and livelihood, the team was advised to courier requests through Special Referral to the DSWD.</li> <li>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-510 quota in Geram, 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.</li> </ol> <p><b>8. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Community Level)</b></p> <p>Implementation of Sustainable Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Program</p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring of the formal turn-over of various agricultural tools and small machineries such as multi-liter, micro tiller, micro mil, pipes, grab hoes, and organic fertilizers to the Agayap Farmers Organization of Hungdung, Ilugao 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.</li> <li>Conduct of on-site assessment and documentation of the projects in Bao-ayan, Boliney, Lamao, Budooc, and Bazar, Salapadan on 16-17 March 2023 with the participation of DA-CAR, MILGU-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.</li> <li>Conduct of regular monitoring and documentation of turned-over projects for Caiman Organic Farmers Association Cooperative, Kimitid Ya Simagkat Women's Association, and Mangal 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.</li> </ol> <p><b>On the monitoring of SIPAT Fiscal Year 2022, the following interventions were physically delivered to the target communities by DA-RFO-CAR:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bagu, Baktun, 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 Libbo Singa Farmers Organization.</li> <li>Danao West, Boliney, Abra - Ninety-three (93) heads of upgraded goats were accepted by the Danao West Livelihood Association. The goats were inspected by APCCO-Abra, PO officers and members including the MILGU-MAO staff and BLCGU officials. These were distributed to the target recipients and are now closely monitored by the Association.</li> <li>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 Masabayan 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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>Poblacion West, Lamut, Ilugao - Nineteen (19) heads cows were delivered on 20 March 2023. Through the hands-on technical assistance of APCCO Head Chafemagne Monyayo 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.</li> <li>Nabuangan, Comer, Apayao- Nabuangan Indigenous Peoples Organization received two thousand seven hundred (2,700) pieces each of deer for 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.</li> </ol> <p>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. Kilip and staff, DA-RFO-CAR, May Ann Tubang and Laarni Saulo, APCCO-Abra Dr. Rose Tesoro, LGU-MAO representatives, Baramay LGU officials and community members.</p> <p><b>9. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Organization Level)</b></p> <p><b>Engagement of Peoples Organization to Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) and Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA)</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordination with the three (3) Contractors of the projects resulting to the setting of timeline of construction of the greenhouses with saddle water and lighting system.</li> <li>Monitoring of the on-going construction of the two (2) greenhouses in Ileb and New Bungalow of Nambaram, Tabuk, Kalinga on 16 February 2023 where key agreements on land use and partnership initiatives were discussed with the PO representatives.</li> <li>Project Orientation and Planning with stakeholders were undertaken in the two (2) sites in Abra, Moggo, Licuan-Basy on March 14, and Dudigan, Budooc 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 Baramay LGU representatives, and the contractor.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol> <p><b>10. Implementation of Confidence Building Component.</b> Secured funding support from Social Hearing 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 Delander 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 Coordinating Center (C3CC) -- an attached page.</p>	
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#### 11. Implementation of Healing and Reconciliation Component

- a) The documentation project for the CBA-CPLA did 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) did 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 Bubut-Behagan 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 Klip 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 Cirillo G. Gávez and other Executives attended the 26<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary and Fourth Boding Festival of Kalinga as guest of honor on 15 February 2023. The presence of Sec. Gávez was a testimony of strong support to the local peace systems and societies 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 CH Society Organizations and Indigenous Peoples Champions. OPAPRU Consultant BGen Bismarck Sobla (Ret.) shared the key initiatives of OPAPRU in line with the 1986 Mt. Data Spat, 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/WYPS).** At least thirty-one (31) female members of the Nabanigan Indigenous Peoples Organization joined the OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Training on Muscovado Production held in Nabuanigan Barangay Hal, Conner, Abayaao 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 (WYPS), and medical mission in CBA-CPLA areas addressing the health concerns of female did 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 AECIO Project Orientation and Planning with the stakeholders in Mogoo, Licuan-Baay and Duidigan, Budooc 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 POcommunity beneficiaries.
- 2ND Quarter**
- Implementing Mechanisms Operationalized**
- 1. Operationalization of the Transformation Mechanisms**
- The following activities were organized by the Transformation Program mechanisms such as the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), LGU-led Provincial and Local Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs), and the inter-agency Socio-Economic Reintegration Committee (SERC):
- a. Meeting with the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU), and the Site Coordinating Team-Akian (SCT-Akian) on the Operationalization of the Coco Mill Facility in Akian Province.** A meeting was held on 08 May 2023 in Akian Province, with the participation of the JEMC, PLGU, and the SCT-Akian. The meeting aimed to discuss the operationalization of the Coco Mill Project and to address pending actions and deliverables necessary for the successful implementation of the project. Participants discussed the allocation of resources, technical requirements, and coordination mechanisms to streamline the intervention efforts. The second agenda item centered around crafting a timeline that would guide the follow-through of pending actions and the completion of remaining deliverables for the successful implementation of the Coco Mill Project.
- b. Field Visit to Ibalay POC Site in Barangay Cabugao, Ibalay, Akian.** The OPAPRU, through the HCCCO, facilitated the conduct of the site visit of DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjilay and SERC Chairman in the Akian Peace and Development Community (PDC) in Barangay Cabugao, Ibalay, Akian on 24 May 2023.
- During the visit, Ibalay, Akian Mayor Jose Miguel Mrafores shared that the Municipal Engineer's Office had drafted the Program of Works (POW) and Detailed Engineering Design (DED) for the DSWD-funded Child Development Center, with a municipal counterpart of PHP 500,000.00. The ongoing construction by the 552nd ECB in Ibalay POC Site was also reported during the courtesy call. The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO)-Akian also distributed 40 sacks of rice to the KAPATIRAN community during the visit. A focus group discussion (FGD) was conducted with KAPATIRAN members and their next-of-kins (NOKs) to discuss their needs and project updates. As a follow-through, USWD's Project Management Bureau (PMB) will coordinate with the OPAPRU to assist in the ongoing concerns of the KAPATIRAN, including the prompt distribution of subsistence and financial assistance to Community Defense Units (now transitioned as CAFGU-Active Auxiliary-1) and the speedy implementation of ongoing projects in the PDC.
- c. at Provincial Meeting of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Negros Occidental.** Negros Occidental Provincial Governor Eugenio Larsson led the 1st provincial meeting of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Negros Occidental on 11 May 2023 at the Social Hall, Capitol Building, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. A presentation of updates on the 2019 CID to the 2000 Peace Agreement was provided by the OPAPRU, through the RCCO. The Provincial Government also presented updates on the interventions they have extended to the KAPATIRAN, such as rapid skills assessment conducted in the six (6) KAPATIRAN chapters among the Women in Transformation (WIT) beneficiaries, provision of rice subsidies to five (5) Community Defense Unit (CDU) detachments and distribution of food packs to all KAPATIRAN chapters, support to the multi-peace caravans in two sites, distribution of livestock and poultry, and distribution of vegetable seeds and tree seedlings. Members of the OPAPRU and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) acknowledged the efforts made by the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental and proposed additional measures to ensure the long-term success of the reintegration process.
- d. 1st Kabankalan and Cauayan SCT Assessment and Planning Workshop.** The Assessment and Planning Workshop and meeting held in Barangay Masaling, Cauayan, Negros Occidental from 08-09 June 2023, was led by Mayor Benjie Miranda of Kabankalan, Mayor John Rey Tabuera of Cauayan, Member-Agencies/Offices of the Local SCT of Cauayan and Kabankalan composed of the LGU Kabankalan - CPDO, CEO, CSWDO, PESO, CHO, BGLU Locoban, LGU Cauayan - MPDO, Office of the Vice Mayor, BGLU Tabacan, MAC, 47th Philippine Army (PA), 542nd ECB PA, 15th IB PA, DEPED Kabankalan, Central Philippine State University (CPSU), DSWD Region VI, TESDA, NIA, DPWH, PNP Kabankalan and Cauayan, KAPATIRAN Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters, and RCCO-Western Visayas Field Office Provincial Coordinators. The workshop provided valuable insights into the accomplishments of the SCT, allowing members to identify strengths and areas for improvement. They formulated a clear vision, mission, and specific goals for the SCT. A comprehensive three-year plan from 2023-2025 was formulated for the Kabankalan and Cauayan sites.

e. Conduct of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT) Joint Inspection of Proposed Lot. The LGU plans to donate a 1500 sqm lot in Brgy. Esperanza, Cales, Antique to 31 members of KAPATIRAN. The area was inspected by a team comprising NHA, ECB PA, LGU, KAPATIRAN, and OPAPRU, led by Municipal Engineer Marlon Dulia on 14 June 2023. The LGU will request a certificate of non-objection from the NHA as per the MOA. Subsequently, the lot will be subdivided with the assistance of geodetic engineers from DENR or the Provincial Engineer's Office. The Sanggulang Bayan of LGU Cudal will refer to the housing plan as an agenda. Finally, a resolution will formalize the donation to KAPATIRAN. It is worth noting that all common facilities have been established except for the satellite market.

**2. Partnership with Academia and NGOs**

The OPAPRU partnership with the state universities and colleges (SUCs) in Western Visayas, particularly the Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) and Central Philippine State University (CPSU) aims to achieve three-fold objectives, namely: 1) determine the current socio-economic conditions of the KAPATIRAN and their adjacent communities; 2) evaluation of interventions for the KAPATIRAN; and 3) generate recommendations based on the results of the monitoring and evaluation of the interventions for the KAPATIRAN. CPSU has extended their support to the KAPATIRAN even prior to the partnership M&E in 2022. CPSU provided livelihood and skills training to the members of the KAPATIRAN in Kabankalan Chapter such as trainings on mushroom production, muscovado processing and organic farming. NORSU and CPSU are also among the core members of the local SCT. The following activities have been undertaken as part of the M&E partnership with the SUCs:

- Pre-implementation meeting of OPAPRU with CPSU in Kabankalan City on 12 April 2022 for the familiarization of the project, firming up of the project's timeline. Aside from the roll out of the research study, CPSU discussed the need for the installation of 20 rainwater collectors at the KAPATIRAN PDC Site in Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City for agricultural uses and hygiene. CPSU leadership stressed the need to make survey questionnaire to be adopted as standardized and adaptable to the community (parameters are a must on gender sensitivity and responsiveness). Social preparation will include initial meeting with the community for the research.
- Meeting with Central Philippine State University (CPSU) Training Team relative to the Roll out of Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting Practice and Citizen Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM) was undertaken on 11 April 2023 at CPSU Main Campus, Brgy. Camingawan, Kabankalan City to deepen the appreciation of the SUC on the CSPP-CLM approach, particularly the constructive engagement of project stakeholders and meaningful participation of community members in project implementation and monitoring. An orientation of overview of the CSPP-CLM approach was provided to CPSU and firm up workshop design and logistics to optimize participation in the CLM Training on 25-29 April 2023.
- Conduct of Focus Group Discussion (FGD) and individual interview was undertaken by CPSU with KAPATIRAN at PDC Site, Sita Mambing, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City on 18 April 2023 with ten (10) KAPATIRAN officers participating in the FGD. This is part of the research partnership of OPAPRU and CPSU that seeks to assess the current socio-economic situation of the KAPATIRAN members and to generate appropriate interventions for the group. The data gathering results from the CPSU activity will be used as basis for the final M&E Tool as part of the partnership between OPAPRU and CPSU.
- In support of the peace process with the KAPATIRAN and in providing interventions to the group, CPSU installed community-based solar-powered home lighting system for 10 households at the KAPATIRAN village of Brgy. Taledan, Municipality of Causayan on 5 April 2023.

**3. Release of Alleged Political Offenders (Support to Amnesty Program)**

Ceremonial Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) Signing Between the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI). RCOO Amnesty focus joined the other representatives from OPAPRU Peace Tables in attending the MOA signing between the NAC and the NBI. Under the NBI-NAC data sharing MOA, the NBI committed to update its records once the Certificate of Amnesty is granted to certain individuals; provide NAC with the necessary information relating to the criminal records of the amnesty applicants; and updating of the records of arrested individuals. Then DND Senior Undersecretary Carillo Galvez Jr., DILG Usec. Juan Victor Llamas, and APAPRU Isidro Purisima, who attended the MOA signing committed their respective agency's support to the Amnesty Program.

**4. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements**

- Activation of two CAFEGU Active Auxiliary Companies for the Security Arrangement in the KAPATIRAN Settlement Sites. In partnership with the AFPDND, the activation of two (2) CAFEGU Active Auxiliary-1 companies of the eight (8) KAPATIRAN peace and development settlement sites in Negros and Panay Islands was facilitated through a MOA signed in April 2023. The activation of the two CAA-1 companies is part of the transition and sustainability plan for the security arrangement of the KAPATIRAN settlement sites in Western Visayas.
- Conduct of Solar Lighting Workshop and Installation of Solar Panels in the CDU Detachment in Causayan, Negros Occidental. A Solar Lighting Training Workshop was conducted at the Community Defense Unit (CDU) Detachment in Sita Binassy, Brgy. Taabacan, Causayan on 05 April 2023. Fifteen (15) KAPATIRAN Officers in Causayan, Negros Occidental, the Central Philippine State University (CPSU) Team, along with the RCOO Western Visayas Field Office Provincial Coordinator attended the training. Taught in the training were the fundamentals of solar panel installation, including safety precautions, system design, and equipment selection. The 15 KAPATIRAN members were trained on the installation of 480 watts solar panels with 400AH Battery and 2000 watts inverter, which will cover the needed power supply of the community patrol base in the area.

**5. Implementation of the Interventions for the Transformation Framework.** The Women in Transformation Program (WIT) in Western Visayas has benefited 689 KAPATIRAN Women, KAPATIRAN Wives, and the spouses of Community Defense Unit (CDU) and Forest Guard (FG) in the peace and development community and congregated settlement sites in Atan, Iloilo, Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental provinces. The WIT Program seeks to empower and boost the personality of KAPATIRAN Women in Transformation, recognize the contribution of KAPATIRAN Women in the RPM-PRPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN Peace Process, and capacitate KAPATIRAN Women by providing skills and livelihood training program. The WIT's second phase had been undertaken and start-up kits had been provided to complement the initial skills and knowledge imparted to the 689 women beneficiaries.

**6. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members**

*Livelihood and Employment*

- Distribution of Financial Assistance to KAPATIRAN Members in in Sita Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental. Forty-six (46) KAPATIRAN members received PHP5,000.00 financial assistance from DSWD Field Office VII through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program in a simple ceremony conducted in Sita Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 18 May 2023 jointly led by OPAPRU and DSWD FO VII. The AICS aims to alleviate the immediate financial burdens of the former rebels as part of the ongoing case management conducted by DSWD.



b. Simultaneous Conduct of Training and Assessment of Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) with DSWD & OPAPRU at the MSWD Office, Municipal Hall, Lapa-an, Antique and in Barangay San Luz, Culas, Antique, San Carlos City, Cadz-Uy, Kabankalan City, Cauayan, Bago City, EB Maglona, Negros Occidental, January, Iloilo, and Iloilo, Aklan on 12-20 April 2023. The simultaneous re-administration of Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) in Occidental, January, Iloilo, and Iloilo, Aklan conducted by the DSWD among the KAPATIRAN members will serve as reference data for the corresponding intervention plan for the KAPATIRAN. Updating of the social welfare development indicators was administered among profiled members of KAPATIRAN in Lapa-an and Culas Cluster, which will be the basis of the next step of interventions for the KAPATIRAN. As a result, a total of 38 KAPATIRAN members underwent profiling intake and assessed by the DSWD. Out of 38, two (2) belong to survival, 30 are subsistence and 6 are self-sufficient where they are able to provide for the needs of the family without dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners.

c. Signing of Supply Contract between KAPATIRAN and Machine Fabricator for the Operationalization of Phase 2- Coco Milling Facility (cooking of production) at the Provincial Capitol Building, Kalibo, Aklan on 06 June 2023. Officials from the JEMC, KAPATIRAN, RCCO-OPAPRU and the fabricators met in Kalibo, Aklan to firm up the final draft of the premium of contract between KAPATIRAN and machine fabricators. Present were Christina Loren B. Umali, Head, RCCO, Veronica P. Tabara, KAPATIRAN and JEMC Co-Chair, Ramel M. Farro, KAPATIRAN Vice-Chair and Member, JEMC, Jessy N. Batoy/KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter President, Ivan O. Sosau/KAPATIRAN Aklan Vice President, John Krest T. Solidez/KAPATIRAN Aklan Treasurer, Engr. Jeevs Delawa and Gerbe Delata, machine fabricators. The parties from KAPATIRAN and supplier of premium machine finalized and agreed upon the project cost, terms and conditions, timeline in the contract and deeds of undertaking by the fabricator.

d. The implementation of infrastructure projects in Ibagay PDC Site have been sustained such as the finalization of the installation of a solar mechanized power, Water Distribution System Level III of DPWH, and preparations for the conduct of test runs and procedural training to the KAPATIRAN in the operation of the coco milling facility. Implementation of AECID-funded projects has also been ongoing. Documentary requirements for the projects in Aklan, Kabankalan, and Tanjay have been complied with and duly submitted for the release of funds. The Two-Phase Transformer that would run the premium of facility in Ibagay was delivered on 9 June 2023 with the assistance from Engr. Dakla Bautista and Aklan Electric Cooperative.

*Establishment of Settlement Sites*

a. Courtesy call with Mr. Rhodol Lababit, CENR Officer, CENRO Culas, Antique. The courtesy call on 13 April 2023 served to renew the partnership with the Engineer Brigade, which is a major implementing partner in the implementation of the shelter program for the KAPATIRAN, particularly the construction of 100 housing units in Negros and Pansay Island as part of the social and economic reintegration component of the 2019 CID. An overview of the implementation of the socio-economic reintegration component of the 2019 CID and the Government's peace process with the RPM-PRP/PAABB was provided to CENRO Antique to serve as reference for the ongoing partnership for the development of In-Situ Settlement Site in Culas, Antique.

b. Site Validation, Silo Mambiny, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan at the PDC Site, Silo Mambiny, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental. The site visit conducted on 15 April 2023 aimed to assess the location, identify any potential issues that may impact the project, and suggest appropriate measures to mitigate them. Based on the observations, there is a need to improve the drainage system. The site validation resulted in the determination of the problems in the drainage plan and revision by the S42<sup>nd</sup> ECB of the SDP. As a supporting document, KAPATIRAN will be requested to pass a resolution requesting the revision of SDP and OPAPRU will assist KAPATIRAN in the drafting of a resolution.

c. Follow Through Meeting on the Final Engineering Design of In-Situ Settlement Site Development for KAPATIRAN Members in Antique On 02 May 2023, a meeting was held between the RPM-PRP/PAABB and CBA-CPLA Concerns Office of OPAPRU (RCCO-OPAPRU) Field Staff and representatives from the National Housing Authority (NHA) Region VI along with the 552<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Construction Battalion of the Philippine Army (552 ECB) concerning the provision and development of In-Situ Settlement for the beneficiary (35) KAPATIRAN members in Antique Province. NHA presented a comprehensive design proposal that considered the unique needs and preferences of the KAPATIRAN beneficiaries. The meeting concluded with a consensus on the final engineering design and NHA's commitment to promptly initiate construction activities.

d. Peace and Order Public Safety (POPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting in Kabankalan City in the City City Planning and Development Office, Kabankalan City. The OPAPRU participated in the Peace and Order Public Safety (POPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting held at the City Planning and Development Office, Kabankalan City on 15 May 2023. The agenda of the meeting was to revise the 2024-2025 POPS Plan and discuss the catch-up planning on the approved 2023 POPS Plan budget. Discussed in the meeting was the approved FY 2023 Kabankalan POPS Plan of the OPAPRU, amounting to PHP 1,850,000.00, which would support the operationalization and maintenance of community facilities and roads leading to the peace and development community (PDC) site, site validation/assessment and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities, planning workshops and production of information, education, and communication (IEC) materials. The OPAPRU, through the RCCO, committed to submit the Catch-Up Plan for FY 2023 to the Secretariat on or before 31 May and prepare the training/activity design and program of works.

e. Tree Planting and Rainboot Distribution Event at Kabankalan PDC Site Lowag Elementary School PDC Extension Annex, Kabankalan Peace and Development Community (PDC) Settlement Site. The KAPATIRAN, CENRO Kabankalan, Universal Robina Corp (URC) and the Southern Negros Development Corporation (SONEDCO) led the conduct of a tree planting activity at the Lowag Elementary School PDC Extension Annex at the Kabankalan PDC settlement site on 18 May 2023, that resulted in the planting of 1,000 mangium seedlings, lending support to the long-term preservation, and improvement of the PDC site. Rainboots were also provided to 50 Lowag Elementary School students by the Convey of Hope and Yusey Foundation.

f. Turnover of Housing Construction Assistance to KAPATIRAN Members Don Carlos, Bulidnon. KAPATIRAN members Mr. Dongle Ido, Mr. Roger Rodrigo, and Mr. Rhojy Ilika were awarded assistance on 24 May 2023 in Don Carlos, Bulidnon. These serve as housing assistance in collaboration with the NHA and its Regional Office, as part of the Social and Economic Reintegration Component of the 2019 CID. The funds will be utilized for the construction of their houses located in Don Carlos, Bulidnon. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is a major implementing agency partner of the OPAPRU in the implementation of the Government's peace process with the KAPATIRAN.

g. Turnover Ceremony of the PHP20M FMR Project Leading to the Kapatiran Congregated Site in Silo Binacay, Brgy. Tacaolan, Cauayan. Mayor John Rey Tabujera of Cauayan spearheaded the inauguration and turnover ceremony on 02 June 2023 of the newly completed 1.3km Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) that connects to the KAPATIRAN Congregated Site in Silo Binacay, Brgy. Tacaolan, Cauayan. This significant infrastructure project, amounting to PHP20 million pesos, was funded as part of the Area Development Plan (ADP) of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT). The road aims to facilitate the relocation of 153 KAPATIRAN families to the congregated site, promoting accessibility and improved living conditions.

h. Conduct of Site Development Plan Ceremonial MOA Signing through Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) for KAPATIRAN Settlement at PDC Ibagay at the Provincial Capitol Building, Kalibo, Aklan. The MOA signed on 06 June 2023 by key individuals, including Engr. Herson Sevilla, Engr. Marc Ecamina, Arc. Engr. Roger M. Esio, Maybela Ruiz, Dr. Christina Loren B. Umali, and Jessy N. Batoy, KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter Leader. The ceremony was witnessed by members of the SCT at the PDC site in Cabaugan, Iloilo, Aklan. The KAPATIRAN shelter project in Iloilo, Aklan has three phases: Phase 1 with 16 housing units, Phase 2 with 26 housing units, and Phase 3 with 2 housing units. The revised Site Development Plan includes aspects such as entry and exit points, road access to the settlement site, the location of 44 housing units, and the common service facility.

**7. Social Protection Package** RCCO reviewed the list of 8,762 KAPATIRAN members and additional beneficiaries (new) from Community Peace Dividend (CPD) barangays and for endorsement and renewal, and issuance of their respective PhilHealth IDs for FY 2023 under the PAMANA-PNHHealth Sponsored Program.

**8. Community Peace Dividends**

<p>a. Provincial Project Review Assessment of Proposed Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) in Atlan Province in Kaboo, Atlan. A Provincial Project Review Assessment (PPRA) of the proposed Sustainable Livelihood Programs (SLPs) in Atlan Province was held in Kaboo, Atlan on 11 May 2023. Three (3) proposed SLPs were evaluated for viability, contribution to sustainable livelihood development: Livestock (Cattle and Free-Range Native Chicken), Gasoline and Water Dispensing Station, and Handicrafts and Bag Weaving. Recommendations were on enhancement of technical capacity, market linkages, robust management systems, and financial support mechanisms.</p> <p>b. Implementation of Cycle 2 of livelihood assistance to SLPAs with PHP 300,000 awarded to CPD Barangays, Cycle 2 of the livelihood assistance to Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs) in Community Peace Dividend (CPD) Barangays were turned over in Maasin and Cabatuan, Iloilo Province at the Maasin Municipal Hall and Bigy, Tigbauan, Maasin, Iloilo on 06 June 2023. The Dagami-Bolo SLP Association received PHP200,000.00 to initiate their second cycle of the SLP PAMANA initiative. SLP grants for the Agricultural Supply Enterprises of the Movement for Agrarian and Rural Advancement Association (MARA) in Barangays Tigbauan and Gbungan, Cabatuan were also turned over. In Atlan, the turnover and grand launching of PAMANA SLP projects for Barangay Tigayon and Pook, Kaboo, Atlan were also undertaken.</p>	<p><b>9. Support to the Implementation of Executive Order No. 70</b></p> <p>a. Participation in the blessing and turnover of Negros Oriental Highway House and E-CLIP Packages to Former Rebels at Camp Leon Klat, Sta. Cruz Viejo, Tanjay City, The Western Visayas Field Office of OPAPRU RCCO participated in the blessing and turnover of Negros Oriental Highway House and E-CLIP Packages to former rebels in Camp Leon Klat, Sta. Cruz Viejo, Tanjay City on 03 April 2023. Twenty-one former rebels (21) pledged commitment and allegiance to the government and denounced the terrorist groups they are previously affiliated with. E-CLIP packages in the form of cash, livelihood assistance, rice, chicken, and other agricultural inputs were provided by the national and provincial government.</p> <p>b. Pre-Workshop Meeting on the Transformation Program Regional Task Force to Ero Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) VI Localized Peace Engagement (LPE) Cluster in Iloilo City. OPAPRU organized the Pre-Workshop Meeting on the Transformation Program in Iloilo City on 11 May 2023, participated by representatives from RTF-ELCAC VI LPE Cluster. Meeting participants were updated on the status of former rebels in the Western Visayas region and the current security situation in Region VI. As the pre-meeting was aimed at orienting and deepening the NGOs and LGUs' appreciation and understanding of the basic concepts, framework, and guidelines of the Transformation Program, an exchange of ideas and experiences related to the implementation of the Transformation Program ensued during the meeting.</p> <p>c. Participation in the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) Meeting of Negros Oriental Province. The PPOC of Negros Oriental conducted its 2nd regular meeting on 13 April 2023 at the Pveney Hall, Convention Centre, Dumaguete City. The meeting was presided by PPOC Vice Chairperson, Vice Gov. Manuel L. Sagatbarin, and was attended by the various PPOC member-agencies. Also present to discuss some concerns was Sta. Catalina Municipal Mayor Peve Obaniana Ligan. Discussed in the meeting were the Peace and Order situation updates 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 in the Province of Negros Oriental.</p> <p><b>E. GPH-CBA-CPLA PEACE PROCESS</b></p> <p><b>Program 4: Implement a consensus based, multistakeholder Normalization Program to sustain the gains of the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, where the aspiration of the Cordillera People's meaningful autonomy is supported</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p><b>Transform</b> – support the transformation of the CBA-CPLA, building on the gains since the 1996 Spol. 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 going back to communities supportive to the CBA-CPLA; and</p> <p><b>Include</b> – in the spirit of the Mt. Data Spol, support inclusive regional growth by prioritizing tribal communities that have lagged due to conflict and geographic isolation.</p> <p>The second is the 5-Year Normalization Plan (2020-2024), which has the following components: (i) Security Component; (ii) Socio-Economic Reintegration Component; (iii) Transitional Justice Component; and (iv) Confidence Building Component.</p> <p>As of reporting period, the following were accomplished:</p> <p><b>Support to JEMC and its Components</b></p> <p><b>1. Operationalization of the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC)</b></p> <p>The Amended Memorandum of Agreement relative to the establishment of a JEMC office in Coma, Isabela has been signed by authorized OPAPRU officials. To date, the document has been officially transmitted to APPDDO to facilitate approval of authorized AFP and DND officials.</p> <p>To continuously support the JEMC, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division, provided technical and administrative support to the fifteen (15) CBA-CPLA members. These individuals are involved in planning, monitoring and policy-determining/evaluation functions and their engagement is crucial for ground support to lessen difficulties in coordination with regard to field activities and to hasten the remaining commitments of the government for the CBA-CPLA Peace Process.</p> <p><b>2. Implementation of 5-Year Normalization Program (SYNP)</b></p> <p>Relative to National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) celebration, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division's indicative exhibits have been approved, such as the 37th Commemoration of the 1996 Spol / Cessation of Hostilities and Wrath Offering and Medical Mission.</p> <p>Policy recommendations on issues and concerns relative to the factionalism of the CBA-CPLA, the composition of the JEMC, Transformation Program Planning for Abra, Benguet and Kalinga, support to autonomy initiatives, and action planning per projects were thoroughly discussed by EDr. Susana Guadalupe Marcella, RAPS, Consultants, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division and LPEO during the Operations Meeting with RCCO and AMU-NL in Baguio City last 30 May to 1 June 2023.</p> <p>With the targeted programs and interventions for FY2023 under the Transformation Program, a seven-month extension was granted to continue lease of OPAPRU's physical office in Baguio City close to the regional partner agencies and CBA-CPLA that will help in the operationalization of the structure of the CBA-CPLA Peace Process and its mechanism while strengthening the overall local peace engagements of OPAPRU in the Cordillera Administrative Region.</p> <p><b>a. Implementation of Security Component</b></p> <p>With profound knowledge of the RAPS on security matters, policy questions and concerns were formulated during the Operations Meeting with RCCO and AMU-NL to implement the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process and the Transformation Program in Baguio City last May 30-June 1, 2023, such as prohibitions against wearing of uniforms/insignia and show of arms by some CPLA members, specify incidents as a precursor requesting for assessment reports from the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, and Security and Threat Assessment of the CBA-CPLA.</p> <p><b>b. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Individual Level)</b></p>
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<p>i. OPAPP-NCIP Special Educational Assistance Program (SEAP) for CBA-CPLA and/or their Near or In. OPAPRU and NCIP-CAR regularly monitored the status of two hundred (200) student-grantees comprising 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> batches of SEAP. Since the program's inception in 2021, seventeen (17) student-grantees are forecasted to graduate from the following provinces: Abra (2), Apayao (1), Ifugao (2), Kalinga (7), and Mt. Province (5).</p> <p>ii. PAMANA-PHHealth Sponsored Program. Three hundred eighty-eight (388) out of the eight hundred forty-nine (849) beneficiaries were already renewed under the said program with the following breakdown: one hundred seventy-two (172) for the first batch, fifty-two (52) for the second, and lastly, one hundred sixty-four (164). The beneficiaries of the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process for PAMANA PHHealth Sponsored Program were verified before the issuance of their certification. The remaining four hundred sixty-one (461) beneficiaries will be subject to verification and validation prior to their renewal.</p> <p>iii. Operationalization of the OPAPP-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-02. With the continuous renewal of CENRO/PENROs on their personnel and the filing of vacated slots, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division received four (4) application across CAR for the OPAPP-DENR Bantay Gabat Program. Of the four (4) applicants, one (1) is a rebel returnee from Mountain Province and three (3) are CBA-CPLA next-of-kin/ immediate family from the Provinces of Abra, Kalinga and Mountain Province. Their background information and present circumstances were gathered to support its endorsement to DENR.</p> <p><b>c. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Community Level)</b></p> <p>Together with the DA-RFO-CAR and stakeholders, the following efforts were undertaken:</p> <p><b>Implementation of Sustainable Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Program</b></p> <p>i. <i>Two (2) Ceremonial Turn-Over of OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Agri-Related Livelihood Interventions</i>: A series of ceremonial turnovers of Agri-related livelihood interventions were conducted in Luna and Puduk, Apayao Province on 10-11 May 2023 which strengthened partnerships with stakeholders and reinforced the commitment to the sustained management of the OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Program. The requested farm inputs were utilized for the main livelihood of the PO members, particularly cassava, rice, and corn production in their communities. Overall, the community members present, composed of men, women and their children, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens, expressed their gratitude to OPAPRU and DA for such meaningful intervention for their respective communities as it provided ready input for their next farming cycle.</p> <p>ii. <i>Eight (8) physical monitoring and documentation of SIPAT-implemented projects</i>: RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division conducted physical monitoring of the SIPAT projects in Hunglilan, Lamit, and Hingyon Ifugao Province on 8-9 May 2023, and in Natonin (Aluocogan and Tonglayan), Bontoc (Tuccogan) and Sadanga (Balwang and Demang) Mt. Province on June 14-15, 2023. The monitoring and documentation are necessary to gather significant developments of the projects and success stories to facilitate the production of Knowledge Products for the GPH-CBA-CPLA and to provide interventions to address issues and concerns.</p> <p>iii. Regular table and actual monitoring of the twenty-one (21) FY 2021 projects and sixteen (16) projects under SIPAT FY 2022 handed to the PO members. The updated status report and immediate resolution of concerns and issues were likewise looked into.</p> <p><b>d. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Organization Level)</b></p> <p>i. Engagement of Peoples Organizations for the Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) and Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA)</p> <p>Feedbacking and discussion with ICPO and LLS on the recreation and planning activities with stakeholders for the AECID-funded projects (Nurseries) resulted to a consensus-building on the process of addressing, facilitating, and handling gaps and challenges of implementations which was conducted last 11 April 2023 via videoconference.</p> <p>ii. Four (4) capacity building, planning, and monitoring with the stakeholders in the SIPAT-AECID sites were undertaken in the following communities – Besao and Sumadit in Tinglayan, and Kinama, Rzañ in the province of Kalinga last May 8-12, 2023, and Coboang, Banaue, Ifugao last May 2023. The series of events resulted in the drafting of a usufructuary agreement to fend off possible issues in the future and protect both the PO and the agency's best interest, the identification of seedlings to be utilized for the reforestation project, and the onsite validation of PENRO-Kalinga and the core teams to the project sites. These series of activities were efficiently carried out with the technical expertise of the Provincial Environmental and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and partner Peoples Organizations (POs).</p> <p>iii. Constant coordination with the contractors and landowners of the projects resulting to the updated status of the construction of the nursery sites with stable water and lighting system in Abra and Ifugao</p> <p><b>3. Implementation and Monitoring of Referral System</b></p> <p>RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division have established four (4) public-private partnership with these four (4) entities which significantly formed part of the continuing commitment in promoting social cohesion and peacebuilding in CAR.</p> <p>i. Mapiña University, as part of their corporate social responsibility in collaboration with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, and the local government and installed solar panels in the CBA-CPLA Barangays in Kalinga (10), Abra (9), and Mountain Province (1) from April 19-27, 2023. This helped barangays minimize their electric consumption through the use of natural light resources. According to tests, the solar panel kit can at least power a computer set with printer, an electric fan, and a couple of phones or charge fifteen (15) cellphones at once, or light up the barangay hall (5-15 light bulbs) or charge some of the other devices at the same time.</p> <p>ii. As part of the ongoing implementation of the Transformation Program for CBA-CPLA members, their families, and communities, as well as continuous support on Cordillera peace and development, OPAPRU spearheads the upcoming medical-optical and dental mission with capacity-building on health and wellness among Barangay Health Workers in Sadanga, Mt. Province on July 2023 together with the following: (a) Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC), (b) Medical Outreach Mission Foundation Incorporated (MOMFI), and (c) Bethesda Optical Clinic.</p> <p><b>4. Implementation of Confidence Building Component</b></p> <p>RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division, in partnership with Kibungan Local Government Unit, led the capacity-building and Peace and Development Advocacy to Taseading Rural Improvement Club and Youth (TRICY), joined by Taseading Organic Coffee Growers Association on 17-18 May 2023 at Barangay Tourism Hall, Taseading Proper, Kibungan, Benguet. The capacity-building resulted in a two-day-based activity.</p> <p>i. <i>Lecture-Demonstration on Ginger Production, Processing and Packaging for Women and Youth</i>. A collaborative lecture-discussion on the Introduction and Agronomic requirements of ginger and production techniques, crop pests and diseases management, orientation on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and SS Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and its Return Demo on Ginger tea (sabab) processing, packaging, and labelling were conducted for the women and youth in Kibungan, Benguet</p> <p>ii. <i>Advocacy on Peace and Development</i>. RCCO-CBA-CPLA team shared the expanded mandate of the OPAPRU and Five Point Peace and Development Agenda, four (4) substantive pillars of the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security, and the five (5) Pillars of Youth, Peace and Security and their roles in peacebuilding. This called for the identification of internal and external conflicts affecting the welfare and development of youth and women as well as the peace promoting practices of the community that will boost and sustain peaceful developments.</p> <p><b>5. Implementation of Healing and Reconciliation Component</b></p>
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<p>a. The RCCO-CBA-CPLA personnel, including OPAPRU RCCO Consultants, have been constantly monitoring the said tribal dynamics since 4 April 2023 after the death of a hunter from Bakiang, Sadanga. OPAPRU-RCCO Consultant obtained an official report from PROCOR to which vital information therefrom was later incorporated in the Official Statement of APAPRU Isidro Purisima relative to the ongoing conflict published on 18 April 2023.</p> <p>b. On regional matters, two (2) Private Sector representatives of Apayao and Kalinga for 2023-2025 were confirmed and took their oath before the council. One of which is an esteemed CBA leader from Kalinga, Mr. Leonardo Bun-as. Through this meeting, the body approved the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2023-2028 as well as the 2022 Annual Regional Development Report (ARDOR). Significantly, the Normalization/Transformation Program for the CBA-CPLA was included under the Development Administration Sector while the PAMANA projects for the CBA-CPLA members and communities were highlighted in the 2022 RDR. On related matters for information, the council had endorsed and transmitted resolutions in support to the twenty-nine (29) development projects to OPAPRU-CCO and other concerned offices.</p> <p>c. OPAPRU personnel participated during the updating on the state of Peace and Order in Baguio City based on PNP and AFP reports. The meeting also resulted in a shared discussion on crisis management, public safety, and disaster reduction to mitigate insurgency situations in Baguio City especially affecting the youth. Task Force Baguio continuously conducts an IEC to counter CTS's youth recruitment propaganda, and to promote security awareness in the barotacays and communities.</p> <p>d. OPAPRU personnel and RAPS participated in the discussion of Provincial Task Force (PTF)-ELCAC Resolution No. 2023-04. This resolution pertains to entities representing themselves as Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in the LGUs. RTF-ELCAC reiterated strict compliance with this rule as an indispensable intercession against the suspicious implementation of PPAs for an orderly discharge of business in the LGU. The special meeting resulted in the unanimous agreement among the RTF-ELCAC members to issue a statement of support to the Kalinga Provincial Task Force Resolution sans the list of Sectoral Front Organizations.</p> <p>e. With the special participation of OPAPRU, the groundbreaking ceremony of the Belwagan Bridge in Sadanga, Mt. Province took place on 27 October 2022 which jumpstarted its construction phase. With a completion rate of 70% to date, the concluding stage of the construction is expected in August 2023.</p> <p>f. Mr. Thomas Kilip, OPAPRU Consultant, represented the OPAPRU during the 60th Founding Anniversary of Sadanga, Mt. Province. His presence is a gesture of sustained partnership, dedication to the Mt. Data Peace Covenant of 2022, and continued commitment to promoting peacebuilding efforts in the province. Mr. Kilip shared OPAPRU's key initiatives on the implementation of the Transformation Program in the municipality and continuous advocacies on autonomy for the Cordillera.</p> <p>g. Conducted an onsite inspection of the first peace marker adhered to the grounds of Mt. Data Hotel. Said peace marker is well-maintained by Mt. Data Hotel Management but needs to be repainted prior to the 37th Spat commencement set in September 2023.</p> <p><b>6. Support to Cordillera People's meaningful autonomy</b></p> <p>Key engagements of OPAPRU in the continuing pursuit of Regional Autonomy were reinforced through the following autonomy advocacies: Four (4) Advocacy on Peace and Regional Autonomy (APRA) activities were spearheaded by the RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division in a grassroots-level information, education and communications (IECs) in Kibungan, Benguet, Pudtol, Apayao, and Sumaddel and Tabuk City in Kalinga province. This is also in consonance with the positive developments of House Bill 3267: An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region filed by all the CAR Congressmen to engage the participation and support of stakeholders in advocating Regional Autonomy.</p> <p><u>Other activities under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process</u></p> <p><b>1. Mainstreaming Gender and Development - Women/ Youth Peace and Security</b></p> <p>a. At least twenty-eight (28) female and twelve (12) male members of the Tacadang Rural Improvement Club and Youth (TRICY), joined by the OPAPRU and Tacadang MLGU - Municipal Agricultural Office, were capacitated during the ginger tea production and management held in Tacadang, Mt. Province on 17-18 May 2023.</p> <p>b. OPAPRU ensured that more women and youth in Kibungan, Benguet, Pudtol, Apayao, and Sumaddel and Tabuk City participated in the campaign and be advocates in their community together with the Barangay Local Officials in the Regional Autonomy campaign. The advocacy sessions benefited the women and youth who were largely based in the community.</p> <p><b>2. Mainstreaming of Conflict Sensitivity Peace-Promoting Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM)</b></p> <p>a. 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 Kalinga and Itugao Provinces. 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.</p> <p>b. 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 FY 2021 and FY 2022 Projects in Kalinga and Itugao Provinces with the POs and community beneficiaries.</p> <p><b>3rd Quarter</b></p> <p>Guided by the 2019 RPM-PRPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN peace process roadmap and supported by the Transformation Program mechanisms, the implementation of the deliverables to the 727 members of the KAPATIRAN under the 2019 CID was sustained for the 3rd Quarter of 2023. This is in line with the Government's commitment to lay the foundation for the continuous development, sustainable economic growth and peaceful living conditions for the RPM-PRPA/ABB members, their families and their communities.</p> <p>Major accomplishments were attained in terms of the interventions towards the continued monitoring, review and planning of the implementation mechanisms such as the Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), conduct of meetings with the partners in the academe for the capacity-building of KAPATIRAN Youth, use of the Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) Assessment of the KAPATIRAN members in Awam; completion of the PDC and Congregiated Sites in Western Visayas; monitoring and evaluation activities on Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) in Kabankalan, Himaayan, Binabagan and Cauayan in Negros Occidental.</p> <p>Efforts for the continuation of the peace process with the Nio Delta Cruz Group (NDCG) were also sustained through the conduct of consultation meetings with the Provincial Government of Iloilo and the NDCG.</p> <p>Gender and Development mainstreaming activities were also sustained in Kabankalan, Cauayan, in Negros Occidental, which included GAD and Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) Act orientation and three-day training on peacebuilding that benefited ninety (90) KAPATIRAN Chapter members and next-of-kin in Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental. Stakeholder's participation in the observance of the 2023 National Peace Consciousness Month were also demonstrated through the various activities conducted in Western Visayas in support of the comprehensive peace process, including the culmination activity inside the Kabankalan Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental participated in by at least sixteen (16) partners from the different LGUs, national line agencies, security sector and KAPATIRAN.</p> <p><i>Implementing Mechanisms Operationalized</i></p> <p><b>1. Operationalization of the Transformation Mechanisms (Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), Socio-Economic Reintegration Cluster (SERC), Site Coordinating Teams (SCT))</b></p>	
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The Kabanakan Site Coordinating Team (SCT) conducted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting in Kabanakan, Negros Occidental on 16 August 2023. The meeting resulted in the following: review and finalization of the Three (3) Year SCT Plan, leveling off of SCT member agencies on their commitment to the KAPATIRAN and the Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site in Brgy. Locolan, discussion of the issues and concerns arising from the implementation of the 2019 Clarification Implementing Document (CID), and finalization of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Celebration activities. The NPCM activities included a Medical Mission, distribution of Educational Assistance to the KAPATIRAN, MOA signing between KAPATIRAN and Department of Education (DepEd) relative to the Usitfud of the PDC Annex Elementary School Extension, Turnover of Site Development in Locolan PDC and inauguration of the completed Livelihood Center in the PDC Site.

