



FY 2024 FIRST QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT (January – March 2024)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Guided by the Marcos Jr. Administration's 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda and in the continuing commitment of the Government towards peace and development, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) implements the national peace agenda through the **Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda** as embodied in the **Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023 – 2028** in **Chapter 13, Ensure Peace and Security and Enhance Administration of Justice**. The PDP Subchapter 13.1, **Ensure Peace and Security** outlines the Strategy Framework and Strategies which OPAPRU and its partner implementing agencies contribute to in the outcomes. The OPAPRU contributes to *Outcome 1: Conflict-affected communities and conflict-vulnerable areas protected and development sustained*.

Peace: Bawat Buhay Mahalaga

For FY 2024, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., called on the OPAPRU officials and personnel to continue and build on the momentum of the peace gains achieved in 2023. During the new year's call and assembly, the OPAPRU emphasized that all lives matter: *"Mahalag ang ginagawa natin para maging matahimik at mapayapa ang bayang Pilipinas."*

Peace Milestones and Accomplishments

For FY 2024 First Quarter, this Accomplishment Report presents the OPAPRU's fulfillments across its eight (8) programs in the pursuit of the Agency mandate and goals. The following are the overview of OPAPRU's key accomplishments for the period:

Program 1: Peace Process with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB)

For the first quarter of FY 2024 under the **Political Track**, the Inter-Governmental Relations Body (IGRB) convened its 17th Meeting where the developments and updates on each of the pending issues on the agenda were discussed. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Insurance Commission and the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management (MFBM) on Takaful or Islamic Insurance was signed. The IGRB met with the Ambassador of Malaysia and provided overview of the IGRB, its other Mechanisms, and the Socioeconomic Development packages for the decommissioned combatants (DCs). The body also met with the Ambassador of Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on the Hajj Mission, for the possibility of the KSA Ministry of Hajj and Umrah (MOHU) accommodating the Philippines with having two Pilgrimage Affairs Office (PO) to administer the Hajj.

The Government of the Philippines Peace Implementing Panel (GPIP) met with officials from various embassies to further discuss the international involvement in the GPH-MILF peace process. Among the visited embassies were the Embassy of Australia, Delegation of the European Union, Embassy of New Zealand, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany, Embassy of Sweden, British Embassy, Embassy of the Republic of Korea, and Embassy of Ireland.

Program 1 also commemorated the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement of the Bangsamoro (CAB) through various activities in Manila and in Mindanao anchored with the theme “*CAB: Isang Dekada tungo sa Mapayapa at Masaganang Bangsamoro*”. The OPAPRU GPIP conducted the “Peace Talk: Conversations on the Bangsamoro Forum” in Quezon City and the OPAPRU Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) held a Grand Iftar for “Peace 2024: Breaking Fast, Fostering Solidarity” in Grand Mosque, Cotabato City. Furthermore, Program 1 provided technical assistance on the updates in the decommissioning process outlined in the CAB during the Public Hearing of the Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation on House Concurrent Resolution Nos. 19, 20, 21, and 22, granting amnesty to members of four (4) rebel groups.

Under the **Normalization Track**, series of meetings under the Socioeconomic Development program was conducted with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) which further discussed the socioeconomic packages for the DCs. Program 1 facilitated the launch of the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System based on the Peace Accords Matrix – Mindanao (PAMM), conducted the 11th Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) meeting, and spearheaded the meetings and planning workshop for the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program. President Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, Jr. led the destruction of the 550 surrendered firearms under the LNI and Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Management Program during the “*Panabang sa Kasanyangan*” Peace Offering Ceremony in Sumisip, Basilan.

In line with commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the CAB, Program 1 conducted several activities on Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion Training (CSPP) for its Field Office Personnel; Brigada Madrasah in Pikit, Special Geographic Area (SGA) - BARMM and Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte; Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue in Cotabato State University; and “*Sining Pangkapayapaan: CABabaihan at CABataan Art Contests*” for the youth in Quezon City. This period also covered the Ceremonial Launching and Signing of the Master Development Plan for Camp Abubakar that focused on presenting and providing secured housing solutions, land classifications, and various components of the comprehensive development plan within the camp setting.

Program 2: Peace Process with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF)

In the continuing implementation of the remaining commitments under the Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the MNLF and the **MNLF Transformation Program**, the following were accomplished for the period January to March 2024:

- **1** Convergence meeting held in January 2024 with the MNLF groups to fast track the implementation of the remaining commitments of the 1996 FPA and develop a joint transformation roadmap.
- **2** Management committee meetings held in February and March 2024 to address issues on the implementation of socioeconomic component for 25 priority communities.
- **79** Projects amounting to PhP 125 million for 25 priority MNLF communities to be provided with community infrastructure, agri-productivity/agri-fisheries, support to capacity building, and livelihood interventions were approved for implementation by the GPH-MNLF Management Committee.
- **1** information, education, communication (IEC) activity, in collaboration with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), to increase awareness of the MNLF under the leadership of Chair Muslimin Sema held in February 2024:
- Operations of **4** security mechanisms sustained and agreed processes with the MNLF enhanced for a more responsive delivery of MNLF Transformation Program.
- **15** MNLF women from island provinces and Zamboanga Peninsula were capacitated in crafting of project proposals in preparation for the implementation of Innovations Laboratory for women-led initiatives.

- Amnesty Proclamation No. 406 for the MNLF concurred by the House of Representatives on 5 December 2023 followed by the Senate on 4 March 2024 through OPAPRU's facilitation.

Program 3: Peace Process with the Communist Part of the Philippines – New People's Army – National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) (*previously the Localized Peace Engagements and its Transformation Program*)

OPAPRU's Program 3, which is previously the Localized Peace Engagements (LPE) and its Transformation Program, has been renamed as the CPP-NPA-NDF Peace Process. Still anchoring on Executive Order No. 70 institutionalizing a whole-of-nation approach in attaining inclusive and sustainable peace, and ending local communist armed conflict, Program 3 remains mainstreaming the localized peace engagements through Track 1: community consultations and problem-solving sessions, and Track 2: local peace dialogues with the CPP-NPA-NDF towards reaching local peace settlement with the group. These interventions shall propel for the implementation of a Transformation Program (TP) for Former Rebels (FRs), their families, and communities to address their needs and sustain their return to the mainstream of society.

For this period, the Program conducted the TP Planning Workshops for **4 provinces** (Albay, Catanduanes, Oriental Mindoro, Palawan) developing their respective Provincial TP Plans responsive to the needs of the FRs, the four components of the TP, projected timelines, and area of implementation. Security Orientation on LPE-TP and National Peace Engagements to 4th Infantry Division, Northern Luzon Command (NOLCOM), and Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM) was also conducted wherein the Infantry Brigade, Battalion and Division received orientation on the TP Framework and the forth coming peace talks. The Program also convened a meeting with Governors of Regions X, XIII, and various national agencies as constituency building, resource mobilization efforts for the Transformation Program and further fortify partnerships with Local Chief Executives as torch bearer of local peace efforts.

Furthermore, the Program held the Capacity-Building and Gender and Development/Women Peace and Security (GAD/WPS) Seminar Workshop to the **10 established Special Project Teams (SPT)** via video teleconference (VTC). The event gathered resource persons from the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), Department of Agriculture (DA), and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to provide guidance on each agency's flagship program for Former Rebels (FRs), People's Organizations (PO), and its procedural requirements. The SPTs were oriented on conflict sensitivity and peace promotion (CSPP) and GAD/WPS. Participating SPTs were engaged in a focus group discussion wherein they shared gender issues experienced that impede the transformation of FRs and their integration to mainstream society.

Program 4: Peace Process with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA

GPH - RMP-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process

Guided by the GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB 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 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) was sustained for the 1st Quarter 2024. This aligns with the government's commitment to laying the foundation for the fruition of the vision to bring about continuous development, sustainable economic growth, and peaceful living conditions for the transitioning RPM-P/RPA/ABB members and their communities.

This quarter saw significant headways in terms of the government's commitment to completing the settlement sites for the KAPATIRAN, which is part of the government's mainstreaming strategy for the KAPATIRAN. The Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) established as the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee's (JEMC) ground implementation mechanism

sustained its implementation support through its support for the projects, activities, and programs of the comprehensive peace process in Western Visayas, particularly in addressing concerns on the establishment of the settlement sites.

Preparations are underway for implementing the remaining housing units for 727 KAPATIRAN members through the partnership with implementing agencies, including efforts to issue more durable tenurial instruments for the KAPATIRAN settlement sites. The provision of educational assistance highlighted the Local Government and OPAPRU's vision to assist the KAPATIRAN and their next-of-kin.

Other avenues to sustain the livelihood of KAPATIRAN families are also being explored. Local advisory and implementing bodies have also ramped up their support for OPAPRU PAPs by incorporating them into their programming and budgeting.

Continuing support to People's Organizations under the Community Peace Dividend component complements the transformation program for the KAPATIRAN by providing livelihood opportunities to areas affected by conflict.

Women's Month activities were also conducted at some KAPATIRAN sites to tackle the intersectionality of nutrition, parenting, and climate challenges for KAPATIRAN women and their households.

This quarter also saw OPAPRU positive developments in the Government's Amnesty Program with the Senate concurrence on the House of Representatives Amnesty resolutions for former rebel groups, including the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and the anticipated issuance of the Implementing Rules and Regulations on the Amnesty.

RCPPPO also contributed to knowledge sharing in the security sector by providing an overview of the comprehensive peace process with the end goal of situating them on the peace, reconciliation, and unity agenda of the National Government.

GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process

For the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, sustained engagements were carried out with members and leaders through the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) to ensure inclusive and meaningful implementation of the peace and development programs. Quarterly conduct of the JEMC meeting to review accomplishments, targets and ways forward relative to the implementation of the Five-year Normalization Program (5YNP FY 2020- FY 2024) was also conducted. Regular participation in the Cordillera Regional Peace and Order Council and the Regional Development Council – Cordillera Administrative Region has reaffirmed OPAPRU's commitment to peace and order. Continuous monitoring with the LGUs of Mountain Province and of Kalinga with key stakeholders were maintained relative to the Butbut-Betwagan boundary dispute. And continuing engagements maintained to ensure the implementation of projects in connection with the healing and reconciliation and confidence-building component of the 5YNP.

Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding (SHAPE) Program made significant progress for this period in policy and program development in Women, Peace and Security (WPS), Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE), and constituency building with peace partners.

OPAPRU's Program 5 has been actively working in the preparations and launching of the Transformation Program (TP) for Former Violent Extremists (FVE) in Lanao del Sur and the ceremonial MOA signing between OPAPRU and the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur. The SHAPE Office (SHAPEO) actively engaged with the members of the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) and various stakeholders working on

PTVE. The revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) has already started, which will be able to support the sustainment of the gains of the peace process.

The Indigenous People Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) Framework has started to be cascaded, especially in one province during the TP Planning and process shall be continued in other IP communities in coordination with the AMUs and National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP).

The National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 started the series of workshops in its Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework development, its localization and mainstreaming in the Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC), government agencies, and civil society organizations (CSOs). The International Conference on WPS was conceptualized with the Department of Foreign Affairs under the United Nations and International Organizations (DFA-UNIO), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), and the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID) and initial planning is already ongoing. SHAPEO is actively engaging with inter-agency mechanisms, other government agencies and international groups in the promotion of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033.

As to the mainstreaming of the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP), the training with the DA's Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) is scheduled for the second quarter while its training design has been developed. The CSPP was also integrated in the process and plans of the TP in Mindoro. A CSPP Training was also conducted for OPAPRU's Program 1 personnel in Cotabato City. Gender and Development (GAD) is continuously strengthened and mainstreamed through the reconstitution, regular meetings and mentoring of the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) wherein major activities have been conducted and collaborated with during the National Women's Month Celebration. The SHAPEO continues to be the Resource Pool for other agencies on the GAD, WPS, YPS and CSPP efforts, which are also opportunities for engagements and partnerships to further the promotion of social healing and peacebuilding initiatives.

Program 6: PAyapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

For the period, the PAMANA NPMO spearheaded the successful PAMANA Ceremonial Signing of the Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) for the proposed infrastructure projects for FY 2024 attended by 46 Mayors and Governors covering 6 provinces and 40 cities and municipalities. Engagements with stakeholders were strengthened through the following activities: 1) Bilateral exploratory meetings of OPAPRU with key NGAs on various PAMANA interventions; 2) Consultative meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea. The NPMO also conducted several project management activities and engagements and field visits for 29 project site revalidation of FY 2024 PAMANA projects. Moreover, the PAMANA NPMO held ceremonial launching and groundbreaking activities, particularly for the following: 1) Ceremonial launching and signing of the Master Development Plan for Camp Abubakar in Barira, Maguindanao del Norte; and, 2) Ceremonial groundbreaking of the Peace Center in Baguio City. Other activities pertaining to the Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms (TAM) and policy review and enhancement activities were likewise held such as: 1) Assessment and monitoring of 2017 PAMANA projects in Samar; 2) Coordinating meeting with the NCIP for the PAMANA-NCIP project status; 3) Conduct of the PAMANA-NHA Joint Policy Writing Workshop; and, 4) Conduct of the PAMANA Manual of Operations Updating Writing Workshop.

Program 7: International Cooperation and Partnerships

The International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO) within the OPAPRU is mandated to oversee, manage, and coordinate the international and private partnerships portfolio of the OPAPRU, particularly the implementation of peace-related programs and projects of international and private sector partners, to ensure its alignment and complementation with the agenda and priorities of the national government. Relative to the OPAPRU's Performance

Governance System (PGS), the IPPO implements Program 7, one of the core sustaining programs supporting the Peace Tables. Program 7 is under the Peace Sustainability Cluster of the OPAPRU.

For the first quarter, the IPPO, in partnership with the relevant offices, continued to engage the 33 international partners and provided policy guidance, inputs, and direction on the implementation of their various peace-related programs and projects.

The IPPO, with its expanded mandate to engage the private sector based on the guidance of the PAPRU, engaged a total of twelve (12) private partners, namely: Partnerships for Peace (P4P), Ayala Corporation Health, McDonald's Philippines, Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF), Institute for Solidarity Asia (ISA), Affordable Private Education Center (APEC), SM Supermalls, Zuellig Family Foundation (WFP), Ayala Foundation, TBWA Worldwide – SMP, Kennemer Group, and Advancement of Rural Kids (ARK).

For this quarter, the IPPO has started the revision of the framework of the Program 7, to include the program's expanded mandate. The existing strategic framework and its draft guidelines are being modified to include the framework and guidelines for private sector partnerships.

Program 8: Continuing management and improvement of OPAPRU business processes

Organizational Capital. For the period of January-March 2024, the Policy Development, Strategy and Knowledge Management Service (PDSKMS) consistently delivered contributory and complementary programs, projects, and activities necessary for the achievement of the strategic deliverables outlined in its Performance Governance System (PGS).

Through its two divisions, the Policy Development and Strategy Management Division, (PDSMD) and Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Division (KMPID), significant strides were made ensuring that all enabling activities are conducted to further its advocacy policies—peace education and transforming OPAPRU into a department—and research, documentation, training and education, network and linkage building, and management of the peace resource center and materials were carried out to generate value from various intellectual and knowledge-based assets of OPAPRU and its partners.