On 11 July 2023, a courtesy call was made to Governor Manuel L. Sagatbarria of Negros Oriental, with the aim of updating him on the progress of the peace process between the Government and KAPATIRAN. During the courtesy call, representatives from JEMC and OPAPRU presented an overview of the programs and projects under the 2019 CID, including the approved project for the KAPATIRAN Eco-tourism, contract renewal for twenty-three (23) KAPATIRAN employees working in the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental as Barlay Lasing, reconsolidation of the Provincial Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Negros Oriental to further support the completion of the RPM-PRP/ABBB-KAPATIRAN peace process commitments.

The JEMC conducted a meeting at Astoria Hotel, Ortigas, Pasig City on 6 September 2023 to discuss the comprehensive update on developments and concerns/problems on the provisions of the 2019 CID, and finalization of ways forward and action steps, including the recommended support for KAPATIRAN transformation through social enterprise capability development and scoping of the educational levels of KAPATIRAN next-of-kin and support provided by LGUs and/or SUCs that will be used for possible tapping of resources.

2. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements. During the courtesy call meeting held on 12 July 2023 between Secretary Carlo G. Galvez, Jr. and AFP peace partners, particularly the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFP PDO) Chief Capt. Nersal Dimaporo PN and 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Brigade Commander Brigadier General Maynard G. Camarao, PA, Capt. Umapporo reported on the progress of the Security Arrangement for the KAPA/INAN settlement sites through the Community Defense Units (CDUs). These include the anticipated graduation of CDUs undergoing training as CAFSGU Active Auxiliary-1 (CAA-1) in October 2023, and the Transition and Sustainability Plan Fund to be approved by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Commander Brigadier General Marlon Seon.

3. Implementation of Interventions for the Transformation Framework OPAPRU provided an orientation on the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda to the representatives of different LGUs of Iloilo and Antique at the Centennial Hold in Iloilo City on 22 August 2023. The activity was aimed at providing orientation to the LGUs on the Community-Based Restoration and Reconciliation (CBRR) Program and the Five Point Peace Agenda of OPAPRU. During the Restory Session, the conduct of a Transformation Planning in Antique and Iloilo was raised to address issues and concerns in the interventions and harmonized Transformation Plan for insurgent returnees.

OPAPRU participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter meeting of the Regional Peace and Order Council VI (RPOC) at Casa Real, Iloilo Provincial Capitol, Iloilo City on 13 September 2023. OPAPRU provided updates on the RPM-PRP/ABBB Peace Process during the plenary session. Discussed in the meeting were security concerns in Region VI arising from the presence and activities of one hundred twenty-six (126) Communist Terrorist Group (CTG), rising drug cases, and a presentation on Commission on Election (COMELEC) Resolutions in view of the upcoming Barangay Election.

**Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members**

1. Livelihood and Employment

RCCO organized the meeting with Dr. Flora Carpio, Director of Development Communication and Information Office (DCIO) of CPSU at the CPSU Reedyo Misocovado Sweet FM, Kabanakan, Negros Occidental on 24 July 2023. The meeting with Dr. Carpio discussed the proposed Training Workshop for thirty (30) KAPATIRAN Youth.

Seven (7) KAPATIRAN members underwent Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) assessment administered by Mr. Yasser Maningue, DSWD Regional Focal for KAPATIRAN (SWDI and case management) in Ibaigay, Aklan on 8 August 2023. The activity was aimed at completing the data of the SWDI assessment tool on the KAPATIRAN members.

The Provincial Engineers Office of the Aklan Provincial Government led the orientation, training and needs assessment of KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter members, some thirty-five (35) community members from Barangays Regador and Cabugao al Regador, Ibaigay, Aklan on 19 September 2023. The activity was in preparation for the project of 2.6 km Aklan Community-Based Maintenance Contracting (ACBMC) for Barangay Regador-Cabugao Provincial Road.

2. Establishment of Settlement Sites

A courtesy call meeting was held on 12 July 2023 between Secretary Carlo G. Galvez, Jr. and AFP peace partners, particularly AFP PDO Chief Capt. Nersal Dimaporo PN and 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Brigade Commander Brigadier General Maynard G. Camarao, PA. The RCCO discussed the completion of Phase 1 of the Housing and Site Development project for RPM-PRP/ABBB-TPG-KAPATIRAN, with 53 housing units awarded and site development completed in Ibaigay, Aklan, Tanjay, Negros Oriental, and Kabanakan, Negros Occidental. Secretary Galvez requested continued support to complete the 202 additional housing units and site development in Panay and Negros Islands.

Below are the developments in the establishment of the Peace and Development Community Settlement Sites:

a) Ibaigay PDC Settlement Site, Ibaigay, Aklan

A courtesy call to Ibaigay Mayor Miguel Miraflores was organized by RCCO at Ibaigay, Aklan on 8 August 2023 to provide him with updates on the developments in the implementation of projects in the Peace and Development Community Settlement Sites in Ibaigay, Aklan. Discussed with Mayor Miraflores were the possible mechanisms in the implementation of the proposed projects and outsourcing of the ongoing projects in the PDC; construction of Child Development Center, construction of evacuation building - Phase 3; and inclusion in the agenda of the OPAPRU-DENR inter-agency workshop to surface resolution for seven (7) diamonds projected to the proposed 113 hectares additional land in the Ibaigay PDC.

b) Tanjay PDC Site, Tanjay, Negros Oriental

A ceremonial turnover of the completed site development in the KAPATIRAN Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site in Silao Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental was conducted on 04 July 2023. The site development project is part of the PAMANA 2017 Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) as amended in 2018, between and among OPAPRU, the Department of National Defense (DND), and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Representatives present in the turnover were from Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano and Mr. Milo S. Izardo, Jr. of the JEMC, AFP, Provincial Local Government of Negros Oriental, KAPATIRAN-Negros Oriental Chapter, and OPAPRU. The event is a celebration of yet another milestone in the implementation of the Transformation Program (formerly referred to as Normalization Program for the KAPATIRAN pursuant to the 2019 Clarification Implementing Document) particularly for the members of the KAPATIRAN Negros Oriental Chapter where sixty (60) KAPATIRAN are expected to settle in the establishments from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation

Representatives of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), Tanjay City LGU, KAPATIRAN Chapter officers, CDUs and RCCO-Western Visayas Field Office conducted a site validation activity at Silao Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 8 August 2023 to confirm the proposed farm-to-market (FMF) road project of DPWH, programmed by the Department of Tourism (DOT) for the Eco-Tourism Project of KAPATIRAN. The validation surfaced the need for the updating of the Community Resource-Based Management Framework (CRMF) and site development plan. RCCO-WFO will schedule a consultation meeting with DENR and 542nd ECB.

d) Kabanakan PDC Site, Kabanakan, Negros Occidental

A site validation and consultation meeting with City Environment & Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Kabankalan was held at the Kabankalan PDC Site, Negros Occidental on 20 July 2023. The site validation and consultation meeting with CENRO Kabankalan addressed the following key agenda. First, a 1-hectare area survey was carried out for sugarcane production, aligned with the Muscovado Livelihood of KAPATRAN-Kabankalan Chapter. Although not initially included in CRRAF, it was noted that the sugarcane project could be revised to align with the Muscovado project. Land preparation for this endeavor will commence on 01 August 2023, guided by Central Philippine State University's (CPSU) expertise. Second, the proposed stabling and survey of an additional 220-hectare area for the KAPATRAN PDC Site expansion area are tentatively scheduled to be conducted by August to September 2023. Dialogue sessions with existing damaniis in the area will be conducted after the survey. In the meeting's other matters, OPAPRU addresses issues from HD, economic and healing and Reconciliation design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. IV. Muscovado Processing area, (2) Ver

The OPAPRU's RCCO Western Visayas Field Office conducted a coordination meeting with LTC Roque Dupla, Commanding Officer, 542nd ECB at the latter's headquarters in Negros Occidental on 15 August 2023 to discuss the proposed site development of the three (3) KAPATRAN sites in Negros Occidental. A water system project for the Kabankalan PDC site is being proposed by the RCCO which is essentially needed onsite.

The RCCO led the confirmation activity of the 2023 National Peace Consciousness Month in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locolan, Kabankalan City on 28 September 2023 where three major activities were undertaken, namely: the turnover of completed Site Development in Kabankalan PDC Site in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locolan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental spearheaded by the 542<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Construction Battalion (ECB), groundbreaking of the Multi-purpose Building Project and inauguration of the completed Livelihood Center of KAPATRAN Kabankalan Chapter. The initiative is under the Socio-economic Reintegration Component of the 2019 CID, particularly the establishment of settlement sites as a strategy for economic mainstreaming. Participating agencies include the Provincial Local Government of Negros Occidental, Local Government of Kabankalan, Barangay Local Government of Locolan, DepED, DENR, TESDA, DILG, DSWD, CPSU, 47<sup>th</sup> IB 542<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, PNP, Ynsay Foundation and Lori's Club of Kalalives from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation, design

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d) *Ibilo Congregated Settlement Site*

On 07 July 2023, an External Appraisal was conducted for the proposed settlement site in Sitio Camana, Brgy. Caraudan, January, Iloilo, aiming to assess the land value of where the *toto* Congregated Site will be established catering to 33 KAPATRAN Members in Iloilo. The External Appraisal Team, comprised of representatives from the National Housing Authority (NHA), two (2) External Appraisers, OPAPRU, Community Defense Unit (CDU) members, and Municipality of January, Iloilo conducted a comprehensive inspection. The final assessment results are expected to be released before 31 July 2023, and the endorsed cost will be submitted for approval to NHA Central office. The appraisal findings will also be crucial in the forthcoming negotiations with the landowner, ensuring transparency and progress in the housing project. A meeting was held with the NHA-Region VI at the NHA Region VI Office, Iloilo City on 19 July 2023 to discuss the status of the shelter program for the KAPATRAN in Negros and Paay Islands. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Reconciliation, design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. IV. Muscovado Processing area, (2) Vermicast composting Area, Chronista Of Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Itagalon Agricultural Trampoline project implemented by CPSU, were provided. The meeting was attended by NHA Regional Manager Hermes Jude Juntilo, Atty. Solinap, and Atty. Vergie Ramos, Mfo Itrabao-JEMC, Edr Susana Mercedes - Head, LCT Cluster, and RCCO - Iloilo Field Office represented by Ms. Hennis Donela.

A meeting with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) - Region VI and OPAPRU was conducted at the DENR Region VI Office, Iloilo City on 19 July 2023. The meeting with Regional Director Lino Duran of the DENR-Region VI, discussed three (3) key agenda. A Site Development Planning Workshop was proposed to be conducted in August 2023 to review and update the MOA, maps, and draft Presidential Proclamation for the Peace and Development Sites in Catiz and San Carlos City. The planning workshop's output shall serve as a reference for DENR and OPAPRU's endorsement and facilitation of the approval of the identified tenurial instruments for the two (2) sites. The workshop shall also include the conduct of review of the OPAPRU-DENR 2013 Joint Memorandum Circular by the JEMC, OPAPRU, and DENR from Regions VI, VII, and CAR. To be lacked on the first day are possible amendments to the OPAPRU-DENR JMC for CBA-CPLA and RPM-PRPA/ABB, as well as for former rebels under the Comprehensive Local Integrative from HD, econo

e) *Cauayan Congregated Settlement Site, Cauayan, Negros Occidental*

A site validation and consultation meeting of Provincial Environmental and Management Office (PEMO) with the KAPATRAN-Cauayan Chapter Officers was conducted at the Cauayan Congregated Site in Cauayan, Negros Occidental on 21 July 2023. The Site Validation and Constiation Meeting between the PEMO and the KAPATRAN Cauayan Chapter Officers focused on the discussion of geo-lagging the congregated site for the proposed tree planting activity and distribution of fruit-bearing trees by PEMO of Negros Occidental, as well as identifying activities where PEMO could support KAPATRAN and the congregated site. The results revealed that PEMO allocated budget for seedling distribution in five (5) KAPATRAN sites across Negros Occidental. KAPATRAN identified a communal area for the proposed tree planting activity at the Congregated site, and individual members will receive four grafted fruit-bearing seedlings for planting in their respective areas. A demotraining on grafting propagation is scheduled for October 2023, takes from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation, design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. IV. Muscovado P

3. *Community Peace Dividuos*

On 24 July 2023, the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) of the second cycle Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) Project in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental was conducted in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental. The M&E focused on the ongoing implementation of the Cingao Garments Workers and Producer Associations (CGWPA) SLP project in Brgy. Oringao, Kabankalan, which involves Garments Production and includes approximately 40 SLP members. Furthermore, new members are undergoing training in high speed sewing, dressmaking, and laboring to enhance their skills and contribute to the project's success.

The CPSU administered a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) among the officers and members of two (5) Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs), in Binabagan (Brgy. Payao and Brgy. Baso) and fog (Canlasy, Bakoob, Tabu), Negros South on 4-5 August 2023. The FGD is part of the M&E of SLPs in CPD Barangays of Negros South. The CPSU team was led by Dr. Angeles Rose Lumba, Head of Research and Development and assisted by four (4) technical Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) personnel. The SLPAs were assessed to establish a baseline on (a) what project has been awarded and implemented, and (b) the current state or status of the project and its impact to the organization and individual members. The individual members were interviewed to obtain the demographic, profile of respective SLPA. CPSU likewise identified activities to increase capacities of SLP members and strengthen their organization. The results of the monitoring and evaluation activity and CPSU's recommendations for capacity-leaves from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation, design and program of works.

A monitoring and evaluation activity was conducted at Brgy. Buenavista, Himamaylan, Negros Occidental on 09 August 2023. The OPAPRU provided an overview of its mandate, the Payapa at Masaganang Pansayahan (PAMANA) program, and the comprehensive peace process, including the peace process in Negros Island in the monitoring and evaluation activity of the SLP projects in Himamaylan, Negros Occidental. Major concerns raised in the meeting were the road access leading to the Indigenous Peoples Community in Sitio Madaga, lack of electricity, and lack of access to basic and social services. The issues raised were duly noted for possible lobbying of programs and activities in coordination with LGU Himamaylan and DSWD.

036	COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (PPA)	4,961,463.30	1,791,891.00	<p>The OPAPRU participated in the monitoring activity of the SLP projects in Binabagan (Brgy. Sante) and Cauayan (Brgy. Inaayan and Linaon) on 12, 16 and 17 August 2023, in partnership with CPSU, DSWD, Cauayan LGU. The SLP Associations (SLPAs) that were monitored included Siko Inapugan Farmworkers Association (SIFAWA), Inaayan Vendors Association (IVA), and Sapihon Linaon Small Association. CPSU administered individual interviews and Focus Group Discussions to assess the SLPAs as to organizational structure, management system, and impact of the project (individual/group). Intervention activities to further increase the capacities of SLPAs officers and strengthen their organization were mapped out because of the activity.</p> <p><b>Peace Process with the Nio Dela Cruz Group</b></p> <p>A consultation meeting was held with Provincial Administrator Raul Banies of PLGU - Iolo on 19 July 2023 to address the re-engagement with the Nio Dela Cruz Group (NDCG). The meeting took place at the Iolo Provincial Capitol wherein updates on the RPM-PRPAWABB peace process with the Tabara Padiano Group (TPG) now known as KAPATIRAN and the NDCG were discussed. The meeting resulted in the decision to arrange a meeting between the Office of the Provincial Administrator and the NDCG, to be facilitated by OPAPRU, to move forward with the said group's application for Amnesty.</p> <p>OPAPRU led the continuation of peace dialogue with the Nio Dela Cruz Group (NDCG) based on the 2000 Peace Agreement and 2002 Clarificatory Document at the Eon Centennial Hotel, Iolo City on 15 September 2023. Present in the meeting were Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) official Mr. Mito S. Irazdo, Jr., Regional Adviser on Peace and Security Retired Major Rene Glen Paje, Provincial Government of Iolo representatives, RPM-PRPAWABB and CBA-CPLA Concerns Office (RCCO) headed by Dir. Christina Loven B. Umak, Western Visayas Field Office Staff, Area Management Unit - Western Visayas. NDCG members were in attendance. The meeting focused on discussions concerning security issues and possible formulation of JEMC for the engagement with the NDCG.</p> <p><b>Other activities by Program 4</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mainstreaming GAD - an orientation-seminar on Gender and Development, Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children (VAWC) Act of 2004 and Basic Governmental Processes was held at the Covered Court, Brgy. Locohan, Kabankalan City on 21 September 2023. Aside from GAD and VAWC, the sixty (60) KAPATIRAN Women from Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters were oriented on Government processes and requirements on availing Local Government services such as medical and burial assistance, Solo Parent Program and Social Pension Program for Senior Citizens. Six mos of rice and groceries were distributed by the Kabankalan LGU to the 60 KAPATIRAN women participants. The activity was part of the National Peace Consciousness Month celebration and was aimed at increasing the capacities and awareness of KAPATIRAN Women on GAD and Philippine laws that promote the protection of women and children, and for processes to access readily accessible Government services.</li> <li>2. A Training Workshop on Short Film Documentation, Storytelling and Writing Production with the KAPATIRAN Youth in Negros South (Negros Oriental, Kabankalan and Cauayan) was conducted at the Central Philippine State University (CPSU) Main Campus, Brgy. Camagayan, Kabankalan City on 20-22 September 2023. Thirty (30) KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin from Negros Oriental, Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters of Negros South underwent a Three-day training on Short Film Documentation, Storytelling and Writing Production held at CPSU Main Campus, Kabankalan City last 20-22 September 2023. Anchored on the Pilar 1 of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYS), the training workshop made possible the introduction to actively engage KAPATIRAN next-of-kin in peacebuilding activities and provided an avenue to develop their skills and strengthen their capacities in partnership with CPSU's Development, Communication and Information Office (DCIO) and Radyo Musoredo 100.5 Sweet FM. Participating NGO Hope Builders on or before 31 May and prepare the training/activity design and program of works. Dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. ing with the Peace Month Celebration, mixed composing Area, Citronella Of Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Tegukon Agricultural Training project implemented by CPSU.</li> <li>3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Unity Peace Ride Caravan 2023 was conducted in Kalibo, Aklan on 24 September 2023 in observance of the National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration. OPAPRU Western Visayas Field Office participated in the conduct of the "Unity Peace Ride Caravan 2023" organized by the Aklan Police Provincial Office Personnel, and participated in by seventeen (17) Municipal Police Stations, two (2) Mobile Force Company of Aklan under the direct supervision of PIC/Dona Victorino Romanillos, Jr., as well as the Kalibo Bikers Rally &amp; Brotherhood of Aklan Riders. The peace ride caravan participants expressed their voluntary support in the observance of the peace consciousness month and the promotion of a culture of peace.</li> <li>4. The OPAPRU participated in the conduct of the inter-agency consultation meeting relative to the crafting of the Indigenous Peoples Comprehensive Development Plan (IPD) in Maddadag and Libacao, Aklan on 15 August 2023. Present in the meeting were representatives of DENR, DOH, AFP PA, PNP, OPAPRU, PLGU-Aklan, LGUs of Libacao and Maddadag, NCIP-RO6, and IP/ICC IPOs from Maddadag and Libacao. Follow-through activity is tentatively scheduled on the first week of September 2023 at the Aklan Training Center, Brgy. Old Buswang, Kalibo.</li> </ol>
037	COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (PPA) COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	7,624,170.13	5,625,469.36	<p><b>COMMUNICATING PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND UNITY AGENDA</b></p> <p>CPAS's main work is to ensure that the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda and all the initiatives being carried out by the Agency are well communicated to the general public and key stakeholders.</p> <p>To achieve this, the CPAS focused its efforts on implementing strategic and tactical communication efforts such as local media engagements, press briefings, and release of stories to mention a few.</p> <p>CPAS also crafted and released a message of the PAPRU for New Year 2023, BARMW Founding Anniversary, BARMW Walk Nando, sympathy on the earthquake in Türkiye and Syria, joint statement on the passage of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code, MNLF Founding Anniversary, statement on Gabriel's baseless accusation, Observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan, recent attacks by the CTG in Masbate, and 9th anniversary of CAB signing.</p> <p>CPAS also provided communication support and coverage on major events and activities for the Agency for the 1st quarter of 2023 which include the 9th anniversary of CAB signing, Diyog Ramadan, Launch of Gawad Kapayapaan, Workshop on the Transformation Program for FRs, 13th IGRB Meeting, appointment of OPAPRU and NAC officials, 4th Boodog Festival and the 28th Founding Anniversary of Kalina, PAMANA turnover of projects, courtesy calls of international donor community.</p> <p>From January to March 2022, CPAS drafted twenty-two (22) photo story/caption releases, fourteen (14) press releases, nine (9) statements, seventeen (17) speeches/messages, six (6) design and layout and eight (8) videos produced.</p> <p><b>CSPP COMMS TRAINING-WORKSHOP FOR GOVERNMENT COMMUNICATORS</b></p> <p>Part of the CPAS' efforts to mainstream CSPP to government communicators is to conduct CSPP Training-Workshop for Government Communicators. CPAS successfully held one (1) workshop which was attended by 25 informalon officers from different ministries, commissions, and offices of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao which include Bangsamoro Information Office, Office of the Chief Minister, Ministry of Labor and Employment, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, Ministry of Transportation and Communication, Bangsamoro Youth Commission, Ministry of Human Settlements and Development, Ministry of Health, BTA Legislative Technical Affairs and Information Services (LTAS), Bangsamoro Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence, Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, Ministry of the Interior and Local Government, Ministry of Social Services and Development, Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission, Ministry of Public Order and Safety, Bangsamoro Transition Authority, and Consortium of Bangsamoro OM Society.</p> <p>CPAS intends to conduct one more CSPP training-workshop to complete its target of capacitating 50 informalon officers for FY 2023.</p> <p><b>PR VALUES AND MEDIA PICK-UPS</b></p>

The Communications and Public Affairs Services (CPAS) of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) is responsible for providing daily news monitoring to the PAPRU and the members of the Executive Committee. The CPAS is likewise tasked to measure the daily news pick-ups of the agency, based on its released communications outputs.

From January 1 to March 31, 2023, the CPAS has recorded 40 press releases, statements, social media posts, interviews, other communications materials and events which were picked up by the media. These events translated to 262 media pick-ups, with a combination of online, print, radio and television pickups.

**Media Partners**

Based on CPAS' strategic deliverables under the Performance Governance System, the unit has to engage at least 120 news media personnel this year. This means that at least 120 journalists must report about the peace process.

As of March 31, 2023, the CPAS has already engaged 96 news personnel, which is already 80% of the total target for this year. This is due to several events and developments in the agency in the first quarter, including the transition of leadership from Sec. Carlo G. Galvez, Jr. to Sec. Isidro L. Punisima. The following individuals picked up various news releases from the OPAPRU in the first quarter of 2023.

**Media Briefings and Interviews**

The CPAS is also tasked to conduct media briefings and interviews with various media partners, to further promote the peace, reconciliation and unity agenda of the government. The said activities are also part of CPAS' PGS strategic deliverables.

Other instances also include other OPAPRU events attended by executives, wherein CPAS is tasked to invite media partners to maximize media pick-ups through interviews and organic coverage

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

**Facebook**

Total Reach for Facebook for the period of January - March 31, 2023 is 525,675 which is 28% lower last quarter. This is the number of people who had any content from your Page or about your Page enter their screen. This includes posts, check-ins, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more. As of May 2023, OPAPRU's Facebook has a total of 90,465 followers.

**Top posts - January 2023**

Total Reach for Facebook for the period of 1-31 January 2023 is 365,340. This is 29.1% lower versus December 2022. Total Reach for Instagram is 770, 55.6% higher versus December 2022. FB page visits: 9,092, Instagram profile visits: 43. The total number of Impressions (Twitter) for within 1-31 January 2023 is 6.1k impressions.

**Feb-23**

Total Reach for Facebook for the period of 1-28 February 2023 is 56,817. This is 40.4% lower versus January 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 518, 32% lower versus January 2023.

FB page visits: 11,480, Instagram profile visits: 55. The total number of Impressions (Twitter) for within 1-28 February 2023 is 2.6k impressions.

Total Reach for Facebook for the period of 1-31 March 2023 is 83,419. This is 40% higher versus March 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 1,107, 109.3% higher versus March 2023.

FB page visits: 16,850; Instagram profile visits: 144. The total number of Impressions (Twitter) for within 1-31 March 2023 is 8.2k impressions.

**3rd Quarter**

**Communicating Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda**

The Communication and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) main work is to ensure that the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda and all the initiatives being carried out by the Agency are well communicated to the general public and key stakeholders. To achieve this, the CPAS focused its efforts on implementing strategic and tactical communication efforts such as local media engagements, press briefings, and release of stories to mention a few. CPAS also provided communication support and coverage on major events and activities for the Agency for the 3rd quarter of 2023 which included the P&A's project inauguration in Agusan, OPAPRU's signing with Mindanao State University, ICCM meeting, 2nd PH Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament meeting, completion of the Phase 3 Decommissioning, Peace Month, 2023 Opening and Closing, 30th Anniversary of OPAPRU, KaPEACEtahan, 3rd Peace Research Conference, 2nd Peace Summit, Awarding of Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Award, socio economic profiling ofatives from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation

**1. Peace Month 2023 activities**

The CPAS along with the Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS) and the Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Service (KMPSI) spearheaded the celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month 2023.

In particular, the CPAS facilitated the crafting of theme and logo designing for Peace Month 2022, promoted peace month through LED screen advertisements in partnership with AFP, PNP, and MMDA. CPAS also produced Peace Month collaterals in line with this year's theme and Peace Month 2023 Digital Pocket which was distributed to peace partners.

CPAS also supported major Peace Month activities by being part of its preparation, ensuring media coverage and online presence, and publicly materials are prepared and released on time. Publicly materials produced by CPAS included videos, posters, tarpaulins, photo releases, to mention a few. CPAS also mounted the Milestones of Peace Process which was showcased during the OPAPRU's 30th Anniversary Celebration at Philippine International Convention Center in Pasay City.

**2. OPAPRU KaPEACEtahan Booth**

The CPAS also mounted the OPAPRU's booth during the KaPEACEtahan leg at Trinoma, Quezon City. It included an interactive activity which lets the visitors write their thoughts on how they can contribute to peace in the country and encourages them to post it via social media using the official Peace Month 2023 hashtags and tagging OPAPRU.

**3. PR Values and Media Pick-ups.** The CPAS is responsible for providing daily news monitoring to the PAPRU and the members of the Executive Committee. The CPAS is likewise tasked to measure the daily news pick-ups of the agency, based on its released communications outputs. For the third quarter of 2023, from July 1 to September 30, the CPAS has recorded 45 press releases, statements, social media posts, interviews, other communications materials and events which were picked up by the media. These events translated to 378 media pick-ups, with a combination of online, print, radio and television pic

**4. Media Partners.** Based on CPAS' strategic deliverables under the Performance Governance System, the unit has to engage at least 120 news media personnel this year. This means that at least 120 journalists must report about the peace process. As of September 30, 2023, the CPAS has already engaged 131 news personnel, which is already past the total target (120) for this year. This is due to several events and developments in the agency in the third quarter, including the peace month festivities in the different regions in the country.

**5. Media Briefings and Interviews.** The CPAS is also tasked to conduct media briefings and interviews with various media partners, to further promote the peace, reconciliation and unity agenda of the government. The said activities are also part of CPAS' PGS strategic deliverables.



			<p>The UPAS, in partnership with the Independent Decommissioning Body, also organized the Press Briefing on the Phase 3 MNLF Decommissioning on 3 August 2023. CPAS also facilitated several press interviews which include the Saturday News Forum, and the Press Conference of the NTF-ELCAC.</p> <p>6. <b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b> Facebook and Instagram. Here are the social media insights as of 30 September 2023. Facebook Reach: 2,665,915; Instagram Reach: 26,029; FB Page Visits: 154,236; Instagram Profile Visits: 970. OPAPRU's Facebook has a total of 91,329 followers.</p> <p><b>Top posts for July 2023.</b> Total Reach for Facebook for the period of 1-31 July 2023 is 203,989. This is 204.6% higher versus June 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 1,282, 65.4% higher versus June 2023. FB page visits: 16,044; Instagram profile visits: 68. The post with highest reach and engagement is the announcement post on the Gawad Kapipean nominees with 57,500 people reached, photo release on the OPAPRU and MSU MoA signing with 18,660 people reached, and the photo release on the meeting of the GPH MNLF Implementing Peace Panels with 8,672 people reached. The total number of impressions (Twitter) for within 1-31 July 2023 is 6.0K impressions. Impressions is the number of times users saw our tweets on Twitter. Aside from the live videos and other media updates on Facebook, CPAS simultaneously provided live updates on Twitter for the activities this period.</p> <p><b>Top posts for August 2023.</b> Total Reach for Facebook for the period of 1-31 August 2023 is 369,523. This is 81.1% higher versus July 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 2,195, 68.1% higher versus July 2023. FB page visits: 20,993 Instagram profile visits: 111. The post with highest reach and engagement is the announcement post on the Peace Research Conference with 712,312 people reached, profile photo change release for the Peace Month 2023 with 11,147 people reached, and the photo release on the visit of OPAPRU executives to Basilan with 10,543 people reached. Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which include the UN Digos - Human Rights Education Center, NCPW Cordillera Crime Prevention Network, Bangsamoro Party - Regional Headquarters, Philippine Information Agency, Presidential Communications Office, ANAK MNLF, Philippine Information Agency Region VI, Provincial Government of Basilan, Radyo Piliinas Marawi, and Radyo Piliptinas Tatali</p> <p><b>Top posts for September 2023.</b> Total Reach for Facebook for the period of 1-30 September 2023 is 578,840. This is 61.6% higher versus August 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 4,259, 106.1% higher versus August 2023. FB page visits: 36,216; Instagram profile visits: 314. The post with highest reach and engagement is the press release post on the meeting with the MNLF-Misuari faction with 17,337 people reached; photo release on the former MNLF and MNLF members passing the BEM process of the PNP with 9,586 people reached; and the photo release on the Congress approval of the 2024 budget with 8,523 people reached. Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which include the BDF General Headquarters Gandingan State Revolutionary Committee, BTA Member EDYVE MAPANG ALIH, Bangsamoro Taw-Taw Professionals, National Amnesty Commission, Caraga Peace Station, ANAK MNLF, and Youth For Peace Movement - Zamboanga Sloggy. The total number of impressions/staves from HD, economic and Healing and Reconciliation</p>	
050	MNLF CONCERNS DEPARTMENT (PPA)	13,073,840.36	7,950,432.31	<p><b>A. Completion of the remaining commitments under the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) (Program 2)</b></p> <p>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 Jiri 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 upfiling 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.</p> <p>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 Siege or Marawi Siege. The Transformation Program will focus on socio-economic, security, confidence-building and community healing and reconciliation.</p> <p>As of this reporting period, the following were accomplished.</p>
051	MNLF CONCERNS DEPARTMENT(OPEX)	9,505,352.50	9,334,058.54	<p><b>POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT</b></p> <p><b>GPH-MNLF Peace Coordinating Committee Meeting.</b> 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 Percasio and Ms. Nur Aivee 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.</p>
110	MNLF TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM SECURITY COMPONENT (PPA)	36,080,000.00	36,080,000.00	<p><b>1<sup>st</sup> GPH Coordinating Committee and the JBDAP Meeting.</b> The 1st GPH Coordinating Committee and JBDAP 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 JBDAP, 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.</p> <p><b>Academe Meets the Peacemakers: Forum on the Progress of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process.</b> 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.</p> <p><b>GPH Coordinating Committee and Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster Executive Meeting.</b> 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, TMC, SRSF and socio-economic interventions for the MNLF.</p> <p><b>GPH-MNLF Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting.</b> The meeting was attended by the following TWG members of the GPH, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.), Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, and the Secretariate, namely, Dr. Jana Jill L. Galardo, Head Secretariat of GPH Coordinating Committee. The MNLF TWG members attended the meeting, namely, Mr. Romeo Dicciano, Mr. Mohammed Habib Saref, Mr. Mohammed John Usman, Mr. Abdulkarim Jhove, Engr. Donal Anariffin and Mr. Michael Ocm.</p> <p>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.</p>

<p>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 Sambi City. The meeting reached a consensus on directing the TWG to conduct a meeting, revising the terms of reference of the said committee.</p> <p>Present were the members of the GMCC namely, BGen. Cesar B. Yano (Ret.) and Ulloh Saleem Cujan, Co-Chairs of the GMCC, member of the GPH CC, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.) and the Head Secretariat, Dr. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, Mr. Juhanni B. Aragasi and Ms. Patricia Beatz Goner. The MNLF CC was represented by its members, namely, Mr. Awad Hamid, Mr. Alexis Mafra, Mr. Alhabsi Hassan, and the secretariats, Engr. Dong Anayatin as the Head, and Mr. Michael Odin.</p> <p><b>Courtesy Call to the Western Mindanao Command, Provincial Governor of Basilan, and Meeting with the Task Force Basilan and 101st Brigade.</b> 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 Hearing and Reconciliation Subcommittee and the Secretariat, namely, Ms. Maria Magdalena Barros, and Mr. Juhanni B. Aragasi.</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> 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.</p> <p>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, Dr. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Head Secretariat of GPH Coordinating Committee, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, Head of Political Engagement Division, Mr. Juhanni B. Aragasi and Ms. Cherina Mae Abundo. The MNLF TWG members attended the meeting, namely, Atty. Omar Sama, as the Chair of the MNLF TWG, Mr. Romeo Dicochano, Mr. Mohammad Habb Saniat, Mr. Mohammad John Usman, Mr. Abdulrahman Jhovet, Engr. Dong Anayatin and Mr. Michael Odin.</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Soda Hotel in Danao 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.</p> <p>Present were the members of the GMCC namely, BGen. Cesar B. Yano (Ret.) and Ulloh Saleem Cujan, Co-Chairs of the GMCC, members of the GPH CC, BGen. Buenaventura C. Pascual (Ret.), PA Dawid B. Disano, Presidential Assistant of the Bangsamoro Transformation and the Head Secretariat of the GPH CC, Dr. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, Head of Political Engagement Division, Mr. Juhanni B. Aragasi and Ms. Cherina Mae A. Abundo. The MNLF CC was represented by its members, namely, Mr. Awad Hamid, Mr. Alexis Mafra, Mr. Alhabsi Hassan and MP Randy Karon, and the secretariats, Engr. Dong Anayatin as the Head, and Mr. Michael Odin.</p>	<p><b>TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM</b></p> <p>A. Socio-economic Component</p> <p><b>Meeting with PSA Basilan for the implementation of Transformation Program.</b> On 20 February 2023, MNLF Transformation Program conducted a meeting and orientation to appraise Mr. Mahmur Saraf Chief Statistician of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in Basilan on the process and implementation of the Transformation program for MNLF combatants in Basilan.</p> <p><b>Meeting with AMO Western Mindanao on the Status of PAMANA projects.</b> 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 Bensaud Sawabi.</p> <p><b>Meeting with the Provincial Government of Sulu personnel for the construction of Brog. Kagay Road.</b> 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. Abdurrazaq Balh relative to the Construction of Kagay Road Project (under the 2023 unprogrammed funds) with a budget of PHP50M.</p> <p>The meeting was spearheaded by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barros, Mr. Marlon Peña, AMO WSM Bensaud Sawabi and Project Management Office Sulu At Fabina Abiyal, and Ferdausi Tautob.</p> <p><b>Consultative Meeting with MNLF Leaders, Brog. Captain and 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry.</b> On 21 February 2023, The Socio-economic component of the Transformation Program for MNLF headed by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barros conducted a consultative meeting to finalize the proposed PAMANA FY 2024 Projects and to discuss with the MNLF Leaders, Brog. Captain of Budtaran Aqif Said, Sewak Omrigal Salem, Langgas Nursing Baruta, Pasal Jubat Bensaimal and Kagay Sili Roma Had and LGU Indanan Engr. Alan Ajilil the requirements for proposals and for implementation.</p> <p><b>Consultative Meeting with the 11<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in the Implementation of Transformation Program in Sulu.</b> On 2 February 2023, the MNLF Transformation program conducted a consultative meeting with the 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Cdr Govani Franza, Col. Montano Almodovar, Cdr Aleric Avellino Delos Santos, Maj. Henry Tumabat, and Maj. Alexander Palacios.</p> <p><b>Orientation and Meeting with Ministry of Public Works.</b> On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of February 2023, the MNLF Transformation Program conducted a meeting with the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) BARMAM to request assistance in the requirements of PAMANA projects for FY 2024. The meeting was attended by District Engineer, Engr. Alan S. Ajilil and MPW personnel.</p> <p><b>Meeting with the Sulu State College.</b> 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 Uhalatum and Ms. Anestzma Tulaw SSC Coordinator.</p> <p><b>Meeting with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region IX.</b> On 23 February 2023, MNLF Transformation Program led by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barros conducted an initial meeting with the DSWD Region IX Director Richuan Hadjmuhammad, 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. Cleofou Zargaza Food for special concerns, Rea Ann Curry Finance Officer, Bensaud Sawabi and Engr. Hayriya Mothamad.</p>
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**Meeting with Mindanao State University Gensan Systems.** On the 31<sup>st</sup> of March, a consultative meeting was conducted with Prof. Mayong Agaña 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 Char Yano, Director, Jana Gallardo, Ms. Magdalena Barrios, Mr. Marlon Peña and Mr. Thomas Philip De Leon from the MNLF PPO.

During the meeting, the MNLF PPO, Char Yano, and Prof. Agaña 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 Char Yano. To add, Prof. Agaña 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. Agaña shared the recent trends in science and technology and its usage for peace work. 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 BARRMM focused on physical infrastructure, and less highlight on health, both of which are equally important.

On future data-gathering activities, Prof. Agaña 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. Agaña 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 Char 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.

**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 PNJMA, Chief, Bangsamoro Peace Support Division of the AFP PDO and Director, Jana Jil 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 Nersid Dimaporo PN Chief, AFP – PDO and BGen Perceval Augustus Placer. Furthermore, the OPAPRU-MNLF PPO was spearheaded by Director, Jana Jil 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 to 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 Dicano, Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, EDr Cesar De Mesa, and BGen Buenaventura Pascual (rel), Director, Jana Jil Gallardo, Capt Nersid Dimaporo PN, and PFCen Augustus 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 Jil Gallardo and attended by Col Noel Buncab of the AFP PDO, PLTC Heinrich Alariz of the PNP PPDO, as well as other personnel from the AFP, PNP, and OPAPRU-MNLF PPO.

**2nd Quarter**

For the quarter, the Government of the Philippines and Moro National Liberation Front (GPH-MNLF) mechanisms were supported and sustained. Strengthened coordination with the security sector (namely, the AFP, PNP and NICA) resulted to clearer and closer cooperation and quick feedback mechanisms on security issues involving MNLF individuals or groups. There was an increased support for the MNLF Women Misuari Group resulting in the familiarization of the participants with writing effective and substantial project proposals that would contribute to the improvement and development of their communities. There was also an intensified conduct of activities under the pre-implementation phase of the MNLF Transformation Program in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao and North Cotabato.

**POLITICAL ASPECT**

**1. Courtesy Call of APAPRU Secretary Isidro L. Purisima to Chair Muslimin Sama** During a meeting on 14 April 2023, Acting Presidential Peace Adviser Isidro L. Purisima announced that the official rollout of the Transformation Program in MNLF communities in Basilan, Maguindanao, and Lanao del Sur provinces in Mindanao would take place in May this year. This program is a direct result of the commitments outlined in the Final Peace Agreement, a significant historic agreement signed between the Government of the Philippines and MNLF on 02 September 1996.

**2. Exploratory Meeting on the Establishment of the Bangsamoro Development Assistance Fund (BDAF).** On 18 May 2023, an Exploratory Meeting on the Establishment of the Bangsamoro Development Assistance Fund (BDAF) took place, with the participation of several key individuals. Attendees were Deputy Asst. Ma. Cynthia Pelayo from DFA, Atty. Ryan Omar Ching from DOF, Asst. Matthew Balanquil from DBM, and Ms. Frestia Arnela and Ms. Ma. Antonella Mabrag from NEDA. Also present were Amb. Rafael Seguis, former Undersecretary of DFA, and BARRMM MP Jose Lorenza. The OPAPRU consisted of PA David Dicano, EDr Cesar De Mesa, Char Cesar Yano, Dir. Jana Gallardo from GPH-MNLF PPO, Dir. Rowena Lopez from PDSMS, Atty. Brian Cesar from LLS, and Mr. Val Buenahagui from ICFO. As a follow-through activity on the establishment of BDAF, it was agreed to create a working group to be composed of representatives from the concerned agencies to study options for the operationalization and implementation of the BDAF.

**3. Validation Workshop of the NAC Strategic Plan.** On 18 May 2023, the GPH-MNLF PPO representatives, along with other participants from OPAPRU Peace Tables, attended the second day of the Validation Workshop held at Discovery Suites in Pasig City. The workshop was organized by the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) to validate the draft six-year NAC Strategic Plan and formulate operational guidelines for its day-to-day activities. During the discussions facilitated by the NAC, the GPH-MNLF PPO actively contributed their comments and guidance. The inputs provided by the peace tables during the workshop will play a crucial role in finalizing the process flow of the NAC. These inputs will serve as the foundation for developing the NAC's rules of procedure, which will be instrumental in facilitating the amnesty-granting process for qualified applicants.