The PDSKMS provides substantive inputs and recommendations to various internal and external policies and research needs based on the thematic requests of all offices, services, units, and government and non-government offices, all towards advocating for the government's peace and development agenda.

For the 1st Quarter, the PDSKMS provided support and conducted major deliverables for external and internal peace partners and stakeholders. The activities conducted for the first quarter are aligned with the refreshed strategic roadmap and scorecard of PDSKMS.

The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Service (MEALS) presented the results of the Process Evaluation of OPAPRU Core Process: Financial Management – Budget Execution to the Management Committee (ManCom) on 12 February 2024. The said report assessed the performance of the Finance Management Service (FMS) per division, as anchored on the ISO 9001:2015 standards. The MEALS likewise continued to monitor performance of the automated program dashboard and continue to make improvements as needed. Contributing to the development of the Performance Governance System (PGS), the MEALS co-developed the proposal for the incentivization of PGS deliverables.

Finance/Resources. The OPAPRU continued to implement regular monitoring and review, assessments and discussions to address issues through the mechanisms of the Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) to ensure program implementation and optimize budget utilization.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

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

I. PROGRAM 1: PEACE PROCESS WITH THE MORO ISLAMIC LIBERATION FRONT (MILF) AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO (CAB)

A. POLITICAL ASPECT

1. **17th Intergovernmental Relations Body Meeting.** The OPAPRU Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO), as the National Government IGRB Secretariat, facilitated the 17th IGRB meeting on 08 February 2024 at PICC, Pasig City. The President, His Excellency Ferdinand “Bongbong” Marcos, Jr., graced the first part of the meeting as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. He commended the joint efforts of the National Government and Bangsamoro Government in a productive partnership in sustaining the gains of the Bangsamoro peace process through the IGRB. The 17th IGRB meeting proper followed, presided by the Co-Chairpersons, Secretary Amenah Pangandaman of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the National Government and Minister Mohagher Iqbal of the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) from the Bangsamoro Government. The developments and updates on each of the pending issues on the agenda thereafter were concurred with recommended actions. The meeting concluded with the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Insurance Commission and the Ministry of Finance, and Budget and Management (MFBM) BARMM regarding Takaful or Islamic Insurance.



2. **Philippine Congress–Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) Ad Hoc Secretariat Meeting.** The OPAPRU IGRB Secretariat facilitated the PCBPF Ad Hoc Secretariat Meeting to discuss the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the PCBPF. Representatives of the PCBPF Members from the Senate and House of Representatives (HOR) attended the meeting to provide their comments and inputs on the initial draft of the TOR. The meeting concluded with a proposed draft of the Rules of the PCBPF to be sent to the Bangsamoro Parliament PCBPF Secretariat.
3. **Coordination Meeting of Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Management of Hajj and Umrah Matters.** The OPAPRU IGRB Secretariat facilitated the coordination meeting of the TWG on the Management of Hajj and Umrah Matters to discuss the recommendations of the IGRB, as indicated in the Memorandum for the Executive

Secretary, namely: 1) Endorsing the Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority's (BPA) attendance to the Hajj Conference, with the BPA presented as an organizer affiliated with the Pilgrims Affairs Office; 2) For the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) to convey to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), the Philippine Government's endorsement of BPA's attendance to the subject Hajj Conference; and 3) Creation of an inter-agency Hajj Committee, composed of the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority (BPA), Department of Health (DOH) and other relevant government agencies, that will formulate and implement plans, and perform actions as may be deemed appropriate for the successful conduct of the annual Hajj Pilgrimages for Filipinos.

4. **Coordination Meeting on the Takaful Memorandum of Agreement.** The OPAPRU IGRB Secretariat facilitated the Meeting on the Takaful Discussion wherein the drafting of the MOA on Takaful or Islamic Insurance and how various agencies [i.e. DBM, Insurance Commission (IC), Department of Finance (DOF), Ministry of Finance and Budget Management of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (MFBM-BARMM), Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO)] can support the implementation of the MOA undertaking were discussed. Also tackled during the meeting were the measures in the proposed MOA including policy drafting and coordination, cooperation of both parties, implementing policies investigation and assistance, implementation, capacity-building to utilize technical competence to promote financial inclusion and literacy, and guidance from the Shariah Supervisory Council.
5. **7th Joint TWG Meeting to Study and to Recommend on the Implementation of Article XVI, Section 4(d) of R.A. NO. 11054 Involving Cabatangan Properties.** The OPAPRU PPPCO facilitated the 7th Joint TWG Meeting to study and to recommend on the Implementation of Article XVI, Section 4(d) of R.A. NO. 11054 Involving Cabatangan Properties. The body discussed and agreed to review the Terms of Reference (TOR), especially on the restrictive language therein. The TWG also recommended revising the TOR to articulate the role, scope, and functions of the subcommittees on legal audit, physical audit, and political issues review. Lastly, to bring to the attention of the IGRB the Council Resolution No. 02 issued by the Council of Leaders on 09 August 2023 for proper guidance of the IGRB, and to report to the IGRB the creation of the TWG subcommittees on physical audit, legal audit, and



political issues review.

6. **Meeting with the Ambassador of Malaysia to the Philippines.** The OPAPRU PPPCO, as the National Government IGRB Secretariat, facilitated the meeting with the Ambassador of Malaysia held on 13 February 2023 at Joy Nostalg, Ortigas Center Pasig City. The National Government IGRB Secretariat presented a general

background of the IGRB, other IGR Mechanisms, and the Socioeconomic Development packages for the Decommissioned Combatants. The said meeting was attended by the H.E. Ambassador Dato' Abdul Malik Melvin Castelino (Head of Mission), Mr. Moh'd Fareed Zakaria (Chargé d'Affaires, Deputy Head of Mission), Mr. Amaluzzaman Mohd Asarani (Minister), Kol. Ahmad Jafri Ahmad Zulyadai (Defence Attaché), Supt. Norazman Hassan Basari (Police Attache), Mrs. Intan Zalani (Trade Attaché, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), and Ms.



Hazlina Hatta (Counsellor) and OPAPRU's Presidential Assistant Wilben Mayor (Co-Head of the IGRB Joint Secretariat) and Dir. Ishmael Bahjin (Head, PPPCO).

7. **Meeting with the Third Party Monitoring Team (TPMT).** Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (PAPRU) Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. together with Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation David Diciano, Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation Atty. Wilben Mayor, and Dir. Farrah Naparan of the Government of the Philippines Peace Implementing Panel (GPH PIP), met with the Third Party Monitoring Team (TPMT) with Chairperson Heino Marius, Mr. Sam Chittick, Country Representative of The Asia Foundation (TAF), and Ms. Rebecca "Karen" Tañada, Executive Director of Gaston Z. Ortigas Peace Institute, Inc. (GZOPI).

The TPMT and PAPRU had an insightful and thorough discussion on the GPH-MILF peace process during the meeting. Secretary Galvez shared updates on the political and normalization tracks of the CAB, which has been commemorated for its 10th anniversary on 27 March 2024. Further, he emphasized that the President, national government agencies, local government units, and peace partners have shown their full support to the GPH-MILF peace process. The meeting is one of the activities of the TPMT to dialogue with various stakeholders as part of their 50th monitoring session from 20 February to 06 March 2024.



8. **3rd Meeting of the Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC).** The OPAPRU IGRB Secretariat facilitated the 3rd meeting of the Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC). Discussed during the meeting were the updates on the delineation of Bangsamoro Waters and the Zones of Joint Corporations (ZJCs) in the

Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf, delineation of the Bangsamoro territorial jurisdiction, and other matters such as the nomination of LGU representatives, participation of the Department of Energy (DOE), and composition of the JBZJC Joint Secretariat.



9. **1st Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting of the Philippine Congress – Bangsamoro Parliament Forum.** The OPAPRU IGRB Secretariat facilitated the first TWG of the Philippine Congress – Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) where the body discussed the Rules of the PCBPF and TOR of the PCBPF Joint Secretariat. Both parties agreed to submit their respective revised proposals on or before 15 March



2024.

10. **Meeting between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Ambassador on the Hajj Mission.** The OPAPRU IGRB Secretariat joined the meeting between the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Ambassador H.E. Hisham bin Sultan Abdullah Al-Qahtani, Secretary Amenah Pangandaman, the Office of the President, and the Joint IGRB Secretariat to discuss the options for having two (2) representatives in the Hajj Mission. The meeting provided context to Ambassador Al-Qahtani, presented the unique circumstance of the Philippines of having an autonomous BARMM region, and two separate laws providing the function of Hajj administration. The possibility of the KSA Ministry of Hajj and Umrah (MOHU) accommodating the Philippines with two (2) Pilgrimage Affairs Office (PO) to administer the Hajj, considering the special nature/circumstances were also



tackled. H.E. Al-Qahtani assured the body that he would relay the concern to the MOHU in KSA and pledged that the KSA will always support any developments in the Philippines.

11. **Public Hearing of the Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification and Reconciliation.** The OPAPRU attended the public hearing of the Senate Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification on House Concurrent Resolution Nos. 19, 20, 21, and 22, granting amnesty to members of four rebel groups, presided over by Sen. Jinggoy Ejercito Estrada. The hearing was on the government's commitment to the attainment of comprehensive and lasting peace. The Senate panel sought updates from concerned government agencies on the alleged delays in the decommissioning process outlined in the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). Sen. Raffy Tulfo expressed his full support for the four measures that seek to grant amnesty to members of said groups as it would provide former rebels/combatants a fresh start and allow the nation towards peace, reconciliation, and unity. Sen. Tulfo underscored the need for concerned government agencies to properly implement the Amnesty program to ensure that the grantees are legitimate returnees. "This amnesty is not meant to condone criminal acts nor is it a softer stance against terrorism. Rather, this is meant to weaken terrorism," Sen. Tulfo said.



12. **Meeting with the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) on the Increasing Cases of Rido in the BARMM and for the Preparatory meeting of the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS).** The OPAPRU attended the meeting with Regional Director of NICA BARMM at the Public Office Hall of the 6th Infantry Division, Philippine Army. The meeting discussed the increasing cases of *rido* in the BARMM and the preparation for the CORDS BARMM Group. The meeting was presided over by Dir. Noel Plaza, Regional Director of NICA BARMM, with OPAPRU representatives Capt. Norodin Manguda PA, Operations Officer of the JPSC OPCEN, and Brig. Gen. Nasser Lidasan PA, ADC, 6ID, PA, the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) GPH Chairperson.



Also present during the meeting were Dir. Joel Mamon, Regional Director, Office of

Civil Defense (OCD) – BARMM and Head of Combined Secretariat, GPH-CCCH and GPH-AHJAG, with Ms. Anna Fariña Pacete, Head of Field Operations and Support Unit (FOSU) of OPAPRU.

B. NORMALIZATION PROGRAM

1. ***Series of Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Meetings with DBM, DOH, and PHIC.*** The OPAPRU ICCMN Secretariat held a meeting with the DBM in February 2024 to clarify the issue of allowing national government agencies (NGAs) to allocate funds for the Normalization Program, given the devolved powers to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The OPAPRU sought support and stronger partnership on the Normalization Program since this is a shared responsibility between the Bangsamoro and National Government Agencies, and the devolved powers to the BARMM should not prohibit the NGAs from also allocating and implementing Normalization projects.

It was agreed during the meeting that the ICCMN shall submit its recommendations to the DBM by second week of February 2024, which will then be reviewed by the DBM with their legal team to determine the legalities of the matter. The DBM's review and issuance of clarification shall be conducted before end of the 2025 budget call, in order for the DBM to review the proposed 2025 agency budgets in accordance with the guidelines they have set on allocating funds for Normalization. It was also agreed that there should be a determination of the shared responsibility between the Bangsamoro Government and the National Government to efficiently allocate resources and implement the Normalization Program.

In the same month, the OPAPRU ICCMN Secretariat, with Presidential Assistant David Diciano, Atty. Laisa Alamia, Dir. Wendell Orbeso, Dir. Farrah Naparan, Ms. Janine Nicole Liao, and Ms. Alice Raymundo had a productive meeting with the Department of Health (DOH) and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC). Also present were Department of Health (DOH) representatives, Dr. Jet Tobias and Dr. Richard Jimenez while the PHIC was represented by Mr. Neil Bautista and Ms. Maria Elena Erro. The meeting centered on matters relative to the subsidy of premiums for MILF decommissioned combatants (DCs) to be enrolled under the PHIC. It was mentioned that for 2024, the MILF DCs shall be enrolled by PHIC-BARMM under the category of financially incapable. Certification of decommissioned combatants (DCs) as financially incapable shall be facilitated by the Socioeconomic Development Unit - Task Force on Decommissioned Combatants (SDU-TFDCC) of the OPAPRU. Part of the agreement was to have a parallel effort between the OPAPRU and PHIC for the approval of the budget for DCs in 2025. In this regard, the OPAPRU can proceed with the realigning of funds for PHIC to other socioeconomic packages.



2. ***Joint Scoring Workshop on Peace Accord Matrix (PAM) in Mindanao.*** The OPAPRU, through the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), in collaboration with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Philippines organized the conduct of Peace Accord Matrix (PAM) Mindanao for Normalization: Joint Scoring Workshop with GPH & MILF Peace Mechanisms. Representatives from GPH and MILF finalized the scoring of

stipulations, on whether it is Minimum, Intermediate, or Full Implementation, and provided MOVs and narratives to support their scoring. The workshop results shall be used as reference in crafting the baseline report on the status of the Annex on Normalization of the GPH and MILF Peace Agreement that shall be featured during the PAM Mindanao launch in March 2024.



3. **JNC Workshop with AFP Western Mindanao Command.** The OPAPRU, through the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), attended the JNC and Western Mindanao Command (WMC) Workshop wherein the plans between the JNC and WMC were refined, and collaboration was strengthened to enhance their collective contributions to the normalization process. The key focus areas where the JNC and WMC reached consensus were on Management of Horizontal Conflict, Relationship/Structure of JNC and WMC, Accountability on Ongoing Normalization Efforts, IDB on the Military Component, Employment of JPSTs, Delisting of MILF Combatants Violating Existing Peace Process Mechanisms, Rido-related Incidents, Decommissioning of Combatants, Establishment of a Normalization Center, and Resource Mobilization.

Present during the meeting for OPAPRU were JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez with members PA David Diciano and Lt. Gen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), JPSC Chairperson Maj. Gen. Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), and GPH-MILF Peace Process Office and JNC Secretariat Head Director Wendell Orbeso. Also in attendance were WMC Commander Lt. Gen. William Gonzales, with Brig. Gen. Taharudin Ampatuan (Deputy Commander for External Defense Operation), Col. Emmanuel Cabasan (Chief of Unified Command Staff), Col. Franklin Fabic (Asst. Chief of Unified Command Staff for Intelligence), Col. Rogelio Gabi (Asst. Chief of Unified Command Staff for Operations), and Col. Rey Pasco (Asst. Chief of Unified Command Staff for Civil-Military Operations).