**4. Third Government of the Philippines-Moro National Liberation Front (GPH-MNLF) Management Committee Meeting**

<p>On 21 June 2023, the co-chairpersons of the Joint Management Committee (JMC) made significant progress by approving the revised Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IAMSC) of the MNLF Transformation Program. Additionally, they also approved the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF). These approvals hold great significance as they lay the groundwork for the crucial tasks of validating, verifying, and profiling the arms and forces of the MNLF.</p> <p><b>5. Consultation Activities for the MNLF Commanders in Basilan and Marawi City on the Amendments to the Validation, Verification, and Profiling Activities under the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program.</b> On 08 and 12 June 2023, consultation activities were held for the MNLF Commanders in Basilan and Marawi City. These consultations aimed to provide a comprehensive briefing to the MNLF Commanders regarding the Transformation Program and the Amendments to the Validation, Verification, and Profiling Activities under the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program. During these activities, the MNLF commanders expressed their commitment to submit the list of combatants to be profiled in their respective provinces before the deadline of 15 June 2023.</p> <p>The Basilan meeting saw the participation of 40 commanders from various MNLF communities in Basilan, along with the MNLF Management Committee and Secretariat led by Chair Ulloh Safem Cuban. OPAPRU Edr Cesar De Mesa, together with EGen Buenaventura Pascual (RET) and the Chief of AFP-PDO, Capt Norald Dimasopo PN, led the event on behalf of the GPH.</p> <p>In the Marawi meeting, participants included the GPH-MNLF Management Committee, ground commanders, and women representatives from Lanao del Sur, Bukidnon, and Misamis Oriental.</p> <p><b>6. Participation in the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Workshop on Module Development.</b> From 8-10 June 2023, the OPAPRU, represented by the GPH-MNLF PPO, actively participated in a three-day Module Development Workshop organized by the NAC. The primary objective of the workshop was to collaboratively create a draft module that would be utilized by the Local Amnesty Boards (LABs). During the workshop, the draft implementing Rules and Procedures (IRR) were also reviewed. The Technical Working Group (TWG) focused specifically on drafting provisions concerning the Rules of Procedure within the IRR. They presented a preliminary draft for further review, with the intention of finalizing all the documents.</p>	<p><b>TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM DIVISION</b></p> <p><b>Socioeconomic Component</b></p> <p><b>1. Conduct of Eid'l Fitri 2023: Series of Itar with MNLF Communities and Peace Conversation with MNLF Women during the month of Ramadhan.</b> In commemoration of the holy month of Ramadhan, the OPAPRU organized an Itar (breaking the fast) meal on 18 April 2023. This event served as a demonstration of the agency's commitment to fostering a culture of peace, mutual understanding, and solidarity with the Muslim community in conflict-affected areas.</p> <p>The Itar gathering brought together various stakeholders, including OPAPRU officials, members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, leaders from the MILF and MNLF, representatives from the security sector, civil society organizations, and the diplomatic corps. This occasion symbolized the strong bond that the agency and its peace partners have established with the Muslim faith, emphasizing the importance of unity and collaboration in promoting peace.</p> <p><b>2. Peace Conversation with MNLF Women</b></p> <p>The Conversation with MNLF Women was organized with the aim of empowering and equipping the women of the MNLF with knowledge, voice, and skills necessary for their active participation in peacebuilding, community healing, and reconciliation efforts. It provided a platform for the women to plan and execute gender-responsive activities and projects, acting as catalysts for change, learning, and empowerment within the MNLF Women's community.</p> <p>The activity was facilitated by both the OPAPRU MNLF-PPO and the Bangsamoro Women's Commission (BWC). The event took place in five different locations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Camp Astanah, Barangay Kegay, Indanan, Sulu</li> <li>2. Camp Jkri, Barangay Pasil, Indanan, Sulu</li> <li>3. Camp Jabal Nur, Kabasaran, Madamba, Lanao Del Sur</li> <li>4. Camp Yusop Jkri, Barangay Pasil, Indanan, Sulu</li> <li>5. Durié Kalahat, Barangay Calugusan, Lamitan City, Basilan</li> </ol> <p>These locations served as venue for the participants to engage in meaningful discussions, capacity-building sessions, and strategic planning, fostering a sense of empowerment and enabling them to take an active role in shaping their communities and advocating for gender equality within the MNLF.</p> <p><b>3. Coordination meeting with DSWD Central Office – SLP Project Management Office, DSWD Field Offices IX and XII, AMUs Northern Mindanao, Western Mindanao, South Central Mindanao, and Sulu Project Management Office</b></p> <p>A coordination meeting took place at the MI Sabrina Hotel in General Santos City from 22-23 May 2023. The meeting involved several key stakeholders, including the DSWD Central Office's SLP Project Management Office, DSWD Field Offices IX and XII, and the AMUs for Northern Mindanao, Western Mindanao, South Central Mindanao, and the Sulu Project Management Office. Edr De Mesa attended the meeting, and Usee Alan Tanjusey from the Office of the Undersecretary for Inclusive and Sustainable Peace delivered an encouraging message via videoconference.</p> <p>During the meeting, it was discussed that the grants for the implementation of 37 barangays had already been disbursed to Field Offices IX and XII. Participants raised various questions and concerns regarding the implementation of the grants, and BARAM-MSSD actively participated, clarifying their respective roles in the process.</p> <p><b>Activity 4: Courtesy Call with Minister Atty. Raissa Jajurie of the MSSD.</b> A courtesy call was made by GPH Management Committee Chairperson Cesar B. Yano and Executive Director César D. De Mesa to Minister Atty. Raissa Jajurie, held at the MSSD Conference Room of the BARMAM Government Complex. During the call, AMUs from South Central, Western Mindanao, and Sulu also participated. Chair Yano introduced the MNLF Transformation Program, and Minister Jajurie expressed her willingness to collaborate in developing programs for MNLF villages, such as the Sustainable Livelihood Program.</p> <p><b>5. Project Planning Workshop on the MNLF Transformation Program in Partnership between OPAPRU and the Mindanao State University (MSU) System.</b> On 9-10 June 2023, the OPAPRU, together with the MNLF PPO Socio-Economic team and the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO), organized a two-day project planning workshop in General Santos City. The workshop involved representatives from the MSU Systems - Maguindanao, Sulu, Lanao del Sur, and General Santos, who served as the project lead. The purpose of the workshop was to plan and strategize the implementation of community-level interventions in 25 priority barangays identified by the MNLF, for the profiling activities.</p> <p>During the workshop, a memorandum agreement was finalized, and various instruments were reviewed. These instruments included those related to community assessment, the consultation process, and the profiling of MNLF combatants. The workshop aimed to ensure a coordinated and effective approach to the implementation of interventions in the identified barangays, with a focus on supporting peacebuilding efforts and facilitating the profiling process.</p> <p><b>Peace and Security Component</b></p> <p><b>1. Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Co-Chairs Meeting, 04 April 2023, SOCO Conference Room, PNP Headquarters, Camp Crame</b></p>
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The Co-Chair's meeting was held with the objective of finalizing the Terms of Reference (TOR) and implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IMASC) of the MNLF Transformation. This step was taken in preparation for the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities to be conducted for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), tentatively scheduled between 2-15 May 2023.

Approximately 20 personnel from the AFP PDO led by CAPT. Norsal Dimaporo, the PNP PDO, led by PBGEN Agustin Pacer, and the MNLF PPO attended the meeting. The outcome of the meeting was the finalization of the TOR and implementing arrangements for the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF). These finalized documents will be presented to Chair Cesar Yano for approval.

**2. Planning Workshop of GPH JBMAF and MNLF Commanders from Basilan, Lanao del Sur, and Maguindanao**

A planning workshop was conducted from 9-12 May 2023, at the East Asia Royale Hotel in General Santos City. The primary objective of the workshop was to finalize the amendments to the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Terms of Reference (TOR) and the Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IMASC). Additionally, the workshop aimed to develop an implementation plan for the validation, verification, and profiling processes of MNLF members in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and North Cotabato provinces.

The planning workshop was led by GPH Management Committee Chairperson, Cesar Yano, GPH Peace and Security Sub-Committee Chair BGen Buenaventura Pascual (ret), Director Jana Jill Galardo, and MNLF PPO personnel. The JBMAF Co-Chairs, along with their respective teams, were also in attendance.

As a result of the workshop, the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IMASC) of the JBMAF were finalized. These documents are set to be signed by the Joint Management Committee in June, marking an important step in the implementation of the peace process.

**3. JBMAF Meeting for the Implementing Plans (IMPLANS) of the Joint Verification Teams (JVETs) and Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Teams (JSMCTs)**

On 16 May 2023, a meeting was held among the JBMAF secretariats to discuss the Implementing Plans (IMPLANS) of the Joint Verification Teams (JVETs) and Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Teams (JSMCTs) for the Information and Education Campaigns (IECs) targeting AFP and PNP units in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and North Cotabato.

The meeting was attended by Col Noel Buncab PN (M) and his team from the AFP PDO, PLTC Heinrich Alafitz and his team from the PNP PPDC, as well as Maricon Saagino, Focal for the Security Component of the MNLF PPO.

During the meeting, the JVETs and JSMCTs from AFP and PNP units in Western Mindanao presented their respective IMPLANS, which would serve as the basis for conducting the IEC activities in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and North Cotabato. These IMPLANS play a crucial role in promoting understanding, cooperation, and collaboration between the security forces and the local communities as part of the implementation of the peace process.

**4. Information and Education Campaign (IEC) for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).** The JBMAF organized an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) specifically for the AFP and PNP personnel assigned to the 101st Infantry Brigade on 6 June 2023, in Tabiawan, Isabela, Basilan Province. Another IEC session took place on 8 June 2023, in Amal Pak Pak, Marawi City. These sessions aimed to provide a comprehensive briefing to the AFP and PNP personnel who will be part of the Joint Verification Groups (JVEGs), enlightening them about their roles and responsibilities during the verification process.

The IEC activities were led by Edr Cesar D. De Mesa, along with the Peace and Security Sub-Committee Chair BGen Buenaventura Pascual (ret). The objective was to ensure that the personnel involved in the verification process are well-informed and prepared for their tasks, fostering effective coordination and understanding between the AFP, PNP, and the local communities.

**5. Rolling Out of Planned Activities for FY 2023 for the Security Component**

A meeting was conducted to roll out the planned activities for the Security Component in FY 2023. The meeting resulted in agreed-upon schedules for various activities.

Starting from 17-21 July 2023, the last leg of the Information and Education Campaign (IEC) for the AFP and PNP will take place in Maguindanao and North Cotabato. The entire month of July 2023 will be allocated for the validation of MNLF combatants, while the verification process of MNLF combatants will be conducted from 03-31 August 2023.

The meeting was attended by the JBMAF secretariat, led by Col Noel Buncab PN(M) from the AFP PDO and PLTC Heinrich Alafitz from the PNP PPDC. These key personnel from the AFP and PNP played crucial roles in coordinating and organizing the activities related to the Security Component.

**Confidence-Building Measures**

**1. Workshop to craft the guidelines for the Innovation Labs relative to the MNLF Women's Project with Misuari Group.** From 23-25 May 2023, the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, under the OPAPRU, took the lead in developing guidelines for the MNLF Women's Project Innovation Labs. To enrich the activity, Ms. Micael Aguilar, a consultant and former UN Women representative, was invited as a resource speaker. The participants hailed from the MNLF Women's Committee, representing various provinces, including Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao, and Maguindanao.

The primary objective of the Innovation Labs was to empower women and youth to propose small projects through a small grant facility. The aim was for these projects to be sustainable and serve as models for replication in other communities in the future.

The activity successfully familiarized the participants with the process of writing effective and substantial project proposals. This equipped the women and youth to submit proposals that would contribute to the improvement and development of their respective communities.

**2. Preparation for the Capacity-Building on Project Proposals with MNLF Women from Mainland and Island Provinces Relevant to the Innovation Labs**

After conducting a write shop to develop guidelines for the Innovation Labs at the Lindsai Suites, the OPAPRU, through the MNLF PPO, proceeded to prepare the necessary documents and arrangements for the upcoming capacity-building activities for MNLF Women. The activities are scheduled to take place in the first and last weeks of August 2023 in Davao City.

During these capacity-building sessions, the women participants will be equipped with the skills and knowledge required to prepare project proposals for the Innovation Labs. The activities are divided into two separate sessions, with MNLF women members representing both the island and mainland provinces of the BARMM. Ms. Micael Aguilar continued to serve as a resource speaker for these sessions, sharing her expertise and insights.

The preparation of the mother memorandum, budget, ticket requests, and proposed itineraries reflects the OPAPRU's commitment to ensuring a smooth and effective implementation of the upcoming capacity-building activities, further empowering the MNLF women in their project proposal preparation process.

3rd Quarter

**Security Component**

**1. OPAPRU and MSU signed the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Transformation Program (TP) Implementation**

On 06 July 2023, OPAPRU, through the MNLF Peace Process Office, signed the MOA with the MSU Systems for the Implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program.

The MSU will be responsible for facilitating community processes and project implementation in 25 priority MNLF barangays in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao provinces, and North Cotabato. The MSU system will also handle all the preparatory and actual activities related to profiling and data gathering of validated and verified MNLF combatants. Additionally, the funds downloaded to MSU Systems, will cover monitoring, evaluation, accountability, learning, and capacity building for the third-party monitor.

**2. Submission of MNLF list of Combatants and Firearms to the GPH-Validation Teams**

The OPAPRU officially transmitted the list of combatants and firearms to the co-heads of the GPH-Validation Team (GVAT). This step is in preparation for the upcoming validation and verification processes scheduled in August 2023 in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and North Cotabato. The validation process of the MNLF list of combatants and firearms will serve as the primary phase of the processing stage for implementing the arrangement and mechanism of the security component of the MNLF Transformation Program.

**3. Discussion on the Rolling out of Planned Activities of the Security Component for FY 2023.** The Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat held a meeting to discuss and finalize the activities for the Security Component for FY 2023. Various important topics were addressed during the meeting, including the process flow and arrangement for the verification of combatants and firearms, strategies to mitigate possible scenarios and address concerns, and preparation for submitting requests for exemption to the Gun Ban in relation to the potential movement of firearms for the verification process. Additionally, logistical requirements for JBMAF and other security teams were also discussed.

**4. Meeting with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for the Enrollment of Profiling MNLF combatants.** A videoconference was arranged for the OPAPRU and PSA officials. The participants included representatives from the central office, provincial offices in Basilan, Maguindanao, and Lanao del Sur, as well as their regional office in BARMM. During the videoconference, the OPAPRU provided a comprehensive briefing on the Transformation Program and recent developments in the peace process. As part of their commitment, the PSA expressed their willingness to intervene in addressing delayed birth/marriage registration and enrollment to the Philippine Identification System (PHISIS).

**5. Meeting of the PAPRU with the MNLF Sema and Misuari Groups.** A meeting was held with the MNLF Leaders, represented by Secretary Carfilo Galvez, Jr. with PA David Diciano and PA Wilben Mayor. Also present were representatives from the MNLF Sema Group, including Minister Muslimin Sema, Deputy Chief Minister Albakid "Thong" Jikiri, and MP Romeo Sema. Additionally, representatives from the MNLF Misuari Group, namely Deputy Minister Nur Ainee Lim, were also in attendance. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss the MNLF Transformation Program, with a particular focus on the upcoming verification, validation, and profiling of the MNLF Combatants and their families. The meeting aimed to address the socioeconomic intervention of the Government for the benefit of the MNLF Combatants.

**6. Conduct of the 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Management Committee Planning Meeting.** From 25-27 July 2023, the 4th Joint Management Committee meeting discussed the planning of the GPH MNLF for the upcoming verification, validation, and profiling of the MNLF Combatants and their families. The meeting objectives were as follows: 1) discussion of issues, concerns, and compliances regarding the initial list submitted by the MNLF Management Committee; 2) presentation and approval of the process flow for the verification process by the JBMAF and the profiling process by the OPAPRU; and, 3) presentation of the calendar of activities related to the verification and profiling process. During the meeting, both the GPH and MNLF reached a resolution outlining the necessary requirements to comply with the successful conduct of the profiling of the MNLF Combatants.

**7. Joint Verification Team and Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat Meeting.** On 04 August 2023, the JBMAF Secretariat convened the Joint Verification Teams (JNETs) to discuss the finalization of the Verification and Profiling process flow as well as the upcoming gun ban relative to the barangay election in October 2023. The meeting was presided over by Col. Noel Buncab PN (IA) of the AFP Peace and Development Office.

**8. Consultation with the MNLF Leaders and Commanders in North Cotabato on the Revised Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms for the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program.** On 08 August 2023, the OPAPRU consulted MNLF Leaders and Commanders at MNLF Camp in Barangay Mada, North Cotabato concerning the revised security arrangements in the Transformation Program. The consultation meeting aimed to brief the commanders accurately and laying emphasis on security in the Special Geographical Area. The next steps included spreading the program from 08-11 August 2023, representatives' submission to JBMAF by 11 August 2023, profiling MNLF Arms by 15 August 2023, and prioritizing camps for potential socio-economic efforts.

**9. Courtesy visit to BGen Donald M Gumiran of 602nd Brigade**

The MNLF Management Committee and Commanders were introduced to the Brigade Commander for smooth coordination in the province. Hence, the MNLF responded that they will be coordinating closely on the activities on the ground.

**10. Agency Planning for the MNLF Transformation Program**

On 09-11 August 2023 in Linden Suites, Ortigas, the activity apprised the participants on the verification and profiling processes, identified internal and external factors that might affect the conduct of the latter, and informed them of the needed logistical requirements.

**11. Courtesy Call to 101<sup>st</sup> Infantry Battalion Commander.** On 15 August 2023, the OPAPRU conducted a courtesy visit to the recently appointed Brigade Commander of the 101st Philippine Army, BGen. Arvin Luzon, in Bgr. Tabawan, Isabela City, Basilan. During the visit, the new commander was informed about updates on the MNLF Peace Process and upcoming activities related to the Transformation Program. The commander expressed gratitude for the updates and assured his commitment to support the program. The briefing was attended by Brigade Executive Officer LTC Abel Pollutan and Civil Military Operations Officer CPT John Reynan Lubugiban.

**12. Consultation with the MNLF Leaders and Commanders in Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao del Norte on the Revised Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms for the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program.** The MNLF Management Committee, in close collaboration with the MNLF Peace Process Office of OPAPRU, held consultations with MNLF Leaders and Commanders in Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao del Norte on 16 August 2023. The focus was on the Revised Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms for the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program. The OPAPRU supplied the necessary materials for the consultations. The objective was to comprehensively brief over 40 commanders from various MNLF municipalities in both provinces about the Transformation Program, with a special emphasis on security. This ensured that accurate information will reach the ground commanders. The consultation included the MNLF Management Committee, led by Chair Utch Sstem and Engr. Dong Anarain.

**13. Joint Verification Group Training**

On 15-17 August 2023, the Joint Verification Team (JNET) conducted a three-day training for the Joint Verification Groups (JVEGs) relative to the conduct of the verification and profiling processes. The participants were immersed in a dynamic program encompassing workshops, interactive discussions, and simulation exercises meticulously crafted to amplify their proficiencies in facilitating the transition of Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) combatants through the MNLF Transformation Program.

**14. Meeting with Eight Municipal Mayors of Basilan Province** On 17 August 2023, the JBMAF Secretariat and the OPAPRU met with Mayor Hamie Burd of Mainiso, Mayor Teth Parash of Hadji Mohammad Ajid, Mayor Alham Island of Tipo-Tipo, Mayor Ah Sah of Abber, Mayor Asina Naniuh of Hadji Muhtamad while the LGU of Isabela, and Lantawan sent their representatives. The Mayors and representatives were briefed on the MNLF Transformation Programs specifically on the conduct of verification and profiling processes in the province.

**15. Courtesy Call to Municipal LGU of Hiji Mutahammad**

During a courtesy visit to the MLGU of Muhtammad on 17 August 2023, the OPAPRU presented the salient features of the Transformation program accentuating the processes of verification of firearms, verification, and socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants. Mr. Enay Ah, CIC of Muhtammad, shared substantive information with the team relative to the current realities of the MNLF community in the island.

**16. Preparatory Activities for the Profiling of MNLF Combatants in Basilan**

Meeting with Basilan State College. The OPAPRU MPPPO and MSU met with the Basilan State College (BSC) officials to finalize the deployment of enumerators and other logistics relative to the conduct of the socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants in Basilan.

Meeting with Isabela LGU. The representatives of MPPPO and MSU met with the local chief executive of Isabela City, Mayor Sam Cyril Turabin-Halaman to pay a courtesy call to discuss the objectives of the aforementioned activity. The Isabela City LGU has committed in providing trained psychologists from the City Social Welfare and Development Office for the activity.

**17. Training of Profilers/Enumerators relative to the socio-economic assessment and profiling of MNLF Combatants in Basilan**

MNLF PPO led by Dr. Jera Al Gafardo and MSU IPDM Director Prof. Mario Agup together with representatives from MSU – Sulu headed by Dr. Rasmie Estino facilitated the training for profilers from non-government organizations and two psychologists from Basilan State College. The training introduced the enumerators to the process of the socio-economic profiling, the required tools, among others.

**18. Conduct of Simulation Exercises on the Assembly Areas and Processing Sites for the Conduct of Verification of MNLF Firearms**

The Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT) conducted simulation exercises on the assembly areas and processing sites for the conduct of verification of MNLF firearms. Approximately 150 combined personnel from the AFP, PNP and the MNLF participated in the activity which was simulated in Albar and in Tuburan Brgy. Hdt. Hq. Mohammed Afd. Also in attendance were BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret) Security Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Edr. Cesar De Mesa, Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation, Col. Noel Buncab Pineda of the AFP PFGC, and Ms. Marlon Sagayno, Focal for Security MNLF Transformation Program.

**19. Verification of MNLF Firearms and Munitions in Basilan Province**

The culmination of the verification of MNLF firearms and munitions was conducted in Maluso Brgy. Hdt. Maluso, Basilan Province. A total of 467 MNLF firearms were verified (sleeced and accounted) during the three-day verification of MNLF firearms and munitions. The aforementioned activity was graced by Maluso Mayor Hanie But, BGen. Buenaventura Pascual, LTC Abel Polulan, 6418 Battalion Commander, COL Abdulrahman Jhovel, JBMAF Co-Chair, COL Noel Buncab of AFP PDO, PLTC Henson Akiat of PNP PPOC, and Marcon Sagayno, Focal for Security for MNLF Transformation Program. The entire conduct of the verification of MNLF firearms was conducted by the Joint Verification Groups (JVGs) from the AFP, PNP, and the MNLF, a mechanism of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBDAF).

**Socio-economic Component**

**1. Meeting with MSU Technical Working Group (TWG) Members in the Implementation of Community Projects in**

the Provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, and Sarangani

On 07 July 2023, the MSU TWG, consisting of the Institute of Peace and Development, Mindanao Directors from the campuses of Sulu, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and General Santos, along with the MNLF Peace Process Office (PPO), held a meeting to finalize schedules for community immersion within the 25 priority barangays. These community immersion activities serve as social preparatory measures before the actual conduct of community processes. Among other topics discussed during the meeting was the hiring of enumerators and psychologists for the profiling of MNLF combatants.

**2. Turnover Ceremony and Inauguration of 50 Modified Shelter Assistance Projects.** On 26 July 2023, in Srawa, Zamboanga del Norte, 50 units were handed over to beneficiaries as part of the Palyapa at Masaganang Panayagan (PAMAYAG)-Department of Social and Welfare Development (DSWD) Modified Shelter Assistance Program (MSAP). These beneficiaries come from the MNLF and other Bangsamoro communities in barangays Itugan and Babuan. Moreover, the 50 beneficiaries have received the cash-for-work program, where they actively participated in the construction of their respective housing units.

**3. Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the Implementation and Ground Breaking Activity on the Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP).** The OPAPRU attended the Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) and Ground Breaking for the Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) in Siburo, Zamboanga del Norte on 09 August 2023. This initiative is set to benefit approximately 200 Bangsamoro households, including relatives of MNLF combatants, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Undersecretary for Industry and Sustainable Peace, Alan Tanusay, Assistant Secretary for Mindanao Affairs Arnel Garcia, FO IX Regional Director Roduan Hadjmuhammad, Local Chief Executive Joel Ventura, and personnel from DSWD FO IX and Siburo's municipal government were likewise present during the event.

**4. Capacity-Building Workshop for Project Proposals Preparation with the MNLF Women from provinces in Davao City.** The OPAPRU organized a workshop in Davao City from 02-05 August 2023 for MNLF women from mainland provinces. The workshop focused on creating effective project proposals backed by data, suitable for implementation in their communities through small grants. The participants represented provinces like Lanao Del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat. They were divided into groups based on location and tasked with producing relevant outputs within a reasonable timeframe. Another workshop for MNLF women from island provinces is planned for September to enhance their capacities.

**5. Courtesy Call to Basilan Governor Jim Hataman.** The OPAPRU along with the JBMAF and MNLF representative COL Jovel Abdulrahman (Ret), met with Basilan Gov. Jim Halaman Salzman on 15 August 2023. The focus was to start the verification and socio-economic assessment (profiling) for the Transformation Program in Basilan. The meeting was held at the Provincial Capitol and attended by provincial administrator Manny Muarp and Provincial Board Member Hasser Jackson Anzor. The Governor was informed about ongoing negotiations with the two (2) MNLF entities. He emphasized that the MNLF should not be aligned with politicians and urged them to avoid displaying firearms outside their homes or using them for violence to prevent confiscation. The Governor pledged support and suggested aligning projects with existing priorities like agriculture and fisheries.

**6. Workshop on Empowering Women as Peace Advocates: Building Resiliencies and Preventing Violent Peace Spoiler Recruitment.** The OPAPRU participated in the Workshop on Empowering Women as Peace Advocates organized by the Strategic Communications Capacity Building (SCCB) Project. The focus of the workshop was on understanding strategies that recruit women for violent peace disruption and how to counteract them. One session aimed at creating a community activity using the COPE (capacitate, out-compete, persuade, and empower) Framework to empower women. The SCCB Project expressed readiness to aid MNLF women and other groups.

**7. Courtesy Call to Basilan State University.** In relation to the collaboration between OPAPRU and Mindanao University Systems for the MNLF Transformation Program, involving socio-economic assessment and community processes in priority MNLF communities, the MSU-Sulu Institute of Peace and Development, led by Prof. Rashimie Estino, along with a team including Prof. Abdallah Mohamed, Prof. Alimur Alamudin, Prof. Mahmouddhar Hassan, and Prof. Raddam Yusop, joined the OPAPRU for the visit to Basilan State College (BASC) on 16 August 2023. They met with BASC President Dr. Hapao Abdulrahim-Salam, Faculty President Alisd Lahaman, Director for Extension Sadam Puso, and other officials to discuss the upcoming collaboration between MSU and BASC for the MNLF Transformation Program implementation in Basilan.

**8. Courtesy Call to Mayor Stittie Djalia A. Turabin-Halaman.**

A courtesy call and meeting with Isabela City Local Chief Executive (LCE), Hon. Silve Djalia A. Turabin-Halaman were held on 16 August 2023 at the Mayor's office with the OPAPRU MNLF PPO and MSU-Sulu. The OPAPRU briefed the LCE on the updates of the MNLF Peace Process as well as the incoming implementation of the transformation program in the province.

				<p>9. Initial Community Scanning to Seven (7) Priority Barangays in Basilan Province. The OPAPRU along with the MSU Sulu Institute of Peace and Development Mindanao Sulu team led by Prof. Rashmia Estino, together with Prof. Abdulrah Mohamed, Prof. Alhariz Alimudin, Prof. Mahmud Hassan, and Prof. Radian Yusop, embarked on a series of initial community scans in seven (7) priority barangays in Basilan Province from 16-19 August 2023. The barangays include Masela in Isabela City, Lubukan Hj. Muhamad, Tuburan Mohammad Aid, Lahi Lahi Tuburan, Semut Abbar, Botoh Plang Abarka, and Kihun Abarka. The MSU-IPDM established connections with MNLFF leaders and identified prevalent issues in these communities.</p> <p>10. Conduct of Initial Community Scanning in Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani with Mindanao State University – General Santos</p> <p>The OPAPRU MNLFF PPO and MSU General Santos have conducted initial community visits in Brgy. Trans, Lebak and Brgy. Tatak Od Lumasa, Maasin, Sarangani to brief the MNLFF Communities about the purpose of the community scanning in line with the activities set to be implemented under the Transformation Program. Prof. Mario Aguja and Chair Uttoh Salam Culan gave their messages and called for active participation for these activities.</p> <p>Additionally, the MSU and OPAPRU MNLFF PPO team also met with Lebak Mayor Fredrick Celestia for a courtesy call and to orient him about the basic objectives of the activity and as well as the Transformation Program.</p>
068	LPE-TF-AMO-SOUTHERN LUZON DIVISION (PPA)	756,000.00	242,022.00	
069	LPE-TF-AMO-SOUTHERN LUZON DIVISION (OPEX)	3,230,214.07	3,216,857.08	
070	LPE-TF-AMO-NORTHERN LUZON DIVISION (PPA)	1,706,990.24	1,210,835.07	All Area Management Offices provided technical support to all interventions in the ground.
071	LPE-TF-AMO-NORTHERN LUZON DIVISION (OPEX)	1,614,800.00	651,585.56	
072	LPE-TF-AMO-VISAYAS DIVISION (PPA)	2,116,032.45	1,529,847.24	
073	LPE-TF-AMO-VISAYAS DIVISION (OPEX)	763,828.00	273,171.40	
074	LPE-TF-EASTERN MINDANAO DIVISION (PPA)	4,671,884.27	3,483,945.44	
075	LPE-TF-EASTERN MINDANAO DIVISION (OPEX)	2,167,656.00		
076	JND-TF-AMO-NORTHERN MINDANAO DIVISION-ILIGANERR (PPA)	2,893,650.31	2,720,446.91	
077	JND-TF-AMO-NORTHERN MINDANAO DIVISION-ILIGANERR (OPEX)	360,000.00	360,000.00	
078	JND-TF-AMOSOUTHER CENTRAL MINDANAO DIVISION-LIGANERR (PPA)	240,000.00	240,000.00	
079	JND-TF-AMO-SOUTHERN CENTRAL MINDANAO DIVISION-LIGANERR (OPEX)	1,456,932.00	363,564.68	
080	JND-TF-AMO-WESTERN MINDANAO DIVISION-ZAMBASULTA (PPA)	2,035,685.20	1,973,167.61	
081	JND-TF-AMO-WESTERN MINDANAO DIVISION-ZAMBASULTA (OPEX)			
062	NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (PPA)	10,115,279.80	1,446,415.66	The Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program
063	NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	42,250,340.01	6,907,521.47	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 capabilities to address issues of conflict and peace
112	PAMANA-MNLFF TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM - SOCIO ECONOMIC COMPONENT (PPA)	258,200,000.00	255,534,267.80	<p>1. <b>Constituency building to strengthen engagements with stakeholders.</b> 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.</p> <p>The OPAPRU shall likewise ensure the participation of local implementing partners to said inter-agency coordination meetings, if any.</p> <p><b>Inter-agency Meetings</b></p> <p>Inter-agency meetings were regularly conducted on a quarterly or semi-annual basis as a monitoring activity with implementing partners at the national level (i.e., BARMIM-BPDA, MPW-BARMIM, BARMIM-MSWD, CHED, DA, DA-BFAR, DAR, DENR, DILG, DPWH, DSWD, NCIP, NEA, PHIC, and OPAPRU).</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>Bilateral Meetings</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>2. <b>Resource mobilization (access to financial resources for development interventions supported)</b></p> <p><b>Regional Development Council (RDC) Meeting</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. <b>Program Management (CSPP-compliant project management)</b></p> <p><b>Transformation Program of Former Rebels and their Families</b></p> <p>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</p> <p><b>Field Visits.</b> 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-LGUNAGs. The following PAMANA-NPMO and/or AMUs initiated field-based activities were conducted:</p>



2	May 8-13, 2023	and Sorsogon Conduct of Joint Project Monitoring and Field Inspection of FY 2022 PAMANA-SLP Projects in the Province of Masbate	AMO-SCI DSWD-FO Bicol
3	May 29 - June 2, 2023	Conduct of Joint Project Monitoring Visit and Final Inspection of PAMANA Road Projects in Region VIII	AMO Eastern Visayas
4	June 5-7, 2023	Transformation Program Planning, Aurora Province	
5	June 8-9, 2023	Planning Meeting with MSU General Santos	
6	June 13-17, 2023	Conduct of Turn-Over of Mondragon – Silvino Lubos Road (Phase 5), Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar under the FY 2017 PAMANA DPWH Program	AMO Eastern Visayas
<p><b>PAMANA Project Turn-Over</b></p> <p>The OPAPRU headed by Acting PAPRU Isidro L. Purisima attended, witnessed and grazed the Caramonil Mass Turn-over of completed road projects amounting to PHP528,819,930.12 implemented by DPWH-Colabato 1<sup>st</sup> District Engineering Office (DEO) under the FY 2016 and FY 2018 PAMANA-DPWH Program in the Municipality of Alameda, Colabato on March 31, 2023. The activity was attended by government officials of the Province of Colabato. 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.</p>			
<p><b>Transparency and Accountability Mechanism</b></p>			
<p>The PAMANA-NPMO spearheaded the conduct of training workshop relative to adoption and roll-out of the conflict-sensitive and peace promoting (CSCP) – livelihood project development and management (LPDM) and CSCP-Citizen Led Monitoring (CLM) modules to dispersed 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 reconciliation at the local level.</p>			
<p><b>Implementation Support</b></p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p><b>4. Physical and Financial Progress Status of PAMANA Projects Lodged to OPAPRU</b></p>			
<p><b>FY 2016 PAMANA-DA for ARMM (presently known as BARMM)</b></p>			
<p><u>Physical Accomplishment</u></p>			
<p>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.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Accomplishment</u></p>			
<p>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 (86.68%) liquidated.</p>			
<p><b>FY 2017 PAMANA-OPAPRU</b></p>			
<p><u>Physical Accomplishment</u></p>			
<p>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/withdrawn.</p>			
<p><u>Financial Accomplishment</u></p>			
<p>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 77,692,861.04 (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.</p>			
<p><b>FY 2020 PAMANA-OPAPRU</b></p>			
<p><u>Physical Accomplishment</u></p>			
<p>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).</p>			
<p><u>Financial Accomplishment</u></p>			
<p>Of the PHP 650,000,000.00 total allocation per FY 2020 GAA, PHP 7,500,000.00 intended for the administrative cost, PHP 66,850,000.00 resigned 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</p>			
<p>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 31.89% reported as liquidated by implementing partners, and PHP 166,759,436.37 or 68.02% for liquidation.</p>			
<p><b>1. PAMANA Information Database</b></p>			
<p>Data generation, reconciliation and processing of PAMANA projects covering FY 2012-2022 PAMANA Program for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter of 2022 are partially completed as of the reporting period. The PAMANA-NPMO prepared datasets and reference materials.</p>			
<p><b>2nd Quarter</b></p>			
<p>For the quarter, the following activities were carried out:</p>			
<p><b>1. Proposed FY 2024 PAMANA Program</b></p>			
<p>Budgetary support requested herein for the PAMANA Program implementation in FY 2024 will provide the Government the opportunity to continuously make its presence felt as well as promotes focused program management and efficient delivery of services in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas, particularly in:</p>			
<p>a. Areas covered under the GPH-Cordillera Boding Administration-Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) peace process;</p>			
<p>b. Areas covered under GPH- Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pipinas/ Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Mex Boncayao Brigade-Tabara Group (RPM-PRPA/ABB-TPG) peace process;</p>			
<p>c. Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) areas needing socio-economic assistance and development;</p>			
<p>d. Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) areas needing socio-economic assistance and development; and</p>			
<p>e. Areas affected and/or vulnerable to conflict with the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG).</p>			
<p>Importantly, it will contribute to:</p>			
<p>a. Goals of the Normalization Program in relation to CBA-CPLA Peace Table;</p>			
<p>b. Commitments under the Clarification Implementing Document to the 2000 Peace Agreement between the GPH and RPM/PRPA/ABB-TPG;</p>			
<p>c. Commitments under the Transformation Program in relation to the MNLF Peace Table;</p>			

d. Local peace engagements; and  
 e. Social prohibition related commitments in relation to the MILF Peace Table.

Following the National Budget Call for FY 2024, the OPAPRU proposed the following PAMANA Program interventions comprising policy reform and governance, capacity building and socio-economic interventions. These interventions are being proposed to be implemented by OPAPRU through Local Government Units/State Universities and Colleges and NGAs. Summary breakdown, as follows:

By Agency:

IMPLEMENTING UNIT	PROJECT	MODALITY
OPAPRU	2,698,088,525.00	Direct Release to OPAPRU
AFP	112,587,985.86	Direct Release to AFP
BFAAR	24,360,000.00	Direct Release to BFAAR
DA	13,946,100.00	Direct Release to DA
DPWH	7,728,541,899.08	Direct Release to DPWH
DSWD	1,346,397,500.00	Direct Release to DSWD
NCIP	251,593,930.91	Direct Release to NCIP
NEA	23,424,876.08	Direct Release to NEA
NHA	4,107,705,000.00	Direct Release to NHA
NIA	158,137,000.00	Direct Release to NIA
PHIC	85,756,800.00	Direct Release to PHIC
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>16,550,539,616.93</b>	

**2. Program Management (CSPP-compliant)**

The PAMANA Program implementation is guided by the following project implementation process flow, to wit: (a) Pre-Project Implementation Phase; (b) Project Implementation Phase; and, (c) Monitoring and Evaluation Phase. Inclusion, participation, transparency and conflict-sensitivity is 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.

a. **Field Visits.** The conduct of field monitoring visits, 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

b. **PAMANA Project Turnover**  
 The OPAPRU represented by Atty. Wilben M. Mayor, Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability, attended, witnessed and graced the Ceremonial Turn Over of Montenegro - Sino Lubos Road and Bridge (Phase 5) in Sino Lubos, Northern Samar amounting to Php 238,000,000.00 under the FY 2017 PAMANA-DPWH Program. Said turn-over was officiated by the OPAPRU and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) - Northern Samar 2nd District Engineering Office as part of the FY 2017 PAMANA-DPWH Program.

With the road and bridge completion, the usual 8 to 12 hours travel time from Sino Lubos to Catarman, Northern Samar will be cut short to about 45 minutes. Residents from Sino Lubos are grateful about how the PAMANA Program has impacted and improved their lives.

**c. Transparency and Accountability Mechanism**

The OPAPRU through the PAMANA-NPMO and ICPO conducted the Orientation and Training for a Gender and Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting (GCSPP) – Livelihood Project Development and Management (LPDM) and GCSPP Citizen Led Monitoring (CLM) Modules to Clustered Peace Partners (Cascading Session for Identified Citizen Monitors in Kalanga Province) on May 09-12, 2023 in Tabuk City, Kalanga Province. This activity is in close collaboration with the Kalanga State University (KSU), Aoyao State College (ASC), and the Provincial Local Government Unit of Kalanga.

This activity was participated by 35 identified citizen monitors; five participants each from seven CPDF Project site areas in Brgy. Kinama in Rizal, Sto Namburan and Sto Ieb, Brgy. Namburan in the City of Tabuk, and Brgy. Sumadel and Brgy. Bessao in Tinglayan, in the Province of Kalanga. Likewise, participants from the CPDF Project site areas in Brgy. Cataog in Conner and Brgy. Marceda in Sta. Marcela, in the Province of Aplayao. The CLM Training Team was composed of Program Directors and Lecturers from KSU, ASC, and PLGU Kalanga. Administrative support was provided by grantees under the PAMANA-SEAP and NCIP-EAP from the KSU. The Training Support Group was composed of the PAMANA NPMO and the AECID PMO.

Moving forward, the activity has provided plentiful insights for the conduct of succeeding similar activities. Among these are:

- Ensure the committed support of partner SUCs, not just for the orientation and training of citizen monitors for a CSPP-CLM, but throughout the duration of the 8-steps CSPP-CLM implementation.
- Engagement with and inclusion of the SCT or Project Management Team (PMT) at the Provincial level or a similar mechanism, at least, during the CLM planning and coordination meetings so that they can provide inputs in the identification of possible citizen monitors, especially in PAMANA areas where there are no SCTs.
- Inclusion of a practical learning exercise in CLM orientation and training as an effective method in imparting learning by experience, and equipping as well the logistical support, preparations, and coordination needed for its execution.
- Addition of provisions and logistical support for CLM team members during the actual monitoring activities. This will likewise require additional budgetary support to be included in the overall budgetary requirement of the CLM implementation.
- A composite CLM Training Team and Support Group from partner SUCs, LGUs, and OPAPRU is indispensable in the planning and successful execution of the 8-step CLM cycle. Critical technical and administrative support, especially from the OPAPRU ground operations, should be elicited for a successful realization of the CLM objectives. Similarly, the financial resources available should be adequate to sustain the actual CLM activities, aside from the logistical support that may be provided by partner LGUs and/or SUCs.
- Inclusion of Adoption of CLM in the next JEMC Meeting Agenda, and issuance of a Resolution on the adoption of the same to give the CLM Teams legal personality in the conduct of CLM activities. The Resolution will also be the basis in the issuance of identification badges as requested by the identified citizen monitors.

d. **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 targets for soft infrastructure and hard infrastructure projects.

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**CONSTITUENCY BUILDING**

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On 2 February 2023, a technical meeting on the information, Advisory, and Referral System (IARS) proposed by the FECCC 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.</li> <li><b>Operations of the Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On 16 January 2023, the Steering Committee of the SUBATRA Programme held its third meeting in Cotabato City. 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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 GPP-MILF, OPAPRU executive and management committees, Bangsamoro Government and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), the diplomatic community, academe, civil society organizations, and the media.</li> <li><b>Operationalization of IGR Mechanisms.</b> 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 directives of the IGRB during its 13<sup>th</sup> meeting on 1 December 2022 in Davao City. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB).</b> 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. Basacan of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and Senior Min. Abdulraof A. Macaeta, are scheduled to meet on 11 April 2023 in Cotabato City to firm up the agenda for the first meeting of the BSDB.</li> <li><b>Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB).</b> Since it held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in 2020 and 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in 2021, the IIDB convened for its 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting on 21 February 2023 via videoconference. The IIDB discussed the construction and repair of national highways and bridges in the BARM.</li> <li><b>Intergovernmental Energy Board (IEB).</b> Following its 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> meeting on 3 March 2023 at the Aslona Plaza in Origas 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC).</b> Since it held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in 2020, the JBZJC convened for its 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting on 20 March 2023 at the Aslona Plaza in Origas 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Resolution of IGR issues raised to the IGRB.</b> In accordance with the agreements made by the IGRB during its 12<sup>th</sup> meeting on 1 December 2022 in Davao City and 13<sup>th</sup> meeting on 24 February 2023 at the Joy-Nostalg Hotel and Suites in Origas 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.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>Turnover of Land Transportation Office (LTO) Maguindanao and Marawi City District Offices to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) BARM.</b> 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 Odn 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).</li> <p>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.</p> </ol>
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106	AD HOC JOINT ACTION GROUP (PPA)	801,454.51		
107	AD HOC JOINT ACTION GROUP (OPEX)			

by 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 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the IGRB directed the TWG to Study and Recommend on the Implementation of Art. XVI, Sec. 4(g) of Republic Act No. 11054 Invoking Cabalang 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 on-site 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. Dalpo, 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 on-site visit on or before 31 May and prepare the trainings/scholarship design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site C

iii) **Management of Hajj and Umrah for BARMM residents.** In accordance with the decrees of the IGRB from its 12<sup>th</sup> 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 sign 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 decrees of the IGRB during its 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IGRB. Upon consultation of Senior Min. Abdulraof A. Macasuso with the management of the Al-Ner Commercial Complex in Cotabato City, the DFA is allowed to return to its previous office with waived rental fees, as long as the outstanding utilities expenses are paid. The IGRB deemed this issue as resolved.

v) **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 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IGRB. During the meeting, IGRB Co-Chair Sec. Amehah F. Paingandaman consulted with DOLE Sec. Bienwendo E. Lagusma 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.

**2nd Quarter  
POLITICAL ASPECT**

**1. Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) activities**

**a. Fourth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB)**

On 16 May 2023 via Zoom videoconference, the IIDB convened for its 4<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss updates on the inventory and maintenance of national roads and bridges in the BARMM as well as the status of damaged infrastructure affected by Super Typhoon Paeng.

**b. Meeting of the Ad Hoc Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZ/JC)**

As agreed during the second meeting of the JBZ/JC, the ad hoc Joint Body convened on 30 May 2023 via videoconference to discuss the delineation of Bangsamoro Waters and the ZJCs in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf. During the meeting, the members concurred with the proposal of the JBZ/JC to expand the coverage of the ZJCs. The NAMRIA shall provide technical assistance in updating the proposed delineation and will submit within two weeks. The National Government and the Bangsamoro Government also agreed to conduct separate technical consultations to formalize their respective positions on the following concerns: fishery issues, maritime issues, mobility issues, and exploitation of natural resources.

**c. Meeting of the TWG on Land Transport Issues in the BARMM**

On 31 May 2023 at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the National Government IGRB Secretariat facilitated the meeting of the TWG on land transport issues in the BARMM between the Department of Transportation (DOT) and the Land Transportation Office (LTO) on the side of the National Government and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) and the Bangsamoro Land Transportation Office (BLTO) on the side of the Bangsamoro Government. The TWG discussed the authority of the Bangsamoro Government to issue drivers licenses and vehicle registration renewals as well as the harmonization of systems used by the LTO and the BLTO.