4. **Meeting with proponents of Mindanao Ancestral Domain and Economic (MADE) Project.** The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MILF PPO and TFDCC, met with the Director of the Mindanao Ancestral Domain and Economic (MADE) Project, Mr. Richard Año II. The meeting discussed the overview of the project, which revolved on convergence initiatives for sustaining peace and development in the Bangsamoro and IP Communities. The project highlights inclusive development efforts across the far-flung areas of the Bangsamoro.



5. **Meeting with Governor of Maguindanao Del Norte, BARMM Minister of Public Works, and Mayor of Butig, Lanao Del Sur to discuss LNI.** The OPAPRU Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Team composed of PA David Diciano, Mr. Ariel Hernandez, Exec. Dir. Jordan Bayam, and Dir. Wendell Orbeso met with Maguindanao Del Norte Gov. Abdulraof Macacua, BARMM Minister of Public Works Eduard Guerra, and Mayor Dilanggalen Pansar of Butig, Lanao del Sur. The OPAPRU discussed the LNI program and gathered comments and insights from the attendees on further developing and enhancing the program. Identified projects in their respective areas are to be included in the LNI program. Partner attendees expressed their interest and support to the LNI program and succeeding meetings shall be conducted to further discuss the details of the program.



6. **Launch of the JNC M&E System based on the Peace Accords Matrix Mindanao.** The OPAPRU JNC, mandated to establish a functional system and effective mechanisms for coordinating all components of the normalization process, invited the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) of the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies of the Keough School of University of Notre Dame and the CRS Philippines to provide an accompaniment mechanism. Stemming from this partnership and after a series of joint workshops with the GPH and MILF Peace Mechanisms, initial data and findings on the status of Annex on Normalization of the GPH and MILF Peace Agreement was generated. During the event, the Monitoring & Evaluation System was launched and the initial and sample findings were presented.

The launch was attended by Special Assistant to the President Secretary Antonio Ernesto Lagdameo, Jr., OPAPRU Executives, representatives of international peace partners, and the GPH Normalization Mechanisms Chairperson and Secretariat Heads, including the Peace Implementing Panel.



7. **11th Inter-Cabinet Cluster on Normalization (ICCMN) Meeting.** The OPAPRU, with the Office of the Special Assistant to the President, facilitated the 11th Inter-Cabinet Cluster Meeting on Normalization attended by various agencies from the National Government and Bangsamoro Government. The meeting focused on the updates on Socioeconomic Development of the Normalization Program and Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program, presented by Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH Chairperson of JNC and ICCMN Socioeconomic Subcluster Head. Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation David Diciano presented the updates on Security Aspect of the Normalization Program while updates on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) and Amnesty for the MILF were presented by the Executive Director for Local Conflict Transformation and Co-Chairperson of the GPH TWG on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation EDir. Cesar De Mesa. Areas for recommendation were presented during the meeting. The meeting aimed to ensure timely, appropriate, and efficient delivery of the Normalization Program.

Head of the GPH-MILF PPO, JNC, and ICCMN Secretariat Director Wendell Orbeso presented the consolidated action points and ways forward. In line with the Socioeconomic Programs, Secretary Rexlon Gatchalian of DSWD will meet with Member of the Parliament Atty. Raissa Jajurie and shall submit a written report relative to BARMM slots for 4Ps and SLP. The OPAPRU shall submit to TESDA the list of DCs and for the latter to include TVET slots in 2025. The DBM and OPAPRU shall also conduct budget convergence meeting with pertinent ICCMN agencies. For the LNI Program, the next ICCMN meeting shall be conducted in the provinces of LNI Program and the OPAPRU shall schedule meeting with the DA and with BARMM Governors. Lastly, on the Security Program, the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) shall consider including the 2025 funding requirement for the operations of the NTF-DPAGS.



8. **Conduct of LNI Planning Workshop with Lanao Del Sur and Lanao Del Norte.** The OPAPRU, headed by PA David Diciano together with GPH JNC Chair Ariel

Hernandez, GPH JPSC Chair Maj. Gen. Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), GPH JTFCT Chair Lt. Gen. Danilo Pamong (Ret.), GPH TFDCC Chair and MP Laisa Alama, Consultant Col. Generoso Bolina (Ret.) of Social Healing and Peace Engagement Office (SHAPEO), Consultant Musa Sanguila, and the staff of different Normalization mechanisms conducted the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Planning Workshop with the Secretariat of LNI Lanao Del Sur (LDS) and LNI Lanao Del Norte (LDN).

During the workshop, representatives from the TFDCC, JTFCT, SHAPEO and PAMANA Program presented their respective programs and/or interventions under the purview of normalization process in which the Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) of LDS and LDN may want to support or enhance under the LNI Program. After substantive discussions, the body agreed on the following:

- The OPAPRU to provide LDS and LDN with the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for comments and subsequent approval. The PLGUs to prepare the attachments for the MOA.
- The LGUs to submit complete documentary requirements for PAMANA Projects through the JTFCT.
- The JTFCT to provide the Camp Transformation Plan and DSWD or TFDCC to provide list of DCs for socioeconomic interventions to the LGUs for reference.
- The Launch of the LNI in LDS and LDN is set on the third week of April 2024.



9. **Peace Talk: Conversations on the Bangsamoro.** As part of the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), with the theme “CAB: Isang Dekada Tungo sa Mapayapa at Masaganang Bangsamoro”, the GPIP-MILF Secretariat spearheaded *Peace Talk: Conversations on the Bangsamoro*, a public forum that tackled security, development, and governance in the Bangsamoro. The forum aimed at increasing public awareness and discourse on the peace process and the Bangsamoro and at strengthening the constituency for the Bangsamoro peace process.



10. **PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNan (PAMANA) and National Housing Authority (NHA) Joint Policy Writeshop.** The OPAPRU Program 1 units attended the PAMANA - NHA Joint Policy Writeshop where the overview on the implementation of housing projects, salient provisions in the NHA Project Implementation Guidelines for Housing

Projects, identification of gaps, and presentation of recommended additional provisions were discussed. The PAMANA - NHA Joint Policy on the Implementation Guidelines of the Housing Projects for the Decommissioned Combatants were also tackled.



11. ***“CAB Building Bridges: Fostering Healing, Reconciliation and Unity through Interreligious and Intercultural Solidarity”, Interfaith and Intercultural Dialogue.***
About 800 participants composed of students, faculty members from four SUCs/HEIs in Cotabato City and Maguindanao (Notre Dame University, Notre Dame RVM College of Cotabato, Cotabato State University, and Mindanao State University – Maguindanao), and other guests from various sectors including officials from the BARMM attended the forum on interreligious and intercultural dialogue entitled, *“CAB Building Bridges: Fostering Healing, Reconciliation and Unity through Interreligious and Intercultural Solidarity”* held at the Cotabato City State University (CSU) Gymnasium. Pool of resource persons from various sectors working on diverse cultures and communities served as Panelists during the discussions, namely Dr. Judith Tinio (Director General, Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs), Ms. Myla Leguro (Senior Advisor for Social Justice and Church Engagement, Catholic Relief Services), Bro. Jose Arnold Alferez (Program Head, Peace and Development Studies, CSU Graduate School), Mr. Regin Ruis Oliveros (Lead Coordinator, Madaris Volunteer Program, Ateneo de Davao University), and Mr. Guiamel Alim (Lead Convener, Independent Working Group on Transitional Justice-Dealing with the Past/IWG-TJDwP).

Ribbon cutting and MOU signing on the establishment of Peace Education Resource Nook (PERN) at the CSU library was also conducted. PERN is a portion in the partner's library that houses knowledge products on peacebuilding and peacekeeping resource that the OPAPRU has produced or assisted in the production of the materials over the years. This activity was graced by CSU President Sema Dilna and OPAPRU Executive Director Jordan Bayam.



12. **"Panabang Kasanyangan" Peace Offering Ceremony.** On 02 March 2024, the OPAPRU delegation under the leadership of Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., together with Presidential Assistant David Diciano, JNC Chair Ariel Hernandez, TFDCC Chair MP Atty. Laisa Alamia, Director Darwin Wally Wee, CCCH-AHJAG Head Secretariat/OCD-BARMM Regional Director Joel Mamon, and dedicated OPAPRU personnel attended the *Panabang Kasanyangan* Peace Offering Ceremony in Sumisip, Basilan. The activity highlighted the smelting of 550 firearms through the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Program. The SALW is actively supported by the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) under its Western Mindanao Command (WestMinCom), Joint Task Force Orion, 101st Infantry Brigade, and international peace partners such as the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Japanese Government through the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advancing Human Security (ASPIRE) in BARMM Project.



His Excellency President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. was the guest of honor of the ceremony. In his speech, the President highlighted the transformative journey of Basilan from a conflict zone to an epicenter of peace. He defined peace as more than the absence of violence, highlighting the creation of a social order that values human dignity and promotes progress. The President acknowledged the achievements in Basilan, including the surrender of firearms and the establishment of peace through concerted efforts in the community.

13. **Ceremonial Signing of the MOA between OPAPRU and Province of Basilan on Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program.** Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. and Basilan Governor Jim Hataman-Salliman led the Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between OPAPRU and Province of Basilan on Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program on 26 January 2024 at Camp Navarro, Calarian, Zamboanga City. The signing was hosted by Lt. Gen. William Gonzales, Commander of WestMinCom.

The MOA aimed to represent a pivotal step in implementing the LNI Program for a balanced and integrated local approach and symbolize a joint commitment to peace and development in the region and to outline the terms of cooperation for implementing the Localized Normalization Initiative (LNI) Program.



After the signing of the MOA, the OPAPRU together with PLGU Basilan, WestMinCom, and Basilan stakeholders signed a pledge of commitment in support of the LNI for the Province of Basilan.

❖ Security Aspect

1. **Meeting with the Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD).** The OPAPRU MILF PPO met with the FSD on 17 January 2024. The meeting discussed the proposed endorsement of the Mine Action for Trust and Normalisation in Mindanao (MATNIM) II Project to the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), alignment of the project towards the deliverables of the CAB, introduction of the new Deputy Head of Operations of the FSD, and the process of endorsement. The meeting also tackled the agenda for the upcoming meeting of the FSD with the principals of the OPAPRU MILF PPO on 25 January 2025, which shall provide the OPAPRU and involved mechanism an in-depth orientation on the project design of the MATNIM II.
2. **Meeting with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) for the Conflict Tracker.** The OPAPRU MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat, together with the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) headed by Dir. Wendell Orbeso and Maj. Gen. Ariel Francisco Felicidad III (Ret.) respectively, met with Dr. Haroro Ingram, United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Visiting Expert and Mr. Andrew Mines, USIP Specialist. The meeting delved into the presentation of the draft data visuals and graphs from the October 2023 Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (2023 BSKE) related violence and government interventions, launching of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker, and conduct of a visual training for the data entries for the tracker's specialists.



3. **Proposed Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) Training.** The OPAPRU, through the JPSC Secretariat with Captain Armando Villanueva of JPST Operations Center, had a meeting with the BARMM MILG Director of Interior Affairs Office Atty. Marvin Mokamad and Mr. Jofel Delicana of BARMM Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence (READi). The meeting discussed the conduct of Water Search and Rescue (WASAR) and Incident Command System (ICS) for the JPSTs as part of capacity development for their HADR activities on the ground. The MILG can accommodate 10 to 15 JPSTs for WASAR and 6 JPSTs for the ICS as participants.



4. **Courtesy Visit of Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD) to the OPCEN EHMR Office in Cotabato City.** The OPAPRU, through Dir. Joel Mamon, Head of the Combined Secretariat for GPH-CCCH and GPH-AHJAG and Chief of Operations Center for Explosive Hazard Management and Response (OPCEN-EHMR) and staff, received Mr. Matt Wilson, Swiss Foundation for Mine Action (FSD) Head of Operations, Ms. Angela de Santis, FSD Deputy Head of Operations, and Mr. Craig Dreghorn, FSD Senior Technical Advisor. Future activities of the FSD in providing support in the Security aspect of the Normalization were discussed.



5. **Meeting of the National Government TWG on the Entry of MILF and MNLF Members into the PNP.** The OPAPRU National Government TWG on the MILF and MNLF Members into the PNP convened its 9th meeting and discussed the following: a) accomplishments of CY 2023 recruitment, b) budget for CY 2024 quota, and c) the joint TWG to seek comments of the Department of Justice (DOJ) on its interpretation on the provision of five-year application period and updates from the National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM) En Banc.

The meeting was presided over by Undersecretary Alfredo Bayan of the DILG and Co-Chairperson of the TWG. Also in attendance were DILG Undersecretary Oscar Valenzuela, NAPOLCOM Director Evangeline Almirante, PNP Police Major General Belli Tamayo, Police Brigadier General Niño David Rabaya, Police Colonel Maria Leonora Camarao, OPAPRU Director Ishmael Bahjin, Atty. Jose Miguel Solis and Atty. Mariel Pua of the DBM.

6. **Signing of Peace Covenant and Rido Settlement.** The OPAPRU, through the GPH JNC Chair Ariel Hernandez, supported by the Sumisip and Tipo-Tipo JPST personnel, attended the Signing of Peace Covenant and Rido Settlement between the warring

MILF groups facilitated by the 101st Infantry Brigade, in partnership with the Local Government of Basilan in Barangay Buton, Hadji Mohammad Ajul (HMA), Basilan. Mr. Hernandez delivered the message of the PAPRU which focused on the importance of ending the culture of *rido* and violence, not only in Basilan and the Bangsamoro but also in all areas affected. In his message, he emphasized the amnesty program which will be supported by the provincial legal office, for beneficiaries in Basilan. He also shared the plan for the decommissioning program which is targeted to be completed in 2024.



7. **JPST Refresher Course Training.** The Joint Peace Security Team (JPST) Midsayap had their Refresher Course and Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) Training conducted by the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP). The OPAPRU JNC provided updates on the GPH-MILF Peace Process highlighting the Normalization Track of the CAB. The activity was spearheaded by the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), in partnership with the Nonviolent Peaceforce, as part of the ATTAIN Project 2.0 in line with their initiatives to support the implementation of the Normalization Program. The CCCH-AHJAG and JPSC also presented their respective mandates and function to the newly activated JPST Station comprising of eight (8) personnel from the PNP, seven (7) personnel from the AFP, and fifteen (15) BIAF-MILF.



8. **Visualization Training of Cotabato-Based Specialists for Mindanao Peace and Security (MPS) Tracker Meeting.** The OPAPRU, through the MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat, JPSC and JPST led by Col. Roberto Huet, APC-WM, PRO-BAR, 6th Infantry Division, CCCH, and JNC attended the one-day training session focusing on the visualization application of the Mindanao Peace and Security (MPS) Tracker of the United States Institute of Peace (USIP), spearheaded by Dr. Haroro Ingram with Mr. Andrew Mines. The tracker aims to establish a reliable, comprehensive, and user-friendly platform for monitoring, analyzing, and visualizing conflict dynamics across the BARMM. Mr. Mines provided a detailed and comprehensive demonstration on navigating the MPS Tracker. He illustrated the process of utilizing the data sourced from CCCH and AHJAG, showing techniques and strategies for seamless navigation within the system. The presentation not only covered the essential steps but also delved into nuanced aspects, ensuring a thorough understanding of the intricacies involved in utilizing the MPS Tracker.