**d. 14th Meeting of the National Government – Bangsamoro Government Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB)**

On 01 June 2023 at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the IGRB convened for its 14th meeting to discuss pending issues and other matters on intergovernmental relations (IGR) raised to the IGRB. Co-chaired by DBM Secretary Amehah F. Paingandaman and BARMM Minister Moleghier M. Iqbal, the meeting was attended by members and resource persons from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. On the side of the OPAPRU, present were Secretary Isidro L. Purisima, Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, Presidential Assistant Wilben M. Mayork, as Co-Head of the IGRB Joint Secretariat, GPIP-MILF Chair Cesar B. Yano, Executive Director Jordan S. Bayam, Director Elisa Lupina, Director Ishmael I. Belhij, and Director Farrah Grace V. Naparan.

**e. Fifth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board (IFPB)**

On 07 June 2023 at the Department of Finance (DOF), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Complex, Roxas Blvd., Manila, the IFPB convened for its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting to discuss pending issues on the Annual Block Grant, participation of the Bangsamoro Government in the Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines (AAIIBP), the status of the Tax Study Group deliverables, and other new items. The said meeting was headed by Co-Chairs DOJ Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno and BARMM Minister Ubaldia C. Picasem.

**f. Meeting of the IGRB Joint Secretariat**

On 14 June 2023 via Zoom videoconference, the IGRB Joint Secretariat convened to discuss the issue on the removal of the Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (IPMR) of Cotabato City. Present during the meeting as resource persons were officials of the BARMIM Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA), led by Minister Melano U. Ulama, OPAPRU Dr. Ishmael I. Baljin, member of the National Government IGRB Secretariat facilitated the meeting. The IGRB Joint Secretariat identified next steps for the resolution of the issue.

**2. Peace Advocacies, Constituency Building, and Information, Education and Communication (IEC) activities, and other meetings**

**a. Resumption of the decommissioning activities for MILF combatants under Phase 3 decommissioning process.**

On 03 May 2023 at the 4F Conference Room of the OPAPRU, the meeting for a small group on peace discussion tackled the concerns on the resumption of the Phase 3 of the Decommissioning process for MILF combatants.

**b. APAPRU Courtesy Call on BARMIM Chief Minister Atod B. Ebrahim**

The Acting Presidential Peace Adviser Secretary Isidro L. Purisima paid a courtesy call on Bangsamoro Interim Chief Minister (ICM) Atod Ebrahim on 14 April 2023 in Cotabato City. The APAPRU was accompanied by Chair Cesar Yano of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and OPAPRU officials PA David B. Dicano, and EDR Jordan S. Bayam.

**c. Policy and Strategic Studies Forum: Maritime Security in the BARMIM Waters.** On 17-18 May 2023 at the Holiday Inn Makati, Makati City, OPAPRU Dr. Ishmael I. Baljin served as a facilitator in the forum on maritime security in the BARMIM waters, organized by the AFP Office for Strategic Studies and Strategy Management together with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and The Asia Foundation (TAF).

**d. Courtesy Visit of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel (GPP-MILF) and JTFCT to the Municipal Mayor of Buldon**

On 25 May 2023 at the Municipal Hall, Buldon, Maguindano del Norte, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel for GPH-MILF Peace Process Chair Cesar B. Yano, along with Col. Joel Q. Mamon (Ret), Dr. Farrah Grace V. Napan, and LTC Zeddy A. Dioneda of the 1st Marine Brigade, JTFCT MILF Camp Coordinators and JTFCT GPH Secretariat, paid a courtesy visit to Mayor Palmira A. Manao and Vice Mayor Abdias A. Manao of the Municipality of Buldon, Maguindano del Norte. During the meeting, discussions were on the current state of peace and order, exploration of agricultural opportunities with a focus on supporting the Abaca plantation, initiatives to enhance livelihood and value-adding in the coconut plantation, the potential for economic growth in Buldon, the political landscape, dynamics with the BARMIM government, and the potential for a partnership to transform the MILF camp specifically Camp Abubakar as-Siddique.

**3. Third Peace and Development (PD) BARMIM Project Steering Committee (PSC) Meeting**

On 04 May 2023 at the OPAPRU 7th Floor Conference Room and via videoconference, the PD BARMIM PSC meeting was held. The meeting involved discussions on the ATTAIN 2.0 proposal of the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) which was approved to be funded under the PD BARMIM Contingency Funds amounting to EUR 1.1 million. Accomplishments of ongoing and completed PD BARMIM projects were also presented.

**4. Series of Meetings with the Third Party Monitoring Team (TPMT)**

In line with their 47th Monitoring Session, the TPMT held a series of meetings with the APAPRU, GPP, and various Normalization mechanisms to discuss the status of the implementation of the CAB, as well as issues and concerns, and how the TPMT may assist in addressing the said issues. The GPH-JNC Secretariat Head, Dr. Wendel Orbeso, presented updates on the Security Aspect of the Normalization Program for the MILF. Discussions focused on issues and possible solutions relative to the completion of decommissioning of MILF forces, deployment of JPSTs, policing, AFP redeployment, clearance of UXO/landmines, DPAGs, and program on SALW.

On 25 May 2023, the GPP-MILF, GPH JTFCT Co-Chairs EDR Cesar De Mesa and MP Benhan Adi Ampatuan, and GPH TFDOCC Chair Atty. Liza Almania met with the TPMT at the OPAPRU Cotabato Office. The GPH JTFCT discussed the status of the implementation of the Camps Transformation Plan (CTP) and the efforts to develop the six previously acknowledged MILF camps. On the other hand, the GPP-MILF Secretariat provided updates on the implementation of the political and normalization tracks of the CAB. GPH TFDOCC Chair Atty. Liza Almania presented the status of the implementation of socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned combatants and their communities to the TPMT. Challenges and ways forward on the delivery of socioeconomic development packages were also discussed.

**5. Dialogue of the GPP-MILF with the PNP PRO BAR.** On 26 May 2023, at Camp Gen. Sefepala K. Pempelhin, Peraling, Maguindano, the GPP-MILF held a dialogue with the PNP Police Regional Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (PRO BAR) to discuss the security situation in the BARMIM and the important role of the PNP in implementing the CAB particularly the security aspect of its normalization track.

**6. ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) Consultation on Victims-Oriented Protection to Prevent and Counter Radicalization and Violent Extremism in ASEAN**

On 09 -10 June 2023 at Bali, Indonesia, the AICHR held its Consultation Forum on Victims-Oriented Protection to Prevent and Counter Radicalism and Violent Extremism. OPAPRU PPPCO Head Dr. Ishmael I. Baljin was invited to speak about Community Policing Approach to Prevent Radicalization and Violent Extremism (VE)/Terrorism. He gave a presentation on Peacebuilding Approaches to Prevent VE in the Bangsamoro such as the Bangsamoro insurgency and its relation to radicalization into VE, OPAPRU best practices, effective community policing, normalization program addressing push factors of radicalism and VE.

The event was participated by ASEAN Member States, representatives from the AICHR, sectoral bodies, CSOs, and some members of the academe. The event was co-organized by the ASEAN-US/IND Partnership for Regional Optimization within the Political-Security and Socio-Cultural Communities (PROSPECT), a joint U.S. agency for USAID, U.S. Mission to ASEAN (USASEAN), and ASEAN Project.

**6. Ceasefire Monitoring, CCCH and AHJAG activities**

The GPH has filed a total of eleven (11) protests of ceasefire violations against the MILF while the MILF has filed one (1) protest of ceasefire violation against the GPH. The said GPH protest ranges from *rido* (4), uncoordinated movement, unauthorized wearing of uniform and unauthorized carrying of firearms (3), providing sanctuary to criminal (2) and illegal establishment of MILF Camps (1). Whereas the MILF has filed one (1) protest ceasefire violation to PNP (CIDG) on uncoordinated LEO in Dava Pagas, Maguindano.

The emplacement of the early warning mechanisms - the Local Monitoring Teams (LMTs) and the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Fosis (JCMFs) were considered significant to the overall accomplishment of the ceasefire mechanisms. These mechanisms are deployed strategically in the conflict-affected areas in Mindanao to serve as advance operating arms on the ground. These mechanisms significantly play a major role in the maintenance of peace and order situation in the region especially during occurrence of armed encounters between the GPH and MILF forces as they serve as the first responder mechanisms to take effect immediately the ceasefire between warring parties.

**a. Coordination Meeting with JTFCT, GPP, and Security Unit.**

On 05 April 2023, GPH AHJAG Chair PBGEN Victor K. Wanchakan, GPH CCCH Chair BGen Eduardo B. Gubat PA, assisted by the Combined Secretariat, attended the meeting presided by Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan, member, GPH Peace Implementing Panel with the officials of the GPH AHJAG, MILF AHJAG, JTF Central, PRO BAR, JPSC, and JPST regarding the recent armed conflicts in SPMS Area (Shariff Aguak, Paguin, Mamasapano, Saitbu) in Maguindano del Sur and its adjacent areas held at Malabao Hall, Camp Gonzalo Singsop, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindano del Norte. Discussed during the meeting were actions to be taken to prevent recurrence of violent incidents in the Province Maguindano del Sur and nearby provinces.

Part of the assessment was looking into the mechanism that could help the LGUs such as the mechanisms established by the COCH, Rajah Buayan LGU and AFP called the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Post (JCMP) wherein the AFP and the MILF commanders freely talk with each other and were able to decide and implement concrete solutions to armed conflicts and armed encounters on the ground. Accordingly, the mechanism greatly helped in conflict prevention.

**b. GPH CCCH Meeting with BIAF-MILF Commanders** On 01 June and 03 June 2023 in Zamboanga City and Kumintang, Zamboanga del Sur respectively, the GPH Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCH) held a meeting with BIAF-MILF Base Commanders, Suab Edris, Base Cmr., 113BC, Cmr. Dan Asnaw, Base Cmr., 1155C and Cmr. Yashier Tabo, Base Cmr., 117BC, to discuss the ceasefire and security situation in their respective areas.

On the same day, at the Grand Astoria Hotel, Zamboanga City, the GPH CCCH held a meeting with Hady Samad Ahadin, Support Staff, MILF CCCH for Baslan and Mr. Gamie Arlian of Nonviolent Peaceforce to discuss efforts to settle the *rido* between the groups of the current Brgy. Boho Snyak, Ungkaya Pulkan, Baslan and the group of former Chair of said barangay.

**c. Meeting with the LGU of Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat and LGU of Maitum, Sarangani**

On 12 June 2023, at Lemlunay Resort, Brgy. Kamanga, Masam, Sarangani, GPH CCCH facilitated a meeting on the possible intervention of the LGUs in Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat and Maitum, Sarangani for the resolution of the *rido* between the group of Cmr. Bondi Binago of 13th Bawang Bde, Foreign Affairs Unit of MILF and the group of Cmr. Prinda Kalir of 104BC, BIAF-MILF.

**d. GPH AHJAG Meeting with Mayor Resly Sindatuk of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao**

On 12 June 2023 at Barangay Gawang, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, GPH AHJAG Chairman PMGEN Victor K. Wanchakan met with Mayor Resly Sindatuk of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao, PMag Ivan John Balian, CO, 1402 RMFC, PCMS Dalari and James Agpasa, Bn Commander 92nd Bn, PA, to conduct an area assessment. Moreover, courses of action on the current situation involving warring MILF forces in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao were discussed.

**e. GPH CCCH meeting with the MILF in Maguindanao del Norte.** On 16 June 2023, at Camp Darapanan, Simuy, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH CCCH met with Cmr. Bondi Binago of 13th Bawang Bde, Foreign Affairs Unit, MILF and discussed the placement of AFP buffer force in Brgy. Mindupok and the conduct of a Joint Field Verification by the GPH CCCH and MILF CCCH on 20 June 2023 to facilitate the return of displaced civilians, assess the damaged properties, and identify the location of AFP buffer force to be employed in the area.

A series of meetings and activities in relation to the conflict involving 104BC, BIAF-MILF and 13th Bawang BDE, MILF were likewise conducted in Brgy. Mindupok, Maitum, Sarangani province.

Agreed actions were on addressing displaced civilians, immediate support for displaced families, assessment on the relocation of troops, on-going ocular visits and joint GPH-MILF field visits, and continuing dialogues.

**f. Monthly Regular Meeting of the PPDC and AHJAG**

On 22 June 2023, via Zoom videoconference, a meeting was spearheaded by PMGEN Victor K. Wanchakan and attended by representatives from COCH, PRO BAR, and Regions 9 to 12. The primary agenda of the meeting was to address security concerns related to recent incidents in Datu Paglas and Sharif Agulak, both of Maguindanao, which may have implications to the MILF.

3rd Quarter

#### POLITICAL ASPECT

1. 33<sup>rd</sup> GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels Meeting

On 01 July 2023 in Davao City, the Peace Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines and the MILF met for the first time under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., to tackle pending concerns and items for approval to renew their commitment to the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement in the Bangsamoro (CAB). The JIC-GPH Chair, Mr. Axel Hernandez, and JIC-GPH Member LIGEN Danilo G. Pamonag were invited as resource speakers/presenters during the activity. Mr. Axel Hernandez presented to the panels the Socioeconomic Integrated Framework for the 33 Core Barangays while LIGEN Pamonag presented the criteria and parameters, as well as the areas to be sub-judged under Joint Security Assessment for the Redeployment of AFP Troops. Both proposals were reviewed carefully by the panels and gave their inputs to be integrated.

**2. Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Technical Meeting.** On 07 July 2023 via videoconference the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Secretariat held a Technical Meeting to discuss developments and updates, the Proposal for BNTF Extension, and BNTF Operations Manual. The said technical meeting was attended by representatives from the OPAPRU, DCF, World Bank, and from the country donors – Australian Embassy, Canadian Embassy, UK Embassy.

**3. Conduct of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Entry of the MILF and MILF Members into the PNP.** On 19 July 2023 via videoconference the TWG on the entry of the MILF and MILF Members in the PNP convened for its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting via videoconference to discuss the resolutions/agreements made in the 14<sup>th</sup> IGRB Meeting on 01 June 2023 in General Santos City. Co-chaired by Lt. Col. Alfredo Bayan from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Minister Ressa Aquino from the Ministry of Social Services and Development - DARMM, the meeting was attended by TWG members of the NAPOLOCOM, PNP, DILG, and DBM, as well as TWG members from the Bangsamoro Parliament, OPAPRU, as the National Government IGRB Secretariat was represented by Dr. Ishmet Baljin.

**4. Meeting of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and GPH Mechanisms**

On 19 July 2023, a meeting of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and GPH Mechanisms was held to discuss the issues raised during the 33rd GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels' meeting and concerns pertinent to the remaining months until the end of transition in 2025. GPH TFDOCC Chair Atty. Alama presented the status of implementation of TFDOCC including key activities, major issues, and recommendations for the Panels' consideration. Further, on behalf of Mr. Aral Hernandez, Dr. Wendee Orbeso attended and presented to the GPP Body the current concerns/issues raised through the Joint Normalization Committee. Among these are the requested guidance relative with the phase 3 decommissioning process, the AFP redeployment, the disbandment of private armed groups, the Normalization monitoring and evaluation system, and the localization of Normalization Implementation.

**5. First Organizational Meeting of the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB).** On 20 July 2023 at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB) convened for its first meeting to discuss and approve its Terms of Reference and its Joint Secretariat. The BSDB members from Bangsamoro also presented its Comprehensive Framework for Sustainable Development. Co-chaired by Secretary Alonzo Baisakan of NEDA and DARMM Senior Minister Abubakar VU-AH-Haq Maslamaha, the meeting was attended by BSDB members from the National Government and Bangsamoro Government.

**6. Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) Joint Secretariat.** On 25 July 2023 via videoconference, the Joint IGRB Secretariat convened to discuss the updates and status of Intergovernmental Relations issues in preparation for the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IGRB on 27 July 2023 in Pasay City. The said meeting was attended by NG-IGRB Secretariat Co-Head PA Wilben Mayor, BG-IGRB Secretariat Co-Head Atty. Sha Eligh B. Dumama-Alba, the members of the Secretariat from the National Government, and the Bangsamoro Government.

**7. Conduct of the 15<sup>th</sup> IGRB Meeting.** On 27 July 2023 at PICC, Pasay City, the IGRB convened for its 15th meeting to discuss pending issues and other matters on intergovernmental relations (IGR) raised to the IGRB. Co-chaired by Secretary Anenah F. Pangandaman and Minister Mohagher M. Iqbal, the meeting was attended by members and resource persons from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. On the side of the OPAPRU, present were Secretary Carlo G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Assistant David B. Dicanan, Presidential Assistant Wilben M. Mayor, as Co-Head of the IGRB Joint Secretariat, Executive Director Jordan S. Bayam, and Director Ishmet I. Baljin.



				<p>8. <b>Coordination Meeting for the Creation and Composition of the Philippine Congress – Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) Secretariat.</b> On 07 September 2023 via videoconference, the Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPCCO) attended a meeting with the Philippine Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO), representatives from the Philippine Congress, and Bangsamoro Parliament Secretariat to discuss the creation and possible composition of the permanent secretariat of the PCBPF, and convening of the created Technical Working Groups. Present during the meeting were: Presidential Assistant Wilben Mayor and Director Ishmael Baljin from OPAPRU; Undersecretary Bernardino Sayo from the PLLO; Ally Noel Tampong from the Office of Representative Yasser Batindong; and Representatives from the Bangsamoro Parliament Secretariat.</p> <p>9. <b>Bangsamoro Trust Fund (BNTF) Government of the Philippines Steering Committee Meeting.</b> On 20 September 2023, at OPAPRU Fourth Floor Conference Room, the BNTF-GPH Steering Committee met to discuss the issues and comments on the BNTF Revised Operations Manual. Attendees from OPAPRU were Presidential Assistant David B. Dicano, Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano, Director Ishmael Baljin.</p> <p>10. <b>Sixth Meeting of the National Government Technical Working Group (TWG) on Cabatangan Properties.</b> On 20 September 2023 via videoconference, the TWG on Cabatangan Properties held its Sixth Meeting to discuss and review the Terms of Reference of the TWG, the latest updates on the work of the TWG, and the pending issues of the TWG. Present during the meeting were: Aly, Duque and Director Farrah Naparan, and Presidential Assistant David B. Dicano from OPAPRU; Assistant Secretary Elizabeth N. Lopez De Leon from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); Assistant Secretary Achilles Gerard C. Bravo from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).</p>
048	LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENTS DEPARTMENT (PPA)	14,846,675.00	2,148,684.86	<p>A. <b>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</b> (Program 9)</p>
049	LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENTS DEPARTMENT (OPEX)	8,003,003.22	6,913,894.38	<p>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 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.</p>
108	LCTO TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (PPA)	89,314,526.35	38,311,657.84	<p>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.</p>
109	LCTO TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM (OPEX)	5,350,000.00	447,595.00	<p><b>For the First Quarter of FY 2023, the program highlights the following accomplishments:</b></p> <p>a) 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.</p> <p>b) 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p><b>1. Mainstreaming and Implementation of Localized Peace Engagements</b></p> <p>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 capabilities of communities to resist violence, and participate in peace building and development to achieve community resiliency and cultural harmony.</p> <p>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 Angella Miranda, Chairperson of the Legal Cooperation Cluster, Assistant Secretary Andree P. Del Rosario of the Office of the Press Secretary, Police Brigadier General Perceval Pacer, and other officials from government agencies.</p> <p>The highlights of the meeting were as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) LPE cluster Organization and Implementation plan.</li> <li>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), Reopened Community Support Program (RCSPP), Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) and PAVAPA at Masagangang Pamaayan (PAMANA).</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>b) OPAPRU provided context about the Transformation Program. Usec. Purisma also mentioned that OPAPRU and DILG are planning to implement the Transformation Program in selected provinces of Regions 8, 9, and 11. Dr. Francis Luengco 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 mandate from the NTF-ELCAC and the cluster that the province will be advised when the NGAAs 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.</li> <li>c) On the issues on ancestral domain, NTF-ELCAC Executive Director Erasmo 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.</li> </ol>

<p>g) 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.</p> <p>e) On the assistance to former rebels, Director Liza Umpan 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 Purisma 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.</p> <p><b>Mainstreaming and Implementation of Transformation Program (TP) for former CTG Rebels, their Families and Communities</b></p> <p>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 mainstreaming 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.</p> <p>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 Staver) 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.</p> <p>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, attainments 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.</p> <p><b>Conducted five (5) Provincial Transformation Planning Workshop</b></p> <p>i) <b>Davao Oriental</b> – 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 slated in TP plans:</p> <p><b>Socio-Economic Component</b>- 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.</p> <p><b>Security Component</b>- 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.</p> <p><b>Healing and Reconciliation Component</b>- aims to promote community acceptance for FRs; H&amp;P focused on IPs communities and sectoral organizations and to harmonize existing policies on local peace engagements</p> <p><b>Confidence-Building</b>- 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.</p> <p>ii) <b>Davao del Norte</b> – 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 slated in TP plans:</p> <p><b>Confidence Building Measure component</b> - 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. Intensely 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 de-radicalization.</p> <p><b>Healing and Reconciliation</b> - Inclusion of immediate families in intervention programs to aid full reintegration of FRs to mainstream society. Moreover, reconciliation through the conduct of <i>Papangul tugaynawa</i> and tribal reconciliation ceremony</p> <p><b>Socio-economic</b> - Provision of sustainable livelihood program and capacity development through educational assistance, employment assistance and skills development for FRs.</p> <p><b>Security Component</b> - Establishment of existing local peace center or joint communication center.</p> <p>iii) <b>Davao de Oro</b> – held from 6-9 March 2023 attended by 51 participants from agencies. The following TP components shows an overview of their action plans:</p> <p><b>Socio-economic Component</b>- 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</p> <p><b>Security Component</b> - to ensure safety of FRs, family and community a revised and amended peace and order and safety plan. Intensity operation of Integrated Territorial Defense System and awareness campaign on the International Humanitarian Law.</p> <p><b>Healing and Reconciliation Component</b> - to address the drivers of conflict, further implementation of <i>Kalarungang Pambarangay</i>, further provision of legal assistance, youth for peace movement</p> <p><b>Confidence-Building</b> - provision of legal assistance, further implementation of <i>Kalarungang Pambarangay</i>, youth for peace, quick impact projects</p> <p>The plenary concurred on further implementation of <i>Oplan Pagbabago</i> (Kumustahan, Tulung Serbisyo) - a Davao de Oro PLGU initiative program for Former Rebels.</p> <p>ii) <b>Zamboanga del Sur</b> – conducted on 28-29 March 2023 with 100 participants from agencies. The following is an overview of the TP components:</p> <p><b>Socio-economic Component</b>- Transforming rebels into productive and peaceful civilians and their communities into resilient communities.</p> <p><b>Security Component</b>- 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.</p> <p><b>Healing and Reconciliation Component</b>- Rebuilding relationships between FRs and aggrieved families, tribal leaders and communities.</p> <p><b>Confidence-Building</b>- To promote good governance and citizen's participation in peace and development</p> <p>ii) <b>Zamboanga Sibugay</b> – conducted on 30-31 March 2023 attended by 96 participants from agencies. The following is an overview of TP components:</p> <p><b>Socio-economic Component</b> - focused on the provision of opportunities to FRs in terms of education, health, employment, livelihood and capacity development.</p>
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<p>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.</p> <p>Healing and Reconciliation Component- FRs will be provided with counseling and other psychological sessions and enrolled in community organizations and equipped with necessary skills to better their lives.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>3. Organization of FRs and Establishment of Special Project Team (SPT)</b></p> <p>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 the operationalization of their organization and encourage other rebel groups to return to the folds of the law.</p>	<p><b>4. Support to ELCAC Mechanisms</b></p> <p>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:</p> <p>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 lacked the Region 8 budget proposal that will be submitted to NEDA, which MGen De Leon raised the need for the inclusion of a remedial budget for the implementation of SDOP programs and projects defunded last year. The recommendation was taken by the regional director of DENR, and proposed PHRBB budget was set aside for the implementation of barangay development programs (BDP) and projects in CSP and FCSB-declared 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.</p>	<p><b>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.</b> This was attended by regional and provincial stakeholders and Usec. Pursima at Abanador Hill, Camp Lubnan City, Samar. This activity was the initial engagement of Usec. Pursima with the Samar-Island RTF-ELCAC and the RTF Care Group and served as an opportunity to get the commitment and support of the PLUGUs on LPE Mainstreaming and TP implementation. The activity includes telling and consolidation of FRs data and the PPAs created by FRs and the presentation of the status of support to BDP projects by DILG.</p> <p>Region 9 Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) on 20 March 2023 at the Provincial Capitol Zamboanga was attended by Governor Duce Ann Holer, RD Paed Abuituz, RAPS MGen Page 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.</p>	<p><b>5. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.</b></p> <p>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.</p>	<p><b>2nd Quarter</b></p>	<p>For the Second Quarter of FY 2023, the program highlights the following accomplishments:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPAPRU facilitated planning workshops for ten (10) provinces (Aurora, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato, Negros Occidental, Surigao Del Sur, Agusan Del Norte, Samar, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar) in developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that is responsive to the need of the Former Rebels (FRs) that reflects the four (4) components: (1) Security, (2) Confidence Building Measures, (3) Healing and Reconciliation, and (4) Socioeconomic 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. To date, fifteen (15) provinces have developed their respective TP plans subject to further review and validation, and thereafter, budgeting in their annual plans.</li> <li>The Special Project Teams (SPTs) serve as transformation agents in the operationalization of the TP and ensure that the four (4) components of TP are in place and implemented. To date, out of fourteen (14) targets for FY 2023, OPAPRU approved the establishment of nine (9) SPTs in the following regions: Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and five (5) additional SPT organized in SOCCSKSARGEN, Bicol Region, Northern Mindanao, CARRAGA Region and National Capital Region (NCR) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. 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 TP for FRs, their families and communities. These SPTs shall assist in establishing organizations that are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OPAPRU forged a partnership with the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) amounting to PHP 10,000,000.00 to increase awareness and media coverage of the LPE and TP among journalists and government information officers in the targeted regions, and to focus on the prioritized areas for FY 2023 through the conduct of media orientations and activities. To implement the media orientation activities, the PIA officials and representatives shall undergo a series of activities including the Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Communications Workshop and Media Orientation to equip them with comprehensive knowledge on the LPE and TP, along with the principles and tools of CSPP.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Mainstreaming and Implementation of Localized Peace Engagements and its Transformation Program (TP)</b></p>	<p>Of the 27 provinces under 13 regions identified as priority provinces for 2023, a total of (10) Pre-Planning Workshop on TP and Transformation Planning workshops in 10 provinces were conducted for this quarter. To date, a total of 15 out of 27 provinces covering 52% of the target for this year were completed.</p>	<p>A pre-planning workshop is a preparatory activity intended to solicit inputs from our regional and provincial peace partners in enhancing the TP Workshop program design. These activities provided an opportunity to get the commitment and support of the Regional Line Agencies (RLA), Provincial Local Government Units (PLGU), and other stakeholders on LPE Mainstreaming and TP implementation.</p>	<p>The TP Planning workshop aims to promote a participatory, inclusive, and transformative process among the former rebels including the duly bearers. At the end of each TP planning workshop, participants were able to produce outputs to be consolidated into a TP Plan finalized by the PLGU. This shall also serve as a venue to harmonize all the program interventions of the FRs by the provinces following the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) principles.</p>	<p>Below are the series of the conducted Pre-Planning Workshop on TP and TP Planning Workshop for the second quarter of 2023:</p>
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1. Leveling-off Session

a. Levelling-off Session with Abra Provincial Local Government Unit at Provincial Capitol

The OPAPRU team paid courtesy call to Governor Dominic Valera and Vice Governor Joy Bernos of the Province. Vice Governor Bernos, ELCAC Focal Person, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), 501<sup>st</sup> Bldg, 24IB Cmidr, and other government line agencies greeted the activity. Mr. Christof B. Catalino presented the LPE and its TP to be operationalized in the province of Abra through inter-agency convergence. Subsequently, PLGU Abra through Vice Governor Bernos expressed support and lead the provincial government in continuous campaign against the CTGs towards sustainable peace and order, especially among vulnerable communities. In addition, the PLGU expressed support to the mainstreaming of the TP Plan and participation on the upcoming TP Planning workshop. The activity was held on 11-12 May 2023 in Baiwang, Abra.

2. Pre-Planning Workshops

a. Pre-planning workshop for the province of Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and South Cotabato

Key PITF and RTF member agencies and officials convened to participate in the pre-planning workshop for the provinces of Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, and South Cotabato at Royale Hotel, General Santos City on 27-28 April 2023. The activity was conducted to pave the way to the TP Planning workshop, where vital provincial actors were oriented on various topics such as the LPE refreshed roadmap and its TP, current security status, and E-CLIP status. At the culmination of the activity, the program design and TP template were recalibrated based on the inputs of the participants and vetted by the participants.

b. Pre-planning Workshop for the Province of Negros Occidental

On 11 May 2023, guided by Region VI Regional Adviser for Peace and Security (RAPS) - Gen. Rene Glen Paja, (Ret.) together with Director Christina Loren Umali of RCCO, Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) Staff and AMU-Western Visayas (WV), a Pre-Planning Workshop meeting relative to TP planning workshop was conducted at Park Inn by Roadside, Iloilo City on 11 May 2023. The activity was attended by representatives from Regional Line Agencies and other RTF-ELCAC member agencies. Among the dignitaries were DILG Region VI Regional Director - Juan Jovian E. Ingeniero, Legal Cooperation Cluster head for region VI - Alty Rosemer Chris Gonzales, and Commanding Officer of 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Battalion - BGen Brigadier General Marlon Sison 3<sup>rd</sup> ID Commander. The participants were briefed on LPE roadmap, security, and ECLIP status report. Further, the program design was vetted by the participation with the inputs of the participants.

c. Pre-planning workshop for the Province of Aurora

A Pre-Planning Workshop Meeting was held at AMCO Beach Resort, Baler, Aurora on 18 May 2023, spearheaded by BGen Abraham Casas Rel, RAPS for Region II, and supported by AMU- Northern Luzon, and Program 3 staff. This activity was attended by the PITF and RTF-ELCAC member agency representatives: Lt Col. Jellon B. Rendo Jr. of 91<sup>st</sup> PAPA, Provincial DILG Director Enar P. Cambaonero, and graced by the Governor of Aurora himself – Governor Christian M. Novetas. Attendees were kept abreast with the new LPE roadmap, Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) Status Report, Security Situation and services offered for surfacing former rebels.

d. Pre-planning workshop for the province of Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Norte

Provincial and regional level peace partners of Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Norte Province convened to participate in the TP Planning pre-work at Shacene Pension House, Tandag, Surigao del Sur on 21-22 June 2023. The pre-workshop, attended by the main actors of peace for each province, utilized the activity to recalculate the TP Planning workshop design, workshop template, and inclusive program to ensure that the workshop will encapsulate the needs of the province relative to the formation of their TP Plan. Further, participants were re-oriented on the LPE and its TP and current existing provincial and regional level intervention for the FRs.

3. Transformation Program Planning Workshops

a. Transformation Program Planning Workshop for Samar Island

Samar Island developed commitment to ending local armed conflict during the TP Planning workshop conducted at the Oriental Hotel, Tacloban, Samar from 25-27 April 2023. Provincial Planners of Samar Province, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar attended the activity together with PITF and RTF-ELCAC members, Regional Line Agency representatives and other stakeholders accounting to 158 attendees. Among the dignitaries are Capt. Ferdinand Buscato of AFP Peace Development Office (AFP-PDO), Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Chairperson for Region VIII, Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez, Samar Gov. Sharee Ann T. Tan, and 810 Commander MGEN, Camilo Z. Ugayto. Attendees were oriented on the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Approach, LPE and TP refreshed roadmap and PLGU Peace initiatives. At the culmination of the activity, each province developed and presented their respective TP Plans.

b. Transformation Program Planning Workshop for SOCCSKSARGEN Region

The TP Workshop for SOCCSKSARGEN Region was conducted on 10-12 May 2023 at East Asia Royal Hotel, General Santos City. Contingents from the Provinces of Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and South Cotabato attended the said activity supervised by MGen. Edgardo Y. de Leon Rel, RAPS for Region XII. Representative from National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTE-ELCAC) Col. Alexander Banabao, Director for Intelligence and Fredalyn E. Francisco of PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PPDC) graced the activity, demonstrating national level support to the event. Among the dignitaries were PCol Rogelio Raymundo Jr., Deputy Regional Director for Operations (DRDO) of Police Regional Office 12, and BGen Jovenal Gonzalez – Assistant Division Commander, Marikina, representatives from PLGU of each province attended the activity signifying support to the program. At the end of the activity, participants finalized and vetted the program design for the TP Planning workshop.

c. Transformation Program Planning Workshop for Aurora

The province of Aurora demonstrated commitment to perpetual peace in the Transformation Planning Workshop held on 05-07 June 2023 at AMCO Beach Resort, Baler, Aurora. The activity was attended by key members of the Provincial and Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC and RTF-ELCAC), Provincial Planners, stakeholders, members of Special Project Teams (SPTs) and other peace partners.

As a display of full support to the campaign, the Acting Presidential Adviser of Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (APAPRU) - Secretary Isidro Purisima, graced the activity to personally send his message and guidance to the participants. Secretary Isidro put emphasis on the value of the workshop and the formation of the transformation plan and further highlighted the vital role of local chief executives, as the main actor to attain lasting peace within the province. Subsequently, the Secretary led the awarding to the PLGU of Aurora for its proactive delivery of services to FRs and the 703<sup>rd</sup> Brigade of the Philippine Army for the successful Focused Military Operation in its Area of Responsibility, specifically for the Province of Aurora. Participants were briefed on the overall situation and current peace efforts of the local and regional line agencies. At the end of the workshop, participants presented the initial draft of Aurora's provincial TP Plan reflecting the 4 components: Security, Confidence-Building Measures, Socio-economic and Healing and Reconciliation.

d. Transformation Planning Workshop for Negros Occidental

Vital peace actors for the Province of Negros Occidental convened to participate in the TP Planning Workshop on 22-23 June 2023 in Talisay City, Bacolod. Among the dignitaries were Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson, Undersecretary for National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTE-ELCAC) Useo, Ernesto C. Torres Jr., OPAPRU Office for Local Conflict Transformation PA Alty, Wilben Meyer, Regional Adviser on Peace and Security MGen Rene Glen Paja (Ret), OPAPRU RCCO Director Christina Loren B. Umali, with key members of PITF and RTF-ELCAC, stakeholders, and Provincial Planners. The activity served as an avenue to harmonize existing efforts and identify current challenges relative to the existing services for the FRs.

Negros Occidental Governor Lacson displayed his unwavering commitment to end local communist armed conflict, emphasizing the need to converge at existing efforts, and utilizing a multifaceted approach in responding to the needs of the FRs.

**e. Transformation Planning Workshop for Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur**

TP Planning Workshop for the province of Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur was conducted last 26-28 June 2023 at Hotel Oasis, Butuan City, Agusan del Norte. The activity was attended by key officers of PTF and RTF – ELCAC members, Provincial Planners, representatives from different RLAs, and representatives of Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur local government unit. Attendees were oriented on LVE-reflected roadmap and CSPP approach. Further, various topics such as PLGU Peace initiatives, Security Situations and E-CLIP services report was presented prior to the workshop proper to provide information and data salient in formulating their TP Plan. At the end of the activity, the participants presented their drafted TP Plans based on the 4 components.

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

The SPT serves as transformation agents in operationalization of the TP and ensures that the four (4) components of TP are in place and implemented. To date, out of fourteen (14) targets for FY 2023, OPAPRU approved the establishment of nine (9) SPTs in the following regions: Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and five (5) additional SPT organized in SOCCSKSARGEN, Bisd Region, Northern Mindanao, CARAGA Region and National Capital Region (NCR) for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. SPTs will serve as a catalyst in the advocacy of deradicalization in their areas and will provide support in the sustainment of efforts of LPE and its TP for FRs, their families and communities. These SPTs shall assist in establishing organizations that are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.

As an organization, they will have an elected set of officers, 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 encouragement of other rebel groups to return to the folds of the law.

**a. Orientation of Central Luzon SPT members**

On 04 April 2023, the OPAPRU headed by its RAP BGen. Abraham Casis oriented the six (6) identified members of the Special Project Team (SPT) in Region III in Cabanatuan, Nueva Ecija on 04 April 2023. The SPT members were gathered to be oriented and get them briefed on their role and functions which is primarily assisting the operationalization on the implementation of the TP. Further, the activity served as an avenue for SPT members to raise their concerns relative to security and the amnesty program. Consecutively, contract signing was facilitated followed by distribution of food packs and conduct.

**b. Election of SOCCSKSARGEN (Region XII) SPT members: SOCCSKSARGEN Peace Advocates for Nation-building and Development (SPAND)**

On 10 May 2023, SOCCSKSARGEN Region SPT members facilitated their election overseen by MGEN Edgardo Y. De Leon (Ret.) On the other hand, Ms. Alma Gabin of Region 8 SPT, attended the activity to share her personal experience as an SPT and their best practices. At the end of the activity, Mr. Noel Lenzaga was elected as head of SPT for the Region.

**Support to ELCAC Mechanisms**

**1. First Executive Committee Meeting marking significant milestones of the NTF-ELCAC collective efforts**

Secretary Isidro L. Purisma, supported by LPEO and Communications and Public Affairs Service, attended the NTF-ELCAC ExecCom Meeting held at 2nd Floor, Conference Room, Bonifacio Hall, Malacañan Palace, Manila on 10 May 2023. The highlight of the meeting was to reiterate the shift of the new NTF-ELCAC from being "warriors for peace" to "bringers of peace" to rally the nation to a shared ambition to end local communist armed conflict and realize the vision of Ambisyon 2040: a resilient, prosperous, and peaceful life for all Filipinos.

Through the Regional Advisor 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 second quarter of the year, the following RPOC and RDC activities were attended:

**a. RPOC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting**

MGen. Edgardo Y. De Leon, RAPS for Region VII, attended the RPOC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting at the Grand Summit Hotel, Tabboban Leyte on 25 April 2023. The meeting was presided by TPOC8 Chairperson Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez, MGen. De Leon, raised the land grabbing concern to Mayor Romualdez and invited him in the presentation of workshop outputs on the last day of the TP Planning Workshop.

**b. RTF-ELCAC 3 Serbisyo Caravan**

RTF-ELCAC 3 conducted serbisyo caravan activity dubbed as "Project Pagbabago: An RTF-ELCAC 3 Convergence and Community Consultations with the theme "Sama na sa Pagbabago" was held at the Pandi Village 1, Barangay Sing Bala and at Barangay Via Los Pandi, Bulacan on 19 May 2023. The activity was attended by BGEN Abraham Claro C. Casis (Ret.) and 800 former rebels received various services from the different government agencies. FRs were given financial assistance through DSMD, seed distribution from DA, feeding program, distribution of slippers, free haircut, medical consultations, distribution of medicine among others. Also, 21 former KADAMAY members pledged support of allegiance to the government.

**c. RTF-ELCAC 6 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Meeting**

RTF ELCAC members convened for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter meeting facilitated through videoconference and was attended by RAPS for Region VI – MGen. Rene Page (Ret.). The activity was presided by DILG Regional VI Director Juan Jovian E. Inginiero. Among the issues raised was the effect of not having a halfway house. During the post-meeting discussion, initial action plan was laid down.

**Other activities under Program 3**

**1. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** Currently, the program is in pursuit to integrate and reflect GAD and WPS to all LPE and TP facilitation and program documents. A workshop assessment session with SHAPEC was conducted to review the current stand of LPE program relative to its compliance to GAD and WPS. It was found that TP activities by practices adheres to WPS and GAD, however the need to explicitly demonstrate it in reports and other program documents need to be practiced as well.

Relative to the above, the program incorporated WPS into its refreshed Program Governance System (PGS) Roadmap and Scorecard. This is to ensure that the 4 pillars of WPS are well reflected across the key result area of the program. This is including but not limited to: involvement and participation of women in Local Peace Panels and Local Peace Engagement Teams, Orientation of PTF-ELCAC on the WPS, including during TP Planning, and formulation of WPS-responsive TP Plans.

**2. Mainstreaming CSPP in LPE-TP Plans.** As part of the efforts in mainstreaming LPE and its TP 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 fifteen (15) PLGU partners. Peace partners were capacitated to make their plans conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting response in identifying their Program, Activities and Projects (PAPs). The CSPP sessions included discussion on the basic concepts, areas of assessment and its application in formulating intervention. 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.

**3rd Quarter**

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

1. Provided technical assistance to three (3) provinces (Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, and Masbate) in developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that is responsive to the need of the Former Rebels (FRs) that reflects the four (4) components of the TP, as well as the projected timelines, and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the local plans of the provinces.
2. The five (5) Special Project Teams (SPTs) from Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Bicol, and National Capital Region (NCR) participated in an orientation and planning activity. It served as an avenue for the SPT leaders and members to formulate their work and financial plan that contains the set of activities, timelines, and projected expenses for the remaining months of FY 2023. The plans added them in organizing their work and identifying the competencies they need to develop so they can adeptly perform their tasks. The SPTs were established to serve as transformation agents in operationalization of the TP.
3. OPAPRU forged a partnership with the National Food Authority (NFA) for the prepositioning of rice assistance for former CTG rebels amounting to PHP 9,998,600.00 with 7,142 bags of 50 kgs. of rice. This endeavor is to provide initial confidence-building measure for the FRs and their families as part of the TP. To date, a total of one thousand one hundred fifty-four (1,154) sacks of rice were distributed to FRs in the target areas of the TP.

**Mainstreaming and Implementation of Localized Peace Engagements and Its Transformation Program (TP)**

Of the 27 provinces under 13 regions identified as priority provinces for 2023, a total of eighteen (18) Pre-Planning Workshop on Transformation Planning workshops in 10 provinces were conducted for this quarter. Indicating that to date, a total of 60% of the target for this year were completed.

A pre-planning workshop is a preparatory activity intended to solicit inputs from our regional and provincial peace partners in enhancing the TP Workshop program design. These activities provided an opportunity to get the commitment and support of the Regional Line Agencies (RLA), Provincial Local Government Units (PLGU), and other stakeholders on LPE Mainstreaming and TP Implementation.

The TP Planning workshop aims to initiate the implementation of the TP that is a participatory, inclusive, and transformative process among the former rebels including the duty bearers. At the end of each TP planning workshop, participants were able to produce an output to be consolidated and assimilated to be a TP Plan finalized by the PLGU. This shall also serve as a venue to harmonize at the program interventions of the FRs by the province following the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) principles.

**1. Series of Pre-Planning Workshops on TP and Transformation Planning Workshops for the third quarter of 2023**

- Provincial Consultation on TP in Camarines Sur and Sorsogon Province | 3-7 July 2023 | Camarines Sur and Sorsogon Provincial Office

The provinces of Camarines Sur and Sorsogon are among the 25 priority identified provinces by OPAPRU wherein the TP shall take off. In 4th and 7th of July 2023, the TP provincial consultations in Camarines Sur and Sorsogon were conducted and led by the Area Management Unit (AMU) for South Central Luzon (SCL) in preparation for the conduct of the prework and planning workshops in these provinces in August 2023.

With the various issues and concerns regarding the former rebels in Sorsogon and Camarines Sur gathered from the consultations, realization of the TP implementation in the provinces of Sorsogon and Camarines Sur were seen as very positive and promising solutions to consolidate and organize the governments' interventions for FRs in the province. Thus, the consultations participants recommended for the conduct of the TP prework and planning workshop for the two provinces.