9. **JPST Disaster Response & Rescue Operations (DRRO) Training.** The OPAPRU JPSC attended the Joint Closing and Opening Ceremony of JPST Disaster Response and Rescue Operations (DRRO) Training Class 01 & 02 of 2024. BARMM OCD Regional Director Joel Mamon served as Guest of Honor and Speaker. DRRO Class 1 is composed of JPST Tungawan and Columbio teams, while Class 2 is composed of Mamasapano and Pikit-1 teams.



10. **Meeting with Maguindanao del Sur Police Provincial Office.** GPH-AHJAG Chair PMGen Victor Wanchakan presided a meeting at Maguindanao del Sur PPO, Shariff Aguak. The meeting was attended by two MILF Base Commanders: Ustadz Wahid Tundok, Base Commander of 118 BC, BIAF-MILF and Ustadz Mohidin Usman, Base Commander of 105BC, BIAF-MILF and other officers under the MDS PPO. MILF CCCH was represented by Omar Bayao, Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Post (JCMP) Kitango led by Ansari Manan. The meeting resulted to a comprehensive understanding on coordination and cooperation among the MILF Base Commands with the government forces, support to Law Enforcement Operations, decommissioning of MILF combatants, socioeconomic programs, and recruitment of qualified MILF members to the PNP or AFP. Updates on dispute resolution initiatives of both MILF units in *rido* involving its members, Amnesty for rebels, insurgents and other matters were also discussed.
11. **Mindanao Peace and Security (MPS) Tracker Meeting with USIP and AFP WestMinCom.** The meeting discussed the overview and presented on hand the outputs of the MPS Tracker to the Commander of the AFP Western Mindanao Command Lt. Gen. William Gonzales PA. The discussion included the value-added contribution that the WestMinCom can provide as a partner to the MPS Tracker. The OPAPRU delegation was composed of MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat through Dir. Wendell Orbeso and the JPSC led by the GPH JPSC Chair MGen. Ariel Francisco Felicidadario III (Ret.). They were joined by Dr. Haroro Ingram and Mr. Andrew Mines of USIP.
12. **1st Coordination Meeting of the NTG-RnR of the NTF-DPAGs.** The OPAPRU MILF PPO, as the Secretariat of the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private

Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs), attended the 1st Coordination Meeting of the National Task Group on Rehabilitation and Reintegration (NTG-RnR) of the NTF-DPAGs. The meeting discussed the downloading of funds from NTF-DPAGs to NTG RnR, NTG-RnR Referral Process of the PAGs to the appropriate agencies/stakeholders, list of beneficiaries for FY 2024 endorsed by NTF-DPAGs to the NTG RnR, and updating of the NTF-DPAGs Implementing Rules and Operational Guidelines (IROG).

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) presented the proposed additional interventions for the 48 previously profiled PAGs surrenderees. Relatedly, the body agreed to submit a consolidated report for the available interventions and summarized funding requirements to properly identify the implementing agencies for the available PhP 2.1 million funding. Reiteration on the schedule of funding disbursement and utilization was also relayed which encouraged immediate action from the member agencies. The meeting was presided over by DSWD Assistant Secretary Arnel Garcia and attended by representatives from OPAPRU, DILG, DepEd, DOH, DTI, DOLE, DA, CHED, TESDA, NHA, Social Housing Finance Corporation (SHFC), AFP Peace Development Office, and Area Police Command of the Western and Eastern Mindanao Chief (APC-WM and APC-EM).

13. **Meeting with the Chief of Security of Japan Embassy in the Philippines.** The



OPAPRU GPH-CCCH met with the Chief of Security of Japan Embassy in the Philippines, Mr. Haruka Nishimura. The meeting paved way to discuss the security concerns relative to their visits in the peace and development focused areas.



14. **Declaration of a Gun-Free Zone & Peace-Centered Community.** The OPAPRU JNC participated in the declaration of Barangay Lower Sinangkan as a Gun-Free Zone. Emphasizing the ongoing Normalization Process, the declaration of Barangay Lower Sinangkan as a gun-free zone was underscored as a powerful symbol of the commitment of the LGU, Nonviolent Peaceforce, and the community to cultivate a culture of peace. The introduction of the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI)

program was highlighted as a substantial leap forward, aiming for an efficient and holistic approach. The LNI was presented not merely as a program but as a collaborative partnership involving various stakeholders. Moreover, presentation of turned in weapons and signing of the declaration to showcase the support, commitment and collaboration for peace and development also took place during the event. JNC Secretariat, Barangay Officials, the LGU, Nonviolent Peaceforce, and Gov. Hadjiman Hataman Salliman, who was recognized for his leadership pursuing durable peace, attended the program.



15. **Series of Ceasefire Violations and Protest Filed.** For this period, a total of nine (9) protests were received by the GPH-CCCH and was filed to the MILF-CCCH. The series of violations were related to *rido* between MILF base commands, and PNP and AFP forces against elements of MILF base commands. As a result, a total of 918 households were displaced wherein some were temporarily sheltered in the neighboring barangays.

❖ Socioeconomic Development

1. **Ceremonial Turnover of Rural Health Unit (RHU) with Birthing Facility, Medical Caravan, and PhilHealth Registration.** The OPAPRU Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) facilitated the ceremonial turnover of Rural Health Unit with Birthing Facility wherein ribbon cutting, medical caravan, and PhilHealth registration were conducted simultaneously. Present during the activity were executives, officials, and representatives of OPAPRU, DOH, PhilHealth for Area IV, BARMM MOH, BTA BARMM, BARMM SGA, BARMM MPOS, LGU Pikit, GPH-TFDCC, MILF-TFDCC, GPH-JTFCT, MILF-JTFCT, and TFDCC Secretariat. A team of medical practitioners from MOH, IPHO Maguindanao, IPHO Lanao, MOH SGA, CRMC, Cotabato Sanitarium, and PhilHealth BARMM RO12 were also present. Prior to the activity, the OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC had a preparatory meeting with the Department of Health (DOH), BARMM Ministry of Health (MOH), and PhilHealth wherein the parties agreed to conduct a site inspection by 05 February

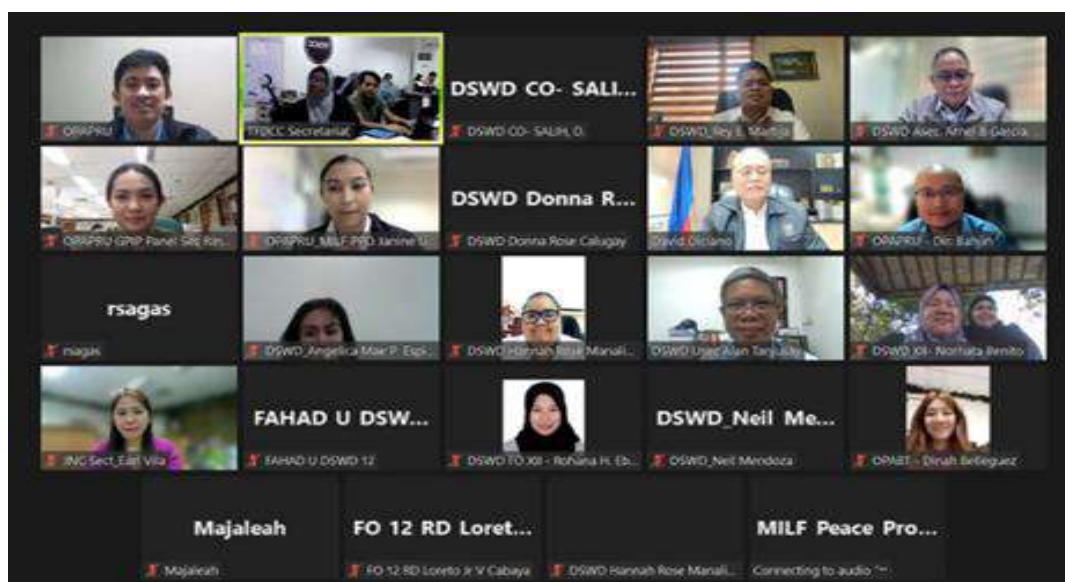


2024 to assess the area for the program and medical caravan.

2. **Preparatory Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the Upcoming Profiling Activity in Barangay Nabalawag, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC Secretariat has set a preparatory meeting with the JICA in line with the profiling activity, which will cover 106 decommissioned combatants under the core barangays of Camp Abubakar as Siddique, to be held at Barangay Nabalawag, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.



3. **Meeting with DSWD on Fund Transfer of Cash Assistance to MILF DCs under Phase 4.** The OPAPRU participated in the meeting with the DSWD via Zoom to discuss the timelines, scenarios, and administrative matters relative to the transfer of funds for the cash assistance for MILF decommissioned combatants (DCs) under Phase 4 decommissioning. Agreements during the meeting were as follows: a) the DSWD shall be involved in the planning of the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) for decommissioning activities; b) the OPAPRU through TFDCC and DSWD to finalize the MOA and explore the option to transfer in tranches, including the Php 555 million unprogrammed appropriations; and c) a technical meeting can be conducted to discuss alternate programs in support of the socioeconomic aspect of the Normalization program.



4. **Conduct of the 1st Batch of Values Transformation Training (VTT) for the DCs.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a three-day activity for the first batch of VTT of the 120 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin identified in Davao Del Sur. Said activity was facilitated by the Bangsamoro Development Agency



(BDA) Inc. GPH-TFDCC Secretariat presented updates on the socioeconomic packages and answered related issues and concerns pertaining to the programs and services for the DCs, their families, and communities.

5. **Meeting with DSWD on Partnerships.** The OPAPRU, led by PA David Diciano together with Dir. Wendell Orbeso, representatives from the MILF PPO, and TFDCC attended the leveling off meeting with the DSWD. The meeting discussed the CY 2024 Roadmap and Plans, issues and concerns, and recommendations for the Normalization program for the MILF, Transformation program for the MNLF, and the disbandment of private armed groups (DPAGs).



6. **2nd PROACTIVE Project Board Meeting.** The OPAPRU, through the GPH-TFDCC and JTFCT Secretariat, attended the 2nd PROACTIVE Project Board Meeting. Present during the meeting were EU Programme Officer for Peacebuilding and Rural Development Ms. Myrto Christofirdou, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative Dr. Selva Ramachandran, PROACTIVE Program Manager Engr. Nelson Peloton, Jr., OPAPRU Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, GPH-TFDCC Chair and MP Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, and their MILF Counterparts MP Engr. Aida Silongan, MP Ali Salik, and Prof. Abhoud Syed Lingga. The Project Board Members and said representatives from EU, UNDP, PROACTIVE, and Socioeconomic Development Unit (SDU) from both JTFCT and TFDCC Secretariat convened to provide updates on the guidance and agreements from the previous meeting. The meeting served as a platform to discuss the progress in project implementation and address strategic matters requiring guidance and action.

7. **GPH Socioeconomic Study Committee Meeting.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended the GPH Socioeconomic Study Committee (SSC) Meeting wherein the GPH Normalization Mechanisms addressed the details of the socioeconomic package for the decommissioned combatants, with focus on camp transformation program and the updated integrated socioeconomic framework. These determinations and agreements will be formally presented at the upcoming 3rd GPH-MILF SSC Meeting on 09 February 2024 in Metro Manila. The Chairperson of GPH Peace Implementing Panel, Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano, presided over the meeting.
8. **2nd Batch of Values Transformation Training (VTT) for the DCs and their Next-of-Kin.** The Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) Inc., facilitated the three-day conduct of the second batch of Values Transformation Training (VTT) for 120 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin identified in Davao Del Sur. The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC Secretariat presented updates on the socioeconomic packages and answered related issues and concerns pertaining to the programs and services for the decommissioned combatants, their families, and communities.



9. **Meeting with United Nations High Commissioners for Refugees (UNHCR).** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with United Nations High Commissioners for Refugees (UNHCR) for the project on Promoting Digital Birth Registration of Populations at Risk of Statelessness in the BARMM. Among the attendees were the UNHCR Project Team Vic Dela Cruz and Meriam Palma.
10. **Meeting with Mindanao State University (MSU) on the Study Grant Program.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC met with MSU Maguindanao and discussed the Study Grant Program for the decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin. The MSU agreed to enter into MOA with OPAPRU for the program. Attendees from MSU Maguindanao were its President Atty. Basari Mapupuno, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Dr. Amerkhan Cabaro, Vice Chancellor for Administration and Finance Atty. Saaduddin Alauya, Jr., Director of the Presidential Management Staff Atty. Rashid Pandi, and Director of Research Mahid Manguntarum. The GPH-TFDCC representatives were its Chairperson Atty. Laisa Alamia, Program Manager Ms. Alicia Raymundo; and its Secretariat.
11. **Kick-off Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) held a Kick-off Meeting where trainers and DC focals were oriented on Pilot Model Training Course under Skills Development for Economic Empowerment for the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro) and Briefing of Program for the decommissioned combatants. JICA representatives onsite were Leny Abalde and Nosaira Musa. Online were Mariko Ikawa, Yu Ito, Atsunori Kume and Kenji Tajima. Also present were Katrina Mariano, Salekh Mangelen, and Mohammad Diang of MBHTE-TESD; Hashim Manticayan, Basher Kalim, Shuaib Adam, RMDC Alimudin Kasan of MILF-TFDCC; and TFDCC Secretariat.
12. **World Food Programme (WFP) Meeting with JTFCT and TFDCC.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC attended a meeting with the World Food Programme where the UN

World Food Programme presented their projects for the Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities.

13. **Post Distribution Monitoring for TVET Completers.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) conducted the Post Distribution Monitoring (PDM) of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Completers. Said activity was conducted to identify the impact of the training and the status of the tool kits distributed to the DCs and their next-of-kin. The PDM is used to collect beneficiaries' feedback on the quality, appropriateness, sufficiency, use, and effectiveness of the assistance, to assess the impact of the support provided to the DC's and next-of-kin.



14. **Strategic Planning Workshop of the Socioeconomic Development Unit Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (SDU-TFDCC).** The Socioeconomic Development Unit Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (SDU-TFDCC) conducted its FY 2024 Strategic Planning Workshop wherein socioeconomic programs for the DCs, accomplishments in FY 2023, and ways forward and strategies for the 2024 implementation were discussed. The activity was led by the GPH Chair of the TFDCC, Atty. Laisa Alamia, together with SDU-TFDCC OIC Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, PM Alicia Raymundo, and the TFDCC Secretariat.



15. **Meeting of the GPIP-MILF with Various Embassies.** From 11-18 March 2024, the OPAPRU led by GPIP-MILF Chairperson PA Cesar Yano met with officials from various embassies to discuss further the international involvement in the GPH-MILF peace process, especially in the delivery of socioeconomic development interventions. Presidential Assistant Yano visited the Embassy of Australia on 11 March 2024, Delegation of the European Union on 11 March 2024, Embassy of New Zealand on 12 March 2024, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany on 12 March 2024,



Embassy of Sweden on 15 March 2024, British Embassy on 15 March 2024, Embassy of the Republic of Korea on 18 March 2024, and Embassy of Ireland on 18 March 2024.

16. **3rd Coordination Committee Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Inc. SEE Bangsamoro Team.** The GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). It was agreed at the meeting to input significant strategies and plans for the timeline of the Skills Development and Economic Empowerment (SEE) for Bangsamoro of the model training course activities for FY 2024-2025. Attendees were JICA – SEE Bangsamoro project staff headed by Mariko Ikawa and Yu Ito; TESDA Central Office representatives Ms. Rea Dalumpines; MBHTE-TESD headed by Engr. Ruby Andong; MILF-TFDCC Dr. Norodin Salam and Prof. Hashim Mantikayan; and GPH-TFDCC Secretariat.

❖ Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

1. **Interview of the Independent Study Team on the Recommendations of Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) Report and its Implementation.** Key informant interviews were conducted by the Swiss-commissioned Study Team with the OPAPRU GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson, GPH Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (GPH TWG-TJR), Heads of MILF Peace Process Office (PPO), TJRC, and the Panel Secretariat on the recommendations of the TJRC report and its implementation. The interviews generated perspectives from the GPH Panel, the GPH TWG-TJR, and OPAPRU on various measures on TJR policies and programs that have been undertaken in response to the recommendations cited in the TJRC Report. It also served as an opportunity to clarify the position of the government and the initiatives undertaken since the submission of the TJRC report.



Members of the independent study team were composed of experts on transitional justice from Switzerland and the Philippines, namely: Dr. Nora Refaeil (Swiss lawyer); Ms. Mags Maglana (Co-convenor, Independent Working Group on Transitional Justice - Dealing with the Past) and Prof. Yasmira Moner (MSU-IIT). Select agency representatives of the ICCMN TJR Working Groups shall convene on 30 January 2024 to prepare them for the proposed key informant interviews with the Swiss-commissioned Study Team.

2. **Follow-through Workshop of the GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR) on the TJR Roadmap.** The OPAPRU, through the TJR Secretariat, organized a joint workshop of the GPH-MILF TWG on TJR on 22-23 November 2023 in Tagaytay City to update the TJR Roadmap. As an agreement, a follow through workshop on 25 January 2024 in Cotabato City was conducted to tackle the remaining Dealing with the Past (DwP) Pillar on Guarantees of Non-Recurrence (GNR) and other agenda items to be covered by the TWG-TJR. The output was an updated TJR Roadmap that shall be submitted for comments/approval

by the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels. The workshop was participated by the co-chairpersons and members of the GPH and MILF TWGs on TJR.

3. **Briefing for the AFP Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR) Relative to the Interview of the Swiss-commissioned Study Team on the Recommendations of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) Report and its Implementation.** The OPAPRU-TJRO provided briefing to the AFP TWG-TJR in preparing them for the interview with the Swiss-commissioned Study Team on the recommendations of the TJRC report and its implementation. The briefing also generated updates from the AFP TWG-TJR on the status of their deliverables/commitments to the TJR Roadmap, which is being updated.



4. **GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR) Orientation-Consultation Workshop on the TJR Roadmap with the ICCMN-TJR Cluster Agencies.** The GPH-MILF TWG-TJR convened the ICCMN-TJR Cluster Agencies for an Orientation-Consultation Workshop on the Joint TJR Roadmap on 22 March 2024 at the University Hotel, UP Diliman Campus, Quezon City. The workshop objective was to generate and update inputs, comments and commitments on their respective deliverables to the TJR Roadmap. Sixteen (16) member agencies of the ICCMN-TJR Cluster participated in the workshop, namely: AFP, CHED, DAR, DENR, DepEd, DILG, DND, DOJ, DSWD, Human Rights Violations Victims' Memorial Commission (HRVVMC), MinDA, NCIP, NSC, NYC, PCW, and PNP. Most were new agency representatives oriented on transitional justice, their role in the ICCMN-TJR Cluster and the ICCMN-approved TJR Roadmap that needs to be updated.



In his opening message, Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, Chair of the GPH TWG-TJR encouraged the ICCMN-TJR member agencies to include in their respective agency budgets the support for TJR program initiatives and measures. DAR

Undersecretary Amihilda Sangcapan further suggested to reflect programs/projects/activities budgets that are either pipelined/programmed for implementation and those that still need resources to be mobilized. The output of the workshop shall be vetted with the BARMM ministries/agencies and consolidated by the GPH-MILF TWG-TJR before the updated and enhanced TJR Roadmap will be submitted to the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels for approval and concurrence by the ICCMN body.

❖ Confidence-Building Measures

1. **Presentation and Workshop of the Revised CTIP 2023-2028.** The OPAPRU JTFCT Secretariat conducted the Presentation and Workshop of the Revised Camps Transformation Investment Program (CTIP) to the stakeholders. Said event was sponsored by the Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) under their EU-funded DECONFLICT Program. Presenter and Resource Speaker was Mr. Ever Abasolo, BNTF Consultant. JTFCT Co-Chairpersons, Exec. Dir. Cesar De Mesa, MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, and MP Ali Salik were present. Participants of the workshop were BPDA Dir. Gen. Mohajirin Ali, CHD Program Manager Hadzer Birowa, BDA Exec. Dir. Rhandzni Taalim, Datu Hoffer Mayor Bai Bongbong Ampatuan, representatives from LGUs under the Municipalities covered within the Camps, Camps Coordinators from the MILF and the GPH, and the GPH and MILF JTFCT Secretariat.



2. **Ceremonial Launching and Signing of the Master Development Plan.** The OPAPRU, through the Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) led by Co-Chairs Exec. Dir. Cesar De Mesa and MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, collaborated with the Payapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn National Program Management Office (PAMANA-NPMO) and NHA Region 9 to organize and lead the Ceremonial Launching and Signing of the Master Development Plan for Camp Abubakar. Focus of the activity was on presenting and providing secured housing solutions, land classifications, and various components of the comprehensive development plan within the camp setting. The Master Development Plan envisions the transformation of the camps over the next two decades. It encompasses approximately 134 housing units for the fiscal year 2024,



along with features as access roads, telecommunication access, agricultural plantation areas, institutional and religious buildings, health facilities, and mercantile areas. Covering an area of 300 hectares, Bgy. Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte in Camp Abubakar serves as one of the pilot locations for this significant milestone in Camps Transformation.

OPAPRU Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., Maguindanao del Norte Governor Abdulraof Macacua, PA for Bangsamoro Transformation David Diciano, GPH Panel Chair of the GPH-MILF Peace Accord PA Cesar Yano, Maj. Gen. Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), with the Chairpersons and representatives from various OPAPRU units and Peace mechanisms including GPIIP, TFDCC, JPSC, CCCH, AHJAG, and the Officers of the 1st Marine Brigade actively participated and played significant roles in contributing to the success of the activity. Also present during the activity were representatives from the BARMM Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), Ministry of Human Settlements and Development (MHSD), Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), Office of Civil Defense in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (OCD-BARMM); National Irrigation Authority (NIA), Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) of Barira, Matanog, and Buldon, MSU Maguindanao, and BDA, Inc.

3. **Groundbreaking of EU-UNDP PROACTIVE Project.** The Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) Camp Coordinators and Secretariat participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for two significant projects in Maguindanao del Sur under the UNDP's PROACTIVE Project. The ceremony marked the commencement of construction for a 2-Classroom Madrasah in Brgy. Saniag (Camp Omar), municipality of Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur province.; and a Library and another 2-Classroom Madrasah (Camp Rajamuda), Pikit, North Cotabato.



Key attendees were representatives from the JTFCT, MILF JTFCT Secretariat, and officials from the BDA, notably Exec. Dir. Radzni Taalim. Also present were representatives from UNDP and barangay local government units of Saniag and Rajah Muda. The community expressed gratitude for the opportunity to benefit from these projects. They pledged to utilize the facilities responsibly and assured their commitment for their proper maintenance and use.

4. **Ceremonial Turnover and Test Run of Irrigation Facilities with the National**



Irrigation Administration (NIA). The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended the Ceremonial Turnover and Test Run of Timbaluan Communal Irrigation System Project to the Maton Communal Irrigators Association, Inc., which was witnessed by MIMO Engineering and IDP representative Engr. Badrudin Anayatin, Mr. Aleon Mansol (MMO of Talayan), Mr. Ronnie Udzong (MAFCI of Talayan), Timbaluan Barangay Local Officials, officers and members of Maton CIA, and identified decommissioned combatants (DCs) in the area. Highlight of the event was the test run and walk-through followed by ribbon cutting ceremony of the project. The turnover of the symbolic key of responsibilities and signing of turnover documents was also facilitated.

5. **13th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting.** The 13th NAC Meeting was held to discuss the agenda on finalization of the draft Memorandum of Agreement



(MOA) with the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) c/o Commissioner Jamar Kulayan, with the PNP and AFP c/o Atty. Rizal Thaddeus Acas, and with the OPAPRU.

The meeting was spearheaded by the NAC Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento, Commissioners Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic and Atty. Jamar Kulayan. It was attended by En Banc members and resource persons from the DOJ, DILG, and DND. Also present during the meeting were OPAPRU representatives Dir. Wendell Orbeso of the GPH-MILF Peace Process, Atty. Allan Bryan Caser of Legislative and Legal Service (LLS), Dir. Elisa Evangelista-Lapiña of Area Management Unit, Dir. Farrah Naparan of GPIP Secretariat, Dir. Emmanuel Santos, Jr. of Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO), Ms. Paula Acuña and Ms. Anne Jimenez of GPH-MNLF Peace Process focals, Ms. Jonah Sergio of GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process focal, and Ms. Amenah Rasul Natangcop of GPH-MILF Peace Process.

6. **Turnover of Corn Sheller to the Cooperative in Camp Badre.** The OPAPRU JTFCT Secretariat facilitated the turnover of a Corn Sheller to the one of cooperatives in Camp Badre, Matado Agrarian Reform Cooperatives in Bgy. Kenebeka, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. This initiative is part of the ongoing endeavor to develop the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps into communities characterized by peace and productivity.



7. **Ceremonial Handover Program for Support to the Camp Agri-Ecotourism Development of the MILF 105th BC Satellite Camp, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat.** The OPAPRU GPH-JNC represented by Lt. Gen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret.) attended the Ceremonial Handover Program for Support to the Camp Agri-Ecotourism Development of the MILF 105th Base Command. This initiative is in support to the Normalization Program specific on the objective of transforming MILF camps into productive and sustainable communities – from a previous warzone camp into an agri-economic camp. The satellite camp of 105th Base Command of the MILF, which is one of the influenced areas under Camp Omar, is the beneficiary area of the program.



8. **Technical Meeting on the Harmonization of Housing and Resettlement Program Across the Six (6) MILF Camps.** The Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) represented by Ms. Rane Sinsuat and Denise Marco Sionillo spearheaded the conduct of the Technical Meeting for the Harmonization of the Housing and Resettlement Program Across the 6 MILF Camps with the objective to harmonize housing projects between relevant implementing agencies. Said meeting was attended by the MILF-JTFCT Co-Chair MP Ali Salik and participated by technical officers of various NGAs and BARMM agencies.



9. **14th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting.** The OPAPRU Team, headed by Dir. Wendell Orbeso of the GPH-MILF Peace Process, attended the 14th NAC Meeting led by the NAC Chair Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento, with Commissioners Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic and Atty. Jamar Kulayan, En Banc members and resource persons from the DOJ and DND. The GPH-MILF Peace Process office staff and representatives provided updates from the 34th Panel Meeting relative to amnesty of MILF Members. The NAC has welcomed the information and shall respect the data of the MILF while also considering data from other agencies to maintain the Commission's objectivity and neutrality. OPAPRU and NAC agreed to have the ceremonial first filing of an amnesty application in Basilan Province as host of the event.



10. ***Ceremonial Turnover of Onsite Skills Development Center (SDC) in the MILF Camps.*** The JTFCT Camp Coordinators and Secretariat actively participated and supported the turnover ceremonies of the Skills Development Center (SDC) facilitated by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP). The turnover ceremonies were held on the following dates: a) 15 February 2024 at Camp Omar, Brgy. Kapinpilan, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur; b) 16 February 2024 at Camp Abubakar, Brgy. Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte; c) 17 February 2024 at Camp Rajamuda, Brgy. Dalingaoen, Pikit, North Cotabato; d) 24 February 2024 at Camp Bushra, Brgy. Sandab, Butig, Lanao del Sur; e) 25 February 2024 at Camp Bilal, Brgy. Delabayan, Kauswagan, Lanao del Norte; and f) 27 February 2024 at Camp Salman, Bgy. Datu Tumanggong, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay.

Funded by the Australian Government through the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), the SDC aims to support the normalization and camp transformation efforts in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). It seeks to create economic opportunities for decommissioned combatants and their communities through skills training and technical assistance. Representatives from the Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) and the BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) attended the ceremony.



11. ***Camp Transformation Investment Program (CTIP) Workshop with JTFCT Camp Coordinators and Secretariat.*** The GPH and MILF - JTFCT Camp Coordinators and Secretariat held a workshop to provide them a clear and comprehensive explanation of the process and changes involved in the enhanced CTIP version. The workshop aimed to ensure that the GPH-MILF JTFCT Secretariat and Camp Coordinators can level off and harmonize their messaging strategies in communicating the content of the enhanced CTIP 2023-2028 to their constituents. This is in collaboration with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) and Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF).
12. ***Meeting to Finalize the National Amnesty Commission Implementing Rules and Regulations (NAC IRR).*** The OPAPRU Program 1, serving as GPH-MILF Peace Process representative to the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), participated in the technical working group (TWG) meeting for the finalization of the NAC Implementing

Rules and Regulations (IRR) and NAC forms relative to the amnesty program and application process. In the roll out of IEC activities, the peace tables must be proactive in orienting its clients/members and consulting them on their cases.

The meeting was attended by the members of the TWG for the IRR from the DOJ, DND, and DILG. OPAPRU officials and representatives present were OPAPRU Exec. Dir. Susana Guadalupe Marcaida of the Peace Sustainability Cluster, Dir. Wendell Orbeso and Ms. Amenah Natangcop of the GPH-MILF Peace Process, Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo for the GPH-MNLF Peace Process, Dir. Christina Loren Umali for the GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process, and Dir. Emmanuel Santos, Jr. for the GPH-CPP-NPA-NDF Peace Process.



13. **Agri-Project Inspection and Consultation.** The OPAPRU's GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair, PA Cesar Yano, with JTFCT Co-Chair Exec. Dir. Cesar De Mesa and GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat Head Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, conducted a project site inspection and consultation of the Science and Technology-Based and Climate-Smart Agricultural Projects for the MILF Camps in Barangay Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte. The said projects were the Organic Vegetable Production and Condo-Style Tilapia Fish Production. These were pilot projects in partnership with the Mindanao State University (MSU) Maguindanao.



During the activity, community beneficiaries welcomed OPAPRU delegates and were introduced to the ongoing projects as they showcased their output. Discussions and consultations with the farmers/beneficiaries at the project sites also took place. Trainers and administrators from MSU Maguindanao as well as cooperative leaders had a meeting and discussion at the office of Brig. Gen. Eric Macaambac, GPH JTFCT Camp Coordinator, in the 1st Marine Brigade, AFP. Also present during the event were OPAPRU officers from TFDCC, MILF-JTFCT, and JTFCT Secretariat.