- Masbate Province Convergence for Peace: Transformation Planning Workshop for the Province of Masbate

18 – 20 July 2023 | Oriental Hospitality and Management Service Inc., Legazpi City

Members of Regional and Provincial Task Forces to ELCAC (PTF and RTF ELCAC) - LPE Cluster and other key stakeholders converged at The Oriental Hospitality and Management Service Inc. for the TP Planning Workshop for the Province of Masbate held 18 – 20 July 2023. Attendees worked together to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the returning rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region. The activity also served as an avenue to strengthen partnerships between key actors relative to the TP. Various topics were also discussed, ranging from the security situation of the province, the status of national and local peace efforts implemented, social preparation of concerned agencies, and other pertinent areas relative to TP.

At the culmination of the activity, attendees agreed on the formulated TP Plan to undergo a final review and approval process by relevant government agencies and local authorities. Once approved through an Executive Order, the program's implementation will commence immediately. Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure its effectiveness and to make necessary adjustments as needed.

- Coordination Meeting with PLGU Camarines Sur and MLGUs of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Camarines Sur and the 83<sup>rd</sup>

IBPA Regarding the Conduct of LPE Track 1 and 2 Activities Relative to the TP | 7-11 August 2023

On August 7-11, 2023, the Area Management Unit for Southern Luzon personnel Mr. Paul E. Escobar and Christopher Azucena, spearheaded the coordination meeting with the concerned municipal local government units (MLGUs) and the municipal local government operation officers of the DILG in the five (5) target municipalities in Camarines Sur. The 83<sup>rd</sup> IBPA assured OPAPRU of their support and commitment to the implementation of the LPE Tracks 1 and 2 activities in the 4th district of Camarines Sur.

Among the target areas for implementation of the said program is the province of Camarines Sur in Bicol Region. Per report of the NTF-ELCAC last July 2023, among the 2 remaining Guerrilla Fronts that are still active are the KLG 2, SRC 5 of the Bicol Regional Party Committee (BRPC) and the Front 15, SRC Avic of the Eastern Visayas Regional Party Committee (EVRPC). Part of the initial engagement with the PTF-ELCAC Camarines Sur during the TP provincial consultation last 3-4 July 2023, the OPAPRU LPEO in partnership with PLGU Camarines Sur, MLGUs of the 4th District and the 83<sup>rd</sup> IBPA of the AFP will conduct LPE Track 1 (community-consultation and problem-solving session) and Track 2 (local peace dialogue) activities in the five (5) municipalities of District 4, Camarines Sur, namely, Tinambac, Lagony, Garchitorea, Presentation and Caramoan, on September-December 2023. OPAPRU received commitments of support from MLGUs on the LPE Program.

- Transformation Planning Workshop for the Province of Masbate

29 – 31 August 2023 | Villa Caesares Hotel, Naga City, Camarines Sur

On 29 – 31 July 2023, a total of 75 representatives of RTF and PTF ELCAC and other key stakeholders converged at The Villa Caesares for the TP Planning Workshop for the Province of Masbate. Attendees collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the returning rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region. During the workshop, attendees engaged in discussions covering a range of topics, including the province's security situation, the progress of national and local peace initiatives, social preparations by concerned agencies, and other relevant areas related to the TP.

Upon the workshop's conclusion, participants reached a consensus on the formulated TP Plan. This plan will undergo a final review and approval process by pertinent government agencies and local authorities. Upon approval via an Executive Order, immediate implementation of the program will commence. To ensure its effectiveness, regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted, allowing for necessary adjustments as required. This collaborative effort marks a significant step toward sustainable peace and development in Masbate Province.

<p>Transformation Program Planning Workshop for the Province of Sorsogon   05-07 September 2023   Villa Isabel, Sorsogon City. Representatives of PTF and RTF ELCAC, farmer rebel group and other key stakeholders converged at Villa Isabel, Sorsogon for the TP Planning Workshop for the Province of Sorsogon held from 5 to 7 September 2023. Representatives of RTF and PTF ELCAC member agencies, and local authorities collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the former rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region.</p> <p>At the culmination of the activity, attendees agreed on the formulated TP Plan to undergo a final review and approval process by relevant government agencies and local authorities. Once approved through an Executive Order, the program's implementation will commence immediately. Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure its effectiveness and to make necessary adjustments as needed.</p>	<p><b>2. Conduct of activities by the Special Project Teams (SPTs)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Special Project Teams NCR Planning Session</b> 3-4 August 2023   OPAPRU Central Office, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Situation Room</li> </ul> <p>Members of the SPT NCR convened to formulate action plans relative to their areas. With the guidance of Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisma, EDR, Susan Marcada and MGen (Ret) Ariel Felizardo, SPT NCR formulated activities to counter CPP/NPANDF activities in the targeted areas. Senior Usec. Purisma also provided guidance on the function and direction of SPT members and on the assessment of CPP/NPANDF movement and identifying possible activities in response. At the end of the activity, the SPT were able to submit their action plans for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Special Project Team (SPT) Orientation and Planning</b> 24-25 August 2023   Discovery Suites Hotel, Pasig City</li> </ul> <p>An Orientation and Planning Activity was conducted to serve as an avenue for the SPT leaders and members to formulate their work and financial plan that contains the set of activities, timelines, and projected expenses for the remaining months of FY 2023. The plans asked them in organizing their work and identifying the competencies they need to develop so they can adeptly perform their tasks. A total of 26 SPTs participated from the five (5) Regions in Luzon, Visayas, and Western Mindanao. During the activity, they were also capacitated on the key business processes and templates they will encounter as they go about the implementation of their plans.</p>	<p><b>3. Partnership with the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) to Boost the National Government's Information Campaign on its Anti-Insurgency and Peacebuilding Efforts in the Country</b>   30 August 2023   Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City</p> <p>The OPAPRU has forged a partnership with the (PCO) and the PIA to boost the national government's information campaign on its anti-insurgency and peacebuilding efforts in the country. The partnership between OPAPRU, PCO, and PIA aims to increase the awareness of local journalists and government information officers in 13 target regions on the government's LPE and TP. In particular, the goal is to effectively communicate LPE and TP down to the grassroots level by creating a dynamic and adaptable communication system that is not only limited to disseminating vital information, but also tailor fits key messages to various stakeholders, build the public's trust through collective endorsement, and counter misinformation.</p> <p>The collaboration was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement signed by Presidential Peace Adviser Sec. Cecilia G. Galvez, Jr., PCO Secretary Atty. Cheloy E. Velazco-Caraff, and PIA Director-General Jose A. Torres, Jr.</p>	<p><b>4. Palawan's Unity for Peace and Transformation Program</b> 20 September 2023   Palawan Provincial Government Office</p> <p>The Area Managers for Region IV-B and the OPAPRU's LPEO conducted a coordination and leveling off meeting in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. The meeting focused on the TP for FRs, their Families, and Communities, coupled with a site visit for the PAMANA Housing Project, aimed at uplifting the lives of former rebels and contributing to community growth. The meeting attended by a representative of Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Palawan with key stakeholders from various sectors, served as preparatory activity prior to the TP Planning Workshop. The discussion included how to synergize efforts in implementing the TP and the housing project. Among the topics discussed is the stakeholders' role and roadmap in the success and sustainability of both the TP and the housing project. The meeting in Palawan highlighted the value of collective action in achieving peace and development. The engagement fostered enhanced collaboration among government agencies and stakeholders in line with effective and efficient measures, Socio-economic and Healing and Reconc.</p>	<p><b>5. Distribution of assistance for 'Friends Rescued'</b></p> <p>As part of confidence-building of former rebels, a total of 7,142 sacks of rice were procured from the National Food Authority (NFA) for the friends rescued in different areas in the country. This aims to provide immediate assistance for FRs towards reintegration into mainstream society. OPAPRU, through the AMUs, coordinated the rice distribution activities in focused areas. To date, a total of 1,159 FRs have received sacks of rice: NCR – 5, Region II – 143, Region VIII – 308, Region IX – 208, and Region XI – 495.</p> <p><b>Support to ELCAC Mechanisms and Program Management.</b></p> <p>In continuous pursuit to refine and streamline the mainstreaming of the LPE and its TP, Program 3 performed several activities to continuously develop skill and capacities of the program's mechanisms as well as refine existing policies. Listed below are the series of activities:</p>	<p><b>1. Local Conflict Transformation (LCT) - Field Implementation Support Unit (FISU) Convention</b>   24 – 25 July 2023   Photo Hotel, Shaw Boulevard, Ortigas, Pasig City. On 24 to 25 July 2023, the OPAPRU, through the LPEO, spearheaded the convention of the Local Conflict Transformation (LCT) - Field Implementation Support Unit (FISU). The activity was graced by Cluster Heads of the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability, representatives of AMU - Northern Luzon, South Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, and Eastern Mindanao, and the Director for Regions 10, 11, 12, and 13.</p> <p>The participants reflected on the first semester accomplishments of the AMUs, taking stock of what was accomplished and learned, as well as the pressing issues encountered and corresponding recommendations. The TP milestones and the operationalization of SPTs were also discussed to apply the actual practice of the AMUs on how the said subjects were designed.</p> <p>It also served as a platform to reorient field officers on the business processes on finance, administration, human resource management, and feedback and response with the aim to improve efficiency and address recurring issues. Steps to integrate Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) were likewise discussed, geared toward improving the responsiveness of the program.</p>	<p><b>2. Revisiting the Strategic Directions of LPE and its TP through a Convergence Meeting among Regional Advisers on Peace and Security</b>   03-04 August 2023   OPAPRU Central Office 10<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room</p> <p>On 03-04 August 2023, the Regional Advisers for Peace and Security (RAPS) were gathered in a Convergence Meeting in the OPAPRU Central Office, Pasig City. The meeting served as an avenue to solicit inputs and recommendations from the RAPS to further develop and refine and updated the RAPS Terms of references, SPT involvement in LPE and its TP framework as well as the strategies to execute them.</p>	<p><b>3. Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) Security Briefing for OPAPRU Executives and Directors</b>   15 August 2023   Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City. On 15 August 2023, Program 3 facilitated the ISAFP Security Briefing for OPAPRU's Executive and Management Committee to keep them abreast on overall national security concerns.</p> <p><b>4. LPE Cluster Technical Working Group (LPE-TWG) Meeting</b> 20 September 2023   OPAPRU Central Office, Kawapapan Conference Room</p> <p>On 20 September 2023, the technical working group (TWG) of the LPE Cluster convened at the OPAPRU Central Office to discuss the direction setting and enhancements to the mainstreaming of LPE and its TP.</p>
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OPAPRU through SHAPE and the NSCWPS will finalize the activities and timeline leading to the launching of the new NAPWFS.</p> <p>Philippines to this turn-over, WEAct 1325, GZO and Oxfam Philippines through the support of the Australian Embassy in the Philippines launched the result of PEACE-NAPWFS last 21-22 March 2023. During this event, they requested to ceremoniously turn-over the report to OPAPRU.</p> <p>2. <b>Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>3. <b>At least 5% GAD Budget Utilized</b></p> <p>In observance of the 2023 National Women's Month Celebration, a series of activities were spearheaded by SHAPEO in OPAPRU Central Office.</p> <p><b>Brown Bag Session on SOGIE 101.</b> 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 in 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.</p> <p><b>Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening.</b> 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. 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<p><b>Partnerships with Ateneo De Davao and Global Peace Foundation.</b> 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 BARM. The scope of partnership and financial arrangements were already defined including the formation 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.</p>	<p><b>UN High Level Mission Meeting.</b> 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-TFDDC, Task Force Bengon Marawi (TFBM), and 2<sup>nd</sup> Mech Infantry 'Abomic' 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.</p>	<p>With the adoption of the UN Resolution 77243 detailing February 12 as the 'International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism as and when Conducive to Terrorism' OPAPRU will be conducting PICTVE activities every 12<sup>th</sup> of February. OPAPRU will also invite ATC-PMC, DILG and NSC as part of the NAP PICTVE core group to join the committee in organizing the 12 February 2024 PICTVE activities.</p>	<p><b>GCERF Philippines Country Support Mechanism.</b> 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 05 March 2023 which was attended by SHAPEO. Three organizations, namely Teach Peace Build Peace Movement, Mahiniana 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.</p>	<p><b>Indigenous Peoples' Healing &amp; Reconciliation.</b> 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.</p>	<p><b>CSPP Transformation Program Formulation Process Facilitated/ Monitored.</b> 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.</p>	<p>The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) made significant progress in policy and program development especially on the development of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) through series of activities that resulted to its Zero Draft. Commitment of technical support in the development of the NAPWPS were also gained from stakeholders such as the UN Women and CSO partners. Likewise, there is an on-going development in the drafting of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), amendment of the Executive Order 865 and Executive Order in the establishment of the National Steering Committee on YPS. In addition, a project development for healing and reconciliation is in progress through the engagement of Global Peace Foundation and Nonviolent Peaceforce.</p>	<p><b>2nd Quarter</b> The Duyog Ramadan and Solidarity Activities were conducted in the continuation of the Marawi Recovery Efforts reaching 805 families in three temporary shelters. Network and partnership building with different government agencies and local and international organizations on Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE) were active within the second quarter. The engagement with Ateneo De Davao University (ADDU) for the Madaris Volunteer Program (MVP) was formalized through a MOA Signing of which the Project Cost is P2,003,460.00.</p>	<p>SHAPEO continued to provide technical support in the Transformation Program (TP) Planning through the orientation on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP), Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) both in person and online.</p>	<p>Mainstreaming of Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS) made significant improvement through the conduct of the regular GFPS and the plan to expand their roles and the capacity building that will be conducted to enhance their capacities in the planning, implementation and monitoring of GAD activities. There is also an on-going initiative in improving the skills of Programs in gender analysis and utilizing the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDL). Likewise, the CSPP is also continued to be mainstreamed aside from the TP Planning and other government units are provided technical support for them to apply in the development of their local development plans and community initiatives.</p>	<p><b>Policy and Program Development for Healing and Reconciliation.</b></p>	<p><b>1. Facilitated the process of the development of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033.</b> Several activities were conducted to towards the initial drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The first was the convening of the National Steering Committee on Women Peace and Security (NSCWPS) Technical Working Group (TWG), the National Consultation on the drafting of the NAPWPS and the Vetting Session of the draft action plans to the NSCWPS members.</p>	<p><b>a. NSCWPS TWG Meeting.</b> Attended by 58 participants from 17 National Government Agencies (NGAs) and representatives from Women Engaged in Action 1325 (WEAct 1325) and UN Women, the meeting of the NSCWPS last 25 April 2023 resulted to the discussion of the assessments conducted on the NAPWPS facilitated by the WEAct 1325, UN Women and OPAPRU and formulation process of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The proposed calendar of activities was updated and the members of the Writing TWG in the drafting of the NAPWPS document were identified for approval of the NSCWPS Executive Committee. The body agreed to proceed with the amendment of Executive Order 865 that ensures participation and inclusion of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the planning and execution of plans for the Women, Peace and Security.</p>	<p><b>b. National Consultation for the Drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.</b> Some 75 online and onsite participants from 25 National Government Agencies (NGAs) and 14 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) participated in the National Consultation for the Drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 last 18-19 May 2023. The consultation resulted to the assessment of the current NAPWPS of which provisions were recommended for retention in Pillar 1: Participation and Empowerment, Pillar 2: Protection and Prevention, Pillar 3: Promotion and Mainstreaming and Pillar 4: Monitoring and Evaluation but improvements need to be incorporated especially in the language for the NAP to be inclusive, strengthening of the strategies, and monitoring and evaluation, among others. Additional provisions were recommended based on the emerging issues and previous consultations with other stakeholders on WPS. Data holders who will be accountable in the implementation of the provisions were initially identified.</p>	<p><b>c. Vetting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.</b> The Draft Zero of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 document was presented for vetting to the 29 NSCWPS members and other organizations last 31 May 2023 via videoconference based on the results of the Assessments and Consultations conducted. Comments and Recommendations were gathered for further improvement of the NAP. One major recommendation was to postpone the 19 June 2023 launching of the document to a later date in order to conduct the additional series of consultations and meetings for further inputs and improvement of the draft NAPWPS.</p>
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d. Meeting with UN Women and CSOs for the NAPWPS. OPAPRU through SHAPEO met with UN Women on 03 and 22 June 2023 and gained their support on the development of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. They committed to provide technical support and funding to the proposed second and third leg of national consultations. Likewise, SHAPEO personnelled by Dr. Lela Hatud met with six CSO representatives from Women Engaged in Action (WEAct 1929), Oxfam Philippines and The Asia Foundation and discussed the plan and design of the Second Leg of National Consultations, held last 26 June 2023. The CSO representatives provided inputs on issues, possible facilitators, consultation and action planning. The third leg will focus on the results framework and indicator setting.

2. Facilitated the process of amending the Executive Order 865 that ensures participation and inclusion of CSOs in the planning and execution of plans for WPS. The draft amendment of EO 865, s. 2010 (Creation of a National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security [NSCWPS]) to implement UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 and providing funds thereof) was presented during the NSCWPS TWG Meeting last 25 April 2023. The inputs previously gathered were already integrated in the draft document and other members of the NSCWPS were given the opportunity to give their inputs and comments in the draft amendment of EO 865. The draft amendment of EO 865 is completing the legal review of the Legal and Legislative Service (LLS) of OPAPRU and will be presented again to the NSCWPS TWG and ExecCom for their approval.

3. On-going drafting of the NAPYPS and NSCYPS EO. The draft document of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033 is currently being updated based from the review and comments of internal OPAPRU offices. The Executive Order to establish the National Steering Committee on Youth, Peace and Security (NSCYPS) to oversee the implementation of the NAPYPS 2023-2033 is currently being updated and for review of the OPAPRU Legislative and Legal Service (LLS). Both the draft NAPYPS and EO will be presented during the Multi-Stakeholders Meeting for the YPS scheduled in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter FY 2023.

4. Project Development for Healing and Reconciliation through the Global Peace Foundation and Nonviolent Peaceforce. Collaborated with the Global Peace Foundation in the development of an HRP project initiative covering community development, knowledge sharing, and the organization of the Global Peace Convention 2023. Likewise, developed a capacity building program for women indigenous peoples (IP) in the Davao Region focusing on Early Warning and Early Recovery in partnership with Non-Violent Peaceforce.

Exploratory meeting was also conducted by OPAPRU through SHAPEO with Save the Children Philippines for possible partnerships and collaboration especially in the conduct of various children and youth inclusive activities in BARMM beginning on September 2023. Both parties agreed on the crafting of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to operationalize technical working group and implementation of the identified projects. Follow-through meetings will be conducted with regards to the MOU, the creation of the TWG and formulation of its operational guidelines.

Constituency Building on PTVE, WPS, YPS and Peace Education.

1. Continuation of the Marawi Recovery Efforts. A total of 806 families provided with sacks of rice, 2,915 individuals with meals during Dugog Ramadan, and engaged three (3) temporary shelters. The Dugog Ramadan and Solidarity Activities were conducted in three Temporary Shelters in Marawi City: Dugog Proper, Rorogugog and Bahay Pag-asa II Transitory Shelters last 18-23 April 2023. The activity continued the fostering of unity and understanding of government's efforts on recovery and rehabilitation with the IDPs residing in the three temporary shelters. The success of the activities was made possible through the support of the AMO-NM, in partnership with Task Force Bangsamoro (TFBM), 103rd Signals of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Naval Reserve Command, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Office (PDRRMO) and private partners.

2. Established networks and contacts with the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE). Through participation in duster meetings, workshop and trainings, OPAPRU through the SHAPE Office was able to connect with these agencies and organizations. They will be able to provide technical support as OPAPRU develops and implements programs on PTVE. The following are the activities that were participated by SHAPEO

a. Development of Regional PCVE Practitioners' Network in Southeast Asia. Reviewed arrangements of the temporary Thematic Working Groups in line with the national and regional needs, priorities and context. OPAPRU's engagement revolves around the theme of "Engaging Communities and Strengthening Their Resilience to Violent Extremism". This is a continuing work with the region which started in 06-07 March 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

b. UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Model Legislative Provision (MLP). SHAPE Office provided technical support for the official briefing with OPAPRU principals on the UNOCT's proposed project in relation to their rights and needs of the victims of terrorism last 16 May 2023. Under their Global Victims of Terrorism Support Program, UNOCT submitted a proposal to provide the Philippines technical assistance as pilot implementer of the first phase of the Model Legislative Provision (MLP) and the National Comprehensive Assistance Plan's (NCAPs) projects. The Philippines has existing program on transitional justice and reconciliation, and there is an opportunity to harmonize it in justice and reparation implemented in the different peace processes. The principals expressed interest in working on issues of institutional reforms and guarantee of non-recurrence.

The OPAPRU technical team will draft a recommendation to participate in the pilot implementation of the program and will meet with the Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center (ATC-PMC) to explore inter-agency collaboration.

A related meeting was conducted with ATC-PMC for the UNOCT Model Legislation Provision (MLP) for Victims of Terrorism and the PCVE localization in the BARMM last 15 June 2023. Further to the UNOCT concept note on the proposal to partner with OPAPRU on a pilot project on technical assistance for programs in support of victims of terrorism, SHAPEO presented the initiative to the ATC-PMC as the focal point of the proposed project for its consideration. At the same time, ATC-PMC provided a walk-through of the proposed NAP PCVE localization in the BARMM. Initial activity is a courtesy call with the Interim Chief Minister, Maguindanao Governors and the Commander of the 6th Infantry Division by ATC-PMC, OPAPRU, DILG and other NGAs in the coming weeks upon renewal of appointment of ATC-PMC personnel.

c. Courtesy Meeting with the UNODC on PCTVE Programs. OPAPRU representatives including SHAPEO met with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to explore potential partnerships on Preventing, Countering and Transforming Violent Extremism (PCTVE) Programs in OPAPRU last 23 June 2023. Area of collaboration identified during the meeting is on joint PCVE initiatives targeting the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) Sector, specifically those charged with terrorism and VE offenders in the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Corrections (BuCor). Programs for consideration include capacity building for jail and prison personnel and other interventions/education for VECs and other prisoners.

3. The partnership with Ateneo De Davao University (ADDU) was formalized through the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the implementation of 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, and Work and Financial Plan.

The OPAPRU and ADDU agreed to jointly implement the MVP for the Islamic learning institutions in the Bangsamoro. The MVP which is based on the Human Fraternity Document, spearheads capability enhancement trainings designed to address the needs of partner Madaris and empower Islamic schools to facilitate learning, design strategies, and manage their learning institutions. The MOA signing was conducted last 25 May 2023 in Davao City of which the Project Cost is P2,003,460.00.

Other activities under Program 5

<p>1. <b>Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Transformation Program.</b> SHAPEO provided technical support in the Transformation Program (TP) Planning Workshop in Negros Occidental through the orientation on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP), Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). This is to ensure that the agenda of the women and youth and other vulnerable sectors are integrated in the TP Plan and the CSPP approach and its tools shall be utilized. With the other TP planning which were not physically attended by SHAPEO representative, a recorded video presentation was used to orient and guide the participants how to integrate CSPP, WPS and YPS in their plans.</p> <p>2. <b>Mainstreaming GAD and WFS.</b> The SHAPEO made significant progress in promoting and mainstreaming Gender and Development and Women, Peace and Security to both external stakeholders and internal to OPAPRU. Major activities related to the development of the NAPWFS 2023-2033 are also the highlight for this quarter.</p> <p>a. <b>Resource Person to Women, Peace and (Maritime) Security in the Philippines.</b> The SHAPEO as represented by Mr. John Rey Celdain, was one of the Resource Speakers in the Session on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) during the 2023 Workshop on Women, Peace and (Maritime) Security in the Philippines last 4 May 2023. He provided inputs on the Session: What is WPS? Debating Concepts and Highlighting Relevance for Philippine Maritime Security. The activity was sponsored by the Pacific Forum International, Solana Peace, Inc.</p> <p>b. <b>Regular Meeting of the OPAPRU GAD Focal Point System (GFFS).</b> The Regular GFFS TWG Meeting was attended by 23 OPAPRU personnel both online and onsite last 07 June 2023 via onsite and videoconference. The proposed revision of the After Activity Report Template was presented of which the updates on GAD, result of the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDS) assessment of the activity is integrated including the actual count of the women, senior citizens, PWD, youth, Indigenous Peoples (IP) and other vulnerable sector directly involved in the activity. This is to ensure the mainstreaming of GAD and inclusion of vulnerable groups are being observed in the planning and implementation of OPAPRU activities. The members of the GFFS were also requested to update the template regarding OPAPRU units' contribution to the drafting of the NAPWFS 2023-2033.</p> <p>The parameter in the selection of the CSP representative in the NSCWFS was also discussed, it was agreed that the qualified are NGOs with at least 5 years with programs dedicated to GAD/WPS. The 5 CSO representatives should include one CSO with national level in the scope of its implementation, one from the Bangsamoro, one from Indigenous Peoples (IP), from the Labor groups, Youth and Vulnerable Groups (PWD/ Senior Citizen). This will be vetted with the NSCWFS ExecCom including the CSO partners.</p> <p>c. <b>Orientation on Gender Analysis and application of the HGDS on Program 3 LPEO TP Planning.</b> SHAPEO through Mr. Rene A. Gambeza Jr. oriented the personnel from the Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) and SHAPEO on Gender Analysis and its application using the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDS), a tool co-developed by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to ensure that programs and projects undertaken by the government in their various stages are gender responsive.</p> <p>LPEO presented their initial assessment of the Transformation Program (TP) Planning using the HGDS Sector Specific (Women in Situations of Armed Conflict) design checklist. The specific items being evaluated are clarified, along with the appropriate means of verification (MOVVs). It was determined that majority of items of LPEO's TP Planning rated as 'party' or 'no' were because they were not explicitly articulated in their program documents. LPEO will secure all the MOVVs and update their program documents, after which, another session with SHAPEO will determine the updated HGDS rating and Allocated amount. This will then be reflected in the enhancement in the OPAPRU GAD Plan and Budget submission.</p>	<p>3. <b>Mainstreaming of CSPP</b></p> <p>Aside from facilitating the TP Planning to CSPP compliant, SHAPEO continued to support the mainstreaming of CSPP by serving as Resource Person in the 2023 National Convergence of the Barangay Councilors League of the Philippines (BCLP) on 12 April 2023 in Clark, Pampanga and another on 23 May 2023 in Iloilo City. Over 200 elected and appointed Barangay Officials were oriented on their meaningful roles and responsibilities on carrying out CSPP-compliant development plans while ensuring women and youth are meaningfully able to participate.</p> <p>Likewise, SHAPEO shared about social cohesion strategies and policies that are being institutionalized as well as CSPP approach in community interventions. This was presented during the LGU Fellowship Program on Social Cohesion and Resilience last 9-10 May 2023 facilitated by BARMM LGUs.</p> <p>3rd Quarter</p> <p><b>Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Former Violent Extremists Communities</b></p> <p>1. <b>Contributed to the Development of the Implementation Plan of the National Action Plan-Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE) Community-Security, Justice and Peace (SJP) Cluster.</b> The OPAPRU, through SHAPEO, contributed to the development of the Cluster Implementation Plan of the NAP-PCVE Community-Security, Justice, and Peace (SJP) Cluster. The event took place on 8-10 August 2023, and was attended by technical personnel from various National Government Agencies (NGAs), moderated by DILG which leads the implementation of the NAP PCVE in the Philippines. The Implementation Plan identified interventions based on the programs, projects, and activities that are currently being implemented in several NGAs. The primary programs of OPAPRU that contribute to the whole-of-government approach to PCVE include the localization of NAP-PCVE in the BARMM ministries and LGUs; implementation of the peace agreements in various peace tables, normalization/transformation programs for former armed groups, and/or on or before 31 May and prepare the train</p>	<p>The SJP Implan is still in progress and a cluster meeting is required to identify interventions where agencies can converge their efforts.</p> <p>2. <b>Strengthened networking with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism – Project Management Office (PCVE-PMO) on PCVE Program and Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center (AIC-PMC).</b></p> <p>On September 6, 2023, OPAPRU, represented by the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Executive Director and SHAPEO, met with the DILG PCVE-PMO to discuss the convergence of PCVE implementation across both departments. The focus of the discussion was on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs for former rebels and violent extremists.</p> <p>During the meeting, the agencies presented their implementation plans for the NAP PCVE. Additionally, a briefing was given on the Community-Based Restoration and Reconciliation (CBRR) Module, which was recently rolled out in the local government units. Other initiatives of the DILG were also discussed. The OPAPRU is considering providing support to the CBRR under SHAPEO's CSPP capacity building program and the agency's transformation program.</p> <p>The DILG provides the leadership and is responsible for implementing the NAP PCVE intervention programs throughout the government. These programs aim to address political, economic, cultural, psychosocial, and religious factors of radicalization that lead to violent extremism. The OPAPRU is a member of the NAP PCVE working groups, including the sub-clusters on the following vulnerable groups: Community and Learning Institutions, and the following cabinet clusters: Participatory Governance, Human Development and Poverty Reduction, and Security, Justice and Peace.</p> <p>In a subsequent event during the courtesy call of Undersecretary Abraham A. Purugganan of the AIC-PMC with the PAPRU on September 22, 2023, he emphasized the role of AIC-PMC in harmonizing all counter-terrorism programs of the government and evaluating program progress.</p> <p>The meeting discussed the need to prioritize the assessment of the situation in the BARMM region, particularly the rehabilitation of Marawi City, which may affect the upcoming BARMM Election. To mainstream peace education in conflict-affected communities, OPAPRU can visit schools. Peace education will be incorporated into all curricula, and schools will be designated as "Zones of Peace."</p>
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3. Engaged with different stakeholders on PCVE for capacity building and networking. The SHAPEO took part in the EU Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) Training Program organized by RUSI Europeop[1] under the European Union on September 20-21, 2023. The program brought together PCVE practitioners from various government agencies, academia, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to discuss topics related to violent extremism (VE), including the situation in the Philippines on violence and terrorism, cross-border collaboration with Malaysia and Indonesia to combat VE, gender in PCVE interventions, EU and international strategies and approaches, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), and the GPH-MILF Peace Process, with a case study on Disengagement and Reintegration.

The forum provided a platform for networking among practitioners and understanding of various PCVE initiatives and interventions. It can be a starting point for more convergence among stakeholders.

*Participants during the PCVE Training Program*

Additionally, OPAPRU through SHAPEO took part in the Peace Journey Commitment Signing as a part of the launch of the Expanded Peace Heroes Formation Program of the Teach Peace Build Peace Movement. The program aims to mainstream peace education in cooperation with the Department of Education (DepEd) and a network of visual and spoken word artists. The movement was piloted in primary schools in Taguig City, Quezon City, and Maguindanao and will be expanding to schools in Marawi City and the rest of BARMM.

The event focused on the program's achievements and reported to the Country Support Mechanism as a grantee of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), of which OPAPRU is a member. Several modules for the youth and students, including a reintegration aftercare track for youth returnees and their families, a guidebook for students on building cyberpeace, and a guide to building a peaceful learning environment for children, are ready to be rolled out to pilot schools.

**4. Marawi Recovery Efforts through the National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration for Women, Youth and Children of Lakeview Transitional Shelter.**

In celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month, SHAPEO together with AMU-Northern Mindanao conducted series of activities for the women, youth and children of Lakeview Transitional Shelter in Marawi City Peace Conversations with Women and Youth and Arts for Peace with Youth and Children were conducted for 240 participants in two transitional shelters.

Using the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) approach, the dialogue focused on harnessing the assets, skills, and capabilities of Maranao women in peacebuilding and post-conflict recovery. By recognizing and capitalizing on the existing strengths of the women leaders and organizations in Lakeview Shelter, the ABCD methodology helps empower communities to take ownership of their peacebuilding efforts and fosters sustainable, local peace processes.

In the context of implementing the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) and National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), the tool identified the strengths and resources of women, girls, youth in the transitional shelter, promoted leadership and substantive participation in peacebuilding and decision-making process. The results will provide input in the Healing and Reconciliation Program being developed by the office for Marawi City that in the long term shall provide support and address the root causes of violence against women, youth and girls.

The Arts for Peace conducted for the children and youth, enabled them to express and share their thoughts, feelings and experiences. It provided a creative outlet for children to express their hopes and dreams for Marawi City of which the results will also contribute in the development of initiatives that would focus on the issues of children and youth in DP communities.

**5. On-going Development of the Healing and Reconciliation Program for Lanao del Sur (including Marawi City) and Basilan.** The SHAPEO has conceptualized and submitted the Council's Notes for the Healing and Reconciliation Programs for Lanao Del Sur, which includes Marawi City and Basilan. Inputs were provided by MGen. Metgiasdes Feliciano, the consultant on PVE, and the Program 1 Directors for document improvement.

*Dialogue and Resolution of Issues*

1. **Manobo and Mamanwa IP Representatives of Cabadbaran, Agusan Del Norte were provided Orientation on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP).** On September 14, 2023, 14 members of the Manobo and Mamanwa Indigenous Peoples of Cabadbaran, Agusan Del Norte visited the OPAPRU Central Office along with PANAMA. During their visit, SHAPEO provided a brief discussion on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) to the group. The discussion focused on understanding IP representatives' community situation, issues, and conflicts. Issues that surfaced include the need for improved livelihood and farming implements, access to tertiary education, and participation of youth in community activities. On the other hand, they also identified that completed socio-economic projects by the government like the roads, have significant contributions to the livelihood of their families and improved access to social services. A community data gathering will be conducted in October through the Agusan Del Norte IP Women Organiat on or before 31 May and prepare the training/activity design and program of works, dependence on the assistance

*Gender and Social Inclusion*

1. **Strengthened collaboration with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Members of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the National Steering Committee on Women Peace and Security (NSCWPS) through regular coordination meetings.**

Series of meetings with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the co-chair of OPAPRU in the NSCWPS, on 13 July and 05 September 2023 were conducted in preparation for the activities related to the updating of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) OPAPRU represented by Executive Director Susana Marcada and SHAPEO personnel met with the PCW led by Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves to also discuss the WPS in ASEAN, specifically, the Regional Plan of Action (RPA) and the ASEAN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) Advisory Board's roadmap on Peace and Reconciliation and to explore opportunities for leveling-off of the alignment of the strategic directions and engagements within the ASEAN, as well as the WPS Global Foot Network. The operationalization of the PCW-OPAPRU (then OPAPP) JMC 2014-01, including the general roles of the NSCWPS, and the specific roles of PCW and OPAPRU was also revisited. This explored the use of the Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring System (Measures, Socio-economic and Healing and Reconciliation, design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommen

Areas of proactive collaboration in relation to the review of the GAD Budget allocation and utilization of the NSCWPS in their implementation of the NAPWPS 2017-2022 were also identified. Other matters discussed were the ASEAN Commission on Women arrangements for PCW and OPAPRU, the inclusion and participation of the PCW Northern Mindanao Office and the Regional Gender and Development Councils in the formulation and implementation of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033, and possible enhancements on the monitoring and evaluation of WPS initiatives of National Government Agencies.

In addition to these, OPAPRU and PCW agreed on dates to conduct consultations in pursuit of finalizing the NAPWPS 2023-2033. On September 21, 2023 the NAPWPS Secretariat convened the members of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) to discuss the proposed amendments to the EO 865 and the next steps towards the finalization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 at the Astoria Plaza in Ortigas Business District, Pasig.

The meeting was presided by Executive Director Susana Guadaurpe H. Marcada of the OPAPRU Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability Cluster, and Deputy Director Maria Kristine Josseline Balmes of Philippine Commission on Women. Among the member agencies present in the meeting were DepEd, DHD, DLG, DSWD, DOJ, DFA, DOH, NCIP, PNP, and AFP. The Calendar of Activities on the NAPWPS was presented and agreed during this meeting as well as the resending of the copy of the proposed EO 865 to the NSCWPS members who are yet to review the said document.

<p>2. <b>Affirmation of the Everyday Peace Indicators of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) by the Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Meeting.</b> During the 15th Multi-stakeholders Consultation Meeting on August 31, 2023 via virtual conference, the inputs to the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033 were discussed. The proposed Executive Order on the creation of the National Steering Committee on Youth Peace and Security (NSCYPSS) was also presented, along with the Everyday Peace Indicators to the Action Points, which was affirmed. Attendees included various national government agencies, non-governmental and civil society organizations, international partners, members of the academe and other stakeholders involved in the drafting of the NAPYPS. It was agreed that the entire document will be rolled to Multi-stakeholders for their approval. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss forthcoming events for Youth, Peace, and Security, including the Youth, Peace, and Security Summit on May 10 and prepare the training/activity design and program of works, dependance on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned ag</p>	<p>3. <b>Engaged with the ASEAN Institute on Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN IPR) as Speaker at the ASEAN IPR Discussion Series 2023: Lessons Learned in Developing National Action Plan (NAP) on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS).</b></p> <p>On September 14, 2023, the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation collaborated with the Embassy of the Netherlands in Jakarta to commemorate the International Day of Peace. The event focused on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) and included a panel discussion and a simulation.</p> <p>The purpose of the activity was to encourage youth engagement and participation while sharing experiences and learning in the development and implementation of the Philippine National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS). OPAPRU through SHAPEO and Ms. Vanessa Maria Yaoyao, one of the writers of NAPYPS, participated and provided recommendations to other ASEAN countries on how they can develop their own NAPYPS. After the Peace Education Summit on September 27, 2023, OPAPRU and the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) representatives met with the ASEAN IPR. The agencies discussed possible areas of collaboration, including a Women, Peace and Security focused event in Manila with Philippine representatives to UN Women.</p>	<p>2. <b>Strengthened collaboration with the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO) through the Peace Symposium 2023</b></p> <p>The Peace Symposium 2023 was conducted by the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO) in partnership with OPAPRU and the Philippine National Police (PNP). The event aimed to recognize the contributions of various peacebuilding actors toward conflict resolution and the promotion of positive peace within domestic and international contexts. The theme of the activity was "The Synergy of Peacebuilding Actors in Sustaining the Gains of Peace".</p> <p>During the symposium, four speakers presented on different topics related to peacebuilding. The first presentation focused on the regional peacebuilding perspective, with the case of Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand as examples. The second presentation was on the topic of gender equality and its role in achieving sustainable peace. The third presentation highlighted the importance of youth and civil society organizations in peacebuilding, while the fourth presentation discussed the crucial role of interfaith region in promoting harmony across faiths.</p> <p>The event was attended by representatives and executives from various offices and units in OPAPRU, as well as SHAPEO personnel. The PAPRU also attended the symposium and delivered a message of support to all the peacebuilders and peace-makers from government, CSO, and other stakeholders.</p>	<p><b>Other Program 5: Activities</b></p> <p><b>Mainstreaming GAD and WPS</b></p> <p>The SHAPEO made significant progress in promoting and mainstreaming Gender and Development and Women, Peace and Security to both external stakeholders and internal to OPAPRU.</p> <p>1. <b>The SHAPEO served as Resource Persons to 3 agencies in promoting knowledge and mainstreaming Gender, Peace and Security.</b> On July 12, 2023, a lecture and short workshop were conducted to provide technical support to the Philippine National Police - Directorate for Police Community Relations (PNP-DCPCR) regarding Gender, Peace, and Security. The main topic of the workshop was the drafting of the PNP Agency Specific Action Plan (ASAP) on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) for 2024. The workshop was held at Camp Crane in Quezon City and was attended by 35 female and 25 male PNP personnel from headquarters, as well as 20 female and 45 male PNP staff from the regional police offices who joined the event virtually through videoconferencing. Similarly, a lecture-presentation on Gender, Peace, and Security was conducted by SHAPEO on 25 July 2023 via videoconferencing for the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) Batch 3-2023 of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The orientation was aimed at educating departing on or before 31 May and prepare the training/activity design and program of works, dependance on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. ing with the Peace Month Celebration, misast composing Area, Citronella Oil Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Taguig Agricultural Training project implemented by CRSU. were provided. The meeting was attended by NHA Regional Manager Hermes Jude Jimelo, Atty. Solmap, and Atty. Verge Ramos, Mio Ibrado-JEMC, Eder Susana Marcarida - Head, LCT Cluster, and RCCO - Ido Field Office represe</p>	<p>The briefing contributed to the DND's capacity to effectively advance the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda by utilizing their role as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NSCWPS) and in their operations through operationalizing the NAPWPS (National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security) Pillars in their interventions and programs. This, in turn, will contribute to the Department's critical role in updating the fourth generation of the NAP. Executive Director Marcarida, in her presentation, discussed the following subjects to increase the awareness, appreciation, and support of the agency's top officials on gender and NAPWPS mainstreaming:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Provided a brief background on NAPWPS and the status of the ongoing updating of the 2023-2033 NAPWPS.</li> <li>2. The DND's role as a key agency in the Women, Peace, and Security sector, particularly as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security.</li> <li>3. Presented ways forward in strengthening the DND's institutional capacity on WPS and its involvement in the crafting and implementation of the NAPWPS and identifying areas for collaboration.</li> </ol>	<p>In another occasion, on September 26, 2023, SHAPEO conducted a lecture on the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework for the Office of Air Force Gender and Development (OAF-GAD) during the PAF Gender and Development Assembly CY 2023. The purpose of the lecture was to raise awareness and commitment to Gender and Development among the PAF GFPS and GFPC Members of all PAF Units, promoting a culture of inclusivity and equality.</p>	<p>2. <b>OPAPRU Personnel completed the First Batch of the Annual Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training (GCST)</b></p> <p>The SHAPEO facilitated the Annual GCST for all units and mechanisms to fulfill OPAPRU's commitment to gender-responsive programming as well as enhance the capacity of the workforce to address gender-related issues. Attended by 20 OPAPRU personnel, the training covered key topics such as understanding the concepts of gender and conflict sensitivity, analyzing the impacts of conflict on women and other marginalized groups, promoting women's participation in decision-making processes, and integrating gender perspective into conflict transformation programs. After completing the training, the participants are expected to actively contribute to the planning and execution of their respective Program's GAD and WPS initiatives.</p>	<p>3. <b>Facilitated the Conduct of the Gender and Development (GAD) Mid-Year Assessment and Planning</b></p> <p>During the GAD Mid-Year Assessment and Planning for FY 2023, 14 members of the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) attended with the aim of improving OPAPRU's performance in the implementation of its projects and activities related to GAD, women, peace, and security. The GFPS evaluated their respective programs by completing the Mid-Year GAD Assessment Pre-work, which they presented and discussed.</p> <p>The assessment and learning from the GAD and WPS implementations during the first semester provided valuable input for planning the remaining activities to be executed in the second semester, including the activities that were not carried out during the first semester.</p>
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			<p>Session with Atty. Esquivel on GMEF Assessment.</p> <p>5. <b>Facilitated the Reconstitution of the OPAPRU Gender Focal Point System (GFPS) and conduct of the first Executive Committee Meeting.</b></p> <p>As part of its mandate and commitment to ensure gender mainstreaming in the OPAPRU, the GFPS Executive Committee (ExecCom), through the GFPS Secretariat, convened the members of the ExecCom on 04 September 2023 to update the body on the status of GAD and NAWPS implementation and harmonize all efforts with the strategic objectives of the agency in support to</p> <p>the peace process. The meeting was presided by EDR. Susana Guadalupe H. Marcala, Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LTCPS) and Head of the GFPS ExecCom. The agenda of the said meeting included the proposed amendment to Office Order on the Reconstitution of the GFPS, the initial GMEF Assessment on Policy Entry Point, Calendar of GAD and WPS-related Activities, and other matters. Pursuant to PCW MC 2011-01, the Executive Director reiterated the need to convene the GFPS and amend the previously issued Office Order to clarify the roles and responsibilities, composition and structure of the GFPS to enable it to function as a mechanism for catalyzing and accelerating gender mainstreaming in support of the peace process.</p>			
			<p><b>PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT OF CONFLICT-AFFECTED AND CONFLICT-VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES SUSTAINED</b></p> <p>A. <b>Meaningful implementation of the agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) toward healing in the Bangsamoro (Program 1)</b></p> <p>The Joint Normalization Committee in partnership with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies conducted the Peace Accords Malinao-Mindanao Co-creation Workshop at Astoria Plaza, Peñag 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 Dicano, Lt Gen Danilo Pamingon (Ret) and Mr. Jerry Abubakar, JTFCT-GPH Co Chair Edr. Cesar De Mesa, JPSC GPH Chair MGen Francisco Ariel Francisco III (Ret.), JNC Secretariat Heads Dr. Wendell Obeso and Mtr. Akmal Ibrahim, OPAPRU Directors Dr. Farrah Grace Naparan, Dr. Jana-Jil Galardo and Dr. Ishmael Bajjin, as well as the heads 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>On 04 February 2023, Dr. Orbeso represented and delivered the message of Sec. Catillo G. Gáñez, Jr. during the Official Launching of the Bangsamoro Peace Institute.</p> <p>On 23 February 2023, the 9th Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) convened its 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting at the PICC. The meeting was attended by the 30 member agencies of the ICCMN and was presided by the Co-Chair Sec. Gáñez and the Special Assistant to the President, Secretary Antonio Legdameo Jr. The meeting was a platform to discuss the deliverables of the of the body under the new administration.</p> <p>An online meeting with EU headed by Sakura Morretto was conducted on 02 March 2023 to discuss the proposal package of ATAIN Project 2.0. The discussion involved the ways forward of the SUBATRA, PD-BARM 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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>a. <b>Security Aspect</b></p> <p>On 12 January 2023 the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), with the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCH), 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 Démocratie (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.</p> <p>Meeting of the GPH TWG on Redeployment</p> <p>The group formed up the protocols, process flow, target deliverables, among others, and will recommend 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 Pamingon, JPSC Chair MGen Francisco Ariel Felisidano III, Col Joel Mamon, Dr Orbeso, and supported by the MILF Peace Process Office, JNC Secretariat, CCH personnel and the FSD team.</p> <p>On 03 February 2023, with the instructions from Sec. Catillo G. Gáñez, 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.</p> <p>On 16 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.</p>	<p>2,140,352.10</p> <p>9,232,803.63</p> <p>692,433.98</p> <p>4,059,826.43</p> <p>457,250.00</p> <p>4,050,402.45</p> <p>108,891.25</p> <p>10,278,029.46</p> <p>143,506.20</p> <p>8,328.674.22</p> <p>511,643.95</p> <p>1,858,886.50</p> <p>646,510.27</p> <p>5,599,942.38</p> <p>1,144,508.33</p> <p>668,100,057.19</p> <p>634,973.57</p> <p>486,469.28</p> <p>377,548.11</p> <p>359,356.62</p> <p>151,782.12</p> <p>272,520.64</p>		
			<p><b>LOCALLY-FUNDED PROJECTS - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMPONENT OF THE NORMALIZATION PROCESS</b></p>			
084		JOINT NORMALIZATION COMMITTEE (PPA)	5,577,183.24			
085		JOINT NORMALIZATION COMMITTEE (OPEX)	9,891,814.12			
086		SOCIO ECONOMIC UNIT DIVISION (PPA)	1,194,797.00			
087		SOCIO ECONOMIC UNIT DIVISION (OPEX)	4,059,826.43			
088		SECURITY DIVISION FOR JPSC/JPST (PPA)	2,208,598.38			
089		SECURITY DIVISION FOR JPSC/JPST (OPEX)	4,683,699.69			
090		JOINT NORMALIZATION DIVISION (PPA)	2,321,650.00			
091		JOINT NORMALIZATION DIVISION (OPEX)	11,353,300.16			
092		INDEPENDENT DECOMMISSIONING BODY (PPA)	251,800.00			
093		INDEPENDENT DECOMMISSIONING BODY (OPEX)	13,024,752.74			
094		TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE RECONCILIATION UNIT DIVISION (PPA)	1,760,000.00			
095		TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE RECONCILIATION UNIT DIVISION (OPEX)	2,062,916.10			
099		SOCIO ECONOMIC UNIT DIVISION - TFDC (PPA)	1,664,469.69			
100		SOCIO ECONOMIC UNIT DIVISION - TFDC (OPEX)	6,335,530.31			
102		TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE RECONCILIATION UNIT DIVISION (PPA) - MFO1 (OPEX)	1,500,000.00			
180		REPROGRAMMING - NORMALIZATION PROGRAM	765,678,000.00			
130		PS-MFO1 -JNC	634,973.57			
131		PS-MFO1 -SOCIO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	486,469.28			
132		PS-MFO1 - SECURITY UNIT FOR JPSC/JPST	377,548.11			
133		PS-MFO1 -FIELD OPERATIONS UNIT	359,356.62			
134		PS-MFO1 -NORMALIZATION CORE UNIT	151,782.12			
135		PS-MFO1 -T-JRU	272,520.64			

v) **Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).** The team met with DSWD Secretary Rex T. Galician, 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 Subdirector Head Ariel Hernandez, Edr. De Mesa, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Carag, Ms. Felina Saquifayan, Ms. Renee Sinsuat, Ms. Maggs Barros, and Mr. Marlon Pera on 30 March 2023.

vi) **Other program partnerships**

Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE). Program Partnership for the implementation of the Technical Vocational 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.