14. **Agri-Venture Exposure Trip.** The OPAPRU JTFCT Secretariat, led by Deputy Head Secretariat Engr. Bryan Arevalo, accompanied the group of MILF Farmers from Camp Abubakar in Brgy. Tugaig, Barira, in an exposure trip to established agricultural sites and agri-educational institutions. Participants were the current trainees of the ongoing Science and Technology-Based and Climate-Smart Projects in partnership with the MSU. The exposure trip was intended to deepen their knowledge and intensify their motivation to venture into modern approaches to farming, as their means to improve their economic status and progress in financial stability and independence. The activity was an initiative and from the guidance of the GPH Panel Chair PA Cesar Yano.



❖ **Cross-Cutting Themes**

A. Mainstreaming Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS)

1. **1st GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) Ceremonial Oath Taking.** The OPAPRU Program 1 Directors attended the 1st Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) Ceremonial Oath Taking led by Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr. The GFPS strongly advocates for the mainstreaming of GAD and National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS), in recognition of the dynamic and complex roles played by women of diverse and intersecting identities before, during, and after conflict and acknowledge their valuable contributions to peacebuilding. The OPAPRU GFPS Focals shall serve as duty bearers for the active involvement of women with diverse and intersecting identities in conflict prevention, resolution, and transformation as well as in relief and recovery and peacebuilding.



2. **Meeting on Gender and Development (GAD).** The OPAPRU Bangsamoro Cluster had a meeting with Exec. Dir. Susan Marcaida of the Peace Sustainability Cluster to discuss the Gender and Development (GAD) Plan and Budget of the respective programs. EDir. Marcaida mentioned that PDSKMS shall provide policies and templates to ensure the alignment of GAD in various activities to be implemented by the programs. She also emphasized the paramount importance of capacitating the GAD Focal Point System Technical Working Group (TWG) in GAD-related training and

seminars. Dir. Wendell Orbeso and Dir. Janna Jill Gallardo expressed their commitment in strengthening the GAD compliances of each program.

3. **Gender, Conflict and Peace Process Analysis Workshop.** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF Peace Process Office (PPO) participated in the three-day Gender, Conflict, and Peace Process Analysis Workshop conducted by the Conciliation Resources. Discussed in the workshop were the gender norms and expectations, impact of conflict on these norms and expectations, and gender factors on conflict and peace.



4. **Consultation-Workshop to Initiate the Philippines NAPWS 2023-2033 Monitoring and Evaluation Process and Organize the Technical Working Group (TWG).** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO participated in the 3-Day Consultation-Workshop organized by the United Nations (UN) Women to Initiate the Philippine National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Process. The activity aims to develop an M&E and gain understanding of the Terms of Reference (TOR) for TWG on M&E of the Philippine NAPWPS. Discussed in the workshop were the process of developing a logical framework aligned with the NAPWPS 2023-2033, responsibilities of relevant OPAPRU programs that will contribute to the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Plan of the NAPWPS, and identifying the GAD agenda of each agency and address the challenges in developing and identifying indicators for the NAPWPS action points.



5. **Stakeholders Forum for the Presentation of the Peace, Security, and Development Agenda of the MILF Women Sector Political Committee.** The OPAPRU, through Ms. Sittie Sahara Kasan of JNC Secretariat and Ms. Ranee Sinsuat of JTFCT Secretariat, provided updates on the GPH-MILF peace process during the Stakeholders Forum for the Presentation of the Peace, Security, and Development Agenda of the MILF Women Political Committee spearheaded by the UNDP. During the forum, participants raised an issue on the inclusion of MILF women political committee sector in the various normalization programs with the view of being left behind in the implementation. In response, the OPAPRU team emphasized and reiterated that the implementation of Normalization is inclusive and holistic in approach and that the implementation covers communities of Bangsamoro people regardless of sector. Participants also extended their gratitude on the ongoing initiatives on Policing, specifically the entry of MILF in the police force as their next-of-kin are the beneficiaries of the program.

The forum was attended by the Chairperson and representatives from the MILF Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH), BARMM Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC), Ministry of Health (MOH), and Peace, Security, Reconciliation Office (PSRO).

B. Mainstreaming of Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP)

1. **CSPP Training for Program 1 Cotabato-based Personnel.** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO, in collaboration with Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) and Human Resource Management Service (HRMS), conducted a three-day training on Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) for Program 1 Cotabato-based personnel in observance of the 2024 National Women's Month and the 10th Anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro (CAB).



The training was attended by 24 ground staff from the different units of Program 1. Among the discussed topics were the basic concepts of Peace, Conflict, and Violence, Non-Violent Communication, Culture of Peace, Transitional Justice, Conflict Analysis, Peace Effectiveness, CSPP Design Interventions, Risk Analysis, and Assessment of Peace and Conflict Impacts of the Intervention.

2. **Sining Pangkapayapaan: CABabaihan at CABataan.** In celebration of the National Women's Month and 10th Anniversary of the CAB, the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO conducted "Sining Pangkapayapaan: CABabaihan at CABataan" On-the-Spot Poster



Making Contest and Digital Postcard Design Contest with themes “*Ang mga CABabaihan at CABataan sa Kasaysayan ng Kapayapaan*” and “*CAB: Isang Dekada tungo sa Masagana at Mapayapang Bangsamoro*”, wherein youth across regions participated. The esteemed judges were Ms. Rohaniza “Honey” Sumndad-USman, founder of Teach Peace Build Peace Movement (TPBPM); Ms. Jacqueline Foja, a contemporary artist who was part of the recent “Breaking Boundaries” Art Exhibit that featured Filipina Artists in diverse cultures; and Mr. Joser Dumbrique, Creatives Head of OPAPRU’s Communication and Public Affairs Services (CPAS). Through various forms of art, youth participants shared their perspectives on the outstanding roles of women and youth in the peace process and the successful implementation of CAB. A total of 30 young artists participated in the Digital and On-the-Spot Contests of the *Sining Pangkapayapaan*.

C. Stakeholders Participation

1. **Meeting with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF).** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO and UNICEF, through Deputy Representative for Programmes Mr. Behzad Noubary and Partnerships Officer Ms. Marie Michelle Liquigan, met to discuss the ongoing gaps in the implementation of their projects under the Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD BARMM), which is being funded by the European Union (EU). The meeting also discussed the alignment of ongoing and future projects of UNICEF towards the successful implementation of the Normalization Program, followed by a short briefer of the GPH-MILF peace process provided by Dir. Wendell Orbeso.



2. **Results-Oriented Monitoring (ROM) for the Implementation of ATTAIN 2.0 Project.** Director Wendell Orbeso of OPAPRU MILF PPO/JNC provided inputs for the ongoing Results-Oriented Monitoring (ROM) for the implementation of Accompanying the Transition, Transformation of Conflict, and Advocacy on Social Cohesion in the Normalization of Bangsamoro (ATTAIN) 2.0 Project, which is being implemented by the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP). ATTAIN 2.0 Project is funded by the European Union (EU) and will closely collaborate with peace process mechanisms and government institutions. The project is currently undergoing ROM, an external and impartial assessment of an ongoing intervention designed to support the organization in its result-based management. A consultant hired by the EU is conducting the assessment, which involves meetings with the organization subject to ROM, key stakeholders, partners, and beneficiaries of the project.
3. **Coordination Meeting with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD).** The OPAPRU, through the JTFCT Secretariat headed by Ms. Rane Sinsuat, facilitated the coordination meeting with Program Manager Hadzer Birowa and Admin Annieza

Mohammad of the CHD. The design, preparation, and implementation were discussed for the launching of the Camps Transformation Investment Program (CTIP). The JTFCT shall submit to the CHD the necessary staff work and budgetary computations. The CHD commits to continue to support the activities of OPAPRU/JTFCT in bringing peace to the Bangsamoro through peace-promoting dialogue and conflict resolution programs and activities.

4. **Principles for Peace Recommitment Ceremony.** Presidential Adviser for Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (PAPRU) Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr., together with the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO Executives and Management Committee Members, attended the recommitment ceremony of Principle for Peace (P4P). The activity aimed to revitalize the support of peace partners towards the successful completion of the Bangsamoro Peace Process.
5. **Interview with Emilian Berutti.** The OPAPRU MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat Head Dir. Wendell Orbeso was interviewed by Mr. Emilian Berutti, a Swiss doctoral researcher of the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding at the Geneva Graduate Institute. The interview revolved on questions on the Philippines' peacebuilding practices, specifically for the Comprehensive Agreement In the Bangsamoro (CAB).



6. **Visit of Rt. Hon. Lord Jack McConnell of Glenscorrodale and British Embassy Officers, led by Her Excellency Ambassador Laure Beufils.** OPAPRU Presidential Assistant and GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair Cesar Yano, with JTFCT Co-Chairs Exec. Dir. Cesar De Mesa, MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, and MP Ali Salik, and TFDCC Co-Chairs MP Atty. Laisa Alamia and MP Engr. Aida Silongan, extended a warm welcome to the Rt. Hon. Lord Jack McConnell of Glenscorrodale and British Embassy Officers led by Her Excellency Ambassador Laure Beaufils during their visit to Camp Badre.



The purpose of the visit was to address risks in the Conflict, Stability, and Security Fund (CSSF) program and the peace process while further strengthening diplomatic

ties between the UK Government, and the Philippine and Bangsamoro Governments. Lord McConnell's itinerary included a visit to Camp Badre, where the UK-funded Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) launched its ACTIVE project and organized small-group conversations with DCs and women associated with the MILF.

7. **Japan - International Organization for Migration Press Tour.** The OPAPRU, led by JPSC Co-Chairs MGen. Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.) and BARMM Senior Minister Von Al Haq, received media participants of the Japan - International Organization of Migration (IOM) Press Tour, organized by the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines. The tour aimed to highlight the IOM peace initiatives, in partnership with the JPSC and other Peace Mechanisms, which are delivered through various Japan-funded Official Development Assistance (ODA) projects in support of the implementation of the Bangsamoro peace agreement.
8. **Briefing on Normalization with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Manila.** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO and International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO) led by Senior Usec. Isidro Purisima, met with the Royal Norwegian Embassy in Manila officials namely, Deputy Ambassador/Grant Manager Mr. Geir Michalsen and Advisor to the Ambassador Mr. Nikki Al Ben Delfin.



Dir. Wendell Orbeso presented the updates on the Normalization process of the CAB. The embassy considers supporting small projects with great impact. The embassy's current projects revolve on Maritime Industry and on renewable power. The meeting also highlighted the interest in creating projects related with sustainable renewable energy connected with internet connectivity for the areas being considered.

9. **PD BARMM Meeting at EU Office.** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO and International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO) attended a meeting at the European Union Delegation Office to discuss the financing agreement and modalities of the extension for the Peace and Development in the BARMM (PD BARMM). The meeting also discussed the level of flexibility by the EU in providing possible agreed modality for the funding allotment.
10. **Meeting with the new UNICEF Chief of Mindanao Field Office (MFO).** Dir. Wendell Orbeso of OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat met with Mr. Andreas Wuestenberg, the new UNICEF Chief of Mindanao Field Office (MFO), wherein the possible areas of cooperation and partnership with UNICEF were discussed. Dir. Orbeso mentioned the priority areas in the Bangsamoro which are the six (6) MILF Camps (Camps Bilal, Bushra, Abubakar,



Rajamuda, Badre, Omar ibn Al-Khattab) and its 36 core barangays. The 3rd UNICEF meeting is scheduled on 25 April 2024.

11. **Grand Iftar for Peace.** For the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), the OPAPRU Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) facilitated a Grand Iftar for Peace in solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters in the observance of the Holy Month of Ramadan.



12. **Brigada Madrasah.** The OPAPRU JPSC facilitated a series of school maintenance program and turnover of newly renovated Madrasah. Presidential Assistants David Diciano and Cesar Yano led the turn-over ceremony of the newly renovated Madrasah in Brgy. Kabasalan, Pikit Cluster II, SGA BARMM and the two (2) newly constructed Madrasah in Brgy Bayanga, Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte. The Brigada Madrasah project is in line with the series of activities in commemoration of the 10th year signing of the CAB. The renovation was completed through the “bayanihan” efforts of volunteers from the 1st Marine Brigade, Philippine Navy, and Regional Mobile Force Battalion-14 of the PNP, JPSC Secretariat, 901st Brigade, 602nd Brigade, and 543 Engineering Battalion personnel, JPSTs, and community members.

Various peace partners donated 165 sacks of 5-kilo rice, 165 sets of hygiene kits, 500 packed meals, 165 sets of dental kits, 165 school bags with school supplies, 1 set of portable speaker with mic, 24 pcs of monobloc chairs, 6 plastic tables, 2 units of stand fan, and 10 Quran.

Moreover, other activities of the program were a free medical mission, in partnership with LGU Pikit through its Rural Health Unit headed by Dr. Mangondato, which benefited 101 residents of Pikit; poster making contest, through the sponsorship of MP Baintan Amaptuan, participated by 10 selected Madrasah students with theme “*Isang Dekada*”

Tungo sa Mapayapa at Masaganang Bangsamoro”; Quran recitation, Islamic symposium, and community Iftar. School supplies and Iftar packages were received by 400 Madrasah students through the donations from Bangsamoro Transformation Authority (BTA) and various peace partners.



II. PROGRAM 2: PEACE PROCESS WITH THE MORO NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (MNLF) AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 1996 FINAL PEACE AGREEMENT

A. POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

1. **2nd Convergence Meeting with the MNLF Groups**

18 January 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City



The OPAPRU convened the 2nd meeting of the Convergence Forum with the MNLF Groups with the following agenda: (1) updates from the MNLF on the ground consultations relative to the convergence efforts; (2) framework/elements and principles to come up with a joint transformation roadmap; and (3) the creation of a working group for a joint transformation roadmap. The parties agreed on the following next steps:

- Establish a convergence forum as a platform for the MNLF on the ongoing convergence towards full implementation of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA);
- Proceed with the implementation of the Transformation Program for combatants and communities under the leadership of Chair Muslimin Sema, especially those that were processed and engaged in 2023;
- Orient or brief the MNLF Peace Coordinating Committee and MNLF commanders under the leadership of Chair Nur Misuari on the concept, design and processes of the Transformation Program;
- OPAPRU to ensure that the Transformation Program should be anchored on Article 20a of the 1996 FPA;
- Create a technical working group that shall be tasked to harmonize all inputs from the Government and the MNLF groups towards a formulation of a joint transformation roadmap, which shall be presented to the Convergence Forum for review and approval.

The meeting was presided over by the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (PAPRU) Sec. Carlito Galvez Jr., and attended by OPAPRU Executives, MNLF Members of Parliament, members of peace mechanisms, and MNLF commanders from various areas in Mindanao.

2. **1st GPH-MNLF Management Committee Meeting for FY 2024**

01-02 February 2024 | Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City

The 1st GPH-MNLF Management Committee Meeting was held on 01-02 February 2024 in General Santos City to discuss the results of the socioeconomic assessments of 1,705 combatants and 25 communities, profiled in FY 2023 conducted by the Mindanao State University (MSU) System. The meeting also aimed to discuss and prepare the list of projects for FY 2025 and beyond.