- 17 January 2023. 140 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin who completed Organic Agriculture Production (NC II (50), Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II (20) and Bread and Pastry Production NC II (20) under the Technical Vocational Education Training (TVET) Program, held at Municipality of Karatapan 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. Aiko Ikawa, Joint TFDDC Chairs MP Atty. Lasa M. Alama and MP Aida Stongan; the TESDA CLGS Mr. Jose Descalar, MBHTE TEDS Director General Ms. Ruby Andong, and GPH-TFDDC Secretariat Ms. Dorcas Juliette Caraca.
- 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 TFDDC 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 Focus. BALS was led by its Program Focal, Mr. Mohammed Faisal Dimadin, held at TFDDC Op-Cen, 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 TFDDC Chair MP Aida Stongan, MBHTE Minister Mohagher Iqbal, EU Ambassador H.E. Luc Veron, UNDP Resident Representative Dr. Selva Ramachandran, MILF JT/FC Co-Chair MP Ali O. Sak, PROACTIVE Project Manager Engr. Nelson Pacion Jr., and BDA Chairperson Mr. Mangitawar Macapuna. Engr. Junsar and Ms. Asmerah Lonthua attended on behalf of or before 31 May and prepare the training/activity des

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 Badr, held at Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur and Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. In attendance were: Mr. Chino Adao, Program Analyst of UNDP Philippines; Hon. Datu Midjanoo M. Midjanoo Jr., Mayor Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur; Bangsamoro Development Agency, President and member of 2 MILF cooperatives under Camp Badr and Engr. Junsar Abduhasad represented GPH-TFDDC Secretariat

06 February 2023. Meeting between Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) experts and TFDDC technical team for brief discussion of TVET Implementation Process. The output was clarity on the step-by-step protocols and coordinations the TFDDC 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 TFDDC Secretariat Mr. Khalid Kakaro, Ms. Sille Fahara Ebrahim and Ms. Sanabla Sabli.

- 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 their 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 pods.
- 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. Sumdiong Sultan, Mr. Sam Chibick, Country Representative, The Asia Foundation (TAF), Exec. Dir. Edgardo Ligon, IDEALS; Mr. Hamzah Sak, representative for MILF; Mr. Jimmy Adit, MILF Area Coordinator, PMA Cluster, ILT Michael Alan Eugenio (INF) PA; Mr. Michael Tobias; Pkit 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 Ebalta, OPAPRU Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, GPH-TFDDC Ms. Sanabla Sabli and GPH-JT/FC Secretariat
- Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) and Batay 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-TFDDC representatives Engr. Abdurrahman Asim, Mr. Hashim Manibayan, Ms. Josephine Lascano, Executive Director, Mr. Gen Laro, and GPH-TFDDC Ms. Dorcas Juliette Carag and Ms. Asmerah Lonthua on 06 February 2023. On 25-28 March 2023, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Minley Resort, Imbab, Misamis Oriental. In attendance were twenty (20) DCs and their next-of-kin, Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) Mr. Munner Alim, Batay Rehabilitation Center (BRC) Mr. Gen Laro, MILF-TFDDC headed by Mr. Hashim Manibayan and GPH-TFDDC Ms. Asmerah Lonthua.
- Individual data of 24,844 DCs managed by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).

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 Sarman, BGEN Domingo Gboway, CWMC LTJEN Roy Gato and the guest of Honor, Senior Undersecretary Carlo Chavez, 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 BARM and adjacent regions. The latest station turnover was held on 16 February 2023 in Brig. Gedungan, Talley, 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-BARM 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 trial on or before 31 May and prepare the Training/Activity design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for pro

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 pre-emptive dialogues to prevent a full-blown riot within their areas of responsibility, including neighboring municipalities.

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 BCL.

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 CCOH, AHJAG and Pania, they were formally turned over on the following day. Meanwhile, to 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, firefight, harassment, ambush and explosion.

Despite these incidents, a total of eighty (80) security coordination was facilitated by the CCOH 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 safety undertaken.

The CCOH was able to monitor a total of seventeen (17) *rido* incidents over the period of three (3) months and the CCOH 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 BARM and the Local Government Executives. For the security situation in Pkt, a series of meetings by the Joint Peace and Order Coordinating Council of SGA-BARM and North Cotabato Province, MPOC meetings of Pkt and BTA Public Order and Safety Committee of the BTA was also attended by the CCOH.

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 CCOH successfully conducted was the 51<sup>st</sup> Joint CCOH 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, CMs 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 dialogue 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 PDGen Victor K. Wanchakan has assumed as Chair of the GPH-AHJAG replacing PBrGen Bell B. Tamayo who was re-assigned to Manila.

**Support to dispute resolution initiatives**

The CCOH 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 Jeoffrey So, staff, Combined Secretariat attended the *rido* Settlement between the group of Ustadz Kharuddin Umbong, Bde Cmdr 104th BC, BIAF-MILF and Bai Wima Sa'lehd-Ulu, Brig. Chair of Rebuken, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte that was held at Hqs 6Mech Bn, 18CT Bde, PA at Brig. Pagalagan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte.

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 interactions.



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 28 January 2023 via videoconference. The TWG resolved to: (1) explore the possibility of providing additional quota for the MILF and MNLF from the regular allocation 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 Denial on or before 31 May and prepare the training/advocacy design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordination.

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 Sdram, 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.

**a. 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 GPIP-MILF chaired by Mr. Cesar B. Yano, together with the Joint Task Force for Camps Transformation (JTFACT) 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 fast-track 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 GPIP-MILF intends to explore agricultural ventures for the six previously acknowledged MILF camps. For this quarter, the GPIP-MILF and the JTFACT conducted ocular visits and engaged various stakeholders relative to potential agricultural production in the camps. On 17 January 2023, the GPIP-MILF conducted an ocular visit in farming sites in Maguindanao for abaca cultivation. This was followed by a roundtable discussion with various stakeholders.

The GPIP-MILF Secretariat and the JTFACT 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 1995 which provide employment to MILF/MNLF combatants. To firm up the proposed venture in collaboration with the PhilFIDA and the JTFACT, 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.

**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 cross-matching 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 GPIP Chair Cesar Yano, ICCMN Socio-economic Subcluster Head Ariel Hernandez, EdR. De Mesa, EdR. Jordan Bayan, Dr. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Carag, and Ms. Ranea Sinsuat on 28 March 2023.

ii) **Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).** The team met DG Danilo Cruz and DDC John Bertiz III at TESDA Central Office. They expressed the slow turnover of liquidation from BARMAM 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 those project monitoring will be done efficiently. TESDA also requested if the training requirements (e.g., IDs) be clarified or adjusted to facilitate start on or before 31.

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 BARMAM 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, EdR. De Mesa, Dr. Farrah Grace Naparan, Ms. DJ Carag, Ms. Fatima Saqulayan and Ms. Ranea Sinsuat on 29 March 2023.

iii) **Department of Agriculture (DA).** The team met with DA Undersecretary Zamzamin Ampatuan where it was recommended that the OPAPRU (through ICCMN) recommend to DBM that government agencies should attribute at their succeeding funds to be transferred or for Bangsamoro as part of Normalization Program (EO 799 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 BARMAM 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 BARMAM as part of the agency's assistance to BARMAM, apart from those already 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 (JTFACT) will be writing MAFAR its suggested target locations and beneficiaries for consideration and reallocation of programs under the PHP 493M. As to FY 2024 funds of DA, OPAPRU (JTFACT 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.

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iv) **National Electrification Administration (NEA).** The team met with NEA Administrator Antonio Mariano Almeida 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 & JTFACT) 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.

<p>Introduction of the Informal, Advisory and Reterral Service (IARS). A scoping study was done by the IARS Consultant Stavros George 'AS' Siarou. The 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.</p> <p>. <b>Transitional Justice and Reconciliation</b></p> <p>As agreed during the series of working group meetings, the agencies shall submit the following to the TJRC secretariat:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Updates on the status of their respective agency deliverables in the roadmap; and,</li> <li>2) List of designated permanent and alternate representatives to the ICCMN-TJR Cluster.</li> </ol>	<p><b>i) Working Group Meeting on Truth and History, 7 February 2023</b></p> <p>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 Memorization 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 in the formal education system; (b) Mapping and identification of sites with historical significance; (c) Sealing 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.</p> <p><b>ii) Working Group Meeting on Justice and Reparation, 7 February 2023</b></p> <p>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 Memorization 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.</p> <p><b>iii) Working Group Meeting on Land-related Issues, 8 February 2023</b></p> <p>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:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) DAR and NCIP have submitted their respective datasets, as committed.</li> <li>(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.</li> <li>(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.</li> </ol> <p>. <b>Initial Meeting on the Proposed Development of a Community-Based Reparations Program, 17 February 2023</b></p> <p>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 TJRC 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 gel 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 TJRC Roadmap, and convene another meeting with the involvement of the concerned regional level counterparts until OPAPRU, DSWD and DILG are Measures, Socio-econom</p> <p>. <b>5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the GPH-MILF TWG on TJRC, 21 March 2023 in Pasig and Cotabato Cities</b></p> <p>On 21 March 2023, the GPH-MILF TWG on TJRC was convened for its 5<sup>th</sup> meeting with the following objectives: (1) cascade the recent developments and efforts of the ICCMN-TJR to update the TJRC Roadmap; and, (2) for the MILF TWG to provide updates relative to its lead role in convening the BARMM ministries/agencies as part of efforts to update the TJRC Roadmap and to assist in facilitating the interface between the BARMM ministries/agencies and the ICCMN-TJR Cluster agency counterparts.</p> <p>The remaining or pending deliverables to be undertaken are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) On the Track I of the TJRC Roadmap, recent guidance is to prioritize support for the establishment of a regional TJRC mechanism in lieu of the proposed NJRCB creation as mandated by the Bangsamoro Organic Law.</li> <li>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 TJRC Roadmap.</li> <li>3) Encouragement of additional TJRC deliverables/ programs that will be identified to concerned TJRC Cluster agencies and/or BARMM ministries/agencies for implementation.</li> </ol> <p>MILF TJRC Focd. 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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 Maraw (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 BARMAM government on its commitments for rehabilitation have also been undertaken.
2. Canadian Ambassador to the Philippines, David Hartman, highlighted the 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. Ally, 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 Lanoo 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 transitional shelters were also provided together with the participation of the Kálmudán 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 unimpeded. As best practice of the COCH 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 COCH and GPH AHJAG assisted by Jeffrey So and April John Soriano, both staff, Combined Secretariat/GPH COCH Central Mindanao Desk Officers attended the meeting presided by Mayor Sumulong Suliam 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 Sangguning Bayan members of Pikit, Officials from 602nd Inf Bde, PA, PRO 12, PRO BAR, BLSGU 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 Tala and Special Geographic Area (SCA) of BARMAM presided by Mr. Mohammad Kello Aniso, Vice Chair, Committee on Peace and Order, BTA-BARMAM held at Ace Royale Convention Center, Midsayap, Cotabato. Said meeting aimed to conduct parliamentary inquiries to aid the legislation of the series of filing 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 Bulich Mawang Chair, MILF COCH, Anwar Almada, Chair, MILF AHJAG, and the MILF Commanders of 1059C, 1069C, 1089C, 1089C, 1089C, 1189C, 1289C, 1299C, FGBC, at 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.

**2nd Quarter Security Aspect**

**1. Decommissioning of MILF arms and forces**

**Meeting on the resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning Process**

On 03 May 2023, the SDU TFDCC facilitated a meeting on the Phase 3 Decommissioning Process to discuss the date of the resumption in consideration with the timeline and processes of funding requirements of all mechanisms involved.

**2. National Task Force – Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs)**

**a. NTF-DPAGs Secretariat Meeting.** On 17 April 2023, the NTF-DPAGs National Secretariat conducted a meeting at the DILG NAPOLCOM Center to discuss the ways forward of the task force relative to the disbandment of potential private armies leading up to the local elections in the BARMAM. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (COCH), and Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC).

**b. Coordination Meeting with the National Task Group on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (NTG-RNR) of the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs)**

On 22 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, relative to continuous coordination with the members of the NTG RNR-DPAGs, chaired by the DSWD, the 3rd Coordination Meeting was convened to discuss issues and concerns on the signing of the Non-Disposure Agreement (NDA), 2023 Proposed Work and Financial Plan, and the upcoming 12th Oversight Committee Meeting of the NTF-DPAGs scheduled on 29 May 2023 at the PNP Regional Office, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Maguindanao Province.

On 23 May 2023, at the 7th Floor OPAPRU Conference Room and via Zoom videoconference, the NTF-DPAGs Secretariat, Task Groups, and Task Forces convened for a meeting to discuss the preparations for the conduct of the 12th Oversight Committee Meeting at the PNP Regional Office, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Maguindanao Province. Relative to the preparations, PNP PRO Bar was asked to provide a security briefing and provisional updates from Area Police Command Western and Eastern Mindanao.

**c. Capacity Development and Awareness Building of the NTF-DPAGs for LGU Officials in BARMAM**

On 13-15 June 2023, at L Meridian Suites, Zamboanga City, the NTF-DPAGs conducted its Capacity Development and Awareness Building for the officials in the BARMAM. The activity is part of the ongoing Information and Education Campaign of the Task Force to spread awareness of the program relative to the disbandment of private armies.

**d. Conduct of the 12th Oversight Committee Meeting of the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs)**

On 19 June 2023, at Tejeros Hall, AFPCCOC, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, the NTF-DPAGs convened the 12th Oversight Committee Meeting that was presided by the Chairperson and Secretary of Interior and Local Government, Ally Benjamin C. Abalos Jr. The meeting aimed to prevent or reduce the possible rise of violent incidents on the approaching local elections in the BARMAM. Also in attendance were the Vice Chairperson and Secretary of National Defense, Secretary Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr. and OPAPRU Secretary Isidro L. Purisima.

**e. NTF-DPAGs Midyear Assessment**

<p>On 21-23 June 2023, at Madison 101 Hotel, the NTF-DPAGs facilitated a midyear assessment for the Task Force. The activity was expected to provide outputs regarding the effectiveness of the Task force objectives, form a venue to share information, and formulate ways forward. The OPAPRU as the Head National Secretariat of the NTF-DPAGs shall maintain and facilitate a monitoring system in order to determine the development and level of achievements of the activities designed for dismantling of Private Armed Groups (PAGs).</p> <p>The activity was facilitated by the DILG in partnership with the other Secretariat Members (OPAPRU, AFPPDO, and PNP DO) and attended by representatives from the Task Forces in Eastern and Western Mindanao (Eastern and Western Mindanao from PNP and EASTMINCOM and WESTMINCOM of AFP), National Task Groups, and Police Regional Offices from Regions 9 to 12 and BARMM.</p> <p><b>3. Reduction and Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs)</b></p> <p><b>a. Discussion for the SALW Inception Workshop with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).</b> The meeting, held on 03 May 2023 at the OPAPRU 3F conference room, allowed for the leveling off of understanding on the concept of the proposed workshop which aimed to continuously implement the program on the reduction and management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) with the aid of ASPIRE project of the UNDP.</p> <p><b>b. Inception Workshop for the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advanced Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE) facilitated by UNDP</b></p> <p>On 08 - 09 June 2023, at the Discovery Hotel, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Inception Workshop facilitated by the UNDP in partnership with JNC Secretariat, concluded a 2-Day Workshop to move forward the implementation of Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advanced Human Security in BARMM or ASPIRE Project. GPH-MILF Principals, Normalization Mechanisms, and representatives from AFP, PNP, Maguindanao PLGU, UNDP, Embassy of Japan to the Philippines, and JICA attended the activity. The workshop aimed to address the issue of sporadic conflicts caused using SALW in the BARMM.</p> <p><b>4. Activities of the Joint Peace Security Teams (JPSTs)</b></p> <p><b>a. Visit of APAPRU, PIP Chair and OPAPRU Executives, JPST Station in Lanao Del Norte</b></p> <p>On 13 April 2023, the APAPRU together with the GPH PIP Chair Cesar B. Yano, PA David B. Diciano, AFP and PNP officials visited the JPST Station in Muna, Lanao Del Norte wherein the APAPRU Sec. Isidro L. Purisima expressed his gratitude to the JPST troops in maintaining peace and security in the area. The visit boosted the morale of the troops.</p> <p><b>b. Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response. Deployed Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) provided humanitarian assistance to two (2) civilians that were victims of stray bullets at Ebian, DSA Maguindanao del Sur. The victims were rushed to IPHO Maguindanao for medical treatment.</b></p> <p><b>c. Installation of JPST Radio Communication Equipment.</b> On 01-05 May 2023, the JPSC Secretariat personnel accompanied the installation team to facilitate the connection of the JPST radio to the nearest military camp as this is crucial in the daily operations of the JPSTs to efficiently support the maintenance of peace and order in their respective areas of deployment.</p> <p><b>d. Series of JPST visits by JPST Focals (AFFDCC, FNP PFDC, and MILF in Lanao).</b> On 04 - 06 May 2023, at JPST Sites in Lanao Provinces (Babo-Munall/Maging/Banding), the JPSC Secretariat accompanied the JPST Focals during their visit to four (4) JPST stations in Lanao areas. The purpose of the visit was to provide the JPST Focals with the opportunity to engage and collaborate with the members of the JPSTs. The engagement also provided an avenue for knowledge sharing and identification of areas of improvement in partnership between the focals and JPST members.</p> <p><b>e. Preparatory Meeting on the Upcoming Turnover of Two (2) JPST Stations.</b></p> <p>On 09 May 2023, at the Headquarters 61D, PA, DOS, Maguindanao Del Sur, the JPSC Secretariat personnel met with 6A, 61D, PA and personnel from 549 Engr Bn to discuss in detail the requirements for the upcoming turnover of JPST Stations in Brgy. Kuya, South Upi, and Brgy. Muli, Guindulungan both in Maguindanao del Sur province.</p> <p><b>f. Series of Re-Echoing Sessions on Peacebuilding and Monitoring and Evaluation for the JPSTs.</b></p> <p>From the months of May to June, a series of re-echoing sessions were facilitated for the Joint Peace and Security Teams. The activity was designed for JPSTs to raise awareness on the fundamentals of conflict transformation and dialogue; strengthen the documentation and reporting skills of JPSTs related to ceasefire and DPAGs; properly document and gather data on incidents in mutually agreed areas; and, identify best practices of the team that can be replicated in other team sites.</p> <p><b>g. JPST Station Construction and deployment for the JPST in Guindulungan, Maguindanao.</b></p> <p>On 21 May 2023 at Brgy. Kuya, South Upi and Brgy. Muli, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, a site inspection was done in preparation for the upcoming JPST station turnover and activation of two (2) JPSTs in Brgy. Muli, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, and Brgy. Kuya, South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur.</p> <p>On 22 May 2023, at Brgy. Kuya, South Upi and Brgy. Muli, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, Egan Donald Gumiran, Member of the GPH JPSC, together with the secretariat, conducted the re-orientation for the JPST South Upi and JPST Guindulungan on their tasks and functions in preparation for their upcoming activation and deployment in the area.</p> <p><b>h. Various JPST activities.</b> For the month of June 2023, the JPST deployed in mutually agreed areas have accomplished five (5) Support to Dispute Resolution Activities, four (4) Support to Law Enforcement Operations, 69 Community and Stakeholders Engagement, seven (7) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response, 87 Community Patrolling Activities and provided 77 Security Assistance.</p> <p><b>5. Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs) and Landmines</b></p> <p><b>a. Meeting with the Fondation Suisse de Deminage (FSD) Country Director.</b> On 08 May 2023 at the OPAPRU 4th Floor Conference Room, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office met with the Country Director of FSD to discuss the funding requirements for the Operation Center for Explosive Hazard Management and Response (OPCEN-EHMR), exploration of donors, endorsement of project proposals, and ways forward concerning the program on Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs) and Landmines for the Normalization Program.</p> <p><b>b. Evaluation Meeting with the FSD.</b> On 19 May 2023, through a hybrid 4th floor conference room and via videoconference, the MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat together with the GPH JPSC Co-Chair attended the meeting with the FSD to discuss the M&amp;E for the UXOs and landmines program in partnership with FSD and the planning for a donor meeting to support the OPCEN-EHMR. Further, evaluation was also provided by MGen. Arif Francisco Falcato III (Ret.) and Col. Wendell Orbeso.</p> <p><b>c. Retrieval of UXOs.</b> On 15 June 2023 at Purok Zaezara, Brgy. Sigayan, Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat, the Joint Action Team of the 1EOD Platoon, 3EOD Company JTF Central led by Sgt. Michael Mordes, and the action staff of the OPCEN-EHMR, JPSC Secretariat together with the GPH CCOH and the Fondation Suisse de Deminage (FSD) responded to a reported UXO sighting. The retrieved UXO, an M76 Rifle Grenade, was reported to FSD and was retrieved by the 1st EOD Platoon, 3EODC, PA with the assistance from 14Mech Coy, 1Mech Bn, PA, Per FSD. The item was initially found in the nearby community.</p> <p><b>Socioeconomic Development Aspect</b></p> <p>For this reporting period, the following activities were held with Government agencies, LGUs and international donors for the socioeconomic programs and projects for MILF decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin.</p> <p><b>1. Programs for the Decommissioned MILF Combatants</b></p> <p><b>a. GPH-MILF TFDCC Meeting with Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHE) on the Implementation of Programs for the Decommissioned MILF Combatants</b></p>
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<p>On 05 April 2023, via videoconference, the GPH and MILF Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities (TFDCC) co-chairs Atty. Laiza Alama and Engr. Ada Slonigan requested to meet with the bureaus of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) to discuss the following programs for decommissioned MILF combatants being implemented by the bureaus:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Functional Literacy Program for DCs</li> <li>b. Study Grant</li> <li>c. Skills Trainings/Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)</li> </ol> <p>Physical and financial accomplishment reports of MBHTE bureaus were presented and guidance from GPH and MILF TFDCC on issues and concerns on program implementation was provided.</p> <p>The GPH TFDCC Secretariat and MBHTE-BALS also met to discuss the status, issues, and challenges of the implementation of the Functional Literacy Program. The FGD aimed at leveling off on status, issues, and challenges of the implementation of the program.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>b. <b>OPAPRU and DSWD Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for Socioeconomic assistance.</b> On 02 May 2023 at the 4<sup>th</sup> Kadapalan Board Room, DSWD Central Office, Balasan Hls, Quezon City, OPAPRU and DSWD discussed areas of partnership and collaboration for the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro. A ceremonial signing of the MOA for the transitional cash assistance for 3,300 decommissioned MILF combatants including general intake, case management, and re-employment activity amounting to PHP396 million was conducted.</li> <li>c. <b>Consultative Meeting Between Department of Agriculture (DA) and OPAPRU.</b> On 12 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, OPAPRU, together with the JTFCT Secretariat met with the DA Legal Service to discuss the finalization of the new MOA concerning Infrastructure Development Program (MILF Agricultural Community Development Initiative Project) and to finalize additional interventions and schedule of activities of the said initiative.</li> <li>d. <b>Technical Meeting DOLE Regional Offices.</b> On 26 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the OPAPRU participated in the Technical Meeting with DOLE Regional Offices to discuss the modality and timeline of the execution of Tulog Paighanapbuhay Para sa Mga Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) per province.</li> <li>e. <b>19th Meeting of the GPH-MILF Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities.</b> On 30 and 31 May 2023, at the Linden Suites, Ortigas, Pasig City, the GPH and MILF TFDCC held its 19th meeting to discuss updates, issues, and strategies for the implementation of socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned MILF combatants. A preliminary GPH TFDCC meeting was conducted on 30 May to consolidate the position of the government prior to the joint meeting on 31 May.</li> <li>f. <b>Meeting with the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE).</b> On 02 June 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the GPH and MILF TFDCC co-chairs Atty. Laiza Alama and Engr. Ada Slonigan met with MBHTE Minister Mohagher Iqbal to discuss the implementation of study grants for the decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin also known as Higher Education Access for Decommissioned Combatants: Opportunities for Resiliency and empowerment (HEADCORE) Project, and to identify ways forward for the project given that the validity of funding downloaded by the OPAPRU to BARM – MBHTE has already lapsed.</li> <li>g. <b>Orientation with Partners on the Conduct of Baseline Study (TVET Profiling) to Discuss Proactive Project Implementation.</b> On 15 May 2023, at Pagana Hotel, Colabato City, SDU TFDCC attended the Orientation with Partners on the Conduct of Baseline Study (TVET Profiling) to discuss Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Project implementation including updates from UN Development Programme and MBHTE BARM Maguindanao and Lanao Provinces; and orientation on beneficiary methodology, tools, and UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism. During the meeting, the implementation timeline and workplan were finalized.</li> <li>h. <b>TVET Training Induction Program (TIP) and Profiling and Validation of Decommissioned Combatants and next-of-kin under PROACTIVE</b> On 16-24 June 2023 in Lanao del Sur, the TFDCC together with the UNDP conducted the Training Induction Program (TIP) for 518 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin in Lanao del Sur who will undergo the skills trainings under the PROACTIVE Project. Social workers from the TFDCC also facilitated the profiling and validation of the beneficiaries. Areas visited by the team included the municipalities of Masiit, Bugt, Tamparan, Bindayan, and Marawi City.</li> <li>i. <b>Meeting with CHED VIII.</b> On 17 June 2023 at the Alvor Convention Hall, Colabato City, the TFDCC met with Regional Director Maximo C. Aljibe of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Field Office VIII and the Program Director, Higher Education in the Context of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (HECBOL) Project to present the design of the study grant program for decommissioned MILF combatants, and to discuss the recommendation of the TFDCC chairs to submit a proposal to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the study grant program.</li> <li>j. <b>Meeting on Case Management of Decommissioned MILF Combatants.</b> On 08 June 2023, at the TFDCC Colabato City Office, the DSWD Field Office XII-Normalization Team met with the TFDCC to level-off on the updates on case management of decommissioned MILF combatants and for the cross-tabulating of data between OPAPRU and DSWD. The following were the agreements: (1) TFDCC and DSWD shall regularly meet to harmonize the data on case management, and (2) DSWD shall identify focal persons in each province. The resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning was also discussed. It was agreed that fuel expenses and meals of security will be shouldered by the DSWD.</li> <li>k. <b>Consultation Session on the Assessment of Implementation of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services of Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC).</b> On 13 June 2023, a consultation session and assessment of the implementation of ALIAS-DC was held to discuss how OPAPRU and the initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services, Inc. (IDEALS) worked together to ensure that the project ALIAS-DC was implemented effectively, and the challenges in the implementation that were addressed. In attendance were Presidential Assistant David Diciano, PA for Bangsamoro Transformation; Dr. Ishmael Baljin, Head, Peace Panel and Politics Concerns Office, and GPH TFDCC Secretariat, from European Commission was Results-Oriented Monitoring Expert Ms. Britta Madsen, and from IDEALS was Ms. Kristine de Torres.</li> <li>l. <b>Briefing on ALIAS DC Project Updates with GPH TFDCC and Program 1</b> On 11 April 2023, IDEALS Inc. discussed the accomplishments of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS DC) project in the provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Lanao Provinces. The team also discussed the challenges encountered during project implementation, and ways forward for ALIAS 2.0.</li> <li>m. <b>IDEALS activity in Lanao.</b> On 27 April 2023, the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) and the Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services Inc. (IDEALS) conducted a legal mission and ceremonial distribution of Certificates of Live Birth to beneficiaries of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services of Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC) project in Muna and Babo-I in Lanao del Norte. Secretary Purisma, Acting PAPRU graced the event. With him were Presidential Assistant David Diciano, GPH JNC Chair Ariel Hernandez; Socioeconomic Development Unit – TFDCC Dr. Lela Hakud; MILF Peace Process Office Dr. Wendell Orbeso; Communication and Public Affairs Service Dr. Darwin Way Way Vico. Representatives from the MILF, Japanese Embassy, Australian Embassy, Dutch Embassy, and The Asa Foundation also attended the event.</li> <li>n. <b>TFDCC Meeting with BNITF funders on the Final Scoping Report on Information, Advisory and Referral Service (IARS) Systems</b> On 17 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, Mr. Avi Stavrou, IARS consultant, presented his key findings and recommendations towards the development of IARS to the BNITF and other stakeholders. The TFDCC represented by GPH Chair Atty. Laiza Alama also presented the next steps towards the operationalization of this system.</li> </ol> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. <b>Capacity and Skills Development</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. <b>Training of Trainers (TOT)</b> On 09-12 and 23-28 May 2023 at the Em Manor Hotel, Colabato City and Woodland Resort, Zamboanga City, SDU TFDCC together with Babay Rehabilitation Center and Nonviolent Peaceforce facilitated Batches 2 and 3 of the Training of Trainers (TOT).</li> </ol> </li> </ol>
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The training activities were on introducing Community Sessions Promoting Self-care, Healing, and Win-to-Peace Mindset Transition of Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) and their Communities. This activity equipped the DCs and next-of-kin to become facilitators with the necessary knowledge and skills to teach about self-care and well-being.

**b. Series of Activities for Skills Development for Economic Empowerment in the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro)**

**Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with Decommissioned Combatants and Next-of-Kin.** On 10 May 2023, at Em Manor Hotel, Cotabato City, SDU TFDDC together with JICA, Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), and Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) facilitated the FGD with decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin who have already completed seas trainings. This activity was an avenue to collect preliminary information on the situation of trained DCs to help JICA in preparing the survey tool for its proposed tracer study.

**Second Coordination Committee Meeting.** On 11 May 2023 at the 3F Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), BGC Compound, Cotabato City, SDU TFDDC together with JICA facilitated the Second Coordination Committee Meeting with TESDA and MBHTE to discuss updates on the technical cooperation project. The model training course was approved for pilot implementation but the target beneficiaries and specific courses to be offered are still for discussion.

**OPAPRU Meeting with JICA.** On 17 May 2023 at the 3F OPAPRU Conference Room, SDU TFDDC facilitated JICA's meeting with PA David Dicano, to discuss the updates on the SEE Bangsamoro. This is a technical cooperation project aimed to improve the implementation of skills trainings for decommissioned MILF combatants, and to link the trainings to livelihood opportunities.

**3. Preparations for the Resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning Process**

**a. Meetings in Preparation for the Resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning.** On 02 June 2023, the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) facilitated meetings with the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), OPAPRU and other Normalization Mechanisms to finalize the date of the resumption of the Phase 3 Decommissioning process. On 13 June 2023, the final plan for resumption on 10-14 July 2023, including the programme for the opening ceremony on 10 July 2023, and the timeline of activities were discussed.

**b. Meeting with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for the Phase 3 Decommissioning Process**

On 24 May 2023 at the 7F OPAPRU Kapayapaan Conference Room and via Zoom videoconference, the OPAPRU facilitated the meeting with DBM and DSWD where the resumption of the Phase 3 Decommissioning for MILF combatants was discussed, particularly the release of the Notice of Cash Allocation (NCA) from the DBM to DSWD. The DBM estimates that NCA will be released by 26 May 2023, in time for the proposed ceremonial decommissioning on 30 June 2023.

**c. Refresher Training for Biometrics Registration and Verification (BRaVe) System for the Resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning.** On 14-15 June 2023 at the East Asia Royal Hotel, General Santos City, the OPAPRU SDU - TFDDC and DSWD Field Office XII-Normalization Team personnel underwent a Refresher Training on Biometrics Registration and Verification (BRaVe) System in preparation for the resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning. The BRaVe system is the platform used by the DSWD to input all the information gathered by the social workers during the general intake process.

**Transitional Justice and Reconciliation**

**1. Inter-agency meeting on land-related issues**

National agencies with land administration and land management mandates were convened on 11 April 2023 at the PICC, Pasay City. An independent researcher, Ms. Maria Carmen Fernandez, commissioned by the Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID), presented the study on land rights, displacement and transitional justice using a participatory, parcel-level mapping process in Marawi City and the Mt. Fris Complex in Maguindanao, along with recommendations to address land-related issues.

Discussions revolved around land-related issues and legal tensions due to overlapping land policies, traditional ways of conveyances, and customary claims for land ownership among other challenges of existing land policy frameworks. The body further acknowledged the policy reforms and social safeguards needed to support the implementation of the Normalization Program that will benefit development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The meeting was spearheaded by the Panel Secretariat, with assistance from the OPAPRU Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Office (TJRO). It was attended by the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of Justice (DOJ), Land Registration Authority (LRA), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG).

**2. Courtesy Call to the APAPRU by the Swiss Ambassador**

On 23 May 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, a Courtesy Call to the APAPRU of the Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. Thimson Furst, and Special Adviser on Dealing with the Past representing the Swiss Ambassador to the Philippines, His Excellency Alain Gaschen. The APAPRU was joined by PA David Dicano, PA Wilbert Mayor and Director for the Office of the Special Adviser on Dealing with the Past.

The OPAPRU provided updates on the Normalization Program, especially on the Transitional Justice component, where possible areas of engagement were initially discussed. The Swiss Embassy is known to have supported the creation and operationalization of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission that produced the TJR recommendations being implemented under the TJR component.

On 24 May 2023, Embassy of Switzerland Deputy Head of Mission Thimom Furst together with the Senior Adviser and Member of the Task Force for Dealing with the Past of the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Nicolas de Torrente, paid a courtesy visit to the GPH Peace Implementing Panel, Chair Cesar B. Yano. The Panel Chair was joined by the GPH Panel Secretariat Head, Dr. Farrah Grace Maparan, Col. Jodi Mamon and TJRO Cotabato-based staff. Updates on the status of the four components of Normalization Program especially the TJR aspect was provided and discussed.

**3. Courtesy Visit of PNP-Training Institute to Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Office (TJRO) – Cotabato**

On 15 June 2023, the Assistant Chief of the PNPTI Career Courses and Management Division, PLTCOL Ariel Asuncion visited the TJRO- Cotabato Office and had a brief meeting with the staff together with the officials from Bangsamoro Autonomous Region Training Center (BARTC) and Subject-Matter Experts. The discussion focused on the development of modules on Bangsamoro History for the MILF and MNLF members who are qualified to join the PNP. As agreed, a technical working shall be created for the crafting of the module.

The materials are expected to be ready by the end of July prior to the oath taking of trainees on 01 August 2023. Also present in the courtesy visit and meeting were representatives from BARTC, PMAJ Pasiel Makmod and Ms. Aida Britosca, Subject-matter Experts/instructors, Mr. Dabkan Al, PhD and Mr. Norodin Salam, PhD.

**4. Conversation with Women in Manila on the Proposed Community-based Reparation Program Framework**

On 26 June 2023, some 42 women and 21 men community members including victims' survivors and their next-of-kin of the 1971 Manila Massacre were engaged and consulted to generate insight inputs on what a Community-based Reparation Program should contain. This gathering was also an opportunity to vet the content of the memorial marker with the BUGU together with the community members. The proposed installation of memorial marker in the massacre site is one of the results of the community dialogue jointly conducted by the GPH-MILF TWG on TJR in 2020, which was endorsed to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) for support.

As agreed, Barangay and Municipal Resolutions containing the recommended versions of the historical marker text shall be submitted to the TJRO which will be endorsed to the NHCP for processing and eventual installation. The activity was also participated by representatives from the Municipal Local Government of Carmen, North Cotabato along with the officials of Brgy. Manli, Lutayan, Sultan Kudarat province.