The MSU Project Management Unit (MSU-PMU) provided two (2) presentations to the Joint Management Committee (JMC) on 01 February 2024. One was the result of the community assessments of 25 communities that included data on the barangay profile, income, population, socioeconomic challenges, and current means of living of the communities. Project proposals were prepared based on the needs of the communities and were prioritized based on the urgency and those that can be accommodated in the allotted PhP 5 million per community. Another presentation was delivered by the MSU Team that focused on the data collected during the socioeconomic profiling process of the MNLF combatants in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City. These data formed part of the basis for the FY 2025 proposal of Program 2 on the GPH-MNLF Peace Process.



The presentations were followed by the multiyear planning workshop on 02 February 2024 in preparation for succeeding years of budget proposals for MNLF Transformation Program. At the end of the two-day session, the parties approved a total of 79 projects amounting to PhP 125 million for 25 priority MNLF communities, including community infrastructure, agri-productivity/agri-fisheries, support to capacity building, and livelihood interventions and instructed the MSU General Santos City, as the project manager, to proceed with the required procurement processes. Further, the parties agreed on the following ways forward:

- For the MNLF Management Committee to submit project proposals, WFP, geotags, and a letter of intent of 50 priority communities from the MNLF on or before 09 February 2024;
- For the MNLF Management Committee to submit to the GPH Management Committee the names of graduates from MNLF communities who are currently unemployed and seeking employment opportunities for endorsement to appropriate agencies;
- For the MSU-PMU to provide technical support to the MNLF coordinators and communities in the finalization of project proposals and other pertinent documents necessary for the procurement processes to proceed; and
- For the JMC to address concerns about the turn-over of infrastructure and assets under the PAMANA program such as the farm equipment and constructed DRR/multi-purpose buildings.

On Day 2 of the activity, National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Commissioner Atty. Jamar Kulayan briefed the members of the GPH and MNLF Management Committee on the details of the Amnesty Proclamation No. 406 for the MNLF and the proposed Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the issuance of amnesty certificates. The briefing ended with the agreement for the GPH-MNLF Management Committee to include in the design of Iftar celebrations in three (3) MNLF communities for the conduct of Information, Education, Communication (IEC) sessions to inform the MNLF members about the Amnesty Program.

The two-day session was attended by members of the MNLF Management Committee, headed by Mr. Uttoh Salem Cutan, and the GPH Management Committee, led by Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano. Also in attendance was BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Exec. Dir. Jordan Bayam, and Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, as well as personnel from the PAMANA National Project Management Office as GPH representatives. Representatives from MSU Systems Maguindanao, Marawi, General Santos, and Sulu were also present, with Dr. Mario Aguja.

3. **2nd GPH-MNLF Management Committee Meeting for FY 2024**
26 March 2024 | Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City



Following the agreements of the 1st GPH-MNLF Management Committee Meeting on 01-02 February 2024, a 2nd Joint Management Committee was held on 26 March 2024 in General Santos City for the GPH Management Committee Secretariat to update the MNLF representatives on the status of the approved priority community projects for FY 2024 and FY 2025, the preparation for the verification of arms and forces, and the socioeconomic profiling of the remaining 258 combatants from Basilan and Lanao del Sur. Key agreements during the meeting were as follows:

Agenda 1: Updates on the priority community projects for FY 2024 and FY 2025

- Review the budget allocation and the description of capacity building to be implemented by the MSU;
- Explore or focus on the agri-fishery activities beneficial to MNLF communities;
- Secretariat to work closely with the Socioeconomic Sub-Committee relative to the implementation of projects for the 25 communities;
- Ensure that infrastructure (e.g. buildings) are directed towards enhancing people's livelihoods or socioeconomic advancement; and,
- Make a report to the MSU and require them to fast track the implementation of the projects.

Agenda 2: Discussion on the preparations for the verification of 143 firearms and the socioeconomic profiling of the remaining 258 combatants from Basilan and Lanao del Sur

- Identification of Assembly and Processing Sites;
- Submission of areas and list of combatants for socioeconomic profiling for FY 2024;
- Inclusion of details of the next-of-kin, including profiles of their family members, in the profiling tool;
- Inclusion of percentage of profiled combatants who applied for civil registration; and,
- Facilitation of active participation of the implementing partners during the JMC Meeting.

The meeting was attended by the GPH and MNLF Management Committee members headed by Co-Chairs PA Cesar Yano of the GPH and Uttoh Salem Cutan of the MNLF.

B. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

❖ Socioeconomic Component

1. 1st Advisory Board Meeting of the OPAPRU-MSU Partnership on the MNLF Transformation Program

29 January 2024 | City Garden Suites, Ermita, Manila

The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office (PPO), conducted the 1st Advisory Board Meeting of the OPAPRU – MSU Partnership on the MNLF Transformation Program and Presentation of the Results of the Socio-Economic Assessments of the Individual Combatants and 25 Priority Barangays with the Mindanao State University Systems executives led by the MSU General Santos.

The meeting covered the following agenda: (a) Orientation on the project's nature and structure; (b) Updates on the comprehensive progress of project implementation; (c) Presentation of profiles of MNLF communities and combatants; (d) Report on status of fund utilization related to the project; and (5) Facilitation of discussions to address pertinent issues requiring resolution by the Advisory Board.

Present during the meeting were the GPH Management Committee Chair PA Cesar Yano, Security Subcommittee Chair BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), GPH-MNLF PPO Head Director Jana Jill Gallardo, NPMO representatives Rica Jerene Maravilla-Cabungcal and Roland Keno Chua, MSU System President Atty. Basari Mapupuno, MSU General Santos Acting Chancellor JD. Usman Aragasi, MSU Maguindanao Chancellor Dr. Bai Hejira Macalandong-Limbona, and Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension Dr. Raquel Santiago-Arenas.

2. Project Review Conference

31 January 2024 | MSU General Santos City



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office (PPO) and PAMANA National Project Management Office (NPMO), participated in the Project Review Conference with the Mindanao State University System's Project Management Team on the MNLF Transformation Program community-level interventions for 25 priority barangays.

There were 84 proposed projects identified, and each campus presented their project components respectively, including budgetary requirements. The OPAPRU presented its review of each project and the guidance on negative list of projects. It was recommended that those projects which can no longer be covered by the Php 5M per barangay allocation may be included in the programming for FY 2025.

MSU General Santos Acting Chancellor JD. Usman Aragasi joined the conference and reiterated their commitment to the partnership. The results of the final proposed projects shall be presented on 01 February 2024 during the 1st GPH-MNLF Management Committee, wherein respective MNLF commanders of the priority barangays will attend and participate in the identification of projects for multi-year programming.

The conference was participated by MSU Systems Maguindanao, Marawi, General Santos, Sulu, with Prof. Mario Aguja as the overall project leader, OPAPRU's GPH-MNLF PPO Director Jana Jill Gallardo, and GPH-MNLF PPO staff Mr. Marlon Peria, Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios, and the PAMANA NPMO representatives Ms. Rica Maravilla and Mr. Keno Chua.

3. Revalidation of 2024 PAMANA Projects in MNLF Communities

05-07 February 2024 | Region XII and Maguindanao Provinces



The OPAPRU, represented by the PAMANA NPMO and GPH-MNLF PPO, conducted revalidation of the proposed 2024 PAMANA projects in MNLF communities across Maguindanao Provinces and Region XII. The two-day actual validation covered the following sites: Bgy. Iginagampong, Datu Unsay, Maguindanao del Sur for evacuation center; Bgy. Macabisu, Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao del Norte for Level 2 water system; Bgy. Sibuto, Sitio Beke to Sultan, Bagoengad, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte for the farm-to-market road project; Bgy. Kayaga and Bgy. Nangaan, Kabacan, North Cotabato for water system projects.

The validation team also paid a courtesy visit cum meeting with DPWH Region XII executive officers in DPWH Regional Office XII in Koronadal City. It aimed to orient the said office on the proposed 2024 PAMANA projects in MNLF communities, which focused on the strategic review and revalidation of pre-identified projects and emphasizing collaborative efforts for effective community development in Region XII and Maguindanao Provinces.

The meeting was participated by the DPWH Executive Officers Engr. Mashud Mastor II Ibrahim, Engr. Masiding Magomnang, and Engr. Bryan Unos, and OPAPRU representatives Mr. Taib Aragasi and Mr. Al Iribani of GPH-MNLF PPO, Mr. Florence Jay Mañere, Engr. Loyd Anthony Miaral and Engr. John Louie Lopez of PAMANA NPMO.

4. Year Starter Assessment Planning

05 February 2024 | DSWD Central Office, Quezon City

The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, attended the Year Starter Assessment Planning for the implementation of socioeconomic interventions for

both the decommissioned combatants (DCs) of the MILF and MNLF Transformation Program beneficiaries organized by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) under the Office of the Undersecretary for Inclusive Sustainable Peace. For the MNLF Transformation Program, the DSWD is the implementing partner of OPAPRU on the provision of transitional cash assistance amounting to PhP 45,000.00 each, distributed to 1,705 combatants who completed the required socioeconomic profiling in 2023 and provision of cash-for-work program to the same



individual combatants this 2024.

Agreements of the meeting were: (1) increase the amount of cash-for-work program from PhP 316.00 to PhP 341.00 based on the latest policy released by the BARMM; (2) review existing fund sources and identify possible funds for DSWD human resources; and (3) submission of Sustainable Livelihood Program guidelines in the BARMM to be signed by the OPAPRU and concurred by the DSWD and MSSD. The said policy instrument will guide the implementation of SLP in MNLF communities within the BARMM by DSWD regional offices.

OPAPRU was represented by Executive Director Jordan Bayam, Director Wendell Orbeso of the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office, Director Jana Jill Gallardo and Mr. Marlon Peria of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, and personnel from the Socioeconomic Unit of Program 1. Undersecretary Allan Tanjuszay led and represented DSWD.

5. Validation of 2024 PAMANA Projects in MNLF Communities

05-08 February 2024 | Tawi-Tawi



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO and the PAMANA NPMO, facilitated a three-day project validation activity to assess and validate the seaweed farming and processing plant project proposed by the Province of Tawi-Tawi. The GPH-MNLF PPO was represented by Mr. Bensaudi Sawabi.

A coordination meeting with the PLGU Tawi-Tawi took place on Day 1 of the activity. Discussions focused on the proposed projects in Tawi-Tawi and deliberations on the final list of projects to be implemented in the province.

The PAMANA validation team met with PLGU Tawi-Tawi Governor Yshmael Sali and his Administrative Officer, Mr. Mobin Gampal on the following day. The meeting centered on the validation of proposed projects for FY 2024 PAMANA initiatives. Further, the validation team reiterated the urgency of finalizing project proposals to facilitate the release of funds.

The meeting ended with a forward-looking plan outlining visits to project sites involving the OPAPRU validation team and PLGU, with the joint task force in Tawi-Tawi assisting in project validation for far-flung island municipalities.

6. Ceremonial Signing of Memoranda of Agreement for PAMANA projects

14 March 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)



NLF PPO, represented by Director Jana Jill Gallardo with Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios and Ms. Tricia Anne Jimenez, participated in the Ceremonial Signing of Memoranda of Agreement for PAMANA. Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., along with the OPAPRU Executive and Management Committee, governors, mayors, and representatives from different regions were in attendance. The MOA signing was held to formalize agreements related to PAMANA initiatives, aiming to foster peace and development across the regions.

Present during the event were key stakeholders involved in PAMANA projects for the GPH-MNLF PPO, including Governor Yshmael Sali of Tawi-Tawi, mayors of Akbar, Al-Barka, Tipo-Tipo, and the municipal administrator representing Tuburan Mayor.

❖ Security Component

1. Year-End Assessment and Planning Meeting

15 January 2024 | Camp Crame, Quezon City



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO as the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat, conducted its year-end assessment and planning meeting led by the Head Secretariat, Director Jana Jill Gallardo of GPH-MNLF PPO, along with Col. Egberto Dacoscos of the AFP Peace and Development

Office and PLTCOL. Heinrich Alafriz of the PNP Peace Process and Development Center.

Initial assessment of the MNLF Transformation Program Implementation, were conducted specifically on the Security Component focusing on the processes operationalized, activities completed in 2023, and the performance of various security mechanisms. Preparations for the conduct of assessment and planning workshop with the mechanisms were also discussed. Findings of the assessment shall be shared with the JBMAF mechanisms, Government Validation Team (GVAT), Joint Verification Team (JVeT), and Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT).

The JBMAF Secretariat also paid a courtesy call to PPDC Chief, PBGen. Augustus Placer, and provided him updates on the accomplishments and upcoming activities of the MNLF Transformation Program. Also present during the activity were Mr. Marlon Peria and Ms. Maricon Sagayno of the GPH-MNLF PPO/JBMAF Secretariat, Major Henry Bual PA and Mr. Kin Montalvo of AFP PDO, PCPT. Mike Jallorina and PSgt. Johnrey Deogracias of the PPDC.

2. Joint Body on Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Preparatory Meeting on the Courtesy Visits to Western Mindanao Command of the AFP and Area Police Command of the PNP

24 January 2024 | Via Videoconference

The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO as the JBMAF Secretariat, convened a preparatory meeting to address concerns on the courtesy calls scheduled on 06 and 08 February 2024 involving the Commanders of Western Mindanao Command and Area Police Command, respectively. Deliberations on the finalization of plans for the Year-end Assessment and Planning meeting on 07 February 2024, involving JBMAF Mechanisms such as the Government Validation Team (GVAT), Joint Verification Team (JVET), and Joint Security and Monitoring Team (JSMCT) were also discussed.

Key attendees at the meeting were COL. Egberto Dacoscos PA of the AFP PPDO, PLTCOL. Heirich Alafriz and PCPT. Mike Jallorina of the PNP PPDC, Ms. Maricon Sagayno of the GPH-MNLF PPO, and Mr. Kin Montalvo, Civilian Human Resource representative of the AFP PDO.

3. Briefing and Courtesy Call to Commander, Western Mindanao Command

06 February 2024 | WestMinCom, Zamboanga City



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO, represented by GPH Chairperson for Peace and Security Sub-Committee BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Mr. Marlon Peria, Ms. Maricon Sagayno, and JBMAF Secretariat headed by Col. Egberto Dacoscos and Col. Noel Buncab of AFP PDO conducted a courtesy call to Deputy Commander of Western Mindanao Command BGen. Taharudin Ampatuan INF (MNSA).

The team provided briefing on the progress of OPAPRU's initiatives under the MNLF Transformation Program, including issues and challenges encountered during its implementation in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao Provinces, and Sulu. Security Committee Chair Pascual reiterated his concern over the safety and security when travelling to the communities to deliver services and projects. Nonetheless, he was grateful for the relentless support of the AFP as manifested by the success of the activities of the MNLF Transformation Program carried out in targeted areas. AFP PDO Consultant Col. Noel Buncab PN(M), JBMAF Secretariat Col. Egberto Dacoscos and PLTCOL. Henrich Alafriz, JSMCT and JVET Co-Chair PLTCOL. Romeo Galgo, and AFP representatives from WestMinCom Maj. Emmanuel Manabon PA, LTC. Ryan Lucena, Col. Franklin Fabic, and Col. Emmanuel Cabasan were present during the activity.