<p><b>5. Community Consultation on the Proposed Installation of Historical Marker in Malibsong</b></p> <p>On 28 June 2023, 52 women and 15 male members of the community were consulted on the proposed content of a Community-based Reparation Program for victims/survivors of the 1974 Malibsong incident, from a predominantly women perspective.</p> <p>Nothing challenges in the implementation of the monetary form of reparations for individual victims/survivors, top three (3) socio-economic assistance were identified for support, namely livelihood, education and healthcare concerns.</p> <p>This activity also served as a venue to vet the proposed content of Malibsong's historical marker, for endorsement to NHCP. The activity was also joined by representatives from the Municipal Local Government of Palimbang, Executive Secretary Abdul Salar Badrudin and Legal Consultant, Mabaming Samama.</p> <p><b>6. Technical-level Meeting with the MILF Technical Working Group (TWG) on TJR.</b> The meeting in June 2023 was attended by the Focal of the MILF TWG on TJR, Mr. Ammir M. Dodo and TJRO Secretariat wherein updates on the engagements with communities of Malibsong and Manil, and MILF TWG's efforts in engaging the BARMM ministries were provided. The result of the community peace conversations and consultations served as basis to inform priority interventions for 2023, among other TJR interventions that can be pursued. As ways forward, the TWG and TJRO Secretariat agreed to undertake the following: (1) GPH-MILF TWG-TJR to engage the Office of Other Bangsamoro Communities (OOCB) and elevate the concerns of the victims/survivors of the 1971 Manil and 1974 Malibsong incidents; (2) GPH-MILF TWG-TJR to engage the LGU of Camran on the differing versions of the memorial markers; (3) MILF TWG to lead the engagement with BHRG as initial step in convening key BARMM ministries/agencies; and, (4) Meetings with OOCB, BHRG, BCPCH, MPOS, MOH and MSSD shall be undertaken by end of July 2023.</p>	<p><b>Confidence-Building Measures</b></p> <p><b>1. Camp Solidarity activities for Duyog Ramadan</b></p> <p>On 12-20 April 2023, in the six-acknowledged MILF camps in the provinces of Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, and Cotabato, a camp solidarity activity was held as an expression of solidarity with members of the Muslim faith as they observe the holy month of Ramadan.</p> <p>The events were spearheaded by the OPAPRU through the Government of the Philippines (GPH) Implementing Panel, Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), and MILF communities.</p> <p><b>2. Discussions with BIWAB followed by an IFTAR in Camp Darapanan</b></p> <p>On 18 April 2023, the MILF Peace Process Office, together with Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), Task Force Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) and Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) conducted discussions with the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) followed by an iftar at Camp Darapanan, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.</p> <p>The project aimed to provide a platform for the women in Bangsamoro particularly the BIWAB to discuss the transformation of women decommissioned combatants. Said discussion is an initial scoping on the interventions for decommissioned women DCs. The celebration of iftar, on the other hand, supports the spiritual celebration of Muslims during Ramadan thus sustaining the solidarity efforts of OPAPRU towards peacebuilding and reconciliation, and strengthening long-established good relationships with the MILF communities.</p> <p><b>3. Meeting of JTFCT Co-Chairs between Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Consultant on Camps Monitoring and Coordination and Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA)</b></p> <p>03 May 2023 at the Metro Cafe, Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City, Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa and MP Baitan Adl Ampatuan as Co-Chairs of the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTCTF) met with Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Consultant on Camps Monitoring and Coordination Mr. Eter Absobo and discussed the enhancement of the monitoring and coordination of projects and programs in the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps.</p> <p>The meeting was also attended by the JTFCT Secretariat and a representative from the BPDA wherein they presented the Knowledge Portal, an open-access platform to the agency's knowledge products which is proposed to have data sets on Camps Transformation.</p> <p><b>4. JTFCT Co-Chairs Meeting with the World Bank's Transport Task Team</b></p> <p>On 03 May 2023, at Pagana Kuliwato Restaurant, Cotabato City/the JTFCT Co-Chairs Edr. Cesar De Mesa, MP Baitan Adl Ampatuan and MP Ali Sakk together with the World Bank Transport Task Team discussed the initial mission for the Roads to Development - Farm-to-Market and Access Roads (R2D) Project under the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) as well as the implementation timeline of the said project.</p> <p><b>5. Coordination Meeting of JTFCT Secretariat and Community and Family Services International (CFSI).</b> On 03 May 2023 at CFSI's Center for Excellence in Humanitarian Service (CEHS), Rosales Street, Rosary Heights 6, Cotabato City, the JTFCT Secretariat met with Community and Family Services International (CFSI) Operations Management Team (OMT) members and discussed the project status updates to date and identified ways forward for the Communities for Learning and Employment Project (CLEP) and Food Security and Nutrition Project (FSNP) being implemented by CFSI in the MILF camps. The meeting was also attended by the World Food Program (WFP) representatives as the CFSI partner for the FSNP.</p> <p><b>6. Conduct of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) and Information, Education and Communication (IECs)</b></p> <p>On 03 May 2023 at 41D Clubhouse, HAID, Camp Evangelista, Paig, Cagayan de Oro City, Bogen Eduardo B. Subat PA, Chair, GPH Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCOH) and Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH Co-Chair, JNC together with Ryan Dave C. Jungco, Marissa C. Dimakanta and Reshiet V. Sombrio, all staff of the Combined Secretariat for GPH CCOH &amp; GPH Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) attended the IEC Campaign initiated by the AFP PDO regarding the peace process.</p> <p><b>7. First Annual Review of the Camps Transformation Plan - Camps Transformation Investment Program (CTP-CTIF)</b></p> <p>On 08-10 May 2023, at the Aceaia Hotel, Davao City, the JTFCT facilitated the activity to improve the quality of the CTP and CTFP by reviewing and updating its Policies, Programs/Projects, Services, and Activities (PPSAs) list in consideration of the results of the JTFCT Secretariat field validation through an interactive process with key stakeholders and seeking the buy-in and commitments of national government agencies (NGA), local government units (LGU), BARMM ministries and partner development agencies to the CTP-CTIP.</p> <p>Additionally, the said activity was graced by the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair Cesar Yano, MILF JTFCT Co-Chair MP Ali O. Sakk, GPH JTFCT Co-Chair MP Engr. Baitan Ampatuan, GPH JTFCT Co-Chair Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, GPH Panel Secretariat Head Director Farrah Grace Naparan and Head of Combined Secretariat CCOH and AHJAG Col. Joel Q. Mamon (Ret). Representatives from the NGA, LGU, and BARMM were also in attendance.</p> <p><b>8. The 7th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting</b></p> <p>On 10 May 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, and Zoom videoconference, the OPAPRU MILF PPO as part of the Secretariat of the NAC attended the meeting wherein discussion on updates for the work on the ground, particularly on the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) and the next steps and activities. The OPAPRU shall be participating in the Strategic Planning and finalizing the Rules and Procedures of the IRR on 17-19 May 2023.</p> <p><b>9. Solar Panels Delivery and Installation to the Skills Development Centers in Camps Bushra and Badre</b></p> <p>On 10-13 May 2023 at Sandab, Bulig, Lanao del Sur and Sitaran, Datu Odn Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, as part of the Establishment of Skills Development Centers (SDCs) in MILF camps funded by the Australian Government, the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) with the JTFCT Camp Coordinators facilitated the delivery and installation of solar panels in the skills development centers in Camps Bushra and Badre.</p> <p><b>10. Signing of MOA between NAC and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)</b></p>
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<p>On 16 May 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and the UNHCR signed a MOA which aims to fast-track the processing of amnesty applications of former rebels (FRs) and ensure their full reintegration into mainstream society.</p>	
<p><b>11. Punctilious and Orientation on Solar Installation in Camp Bushra and Camp Barre.</b> On 22-25 May 2023, at Tuguegarao, Maguindanao del Norte, Sandaba, Bulog, Linao del Sur, Dalingaan, Pilot, North Colabato, Sitaran, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, Dalabayang, Kauswagan, Linao del Norte, Kapiplan, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, the JTFCT Camp Coordinators and PBSP team with its solar contractors visited Camps Bushra and Barre on May 22-23 to inspect the installed solar panels and batteries and orient the camp coordinators and community on the proper use of these equipment. To ensure the quality of the SMs Development Centers, the team also conducted punch listing and technical inspections.</p>	
<p><b>12. Meeting of the JTFCT Secretariat Between Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).</b> On 23 May 2023, at the HD Office, Colabato City, a meeting was conducted discussing the Mediators Training specifically on the training design, target facilitator, resource speakers and participant, logistical requirements as well as other matters pertaining to the implementation of Conflict Dialogue and Engagement in Communities to Foster Peaceful Camps Transformation.</p>	
<p><b>13. Meeting of the JTFCT Co-Chairs with the World Bank Bangsamoro Camps Transformation Project (BCTP) Task Team</b></p> <p>On 24 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the JTFCT Co-Chairs Edr. Cesar De Mesa and MP Benilan Adh-Ampatuan together with Col. Joel Mamon (Rel) met with the World Bank Task Team of the BCTP to discuss the initial design of the BCTP and provided guidance for possible improvement of the design.</p>	
<p><b>14. Meeting of the GPH Panel Chair for GPH-MILF Peace Accord and GPH JTFCT with Mindanao State University-Maguindanao</b></p> <p>On 24 May 2023, at the OPAPRU Maguindanao Field Office, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel for GPH-MILF Peace Accord Chair Cesar Yano, GPH JTFCT Co-Chairs EDR, Cesar De Mesa and MP, Benilan Adh-Ampatuan, together with Col. Joel Mamon (Rel) and Dr. Farah, Riparan met with the MSU Maguindanao Chancellor Ba Hejra Nefariti Sinsuat Macdandong-Limbona Ph.D. to discuss their proposed entitled "Integration of SGT-based and Crime-Smart Agricultural Management and Practices: A Step towards Socioeconomic Advancement of Camp Abubakar", which aims to develop and implement technological innovation for agriculture, fisheries, and food systems in the context of the CTP. In this case, for Camp Abubakar as the pilot site.</p>	
<p><b>15. Coordination Meeting with Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE).</b> On 26 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the JTFCT Secretariat together with PBSP and MBHTE convened a meeting to discuss the management of Skills Development Centers (SDCs) established in the six previously acknowledged MILF camps and ways to fast-track the skills training programs to be conducted in the said SDCs.</p>	
<p><b>16. Preparatory Meeting on the Conduct of Eid'l Adha Celebration in the Six (6) Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps</b></p> <p>On 08 and 23 June 2023, at the Jade Hall, EM Manor Hold and Convention Center, Colabato City, the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFC) Camp Coordinators and Secretariat held a meeting with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue to discuss the upcoming Eid'l Adha Celebration with stakeholders in the selected communities of the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps. The activity is scheduled to take place from 29 June to 01 July 2023. Matter discussed included the following: developing consensus and ownership of the proposed activity; co-designing the activity flow; identifying the participants; determining the venue or location for the event; and reaching an agreement on the roles and contributions of all parties involved in the event.</p>	
<p><b>17. Meeting on Advancing Client-centered Care and Expanding Sustainable Services for Tuberculosis (ACCESS TB) Project</b></p> <p>On 13 June 2023, via videoconference, the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFC) Secretariat met with Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) to discuss the ACCESS TB Project, which is a three-year project (2021-2023) funded by The Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. PBSP ACCESS TB project aims to reduce TB prevalence, incidence, and mortality by providing comprehensive quality TB care among Filipinos. PBSP ACCESS TB supports the Department of Health (DOH) in the fight against TB. During the meeting, the ACCESS-TB team explored the opportunities with JTFC to assist the MILF communities, primarily areas of the six previously acknowledged MILF camps.</p>	
<p><b>18. National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Module Development Workshop</b></p> <p>On 14-16 June 2023, at Canyon Woods, Balangas City, the MILF Peace Process Office was among the OPAPRU Peace Implementing Tables that participated and contributed in the discussions and activities at the NAC Module Development Workshop. Refreshment sessions and orientations were provided by the NAC resource persons. A Training Needs Assessment exercise was conducted on the first day.</p>	
<p><b>19. Training and Coaching on Investment Programming and Program Design</b></p>	
<p>On 21-23 June 2023, at Crystal Hall, EM Manor Hold and Convention Center, the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFC) in partnership with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), and the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) conducted a Training and Coaching on Investment Programming and Program Design at Crystal Hall, EM Manor Hold and Convention Center. The primary aim of this training is to equip the JTFC Secretariat, representatives from the HD and Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) with a comprehensive understanding of investment programming and provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop responsive program designs. Additionally, the said training was graced by the GPH JTFCT Co-Chairs EDR, Cesar De Mesa and MP, Benilan Adh-Ampatuan. This activity is facilitated by Mr. Ever Abasco, Consultant of World Bank under BNTF.</p>	
<p><b>20. Eid'l Adha Celebration Activity with Stakeholders in the Selected Communities of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps</b></p> <p>On 29 June 2023, at Brgy. Sitaran, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte (Camp Barre), Brgy. Sanaig, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur (Camp Orma), Brgy. Kangan, Pagatungan, Maguindanao del Sur (Camp Rajamuda) the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFC) together with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) conducted simultaneous Eid'l Adha Celebration Activity with stakeholders in the Selected Communities of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps on June 29 and July 01, 2023 as part of the ongoing efforts of both HD and OPAPRU to promote peace and development in communities located in the camps. The Eid'l Adha Celebration aims to provide a meaningful and inclusive event for these communities, fostering a sense of unity, solidarity, and cultural celebration. Further, the celebration was participated by different sectors such as BIAF, MILF Political Committee, MNLF LGUs, women, youth, indigenous people, religious and traditional leaders, PNP, AFP, JTFCT Co-Chairs, Camp Coordinators, Secretariat, and representatives from HD.</p>	
<p><b>Other activities under Program 1</b></p>	
<p><b>1. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS</b></p>	
<p>As a highlighted activity on 30 May 2023 at the Em Manor, Sinsuat, Colabato City, Dr. Wendell Orbeso attended a roundtable discussion on Perspectives from Women Former Combatants which produced a position paper that reflects the lived realities and issues of women former combatants Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) and Moro National Liberation Front Women as it relates to the BTA Bill 44. The activity encourages the active participation and involvement of women towards the development of Policy Position on ETA/BA 44 ensuring that a proper study is being conducted through the lens of the women former combatants.</p>	
<p>In addition, the TFDCC and the JNC Secretariat has facilitated conversation with the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade, which was an all-female supplementary force of the MILF at Camp Darapanan providing a lens of female perspective in peacebuilding and managing gendered expectations as former combatants. This highlights the linkages between women's empowerment and ability to exercise leadership in the Bangsamoro communities.</p> <p>The Technical Working Group for Transitional Justice and Reparation also facilitated a Community-based Reparation Program for victims/survivors of the 1974 Maisong incident, from a predominantly women perspective. The activity paved the way to identify the top three interventions needed by the community.</p>	



## 2. Mainstreaming of CSPP

For this period, the GPH-MILF Peace Process have attended and facilitated activities that strengthens the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) activities.

**a. Boses ng Kapayapaan.** The Joint Communications Committee (JCC), with the assistance of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD Centre) and the European Union (EU), spearheaded the *Boses ng Kapayapaan* radio program to widely disseminate proper information and updates on the GPH-MILF peace process, which ensures the mainstreaming of the CSPP through the déjaques and interviews conducted.

### b. Mindanao Development Forum

On 18 May 2023, at Acacia Hotel, Davao City, the MILF Peace Process Office provided technical support during the forum where discussions of the key agenda items were discussed and included an overview and updates on the Bangsamoro Peace Process, strengthening partnerships for inclusive development financing, evaluating the impact of aid on the national and Mindanao development agenda, communicating development, and launching the Mindanao Communication for Development (CAD) Program.

### c. Mindanao Peace Forum: "Scaling Up Religious Leaders' Engagement in Building Peace in Mindanao"

On 25 May 2023, at Buhanjiri Stake Center, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Davao City, the MILF PPO provided assistance with the attendance of the APAPRU for the Mindanao Peace Forum. The activity was attended by local and international religious leaders and aimed to identify the specific action plan that the Asian Conference of Religions for Peace (ACRP) can contribute to peace in Mindanao.

**d. BARMM-Wide CSO Conference.** On 30 May 2023 at Al-Nor Hotel, Sinsuat, Cotabato City, the MILF Peace Process Office provided technical assistance for the attendance and participation of the APAPRU in support of the BARMM-wide CSO Conference organized by the Conciliation Resources. The activity promoted and fostered existing and new partnerships with CSOs.

### 3. Stakeholders Participation

The following are a series of activities catered for managing of stakeholder participation towards the GPH-MILF Peace Process

**a. Itlar for Peace Partners.** The Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster organized an *Itlar* for the peace partners of the OPAPRU as part of its efforts to promote a culture of peace, mutual understanding and in solidarity with the country's Muslim community. The event was conducted on 18 April 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) with the attendance of several representatives from various NGAs, Security Sector, Embassies, CSOs, Academe, MILF, and MILF. The estimated budget incurred for the event is P581,719.50.

### b. UNDP Country Programme Document (CPD) 2024-2028

The OPAPRU, through the MILF PPO attended the discussion on UNDP's Country Programme Document wherein the peace partner presented its draft Country Programme Document (CPD) to various Government partners and stakeholders including the OPAPRU. The activity also allowed the Government stakeholders to validate and vet the draft CPD. The event was held on 04 May 2023 at Discovery Suites, Pasig City.

### c. Lecture for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Command and General Staff College (CGSC)

On 09 May 2023 at the Camp Gen. Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Dr. Ishmael I. Bahjin provided an overview of the GPH-MILF peace process to the students of the AFP CGSC. The lecture ensures that the students of AFP CGSC, as stakeholders to the peace process, are provided with examples, insights, and current updates on 'peacebuilding, peacekeeping, and peacekeeping

### d. Participation to Europa Day

On 09 May 2023, at the Rogobon Bathroom of the Peninsula Manila cor. Ayala and Makati Avenues, 1228, Makati City, the OPAPRU, as part of stakeholder management attended the Europa Day. The activity was hosted by the Ambassador of the European Union H.E. Luc Véron and Mrs. Nicole Weismann. The activity further strengthened OPAPRU's partnership with the EU in fostering the peace process.

**e. Meeting with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP).** On 09 June 2023 at the Discovery Hotel, Origas Center, Pasig City, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) through Dr. Haroro Ingram requested a meeting to discuss the follow-up on the concept note of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker drawn from JPST data, and other series of succeeding activities under the proposed interventions of the aforementioned peace partner.

On 19 May 2023 via Zoom videoconference, a meeting with the USIP was hosted by the OPAPRU to discuss the possible establishment of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker. The said OPAPRU-USIP initiative aims to develop a tool that would be valuable and developed for the JPST is creating a database that will monitor conflicts in the Bangsamoro region drawn from the JPSC - JPST data, which was initially committed by USIP when its officials visited the JPSC OpCen several months ago and saw that the JPSC has no online tool of monitoring and still doing it manually.

The initial discussion on the proposal was presented by Mr. Andrew Mines, a Chicago University-trained analyst who interned at West Point Military Academy and offered to JPSC the tool and system developed at Georgia Washington University. The USIP shall be sending the concept/proposal with the target to jumpstart the project prior to the conduct of the 2023 local government elections. The meeting was attended by MGen. Ardi Francisco Feliciano III (Rel), Dr. Wendell Orbeso, Dr. Ishmael Bahjin, and representatives from JNC and JPSC Secretariat, and ICPO. The USIP was represented by Dr. Haroro Ingram and Mr. Andrew Wfider.

### f. Joint JNC Secretariat Meeting on Normalization Monitoring and Evaluation with Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and Kroc Institute

On 10 June 2023 at Pivato Hotel, Origas, the Catholic Relief Services and the Kroc Institute conducted a joint meeting to present and discuss the Normalization Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) to the GPH-MILF JNC Secretariat. The attendees were able to update and finalize the parameters and indicators of the Normalization M&E that will be presented to the GPH-MILF JNC Chairs and GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels in 3rd Quarter 2023 for their approval.

**g. Meeting with International Organization for Migration (IOM) Evaluators on the STEP BARMM Project.** On 12 May 2023 via videoconference, the OPAPRU, through the MILF PPO attended the meeting with the IOM Evaluators for the Supporting Conflict Transformation Towards Efficient Peacebuilding (STEP) project in BARMM. This is in line with the monitoring and evaluation of projects of the IOM.

### h. Meeting with Conciliation Resources

On 19 June 2023 at the 4th Floor, OPAPRU Central Office, Chair Yano, PA-Dicano, Dr. Wendell Orbeso and Dr. Ferrah Naparan had a discussion with Conciliation Resources (CR) head of Southeast Asia and the Pacific Programme, Cieran O'Toole, and its Philippines Program Manager, Sharaf Saik Jr. CR, a member of the International Contact Group (ICG), has offered its platform, as it has been in the past, as a bridge between the two (2) Panels and mechanisms to help address complexities in the implementation process. Chair Yano and Usec, Dicano encouraged CR to take the lead in mobilizing support among ICG-members, among others.

CR recently hosted a Civil Society Organization (CSO) forum in Cotabato which was attended by the APAPRU, Panel Chair, and the rest of the OPAPRU representatives. It also introduced the Transformative Scenario Planning (TSP) processes to unpack and address bottlenecks in decision making and implementation processes.

### i. Exploratory Meeting with the International Organization for Migration (IOM)

On 15 June 2023 at the OPAPRU Kapayapaan Conference Room, the OPAPRU through the MILF Peace Process Office facilitated the exploratory meeting with the International Organization on Migration (IOM), wherein both parties discussed areas where interventions can be provided. Edir De Mesa, EDR-Bayam, Chair Yano, Dr. Orbeso, Mr. Pheo Val Bulanhagui, Ms. Maggs Bernis and Marlon Peña from the OPAPRU and Ms. Tristan Burnett, Ms. Erina Yamashita from IOM attended the said meeting.

### j. Colloquium and Networking Function of the LGU Fellowship Program on Social Cohesion and Resilience

On 19 June 2023 at Marco Polo, Origas, Pasig City, OPAPRU attended the Colloquium and Networking Function of the LGU Fellowship Program on Social Cohesion and Resilience. LGU teams composed Mayors, Sangguniang Bayan representatives, and other LGU officials from Bulig and Pagayawan, Linao del Sur and Matubo, Sumpap, Tipo-Tipo, and Tuburan, all in Basilan presented their social cohesion and resilience initiatives and plans. It was followed by a plenary discussion, gallery walk, and fellowship dinner to strengthen linkages and build new networks among participants from NGAs, BARMM/LGUs, CSOs, academe and private sector.

**k. Media Roundtable for the LGU Fellowship Program on Social Cohesion and Resilience**

On 20 June 2023 at the Marco Pido Origas, Pasig City, The MILF PPO assisted the OPAPRU in his participation as a keynote speaker to the activity. The organizers also held a panel discussion on Inter-LGU Cooperation and launching of ResilientLGUs.ph website.

**l. Meeting with the Colombian Embassy.** On 22 May 2023 at the Colombian Embassy Office, the OPAPRU attended the meeting with the Colombian Embassy on 22 May 2023. The concept note between the exchanges of the Philippines and Colombia and its ways forward was discussed in the meeting. The tentative lineup of activities supported by the Colombian Embassy and the identifications of stakeholders involved were likewise lacked.

**m. Meeting with Nonviolent Peaceforce**

On 23 May 2023 at the 4th Floor OPAPRU Conference Room, a meeting was held to discuss the impact of the programs/activities geared towards the Normalization process that are spearheaded by the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) (ATTAIN) sponsored by the European Union.

**4. Localizing the Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program**

On 15 May 2023 at the 4F OPAPRU Conference Room, the Normalization mechanisms and heads discussed the concept of Localizing the Normalization Implementation (LNI) and the ways forward including the defined task/objectives. The GPH-JNC Chair, Mr. Ariel Hernandez, presented the draft framework and structure of the implementation of localizing the Normalization Program to the Bangsamoro Cluster heads and directors.

On 02 June 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the Acting PAPRU, Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster Heads and Directors, GPH Implementing Panel Chairperson, and Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) Chairperson, had a meeting to finalize the framework and structure of the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) program and its workplan from June to December 2023.

**3rd Quarter**

**NORMALIZATION PROGRAM**

**1. Online Workshop and Training on Scoring Matrix on Norm Stipulations**

On 07 July 2023 the Joint Normalization (JNC) Secretariat facilitated the preparations for the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Workshop on 20 July 2023. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) invited the GPH Mechanisms through the JNC Secretariat for a Scoring Matrix Workshop on the 48 stipulations of the CAB. The output of the meeting was presented and shall be used during the following PAM Workshops. On 20 July 2023 at the Cherdonnay, Pasig City, the OPAPRU in collaboration with the CRS conducted the Peace Accord Matrix Mindanao Training and Workshop for GPH mechanisms. The activity aims to come up with a joint scoring of the Normalization indicators, capacitate members of the JNC Secretariat and Peace Mechanisms on Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) methods for data gathering, consolidation, and analysis and develop an initial analysis of the status of the Normalization commitments. During the meeting, the CRS informed the body that they will conduct a similar activity with the MILF Mechanisms which will be followed by a tabling from HD. 31 May and prepare the training/lobby design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies

**2. Lecture on the CAB and the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL).** On 17 July 2023 the JNC Secretariat was invited by the 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion, Armor Division, Philippine Army to provide a lecture on the CAB and the BOL. The lecture aims to capacitate the officers and Trad NCOs of the 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion and further enhance their appreciation and awareness on the peace process.

**3. Boses ng Kapayapaan.** On 17 July 2023 via videoconference, the GPH AHJAG Chairman PMGEN Victor K. Wanchakan participated as a resource person via Zoom in the "Boses ng Kapayapaan" radio program aired in DMAY station in Cotabato City, accompanied by MILF AHJAG Chair Anwar Alamada. The program aimed to answer some queries on the ceasefire mechanism specifically concerning the AHJAG, its function, mandate, and significant contribution to the peace in the Bangsamoro.

**4. Conduct of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN)**

On 10 August 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the ICCMN convened its 10th meeting on 10 August 2023 at PICC, Pasay City Co-Chaired by the PAPRU and the SAP and attended by 30 ICCMN member agencies. The meeting resulted in gathering commitments from concerned agencies on the socioeconomic projects for DCs and the 33 core barangays. Further, the President Communications Office (PCO) also committed to work together with ICCMN agencies in drafting a Unified Communication Plan for the ICCMN. The ICCMN Secretariat, headed by Dr. Onessa and User Domingo of OSAP, shall be drafting the resolutions from this meeting for the signature of the Co-Chairs. The cluster discussed the implementation and programming of the socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned combatants and their communities, and the six (6) previously acknowledged camps, the creation of a project management office, proposed visit to MILF camps, and communication strategy of Normalization.

**5. Technical Meeting with UNDP for the Support to Peacebuilding and Normalization Programme (SPAN) Meeting.** On 15 August 2023 at the 7F, Situation Room and via videoconference, the GPH TFDOCC attended the Support to Peacebuilding and Normalization Programme (SPAN) meeting with the UN Development Programme to discuss the early design of the projects that will be implemented through the remaining SPAN budget. The following items were also further discussed: a) Funding support for the repair and maintenance of 12 JNST Stations; b) Vehicle Transformation: Training for Decommissioned Combatants and Next-of-Kin in BARMM and Davao Region (780 Phase 2 Decommissioned Combatants and Next-of-Kin); c) M&E Workshops for Normalization and Database Preparation.

**6. Conduct of the 25<sup>th</sup> Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Meeting.** On 31 August 2023 in Quezon City, the JNC held its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, which served as a platform to discuss the guidance from the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels to the JNC on the Redeployment of AFP and the JNC SALW Program through the UNDP ASPIRE Project. Also, key deliverables of the JNC such as the Peace Accords Matrix M&E System for the GPH-MILF Peace Process, Donors Forum for Normalization Program, and matters relative to the deployment of the Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) were discussed. As a way forward, the JNC will request for the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panel the following: 1) to authorize the JNC to lead the resource mobilization efforts and conduct donor's forum to mobilize support to all Normalization programs and not just for those within the purview of the JNC, 2) to facilitate the approval of the proposed Criteria and Parameters on Redeployment of AFP, and 3) to approve the proposed launch of the Peace Accords MoA, MPOS, MOH and MSSD shall be undertaken by end of July 2023, and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. ly

**7. PD-BARMM Grantees Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting**

On 28 September 2023 at the Discovery Suites, Dr. Wendel Orbeso, as a part of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) for the Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD-BARRM) facilitated the Technical Review Committee (TRC) Meeting which aimed to be an avenue for sharing and learning and promote mutual collaboration and synergy of efforts between grantee organizations under the EU-funded PD-BARRM programme for wider impact and sustainability of normalization interventions in BARMM.

**Security Aspect**

**1. Meeting of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Datu Abdullah Sangki Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC).** On 03 July 2023 at the Municipal Hall, Datu Abdullah Sangki, Maguindanao del Sur, GPH AHJAG Chairman PMGEN Victor Wanchakan attended the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Datu Abdullah Sangki MPOC meeting presided by Mayor Bai Leah Sangki with the Municipal Anti-Drug Abuse Council (MADAC), the Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (MDRRMC), selected Municipal Offices head, the PNP, the AFP, and the BFP.

**2. Series of Courtesy Call and Meetings with Municipal Mayors.** On 05-11 July 2023 at the Municipal Hall, Ateneo, Cotabato, Matium Municipal Hall, Matium Sarangani, and Mayor's Office, Municipal Hall, Midsayap, Cotabato the GPH AHJAG Chairman PMGEN Victor K. Wanchakan had a series of courtesy calls and meetings with Mayor Eduardo Cabayo of Ateneo, Cotabato; Municipal Councilor James Reginald of Matium, Sarangani; and Mayor Rolando Seccidan of Midsayap, Cotabato, to discuss the peace and order and security during the upcoming Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) and Barangay Election under Special Geographic Areas (SGAs) of their respective Municipalities.

3. **Inter-Cabinet Cluster on Normalization (ICCMN) Security Cluster Meeting.** On 21 July 2023 at the Chardonney by Astoria, Pasig City, the security sub-cluster of the ICCMN convened for a meeting to discuss the guidance arising from the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panel Meeting. Included in the discussions were the actions points for the AFP redeployment, security situation for the upcoming SK and Barangay Elections, the resumption of the Phase 3 decommissioning, and amnesty.
4. **National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NIF-DPAGs): Enhancement of Capacity and Knowledge on Normalization and Program on the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups.** From 26-28 July 2023 at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the NIF-DPAGs continuously conducted activities to capacitate and develop the knowledge and awareness of the Local Government Units (LGUs) relative with the implementation of the Normalization Process particularly the program on the DPAGs.
- The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) as the lead agency of the Task Force and a member of the National Secretariat together with the OPAPRU and the Philippine National Police (PNP) Directorate for Operations, provided updates on Normalization, local security situation, parameters in identifying PAGs, and updates on the different lines of efforts of NIF-DPAGs.
5. **Courtesy Call and Meeting with Pigawayan OIC Mayor.** On 01 August 2023 at the Mayor's Office of the Municipal Hall of Pigawayan, Cotabato the GPH AHJAG Chair PMGEN Victor K. Wanchikan had his courtesy call and meeting with Pigawayan OIC Mayor Nestor V. Cusi.
- The incoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) was one of the agenda and the peace and security of the Special Geographic Areas (SGA) Barangays under BARM. The said meeting resulted in an exchange of opinions and suggestions for a smooth and transparent BSKE 2023 in BARM and SGA.
6. **Final Security Coordination Meeting for the Completion of Phase 3 Decommissioning**  
A final security coordination meeting was held on 01 August 2023 at the Peace Room, OPAPRU DOO, Maguindanao and via videoconference to firm up the security-related activities for the completion of Phase 3 Decommissioning, particularly in the Opening Ceremony scheduled on 03 August 2023. Further, the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) presented the point of origin of the combatants.
7. **Setting up of the Pre-Assembly Processing Area (APA), Simulation Exercise of Normalization Wide Verification and Decommissioning, and Pre-APA Registration**  
The JNC Secretariat set up the pre-registration site at the pre-APA site on 01 August 2023 in Camp Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao Del Norte. This was in preparation for the upcoming resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning. This was followed by the Simulation of the Normalization-wide Verification and Decommissioning Simulation Exercise on 02 August 2023 facilitated by the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) with Joint Normalization Mechanisms conducted at APA 5, Old Capitol, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. The Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities (TFDCC) together with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) XI Normalization Team ran through the application and readiness of its Bomhears Registration and Verification (BRaVe) System. After which, the JNC secretariat processed the pre-registration of 130 combatants from the 101st Base Command. The 130 combatants are composed of 117 males and 13 females. Furthermore, the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) takes from HD. 31 May and prepare the trainings/ability design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. ing with the Peace Month Celebrat
8. **Completion of Phase 3 Decommissioning Process**  
The Opening Ceremony of the Completion of Phase 3 MILF Decommissioning was conducted on 03 August 2023 at APA 5, Old Capitol, Simuy, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. The program was attended by Special Assistant to the President Antonio Legadama Jr., BARM Chief Minister Ahmad Ebrahim, IDB Chair Suat Akim, GPH Implementing Chair Cesar Yano, MILF Implementing Mohagher Iqbal, PA David Dicano, DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjussy, GPH-ITDCC Chair Alty Leta Alama, and Normalization Mechanism heads and locals. Local and international partners also joined the said program.  
During the second day of the pre-APA, the JNC secretariat processed the pre-registration of 260 Combatants from the Pagitan Provincial Commands, 101<sup>st</sup>, 121<sup>st</sup>, and 122<sup>nd</sup> Base Commands. Of the 260 combatants, 234 are males and 26 are females. As for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the pre-APA registration, the JNC secretariat processed the pre-registration of 260 combatants from the Political and Provincial Committees of Momingan, Moro, Muna, Paghitan, and Padang Karbala. Of the 260 combatants, 249 are males and 11 are females. Whilst 260 combatants from the 117<sup>th</sup> Base Command and Provincial Committees of Padang Karbala, Padawa Guram, Safagino, and Safer Redapan. Of the 260 combatants, 257 males and 3 females were processed during the fourth day.
9. **Special YTC Meeting between GPH CCCH AND GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair and Secretariat.** On 08 August 30 August 2023 via VTC, both the GPIP and the CCCH discussed the ceasefire-related incidents in Ungkaya Pukan, Basilan last November 2022, accommodation to 1st SFGs, PA in Mariguay, Lanza del Sur last February 2022, and Datu Paglas Incident last June 2023. The CCCH presented significant information about the background of said events.
10. **Coordination Meeting for the United Nations Illicit Firearms Flow Questionnaire.** On 15 August 2023 at the Hinrang Haij, PCTC, Camp Creams, Quezon City, the OPAPRU attended the Coordination Meeting for the United Nations Illicit Firearms Flow Questionnaire last 15 August 2023. The meeting was a briefing on how the invited agencies/units shall answer the questionnaire given by the UNODC and UNODA. The OSETC requested OPAPRU to provide data gathered from the projects under the Normalization Program. The OPAPRU explained the limitations it has on the said data and has recommended that the data needed shall be requested from the PNP and the AFP.
11. **Meeting with Midsayap Cotabato Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Officer.** On 15 August 2023 at the COMELEC Office, Midsayap, Cotabato, GPH AHJAG Chair PMGEN Victor K. Wanchikan had a meeting with Midsayap Cotabato COMELEC Officer Ramon Jaranita. Said meeting discussed the possible situation during the conduct of the incoming BSKE 2023 in Midsayap and nearby municipalities under BARM SGA.
12. **Conduct of activities relative to Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker.** On 17-18 August 2023 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Cebu City, the OPAPRU through the MILF Peace Process Office, attended the 2nd technical meeting for the creation of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker. The Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker is part of the commitments/support of the USIP beneficial in understanding the sources of violent conflicts in the BARM, strengthening intergovernmental and interagency efforts, and creating an evidence-based tool that shall help with keeping the security, peace, and order in the Bangsamoro. The Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker shall be a platform for monitoring, analyzing, and visualizing conflict dynamics across the BARM that primarily focuses on tracking the BARM's violent peace spoiler actors, the nature and number of violent incidents, and the impact of surrender/disengagement activities on conflict patterns. It will give users a model for understanding the complex interplay of factors that can drive the ebb and flows from HD. 31 May and prepare the trainings/ability design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners. ing with the Peace Month Celebr
- The second day of the technical meeting for the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker conducted with the proposed template to be utilized by the participating entities. The body also agreed to come up with a governance framework that will cover and entail the responsibilities and limitations for data sharing and agreements.
- On 26 August 2023 via VTC, the 2<sup>nd</sup> technical meeting was held with the core group members of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker to discuss the succeeding activities and ways forward of the team. The Conflict Tracker architecture was also reviewed by the principals which shall be used by the specialists in encoding the data. On 13 September 2023 and 21 September 2023 at OPAPRU Peace Room, DPWH Res. Compound, DOO, Maguindanao Del Norte and at the 4F Conference Room, OPAPRU, Origas respectively, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) conducted training for Specialists from MILF PPO, JNC Secretariat, Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), Joint Peace and Security Team (JPST) and Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCH). The training presented the data framework which has been established to guide the development of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker. USIP's objective is to establish the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker intended to be a model for understanding the complex interplay of factors takes from HD. 31 May and prepare the trainings/ability design and program of works, dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper t
13. **Briefing on ASPIRE for WESMINCOM.** On 22 August 2023 at the Bautista Hall Conference Room, WESMINCOM, the JNC GPH in partnership with the UNDP conducted a briefing for the WESMINCOM on the ASPIRE Program. The UNDP discussed the program design of the ASPIRE Program while Gov. Jim Halaman-Saliman provided context for the SALW Program in Basilan. Mr. Hernandez and McEnroe Felisidano (Ret.) provided inputs on what will be the role of the WESMINCOM in the ASPIRE Program.

14. **Basian Stakeholders Consultation on ASPRE.** On 23 August 2023 at Kasinahan Hotel and Resorts, Isabela City, Basilan, the JNC in partnership with the UNDP and the Provincial Government of Basilan conducted a Basian Stakeholders Consultation for the ASPRE Program. In attendance were Basian Governor, Jim Halaman-Saliman, Mayors of Al-Barka, Hoji Muihamed, Lantakan and Tabuan-Lesa, Provincial Director of Basilan Police, and the Deputy Commander of 101st Brigade. The UNDP gave a briefing on the ASPRE Program while Gov. Jim Halaman-Saliman and Mr. Ariel Hernandez gave additional inputs on SALW and the ASPRE Program and what will be the role of the LCEs and LGUs. Senior Usoc. Isidro Purisima and PA Dave Diciano expressed the commitment of the national government in maintaining Peace and Security in the BARMAM as well as the importance of the participation of LGUs in the implementation of the Normalization Program.
15. **Meeting of the GPH-TWG on AFP Redeployment.** On 24 August 2023 via videoconference, the GPH TWG on AFP Redeployment led by JNC-GPH Member and GPH TWG Head, Lizen Danto Panonag (Ret) held a meeting to review the Criteria and Parameters for redeployment in line with the comments of the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panel. The Armed Forces of the Philippines-Peace and Development Office (AFP-PDO) presented the consolidated comments and recommendations of the AFP and PNP on the criteria and parameters for the Redeployment of AFP Forces.
16. **Courtesy Meeting with the Chief of the Philippine National Police.** On 30 August 2023 at the Hinirang Hall, Camp Rold T. Crame, Quizon City, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel paid a courtesy visit to the Chief of the PNP, Police General Benjamin C. Arorath Jr. The meeting entailed a briefing on the CAR highlighting the Security and Confidence Building Measures components of the Normalization wherein the PNP is actively involved. Furthermore, security measures during the conduct of the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) were one of the major agenda addressed.
17. **Inter-agency coordination for the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs) 13th Oversight Committee Meeting (OCM) in Zamboanga City and Assistance in Basilan.** On 12-14 September 2023 via Zoom, the NTF-DPAGs Secretariat met online to initially identify the logistical and technical preparation for the conduct of the 13th Oversight Committee Meeting. A follow through meeting with the Task Forces and Task Groups was convened to cascade and verify details with the ground units of the task force. Further the MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat together with the GPH Secretariat, JPSC, and CCCH set a meeting to discuss the security and movement concerns relative to the conduct of the 13th OCM in Zamboanga City and the ASPRE launching in Basilan. The meeting was attended by the representatives from DILG, DOJ, DSWD, AFP, and the PNP.
18. **Workshop for the Information, Education, and Communications (IEC) Campaign on Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration, and Recovery for Advancing Human Security in BARMAM (ASPIRE)**  
On 25 September 2023 at the Blue Lotus Hotel, Davao City, the JPSC attended the Workshop for the Information, Education, and Communications (IEC) Campaign on Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration, and Recovery for Advancing Human Security in BARMAM, known as ASPIRE. The core purpose of this workshop was to harness diverse insights and expertise, sculpting an IEC campaign that resonates deeply with the distinct socio-cultural nuances of the Bangsamoro region. This will elevate the deliberations, help ASPIRE forge a campaign that is not only potent but also culturally attuned. Furthermore, this workshop was poised to be a dynamic platform for exploring collaborative prospects and identifying support channels for the envisioned initiatives launching in the imminent future.
19. **Meeting with the Third Party Monitoring Team**  
On 12 September 2023, at the GPH CCCH Office, Cotabato City, Col. Joel Memon (Ret.), CCCH-AHJAG Head Secretariat, presented the status of the ceasefire violations protested by both the GPH and MILF, rdo and other security related incidents monitored, and the challenges and ways forward of the GPH CCCH.
20. **Virtual Meeting with MILF AHJAG core member and JCMP members of Lanao del Norte.** On 12 September 2023 via Zoom, a meeting was held which discussed the updates on the on-going Focused Military Operation in Lanao del Norte and the efforts of the GPH and MILF Ceasefire Mechanism in the area to prevent unlawful incidents between the GPH and MILF forces during the conduct of operations.
21. **Meeting with NP relative to Capacity Development Training of JPSTs.** On 12 September 2023 at the JPSC Office, Brgy. Tamoniada, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the JPSC Secretariat staff had a meeting with Mr. Muamar Alm and Ms. Macy Saby Dapozza of Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) met to discuss future partnerships in line with the capacity development programs for the JPSTs. Initially, for the period of August 2023 until July 2024, the NP has allotted P1.9M budget for the conduct of Refresher Course Training for the remaining eight (8) JPST teams.
22. **1st Commander's Coordination Meeting**  
On 16 September 2023 at 103rd Infantry Brigade, Campo Ranao, Marawi City, the JPSC Secretariat and COCH/AHJAG staff along with MP Jannal Mambatas, BTA BARMAM, Commander, Task Force Marawi; CO, 618, PA, CO, 501B; CO, 32B, PA; Commander Alim Mujahid Dimeampao, Commander, 103rd Base Command, BIAF-MILF; and other MILF members of Peace Mechanisms attended the 1st Commander's Coordination Meeting with a theme: "Sustaining Peace and Security Gains." The activity was spearheaded by the United States Institute for Peace (USIP) and hosted by 103rd Infantry Brigade, PA. This aimed to create a Joint Quick Response Team (JQRT) composed of members from AFP/PNP and BIAF-MILF that will monitor and identify election hotspots in LDS for the upcoming BSKE 2023. Subsequently, the forum also discussed possible means of preventing election-related violence, ongoing rdo issues in Lanao, and enhancing local insurgent surrenderees / reintegration efforts.
23. **Peace Dialogue of the 921 Battalion of Philippine Army and 118 Brigade Command and the BIAF-MILF.** On 16 September 2023 at Brgy. Pamalan, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, Maguindanao del Sur a peace dialogue was held in relation to the proposed establishment of the AFP outpost in Brgy. Pamalan which was agreed upon by the concerned AFP and MILF commanders in concurrence with the GPH and MILF COCH/AHJAG. During the dialogue, the 118BC and 108BC both expressed its commitment to help the AFP deployed in the area for the maintenance of peace and security in the area.
24. **Regional Peace and Order Council Meeting of Region XI.** On 18 September 2023 at Arcadia Active Lifestyle Center, Ecoland, Davao City, the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Meeting of Region XI was held wherein the following were presented: the Security updates by the 100D, PA; PNP preparation for the BSKE 2023; BSKE 2023 updates by the COMELEC Region 11, and the updates on the implementation of Executive Order No. 39 by DA Region XI.
25. **JPST Conflict Resolution Initiative.** On 18 September 2023 at Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, the JPST Tipo-Tipo personnel in collaboration with the Local Government Unit headed by Mayor Arcam Istard, Municipal Mayor, Tipo-Tipo Municipality initiated the settlement between BPATs led by Mak Tahafin and MILF group led by Halaman Indanan held at the Mayor's Office, Tipo-Tipo in relation to the strating incident that transpired at Sitio Lower Bancuang, Brgy Bangcuang, Tipo-Tipo, Basilan on 12 September 2023.
26. **CCCH Meetings with the Security Sector**  
The CCCH met and discussed with BGen Alan Hambda PA, the acting commander of the 10th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army, PBCen Wilson Sobos, DRDA, PRO 11 and PCol Alan Mambog of Area Police Eastern Mindanao on 18 September 2023 in Davao City relative to the proposal to exclude the Davao Region from the AHJAG area of coverage and the subsequent deactivation of AHJAG Team 5. It was agreed further that the proposal be tackled in roundtable discussions with the ceasefire mechanisms.
27. **Meeting with UNDP-SPAN on JPST station repairs**  
On 21 September 2023 via videoconference, the JPSC Secretariat Head Mr. Carl Jerrid Sol and Amenodin M. Sampomina together with Mr. Allen Mariano, Quindao, Joel Babas, and Chifere Turzon of UNDP, conducted a joint meeting via zoom regarding the repairs of JPST stations.
28. **Courtesy Visit and Meeting with MBLT-5 of the Philippine Navy**  
On 22 September 2023 at the MBLT-5 Headquarters, Rosary Heights 9, Cotabato City, updates on the brewing conflict due to political differences were discussed. The MBLT-5 also presented its deployment plan for the upcoming BSKE 2023 and the MILF and MNLF members who are running for Barangay posts in Cotabato City and Datu Blah Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. Further, the GPH CCCH also informed the group on the upcoming activities of the CCCH in relation to BSKE 2023 which includes the signing of the *Quidances of Mutual Understanding for Ceasefire-related functions of CCCH for BSKE 2023* and the signing of Pledge of Commitment with MILF commanders within the area of operations of MBLT-5.

29. **MTF-DPAGs Meeting with the Task Force Western Mindanao (TFEM) and Task Forces Eastern Mindanao (TFEM).** On 25 September 2023 via Zoom, the MTF-DPAGs Secretariat facilitated a meeting with the TFEM & TFEM which is a composite of members from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP). The meeting focused on discussions to secure support for the operations of the TFEM & TFEM.
30. **Eight Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Entry of MILF and MNLF Members into the Philippine National Police (PNP).** On 25 September 2023 via videoconference, the TWG on the Entry of MILF and MNLF Members into the PNP held its eighth meeting to discuss the on-going recruitment for the second batch of MILF and MNLF applicants to the PNP. The issue on the five-year application period, and the matter of the quota for CY 2024. The meeting was presided by Undersecretary Alfredo Bayan of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and BARRAM Minister Raissa Jajurie of the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD). The TWG members from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government were all present during the meeting.
- Socio-economic Development Aspect**
- Capacity-Building Activities under Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC) Project.** On 11-14 July 2023 at the New Dawn Hotel, Cagayan De Oro City, the OPAPRU SDU, TFDDC personnel attended a capacity building training for local civil registrars hosted by the initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services Incorporated (IDEALS Inc.). They were also given time to discuss the socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned combatants and their communities. This was to help the local civil registrars (LCRs) to understand their crucial role in providing civil documents to the decommissioned combatants and in sustaining the civil registration rates in their respective areas.
  - Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Skills Training Induction Program (TIP) and Profiling and Validation of Decommissioned Combatants and Next-of-Kin under PROACTIVE Project**  
On 12-13 July 2023 in Talayan and Guindulungan, Maguindanao Del Sur, and Pkt. North Colabato, the profiling and training induction program under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Induction, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) was conducted for 78 decommissioned combatants and next-of-kin who will undergo skills training on Photo Voliac Instalation NC II (Solar Training), Electrical Instalation and Maintenance NC II, and Dressmaking NC II.
  - Basic Geographic Information (GIS) Online Training.** On 17-21 July 2023 via Zoom, Mr. Hassan Abdurajak, IT and GIS Specialist of the OPAPRU Socioeconomic Development Unit attended the Day 1 of his National Mapping Unit Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA) Online Training on Basic Geographic Information System (GIS) using QGIS.
  - Meeting of GPH Panel-Socioeconomic Study Committee with TFDDC and Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFC).** On 02 August 2023 at the Peace Room, OPAPRU DOS, Maguindanao, the GPH TFDDC and JTFC attended the meeting of the GPH Panel-Socioeconomic Study Committee where socioeconomic programs for the MILF decommissioned combatants and the Six Camps were discussed. JNC Chair, Mr. Abel Hernandez and JNC members PA David Diciano and LtGen Danilo Pamoning (Ret), attended the meeting to discuss and recommend for approval the components, implementation framework, and funding strategies for the socioeconomic development packages for decommissioned combatants and camps transformation.
  - Ceremonial Graduation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) Completers**  
On 03 and 10 August 2023 at Buruan, Maguindanao Del Sur, and Mababang, Lanao Del Sur, a graduation ceremony for 296 completers under the Functional Literacy Program for Decommissioned Combatants and their next-of-kin was conducted.
  - Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Socioeconomic Development Sub-Cluster Meeting.** On 04 August 2023 via videoconference, the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Socioeconomic Development Sub-Cluster was convened to discuss the contribution of the agencies to the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro.
  - Meeting with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC).** On 16 August 2023 via videoconference, the GPH TFDDC held a meeting with the PHIC to discuss the implementation of health insurance premium for decommissioned combatants including the timeline of registration.
  - Preparatory Meeting with UNDP and Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education of Bangsamoro Autonomous and Muslim Mindanao - Technical Education Skills Development (MBHTE-SD) Lanao.** On 18 August 2023 via videoconference, a preparatory meeting with UNDP and MBHTE-SD Lanao was conducted to discuss the implementation of Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET) for the decommissioned MILF combatants under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Induction, Violence Prevention, and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) in Lanao del Sur.
  - PROACTIVE Training Induction Program and Profiling for the Decommissioned Combatants and Monitoring of Ongoing Skills Training in Lanao del Sur.** On 21-25 August 2023, the Training Induction Program and Profiling of TVET beneficiaries as well as the monitoring of ongoing trainings in Lanao del Sur was conducted under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Induction, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE). Areas visited were Bulig, Bundayan, Cayanog, Masui, Lumbia Bayabao, Malondo, Wello Balmadong, and Hareau City.
  - Joint GPH-MILF TFDDC Secretariat Meeting.** On 22 August 2023 via videoconference, a joint GPH-MILG TFDDC Secretariat Meeting was conducted to discuss housing assistance for decommissioned combatants. The MILF TFDDC Secretariat committed to provide a land title for additional one (1) hectare for the housing assistance of decommissioned combatants for 2024.
  - Meeting with the Department of Education (DepEd).** On 07 September 2023, GPH TFDDC Chair Aly, Luisa Alania met with Department of Education (DepEd) Assistant Secretary G. H. Ambat to discuss the implementation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) for decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin. The ways forward identified were the drafting and review of the Memorandum of Agreement between OPAPRU and DepEd, and conduct of technical meeting to discuss pre-implementation activities.
  - Meeting with BARRAM Ministry of Health (MOH) and Department of Health (DOH)**  
On 12 September 2023 at MOH, BARRAM Compound, Colabato City and via videoconference, GPH TFDDC and JTFC Secretariat met with the BARRAM Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Department of Health (DOH) to discuss preparations for the site visit and ceremonial turnover of the Rural Health Units (RHUs) with Birthing Facilities in the previously acknowledged six MILF Camps.
  - Meeting on Socio-economic Concerns.** On 12 September 2023 at the TFDDC Office, OPAPRU, Awasang, Davao Odon, Sinsuat, Edr. Cesar De Mesa, GPH-JTFC Co-Chair and Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation, joined the meeting on Socioeconomic Concerns attended by PA Cesar Yano, Chair of the GPH Peace Implementation Panel, Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan, GPH Study Committee on Socioeconomic Concerns, and Col. Joel Mamon (Ret), COCHIAJAG Head Secretariat. The TFDDC presented the data on the Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) in the Camps and updates on the projects and programs in the Camps. On 14 September 2023, Aly Luisa Alania, GPH TFDDC Chair presented options for socioeconomic packages for the decommissioned combatants and their communities to the GPH Socioeconomic Study Committee chaired by DA Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan and with members PA David Diciano, and Usec. Alan Tanjung. The meeting was also attended by MGen. Arid Feliciano III, LtGen. Danilo Pamoning, Dr. Wendel Orbeso, and Dr. Farrah Grace NapaPCH.
  - Meeting with Tynkap Kailintad Incorporated (TKI) and Kutawato Greenland Initiatives Inc. (KGI)**  
On 14 September 2023, the GPH TFDDC Secretariat met with Tynkap Kailintad Incorporated (TKI) and Kutawato Greenland Initiatives Inc. (KGI) to discuss the study grant program for the decommissioned combatants.
  - Meeting with TESDA Region 12**  
On 19 September 2023, GPH TFDDC Secretariat held a meeting with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Region 12 to discuss the implementation of skills trainings and identity social preparation activities.
  - Series of Courtesy Call for the Conduct of Re-engagement Activity**

On 20 September 2023, at PLGU Baslan, Abarika Municipal Hall, and Zamboanga City, a series of Courtesy Calls were conducted to PLGU Baslan Gov. Hadirman Hataman, Saliman, Abarika Municipal Administrator Mahmud Khatun, Zamboanga City Mayor John Dafeo and DSWD IX Regional Director in relation to the conduct of re-engagement activity for decommissioned combatants in their area of jurisdiction. On 20-22 September 2023, at Sitio Bakising, Brgy. Cambing, Abarika, Baslan, a total of 709 Decommissioned Combatants were re-engaged in the Province of Basilan.

**17. Courtesy Call to Western Mindanao Command**

On 23 September 2023 at the Western Mindanao Command, AFP, Zamboanga City, GFH FDCCC Secretariat together with COCA had a courtesy call with MGEn. Steve D. Cresado PA, Commander, Western Mindanao Command to discuss about re-engagement activity specifically the itinerary of the teams to be deployed in the Island Provinces.

**Transitional Justice and Reconciliation**

**1. Transitional Justice Orientation and Workshop for the Local Chief Executives in the BARM**

On 18-19 July 2023 at the Acacia Hotel, Davao City, Dr. Jana Jill Gallardo, Head of OPAPRU's Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Office (TJRO), served as a resource person during the Training on Transitional Justice for the Local Chief Executives in the BARM to present updates on the Normalization Track and the status of the TJR Roadmap. This was organized by the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society, Inc. (CBCS) in partnership with the Independent Working Group (IWG) on Transitional Justice Dealing with the Past (IWG TJ-DWP) through its Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Project.

Participants representing a mix of LCEs, Municipal Planning and Development Officers (MPDO), Municipal Disaster Risk Reduction Management Officers (MDRMO), and SB Secretaries from the municipalities of Maguindano del Sur, Maguindano del Norte, Sultan Kudarat, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City were present. They were updated on the status of the implementation of the Normalization Program as well as the Government and MILF's responsibilities on the recommendations of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) and oriented on the pillars of Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past (TJDWP) Framework within the context of the Bangsamoro. What was commonly identified by them were issues arising from horizontal conflicts.

At the end of the 2-day activity, the participants came up with TJR measures/initiatives that can be implemented by their respective LGUs which they commit to be integrated in their respective local development plans.

This activity is in line with the efforts to localize the implementation of the Normalization Program which can serve as a platform to influence the LCEs to respond to or initiate efforts to address TJR issues in their respective communities by including in their programming sustainable ways to address those issues without fully relying on interventions from the national or regional governments. This served as an opportunity to strengthen governance institutions, and forge a sense of ownership and responsibility among LGUs.

**2. Orientation and Technical-Level Meeting with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG)**

A technical-level meeting with the DILG was held on 01 August 2023 at the OPAPRU Reconciliation Room, Agustín 1 Building, Pasig City to share updates and discuss their deliverables to the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) Roadmap. The meeting was attended by DILG representatives from the Program Management Office on Preventing, Countering Violent Extremism (PMO-PCVE) and the Office of the Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and Special Concerns (UMASOC). The DILG's PMO-PCVE signified intentions to share its efforts on the Community-based Restoration and Reconciliation Program (CBRRP) which can be built on for the proposed development of a Community-based Reparation Program.

Following are possible entry points across the pillars of the Dealing with the Past (DWP) framework that were also explored for consideration and further discussion by the concerned bureaus within the DILG and approved by the head of agency.

- Truth/History – DILG can coordinate with the BARM MILG for a policy issuance to BARM LGUs in setting up markers for sites/areas with historical significance
- Justice and Reparations – roll out of the CBRRP in one of the previously-recognized camps and pursue a joint project with OPAPRU's SHAPEO on PCVE
- Land-related issues – support for the conduct of policy and/or community dialogues in coordination with the MILG
- Guarantee of Non-Recurrence – capacity building or LGU training for conflict resolution

The PMO-PCVE also requested support for a forthcoming FGD/consultation to update and enhance their CBRP guidebook, which currently lacks a Bangsamoro perspective. The FGD/consultation is slated towards the end of September 2023. These collaborative efforts demonstrate a promising path forward in advancing the goals of the TJR Roadmap and fostering reconciliation and restoration within affected communities.

**3. Exploratory Meeting on the Proposed Development and Rollout of Modules on Philippine and Bangsamoro History, the Bangsamoro Conflict/Struggle and Peace Processes which Include Transitional Justice for the Bangsamoro Police.** On 04 August 2023, via videoconference an exploratory meeting with subject matter experts was conducted by the OPAPRU in preparation for the development and rollout of Modules on Philippine and Bangsamoro History, Bangsamoro Peace Processes and Transitional Justice relative to the training and education program of the PNP for former members of the MILF and MNLF who are qualified to enter the Bangsamoro Police on 04-9 September 2023 at the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region Training Center, Parang, Maguindanao del Norte.

Discussions were focused on the review of the Program of Instruction (POI) of the Philippine National Police Training Institute (PNPTI) for the Bangsamoro Police wherein the following topics were integrated as a result of several meetings with PNPTI since 2021: History of the Mindanao Conflict; Bangsamoro Peace Process; Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB); Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL); Normalization; Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (MILF/Transformation Program/Healing and Reconciliation (MILF); Understanding the Culture of Peace and Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion; and, Understanding Rido and Rido Settlement.

The exploratory meeting was attended by Dr. Juvanni Cabatero, History Professor at Mindanao State University-Iligan Institute of Technology (MSU IIT); and Dr. Ma Lourdes Vercacion Balonza, Co-convenor of the Independent Working Group on Transitional Justice Dealing with the Past and Associate Professor at the Political Science Department of the Ateneo de Manila University.

Recommendations from the aforesaid SMEs include the following:

- Inclusion of the American Colonial Period in the topics specified under the Philippine History as this era marked significant events that contributed to the Bangsamoro history and struggle.
- Development of three (3) sub-modules under the Module on Philippine History and the Bangsamoro Conflict and Peace Process to wit: (1) Sub-module 1: Historical Injustices and the Bangsamoro Struggle; (2) Bangsamoro Peace Processes; and, (3) Transitional Justice and Bangsamoro Transformation.

**4. Training on Transitional Justice for Local Chief Executives (LCEs) from the Island Provinces in the BARM.** On 28-31 August 2023 at the Garden Orchid Hotel, Zamboanga City, the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS) recently concluded the second round of training on Transitional Justice for Local Chief Executives (LCEs) in the Island Provinces of BARM. This initiative was funded by the EU and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) as part of the Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Justice and Society Project.

The capacity-building initiative aimed to: (1) update the LCEs in the BARM on the status of the implementation of the Normalization Program as well as the Government and MILF's responses and initiatives on the recommendations of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC); (2) orient them on the pillars of Transitional Justice and Dealing with the Past (TJDWP) Framework within the context of the Bangsamoro; and, (3) come up with plans to set up TJR platforms/processes/mechanisms in the region. OPAPRU Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster and Co-Chair of the GFH Technical Working Group on TJR presented the updates on the Normalization Program and highlights in the implementation of the TJR roadmap.

The training also provided a platform to generate support for localizing the Normalization Program given that some participants were from municipal planning and development offices. The initiative may also help strengthen governance institutions and build and enhance a sense of ownership and responsibility among Local Government Units (LGUs) for actively supporting the peace process and the Normalization Program.

5. **Development and Rollout of Modules on Philippine and Bangsamoro History, Bangsamoro Peace Processes and Transitional Justice to be used for the MILF and MILF members who are qualified to enter the Bangsamoro Police.** On 05-08 September 2023 at the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region Training Center (BARTC), Parang, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU TJRO, in collaboration with the Philippine National Police Training Institute (PNPTI) and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region Training Center (BARTC), organized trainings on subjects/topics that were integrated in the Bangsamoro Police Basic Recruit Course Program of Instruction (POI) such as Philippine and Bangsamoro History, Bangsamoro Peace Processes and Transitional Justice in the Bangsamoro.

The development of standard Training Package for the Bangsamoro Police is one of the deliverables committed by the Philippine National Police through the Philippine National Police Training Institute in the GPH approved TOR Roadmap under the component of Guarantee on Non-recurrence. Integrating the above-mentioned topics in the Bangsamoro Police Curriculum is part of transforming the mindsets and behaviors of former MILF and MNLF members as they become part of the government security force, to assume responsibility of ensuring public order, safety, peace and security.

The modules were developed and run by the following subject matter experts namely: Prof. Jovanni Caballero, PhD (The History of Mindanao Conflict); Ms. Rula C. Guiam, PhD (The Bangsamoro Peace Processes); Prof. Ma. Lourdes Veneracion-Ralonta, PhD and Mr. Guarnel M. Alm (Transitional Justice in the Bangsamoro).

Out of the 11,062 members and/or next of kin of the MILF and MNLF who qualified to the NAPOLCOM Special Qualifying Eligibility Examination (NSQEE) administered on 29 May 2023, 7,145 composed of 2,183 MNLF and 4,962 MILF passed the examination. There are currently 400 slots from the recruitment quota that have been approved by the Chief PNP for CY 2023 which shall be ranked as patrolman and patrol woman. The first batch of the Bangsamoro Police Police officers took their oath on 10 August 2023, comprising 102 with fifty-two (52) and fifty (50) members from the MILF and MNLF, respectively. Out of the 102 trainees, 94 are males and 8 are females. The second batch of trainees is expected to take oath by November 2023.

**Confidence-Building Measures**

1. **Eidul Adha Celebration with Stakeholders in the Selected Communities of the MILF Forces.** On 01 July 2023 at Brgy Sapad, Malanog, Maguindanao del Norte, Brgy Berser, Tanog, Lanao del Norte and Brgy Popolan, Lumbatan, Lanao del Sur an activity in solidarity with the communities as they celebrate the Feast of the Sacrifice or the Eidul Adha and in partnership with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) under its PROACTIVE Project was conducted. The objective of the activity was to establish a good relationship between the community residents and key stakeholders, fostering trust and confidence.

Additionally, the said activity was graced by JTFCT Co-Chairs, Coordinators and Secretariat, Members of Parliament of Bangsamoro Transition Authority, Head of Combined Secretariat Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCH) and Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG), HD Operations Manager, local government units of Ampatuan, Davao Odn Sinsuat and Paglungan, members from Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF), Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Political Committee, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), women, youth, religious, traditional leaders, indigenous people, and settler community.

2. **Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign at the Headquarters of the 40th Infantry Battalion**

On 06 July 2023 at Brgy. Kabengi, Davao Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur the Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFACT) spearheaded by Co-Chief MP Engr. Bantion Ampatuan, CSEE, MNSA, together with its Coordinators and Secretariat participated during the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign at the Headquarters of 40th Infantry Battalion in Berangay Kabengi, Davao Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur.

The activity was organized by BGen Oriol Pangcoog, Commander of the 601st Infantry Brigade and GPH JTFACT Coordinator for Camps Care and Care, to foster connections and create strong partnerships with the Local Government Units (LGUs) from the provincial, municipal, and barangay level, as well as counterparts from the MILF, and stakeholders. Additionally, it served as a forum for crucial discussion about the advancement of Camps Care and Omar, as well as presentation of updates on the Camp Transformation Program by Ms. Ranees Sinsuat and Mr. Bryan Arevalo met with Mr. JTFCT Secretariat. The GPH JTFACT Secretariat represented by Ms. Ranees Sinsuat and Mr. Bryan Arevalo met with Mr. Ever Abasolo, Consultant of World Bank under Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund, Mr. Hazzer Birowa of Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue Operations Manager and Mr. Mohaimen Usman of MILF JTFACT Secretariat at OPAPRU Office in Awang, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte and discussed the update on the enhancement and formulation of the PCH, MPOS, MOH and MSSD. shall be undertaken by

3. **Community Sessions Promoting Self-Care, Healing and War-to-Peace Mindset Transition of Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities**

On 08-16 July 2023 in Maguindanao del Sur, and Maguindanao Del Norte, 18-24 July 2023 in Lanao Del Sur, Lanao Del Norte, Zamboanga Sbugay, and 28-31 July 2023 in North Coboabo and Basilan, the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities (TFDCC) together with the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) and Bay Rehabilitation Center (BRC) conducted the Community Sessions Promoting Self-care, Healing and War-to-Peace Mindset Transition for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities which benefitted 600 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin.

The activity included a pre-activity assessment (including orientation of facilitators; group workshop for the historical timeline of major events in the community and focus group discussion about community problems brought about by conflict and emergency situations, and key informant interviews with community leaders and duty bearers); courtesy call with local chief executives; and actual conduct of community sessions.

The community sessions were facilitated by trainers for the DCs and next-of-kin, and Socioeconomic Development Unit-TFDCC personnel previously trained by NP and BRC.

4. **Conduct of the 8th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting**

On 11 July 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) held its 8th Commission on basic meeting. Among the agenda items discussed were a review of its accomplishments since May 2023, and remaining deliverables for the rest of the year. Key highlights included the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with the National Bureau of Investigation, Modula Development, strategic meetings with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and the Department of Justice (DOJ), and drafting of the NAC Rules of Procedure.

Notable updates included progress on the establishment of LABs nationwide and the anticipated issuance of a Presidential Proclamation on extending the application period for amnesty application and the grant of the same to the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

5. **Meeting with Camps Transformation Plan (CTP) Consultants and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue**

On 11 July 2023 at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Davao Odn Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte the GPH JTFACT Secretariat represented by Ms. Ranees Sinsuat and Mr. Bryan Arevalo met with Mr. Ever Abasolo, Consultant of World Bank under Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund, Mr. Hazzer Birowa of Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue Operations Manager and Mr. Mohaimen Usman of MILF JTFACT Secretariat at OPAPRU Office in Awang, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte and discussed the update on the enhancement and formulation of the updated Camps Transformation Investment Program.

6. **Meeting with World Bank Transport Task Team.** On 12 July 2023 at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Davao Odn Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte the GPH JTFACT Secretariat represented by Ms. Ranees Sinsuat, Mr. Bryan Arevalo, and Mr. Azeeddin Ibrahim met with World Bank Transport Task Team via Zoom and discussed the Roads to Development - Farm-to-Market and Access Roads (R2M) Project as well as the criteria for the said project and list of proposed sites.

The P2D Task Team was led by Mr. Prabop Tegosekiki, Senior Transport Specialist who was accompanied by Ms. Hope Arandea Gerachi, Infrastructure Specialist, Mr. Clemens Portentinger, Senior Transport Specialist, and Mr. Ever Absobo, BNIF World Bank Consultant. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Ismael Guamel, MAFAR Assistant to the Minister for Operations (Agriculture Sector) and Ms. Shara Saik of MILF JTFCT Secretariat.

**7. Meeting with Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA)**

On 13 July 2023, at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH JTFCT Secretariat represented by Ms. Ramee Sinsuat, Mr. Bryan Arevalo, Mr. Azeddin Ibrahim, and Ms. Soada Walamama met with PhilFIDA Region 9 OIC Regional Director Zubeda Zaccarias and discussed the proposed technical site visit in the identified areas for abaca production within the Camps Abubakar and Bilal. The next steps were outlined, including the coordination of site visits, scheduling of consultation sessions, and data collection activities.

**8. Coordination Meeting on Abaca Production Project in the MILF Camps**

The GPH JTFCT Secretariat facilitated the Coordination Meeting on Abaca Production Project in the MILF Camps via Zoom videoconference. The meeting aimed to brief all stakeholders about the objectives, expectations, and logistical arrangements for the technical site visit tentatively scheduled on 31 July to 08 August 2023. Detailed plans and schedules were discussed, including the roles and responsibilities of each participating group.

The meeting was attended by the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) Region 9 OIC Regional Director Zabckel Zaccarias, Commander of the 1st Marine Brigade BGen Eric Mecambac, Commander of 2nd Mechanized Brigade BGen Anthony Abma, Engr. Mithamm Ali of MAFAR Maguindanao, JTFCT MILF Secretariat and Camp Coordinators of Camps Abubakar and Bilal.

**9. Post Assessment Meeting on the Mediator's Training for Camp Cadre**

On 18 July 2023 at the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue Office, Cotabato City, the GPH and MILF JTFCT Secretariat met with CHD to conduct a post-assessment on Mobilizing Local Expertise in Camp Cadre on Mediation Training held last 11-13 July 2023. The objective of the post-assessment meeting was to evaluate the effectiveness of the said Mediation Training, gather feedback and lessons learned, review participants' performance and progress, discuss challenges and obstacles faced, use the findings to enhance future training programs, and strengthen collaboration between the JTFCT and the HD.

**10. JTFCT Assessment Planning & Team Building**

On 24-26 July 2023 at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the JTFCT Secretariat conducted its Mid-Year Assessment, Planning, and Teambuilding. It was participated by all JTFCT personnel, the co-chairs, and OPAPRU principals. They revisited the JTFCT history and mandate with guidance from the Annex on Normalization. They also had an assessment of their previously conducted activities. Planning for the succeeding activities for the remaining months was also covered as well as the tasking and assignment of individual staff.

**11. Conduct of the 9th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting.** On 16 August 2023 at the PICC, Pasay City, the OPAPRU attended the 9th NAC meeting wherein the peace tables were updated on the establishment of the LABs. The OPAPRU was informed that there have been efforts in identifying staff and Chairpersons for the LABs. The former likewise provided inputs on the agenda discussions and offered recommendations.

The peace tables were also appraised that there have been recent developments on the approval for the extension of the Amnesty Proclamations with ODESLA. The NAC was informed that the target issuance of the approved extension of proclamations will be on the last week of August or the first week of September.

The meeting concluded with the finalization of August activities which included the follow-up meetings of the NAC with ODESLA as well as the Planning and Assessment activity which will include the peace tables and ex-officio members of the NAC.

**12. Rapid Assessment of proposed Housing project in Camp Bilal**

On 04 September 2023 in Muna, Lanao Del Norte, the JPSC and CCHC staff together with the JPSTs provided coordination and security assistance to MGen Felizardo, JPSC Co-Chair/PAMANA consultant and Dr. J. Anthony Peña, Head PAMANA, and National Housing Authority (NHA) personnel headed by Regional Manager Engr. Al-Khwarizmi Indiman. Said activity was in connection with the conduct of Rapid Assessment of proposed Housing project in Camp Bilal, Tamparan, Muna, LDN. The team was received by MP Abdulrahman "Brow" Macapagal together with the MILF Camps Transformation representatives and CSOs. As a result, the proposed design plan was signed and will be presented to the BARMM Government to seek additional counterpart funding.

**13. Visit to the LGU Mayors, Municipal Engineers and Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC) Officers**

On 11 September 2023 at the Municipalities in Datu Saudi, Datu Hoffer and Ampatuan, EDR, Cesar De Mesa, GPH-JTFCT Co-Chair and Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation, visited the LGUs to pay a courtesy call to the Municipal Mayors and to follow-up on the requirements of these LGUs for the PAMANA Projects. The projects are to benefit residents in the previously acknowledged Camp Omar.

This is the first day of the Central Mindanao-leg of the visit of EDR, De Mesa that started with the Municipalities in Datu Saudi, Datu Hoffer and Ampatuan. EDR, De Mesa was accompanied by Col. Joel Mamon (Ret.), CCHC-AHJAG Combined Secretariat, representatives of the JTFCT Secretariat, and the security sector representatives. During the visit, EDR, De Mesa also reiterated and presented the Humanization program and the four components covering the Camps Transformation. As the municipal mayors appreciated the visit of the OPAPRU and expressed their support of the PAMANA Projects to be implemented in their areas. The Municipal Engineers and the Municipal Planning and Development Councils were present and invited during the event. During the visit, it was emphasized that the empowerment of the LGUs and its leaders is very important for the success of this endeavor.

**14. Visit to the LGU Mayors, Municipal Engineers and MPDC Officers**

On 12 - 13 September 2023 at the Municipalities of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, Guindulungan and Tayaran, Maguindanao del Sur, Municipalities of GSKP, Mangudadatu, Pagatungan and Datu Montawal, Maguindanao del Sur, PA Cesar B. Yano, Chair of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel, EDR, Cesar D. De Mesa, GPH-JTFCT Co-Chair and Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation, and Col. Joel Q. Mamon (Ret.), CCHC/AHJAG Head Secretariat, visited the LGUs in the area where the previously acknowledged Camp Beare and Camp Raganudat.

The Municipal Mayors were apprised by OPAPRU and requested for follow-up on the requirements of these LGUs for the PAMANA Projects in the said areas. They visited and had a meeting with the Municipal Mayors, Municipal Engineers and MPDC Officials in the municipalities of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Tayaran and Guindulungan.

**15. Meeting with the LGU Mayors in Baiton, Maguindanao.** On 15 September 2023 at the 1st Marine Brigade, Tugayig, Baiton, Maguindanao del Norte, EDR, Cesar De Mesa, GPH-JTFCT Co-Chair and Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation, and Col. Joel Q. Mamon, CCHC/AHJAG Head Secretariat, visited the 1st Mechanized Brigade at Baiton, Maguindanao del Norte to meet-up the LGU Officials and to follow-up on the requirements of these LGUs for the PAMANA Projects in the previously acknowledged Camp Abubakar. They held a meeting with the Municipal Mayors, Municipal Engineers and MPDC Officials in the municipalities of Pagatungan and Datu Montawal together with the Camp coordinators both from the GPH and the MILF. The accompanying JTFCT Staff were Mr. Azeddin Ibrahim, Ms. Soada Walamama and Ms. Cristal Joy Morante.

**16. Coordination Meeting between the Ministry of Health - BARMM and the OPAPRU.** On 12 September 2023 at the Ministry of Health-BARMM, BGC, Cotabato City, the JTFCT Secretariat, represented by Engr. Bryan Arevalo, participated in the Technical-Level Coordination Meeting between the Ministry of Health - BARMM and the OPAPRU on the conduct of Ceremonial Turnover of the 6 RHUs in the MILF Camps with the Medical Caravan and PH-Health Registration. Present in the meeting were Ms. Anisa Anon, MPA, Chief of the MOH Planning Office, the Engineers in-charge of the implementation of the RHUs of MOH-BARMM, Engr. Junsar Abduhasan and the IFDCC staff.



	<p>17. <b>Pre-implementation Meeting of Infrastructure Project for Camp Abubakar and Camp Omar</b>  17. <b>Pre-implementation Meeting of Infrastructure Project for Camp Abubakar and Camp Omar</b></p> <p>On 21 September 2023 at the Pegana Hotel, Colabato City, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organized a Pre-Implementation Meeting for the construction of projects in Camp Omar and Camp Abubakar, attended by the Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFC), Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), Barangay Sangay LGU and the Contractor, Plumbs Construction. Representing the GHF-JTFC Secretariat were Ms. Soeda Waiamama, the Focal Person for the UNDP Projects and Ms. Jhiora Guilan, the Camp Facilitator of Camp Omar. This activity is a part of the PROACTIVE Project, a two-year initiative co-funded by the European Union (EU) and UNDP with the goal of assisting the efforts of the camps to develop and to foster economic growth.</p> <p><b>OTHER ACTIVITIES BY PROGRAM 1: GPH-MILF PEACE PROCESS</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training</b></li> </ol> <p>The Program 1 personnel participated in the Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training (GCST) workshop organized by the OPAPRU Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) on 17-19 July 2023 in La Union. The workshop focused on leveling off and evaluating the knowledge on gender and conflict sensitivity. The training program discussed sex and gender, manifestation of gender bias, gender and socialization, and spectrum of sexism based on lived realities. The second day focused on gender-based violence, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC), culture of peace and do no harm, and gender mainstreaming. The OPAPRU representatives also shared their thoughts and contributed some GAD-related insights during the workshop activities.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>GAD Mid-Year Planning and Assessment</b></li> </ol> <p>On 19-21 July 2023 in La Union, Program 1 personnel participated in the 3-day Gender and Development (GAD) Mid-Year Planning and Assessment. The first day of the assessment focused on leveling off and evaluating the knowledge on GAD planning process and gender analysis. The OPAPRU presented the MILF PPO's Accomplishments for the 1st Semester of 2023. During the second day of the assessment, the activity highlighted the challenges, actions taken, good practices, and learning related to GAD. The last day of the assessment focused on the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDDG) of projects that may be attributed to the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). The OPAPRU presented the HGDDG checklist for OPAPRU Program 1 projects in areas under armed conflict. Together with SHAPEO, the OPAPRU also evaluated the dimensions, results, pointers for improvement, and MOVs related to Program 1 projects. <li><b>Women Insider Mediators-Rapid Action and Mobilization Platform (WIM-RAIMP) Peace Dialogue.</b> On 12 August 2023 at the Pagana Kuitawato Grand Hall, Colabato City, Ms. Asmerah Lontua of the GPH FEDCC presented the GPH-MILF Process during the activity on Women Insider Mediators-Rapid Action and Mobilization Platform (WIM-RAIMP) Peace Dialogue with Peace Partners and Stakeholders facilitated by UNDP- and Bangsamoro Women Commission.</li> <li><b>Empowering Women as Peace Advocates: Building Resiliencies and Preventing Violent Peace Spoiler Recruitment by Strategic Communication and Capacity Building (SCCB).</b> On 15 August 2023 at the Holiday Inn Suites, Makati City, the OPAPRU participated in Empowering Women as Peace Advocates: Building Resiliencies and Preventing Violent Peace Spoiler Recruitment by Strategic Communication and Capacity Building (SCCB); held at the Holiday Inn &amp; Suites, Makati. The said activity was a venue to analyze how gender biases have shaped the understanding of women in conflict, and how peace-building practices affects gender dimensions of peace spoiler propaganda targeting female audiences, and how peace spoilers exploit gender dynamics at the local level to recruit both men and women.</li> <li><b>Administration and Facilitation of Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment for the GAD Focal Point System-Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG).</b> On 12 September 2023, the Program 1 units in the OPAPRU joined the Initial Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment for the GAD Focal Point System-Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG) facilitated by the SHAPEO. The initial assessment was conducted on 17 August 2023 and was continued on 12 September 2023. The continuation focused on four key entry points such as Policy, People, Enabling Mechanism, and Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPAs).</li> <li><b>Specialised (Re)integration Training Course.</b> Dr. Wendell Orbeso of OPAPRU's MILF Peace Process Office, served as a trainer on the area of Political (Re)integration for the Specialized (re)integration training course, sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and organized by the Barcelona International Peace Center (BIPC) jointly with the Transition International (TI) of the Netherlands. The activity aimed to bring together global practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and donors to share experiences and develop a common understanding of possible and innovative approaches to (re)integration). The OPAPRU also highlighted the Bangsamoro Peace Process to generate interest from countries and donors present.</li> <li><b>Campaign on Promoting Community-Wide Culture of Peace and Nonviolence</b></li> <p>On 11-13 July 2023 the JNC-GPH Secretariat was invited by the Nonviolent Peaceforce to give updates on the Normalization Program during the LGU-led Campaign on Promoting Community-Wide Culture of Peace and Nonviolence. The activity was a three-part Campaign for the barangays within Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao del Norte.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Mobilizing Local Expertise on Mediation Training.</b> In behalf of the GPH JTFC Secretariat, Ms. Baimon Along, Camp Facilitator for Camp Badre and Ms. Soeda Waiamama attended the Mobilizing Local Expertise on Mediation Training on 11- 13 July 2023 and on 24-26 July 2023 held at Sunrise Resort, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, and EM Manor Hotel, Colabato City. The training objective was to prevent, mitigate, and resolve conflicts through dialogue and mediation that supports and empowers the various sectors in the Bangsamoro, particularly in the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps. This activity is part of the DE-CONFLICT: Dialogue and Engagement in Communities to Foster Peaceful Camps Transformation Project by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).</li> <li><b>EU Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Training Workshop</b></li> </ol> <p>On 21 September 2023 at the Manila Peninsula Hotel, Dr. Wendell Orbeso presented the GPH-MILF Peace Process, Case Study on the Disengagement and Reintegration Programme for Former Rebels during the EU Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Training Workshop. The workshop aimed to allow representatives from national authorities and civil society who are non-PICVE experts to enhance their understanding of PICVE concepts and to provide methods, tools and approaches to design and implement PICVE programming, to examine the Philippines' unique challenges and to explore the PICVE models in a space of mutual exchanging learning experiences.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Peace Advocacy and Communication Workshop.</b> On 22 September 2023 via Zoom, Dr. Wendell Orbeso presented Updates on the GPH-MILF Peace Process during a workshop organized by Save the Children under their Enabling Atmosphere for Children and Youth Network for Peacebuilding Gate (SEWANG) Project funded by the EU. The workshop aimed to enhance children and youth peace leaders' knowledge and skills in influencing state policies on children's participation in peace processes and peace advocacy work, as well as design innovative peace advocacy strategies that promote active engagement, empowerment, and leadership opportunities for marginalized children. During the workshop, queries were raised by the participants on the following topics: a) Enactment of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code; b) OPAPRU actions relative to the upcoming Barangay Elections in October 2023; c) Amnesty for the MILF; d) Scholarships for MILF DCS and their next-of-kin; e) Economic Development for BARMAM; f) Programs for orphans in the SPNPOCH; MPOCS, MOH and MSSD sh</li> <li><b>Virtual Exchanges between the Colombian Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN) and OPAPRU</b></li> </ol> </p>
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113	NATIONA AMNESTY COMMISSION (PPA)	17,331,000.00	2,204,250.00		<p>3rd Quarter</p> <p>Conduct of the 9<sup>th</sup> National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting</p> <p>The OPAPRU attended the 9th NAC Meeting. Updates were provided on the establishment of Local Amnesty Boards (LABs). Staff and Chairpersons for LABs in Sulu, Cotabato, and Basilan were identified, pending discussion and approval. Once finalized, it will be conveyed to OPAPRU. A fully constituted LAB in Isabela City, Basilan, had pilot testing, while one in Pagadian City was underway, hosted by Mayor Samud Co. For Sulu, Commissioner Jamar Kiduyan liaised with the Provincial Governor for a possible location in Maimbung, Sulu. Cagayan de Oro was also considered for the LAB.</p> <p>Orientation of the LAB Members from Davao, Cagayan, and Cotabato. The activity is hosted and facilitated by the National Amnesty Commission (NAC). Various participants from Cotabato, Cagayan, and Davao convened for a two-day workshop to undergo brief orientation on the NAC and LAB structure and functions. Further, the orientation also discussed formulating rules and regulations. The OPAPRU's participation in the NAC operations was also discussed, such as a potential meeting with the OPAPRU Peace Table Directors in October to align upcoming activities and participation of the NAC and OPAPRU in the said activities, list of peace table focal, and other requirements.</p>
114	NATIONA AMNESTY COMMISSION (OPEX)	73,256,496.00	10,130,126.66		
127	NATIONA AMNESTY COMMISSION (PS)	10,994,240.95	19,994,240.95		
T O T A L - Regular Fund		1,951,164,000.00	1,447,666,926.07		
PRIOR YEAR'S CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS-RA NO.11639					
REGULAR					
MOOE (GASS)					
001	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES (PPA)	1,164,940.36	250,210.78		Support to Peace Agreements with all internal armed conflict groups successfully negotiated and implemented and communities in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas protected and developed.
002	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES (OPEX)	942,014.00	1,499.00		Fund support for the Social Protection, Peace and Development, and the Implementation of the Socio-Economic Component of the Normalization Process in the Bangsamoro.
003	OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR / OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANT FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE, PLANS AND PROGRAMS (PPA)	497,250.72			Support to the Program and Activities Amidst The Covid-19 Pandemic.
005	OFFICE OF PA FOR LOCAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND PEACE SUSTAINABILITY (PPA)	591,000.00	243,082.88		
006	OFFICE OF PA FOR LOCAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION AND PEACE SUSTAINABILITY (OPEX)	780,981.46			
009	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR LOCAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION (PPA)	253,422.44	115,900.00		
010	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR LOCAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION (OPEX)	147,482.00	147,482.00		
011	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR BANGSAMORO TRANSFORMATION (PPA)	20,224.42			
012	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR BANGSAMORO TRANSFORMATION (OPEX)				
014	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR PLANS AND PROGRAMS (OPEX)	187,600.00	49,500.00		
015	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (PPA)	32,245.78			
016	OFFICE OF EDIR FOR FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES (OPEX)	153,540.42			
017	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF (PPA)	267,700.44			
018	OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF (OPEX)	196,158.00	40,193.75		
021	FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICE	253,800.00	236,109.96		
024	FAS - ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICE (OPEX)	4,214,683.77	1,018,234.78		
025	FAS - HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SERVICE (PPA)	1,467,080.14	787,210.40		
027	LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL SERVICE (PPA)	825,200.00	28,151.34		
028	LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL SERVICE (OPEX)	300,000.00	43,200.00		
030	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY MANAGEMENT SERVICE (PPA)	2,686,340.58	1,125,852.02		
031	POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY MANAGEMENT SERVICE (OPEX)	503,485.04	283,382.20		

035	COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SERVICE (PPA)	1,952,500.00	264,095.00	
037	COMMUNICATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS SERVICE (OPEX)	151,495.00	2,094.37	
122	GAD-GASS RCCO (PPA)	2,305,762.81	171,775.00	
MOOE (MFO1)				
044	RPM - PIRPA/ABB DIVISION (PPA)	299,717.64	860.00	
046	CBA - CPLA DIVISION (PPA)	1,706,920.00	737,702.00	
047	CBA - CPLA DIVISION OPEX)	801,800.00	150,689.95	
048	LOCAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION OFFICE (PPA)	2,271,809.38	240,230.92	
049	LOCAL CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION OFFICE (OPEX)	2,130,665.56	428,962.00	
050	MMLF PEACE PROCESS OFFICE (PPA)	675,446.37	623,211.81	
058	SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING OFFICE (PPA)	1,321,213.57		
060	INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP OFFICE (PPA)	373,162.69	265,755.00	
061	INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP OFFICE (OPEX)	1,387,076.00		
062	PAMANA NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE (PPA)	2,176,169.51	628,159.01	
063	PAMANA NATIONAL PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE (OPEX)	1,028,462.00	10,210.82	
064	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES - MFO1 (PPA)	5,826,552.75	4,203,239.30	
065	OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL SUPPORT SERVICES - MFO1 OPEX)	419,600.00	289,161.70	
082	MANDATORY FOR OPERATIONS	90,119.18		
103	LPED - OTHER MOOE FOR NTF ELCAC (PPA)	923,355.91	551,724.00	
104	KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND PEACE INSTITUTE SERVICE (PPA)	1,100,447.41	173,757.68	
121	GAD FUND - PAMANA NPMO (MFO1)	4,500,000.00	2,585,405.00	
123	GAD-MFO - SHAPEO (PPA)	3,033,885.98	42,400.00	
124	LCT-FISU (PPA)	2,105,651.46	202,650.00	
125	JNC OPERATIONS (PPA)	9,862.57	9,862.56	
128	OFFICE OF THE DPAPRU (PAP)	110,000.00		
129	OFFICE OF THE DPAPRU (OPEX)	440,058.80	134,173.52	
158	LPED - PROJECT (TRACK 2)	17,820,618.85	6,021,924.32	
160	CONGRESS INTRODUCED - CBA-CPLA MECHANISMS AND PROJECTS	2,759,646.10	2,088,606.88	
LOCALLY FUNDED PROJECTS (LFP)				
084	JOINT NORMALIZATION COMMITTEE (PPA)	48,435.00	48,435.00	
088	MANDATORY FOR LFP	214,602.74		
126	GAD - LFP - TJRU (PPA)	900,124.88	165,900.00	
CAPITAL OUTLAY (CO)				
020	FAS-ICTS	22,250.00		
TOTAL CONTINUING FUND- REGULAR		73,502,370.73	24,651,994.25	
GRAND TOTAL FY 2023		2,034,666,370.73	1,472,318,920.32	

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PARTICULARS	ALLOTMENT	OBLIGATIONS	EBALANCE
REGULAR FUND	1,961,164,000.00	1,447,666,926.07	513,497,073.93
CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS - REGULAR FUND	73,502,370.73	24,651,994.25	48,850,376.48
GRAND TOTAL - FY 2023 FUND	2,034,666,370.73	1,472,318,920.32	562,347,450.41