4. Assessment of the Joint Body on Management of Firearms and Forces (JBMAF) Mechanisms

06 February 2024 | WestMinCom, Zamboanga City



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO, conducted an assessment on JBMAF Mechanisms where the Government Validation Team (GVAT), Joint Verification Team (JVET), and Joint Security on Monitoring and Coordination Team (JSMCT) presented their assessment of the program, highlighting the gains and lessons learned from the validation of combatants, verification of firearms, and profiling activities in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, and Maguindanao Provinces. MNLF Transformation Program – Security Component Focal Person Ms. Maricon Sagayno presented an update on the GPH-MNLF Peace Process and the accomplishments for FY 2023. The assessment led to recommendations to update the mandates of the security mechanisms, aiming to integrate the role of these mechanisms in all components of the Transformation Program. The JVET recommended some revisions in the procedures of verification of firearms and combatants, particularly on the type of firearms to be submitted by the MNLF combatant for documentation.

The OPAPRU was represented by Program 2 Deputy Director Marlon Peria, Ms. Sagayno and JBMAF Secretariat led by Col. Egberto Dacoscos and PLTCOL Heinrich Alafriz. The assessment was attended by BGen. Taharudin Ampatuan INF (MNSA), Col. Emmanuel Cabasan, Col. Franklin Fabic and Maj. Emmanuel Manabon, all from WestMinCom; JBMAF Co-Chair Col. Abdurahman Jhovet (Ret.), GPH Chair for the Peace and Security Sub-Committee BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Co-Chairs

Col. Noel Buncab PN(M) (Ret.), Col. Egberto Dacoscos of AFP PDO, PLTCOL. Henrich Alafriz of PNP PPDC, JSMCT and JVET Co-Chair PLTCOL. Romeo Galgo, and units from the PNP and AFP. Present virtually were Co-Chairs Capt. Norsal Dimaporo PN (MNSA) of the AFP and PCol. Joseph Arguelles of the PNP.

5. Briefing and Courtesy Call to Commander, Area Police Command

08 February 2024 | Pagadian City



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO and the JBMAF led by Co-Chair of the Peace and Security Sub-Committee BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), made a courtesy call to PMGen. Viktor Wanchakan, Deputy Commander of Area Police Command Western Mindanao. PMGen. Wanchakan was apprised of the 2023 implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program and upcoming activities for 2024. Chair Pascual also conveyed his gratitude for the relentless support of the PNP to the peace process, especially in the implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program. Chair Pascual also relayed that there is a need to revisit the TOR of the JBMAF as the Security Component shall be supporting the Socioeconomic Component's implementation in 25 communities and will not be limited to the validation, verification, and profiling processes.

The team also paid a courtesy call to Commander of 11D MGen. Gabriel Viray, where he was oriented on the MNLF Transformation Program and the role of the AFP in various security mechanisms. The team was joined by Chief PNP PPDC PBGen. Percival Augustus, Co-Chair of the JBMAF Col. Egberto Dacoscos of AFP PDO, PLTCOL. Heinrich Alafriz of PNP PPDC, Deputy Director Marlon Peria and Ms. Maricon Sagayno of the GPH-MNLF PPO.

6. Meeting for Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Mechanisms Planning Workshop

29 February 2024 | OPAPRU Central Office, Pasig City



The OPAPRU, through its GPH-MNLF PPO as the JBMAF Secretariat, convened a preparatory meeting to outline the agenda for the upcoming JBMAF Mechanisms Planning Workshop scheduled on 05-06 March 2024 in Zamboanga City. The meeting deliberated on the following agenda: a) Review of the JBMAF Terms of Reference and Implementing Arrangements to adjust the JVET and JSMCT mandates on its potential inclusion in other MNLF Transformation Program components; b) AFP and PNP as OPAPRU's partners for the conduct of Iftar on the first week of April 2024 in various areas; and, c) Initial discussion on the preparations for the remaining deliverables for FY 2023 and implementation for FY 2024.

The meeting was chaired by JBMAF Head Secretariat and GPH-MNLF PPO Director Jana Jill Gallardo, and attended by Col. Egberto Dacoscos of AFP PDO, PLTCol. Heinrich Alafriz and PMAJ Michael Jallorina of PNP PPDC, Mr. Marlon Peria and Ms. Maricon Sagayno of GPH-MNLF PPO, and personnel from both the AFP and the PNP.

7. Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Planning Workshop

05-06 March 2024 | WestMinCom, Zamboanga City

The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO and the JBMAF commenced its inaugural session on planning workshop with various partners from the security sector. The primary objective of the planning workshop is to devise a comprehensive implementation plan for the verification and profiling procedures for the remaining 258 MNLF firearms and combatants across the Basilan and Lanao del Sur provinces, which are tentatively slated between April and May 2024.

A thorough review of the JBMAF Terms of Reference and Implementing Arrangements for clarification and reiteration was done during Day 1 of the activity. A presentation on the key findings from the 2023 year-end assessment conducted by the JBMAF Secretariat was also provided with the essential insights as the take-off activity. Director Jana Jill Gallardo discussed an in-depth presentation on the MNLF Peace Process updates and accomplishments for FY 2023. The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP) formulated their respective work and financial plans aligned with the execution of validation, verification, and profiling processes in projected provinces for FY 2024. Outputs of the workshop were presented on Day 2 to BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Co-chair of the Peace and Security Sub-Committee. Discussions covered the Financial Plans of the AFP and PNP, specific to the allocation of funds for the validation, verification, and profiling processes of security components in the provinces of Sulu, Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani, Maguindanao del Sur, and Maguindanao del Norte for FY 2024.



Attendees of the workshop were Col. Egberto Dacoscos PA, Col. Eric Culveria, Tsg. Lou Bautista, and Mr. Kin Montalvo of the AFP PPDO; Col. Rey Pasco and Lt. Roy Albert Paller of Western Mindanao Command; Cpt. John Reynan Lubguban 101st Brigade PA and other AFP personnel; Mr. Marlon Peria, Ms. Maricon Sagayno, and Ms. Al-Fatima Ahiyal of GPH-MNLF PPO. Virtually present were PCol. Josept Arguelles, PLTCol. Heinrich Alafriz, PCPT. Michael Jallorina, and PCPL. Johnrey Deogracias of the PNP PPDC; JVET and JMSCT Co-Head PLTCol. Romeo Galgo, and other AFP and PNP personnel.

❖ Confidence-Building Measures

1. 13th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting

10 January 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)



The OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO, along with representatives from the DOJ, DILG, DND and OPAPRU Programs participated in the 13th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting where various aspects, including updates on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with OPAPRU on the fund transfers to NAC and the MOA of NAC with NCMF and PNP/AFP were discussed. The agenda also tackled plans for a follow-up meeting between LPEO and NAC to address issues on the role of AMUs in amnesty implementation and coordination procedures between OPAPRU and Local Amnesty Boards (LABs); and scheduling a Technical Working Group meeting on 19 January 2024 focusing on the development of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and preparations for a Senate hearing.

A noteworthy point emerged during the discussion on the establishment of a shared drive where all units can contribute to Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) document on Amnesty. This collaborative effort shall be managed by the NAC Secretariat and aims to enhance clarity and communication among involved entities.

2. Meeting relative to the Senate Hearing on Amnesty Proclamations and Discussion of the NACs Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

19 January 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)



RU GPH-MNLF PPO attended the meeting in preparation for the forthcoming Senate Hearing on Amnesty Proclamations and discussion of the NAC's Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). The meeting focused on addressing inquiries from the previous Senate session, completing presentation materials, and reviewing the status of amnesty progress. The importance of OPAPRU vetting before presenting amnesty applicants to NAC was also emphasized, and the peace tables were given responsibilities related to the socioeconomic aspects that can be provided to the amnesty applicants. The meeting further reviewed and made some revisions on the latest draft IRR of Proclamation Nos. 403, 404, 405, and 406, series of 2023, concerning members of RPM-P/RPA/ABB, former members of CPP-NPA-NDF, MILF, and MNLF.

3. Meeting with the OPAPRU Peace Tables and the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Secretariat

25 January 2024 | OPAPRU Central Office

The GPH-MNLF PPO attended the meeting with NAC on the peace table roles, as stipulated in the draft Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR). Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico and Ms. Tricia Anne Jimenez participated during the meeting alongside Executive Director Atty. Maria Victoria Cardona and Atty. Rizal Thadeus Acas of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), Atty. Allan Bryan Caser of OPAPRU LLS, and representatives from OPAPRU Peace Processes.

The primary agenda of the meeting was to discuss and streamline the relationship between the OPAPRU and NAC in the processing of Amnesty applications. The meeting also held discussions to finalize OPAPRU's role in processing amnesty applications as well as in the IRR. Understanding how the OPAPRU Secretariat to the NAC Secretariat shall contribute to the Commission and the Amnesty Program was also tackled.

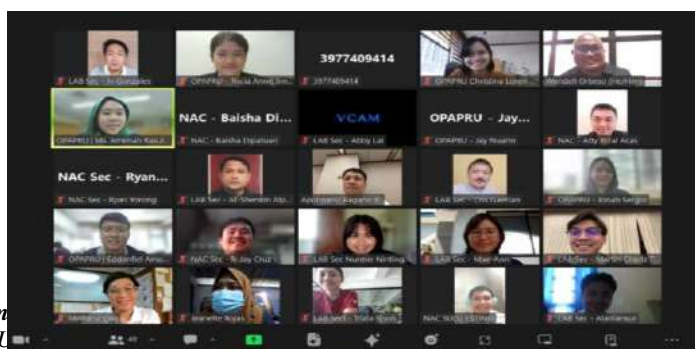
4. Meeting on the Finalization of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC)

26 January 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)

The GPH-MNLF PPO, represented by Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico and Ms. Tricia Anne Jimenez, participated during the NAC Meeting led by Commissioner Jamar Kulayan. The meeting deliberated on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the processing of Amnesty applications. The discussions, led by the Peace Tables and the Legal and Legislative Services (LLS) of the OPAPRU, focused on delineating the roles of the OPAPRU and the Commission Secretariat in the amnesty processing. Notably, the tasks of the Commission Secretariat and peace tables were distinctly outlined. The revision of the IRR was successfully concluded by the participating members. A meeting with the body to address the provisions related to the Safe Conduct Pass in the IRR and the Rules of Procedures has been scheduled as a way forward. Members shall receive copies of the revised IRR for thorough review and deliberation.

5. Videoconference Meeting with the NAC on the Revision of the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for the Amnesty Applications

02 February 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)



The GPH-MNLF PPO, represented by Ms. Tricia Anne Jimenez, participated in the NAC Meeting via videoconference discussing the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the Amnesty application process. The

meeting was attended by the NAC Secretariat, Local Amnesty Boards (LABs) members, and OPAPRU Peace Tables representatives. The meeting focused on elaborating the points and comments on the FAQs provided by NAC specific to the authority to grant amnesty, amnesty application procedures, addressing amnesty opposition, and grounds for amnesty opposition. The FAQs generated during the session shall serve a crucial inputs and reference in the upcoming Senate Committee hearing and shall be used by the LABs to provide comprehensive information to prospective amnesty applicants.

6. Senate Committee Hearing on the Granting of Amnesty to the Members of Former Rebels/Combatants

06 February 2024 | Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City

Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. represented the OPAPRU at the Senate Public Committee Hearing on the granting of amnesty to members of various groups, including the MNLF. Also present during the hearing was NAC Chair Leah Tanodra-Armamento. Senators Jinggoy Estrada and Imee Marcos convened the Senate Committee Hearing with Sen. Estrada posing fundamental queries on amnesty, such as its significance, expediting the amnesty application process, and understanding its vetting procedure. Senator Raffy Tulfo was also present during the session. While the primary focus was on the amnesty for the members of former rebel/combattant groups and the delays in the decommissioning of MILF combatants, the discussion veered towards the decommissioning process of the MILF. It was decided that the House would reconvene the hearing on 20 February 2024.

7. 14th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting

14 February 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)



The OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO participated in the 14th NAC Meeting, with Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico and Ms. Tricia Anne Jimenez, alongside representatives from various OPAPRU Peace Tables and Atty. Allan Bryan Caser of LLS. The meeting was aimed to provide updates on the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the NAC and key partner agencies including the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), AFP, PNP, and Commission on Elections (COMELEC). Discussions delved into the updates on the meeting and focus group discussions with the GPH-CPP-NPA-NDF Peace Process Concerns Office to ensure alignment with NAC, Local Amnesty Boards (LABs), and Area Management Units (AMUs) of OPAPRU, in addition to deliberations on potential locations for additional LABs.

Finalizing the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) on the amnesty applications alongside the 2023 NAC Continuing Appropriation were also tackled. Primary focus was on expediting the concurrence of TWG members and establishing a timeline for IRR printing after the Senate concurrence. There were also deliberations on defining "former rebels" and addressing "legal fronts" associated with CPP-NPA-NDF. Commissioner Jamar Kulayan proposed

suspending the finalization of FAQs until all CPP-NDA-NDF concerns were addressed and suggested that FAQs be tailored separately for each peace table.

8. Meeting with the Office of Senator Jinggoy Estrada for Proclamations on Amnesty

15 February 2024 | Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City



The Office of Senator Jinggoy Estrada extended invitations to the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and the OPAPRU for a briefing session on the Amnesty Proclamations. Representing the GPH-MNLF PPO were Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico and Ms. Tricia Anne Jimenez. The meeting was aimed to have an in-depth discussion on the amnesty process, including post-amnesty interventions by OPAPRU, socioeconomic programs associated with each peace table, and updates on the signatures gathered for the Committee report.

On the update on the Committee report, Senator Ronald Dela Rosa voiced his opposition to endorsing the resolutions, while Senators Lawrence "Bong" Go and Cynthia Villar expressed some reservations. Sen. Estrada's office organized a briefing session involving representatives from other Senators' offices to address said reservations and garner support for the Committee report. The NAC and OPAPRU shall provide clarifications on any inquiries that will be raised. It was agreed that a plenary session shall be scheduled on 21 February 2024 should the Committee report obtain the necessary number of signatures.

9. Senate Plenary Session on Amnesty Proclamation

04 March 2024 | Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City



The OPAPRU, led by Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) officials and representatives from NAC Ex-Officio member agencies, witnessed the Senate of the Philippines' concurrence with House Concurrent Resolutions No. 19, 21, and 22, granting amnesty to the members of the Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa-Pilipinas - Revolutionary Proletarian Army - Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-P/RPA/ABB), Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), who have committed crimes punishable under the Revised Penal Code and Special Penal Laws in furtherance of their political beliefs.

On 28 February 2024, the concurrent resolution on amnesty for MNLF passed the 2nd reading and the period of interpellation concluded.

❖ Community Healing and Reconciliation

1. Capacity Development Workshop on Project Proposal Preparation for MNLF Women from Island Provinces

26-29 February 2024 | CT Boulevard, Zamboanga City



The OPAPRU, through the GPH-MNLF PPO, conducted the Capacity Development Workshop on Project Proposal Preparation for the 15 MNLF Women from Island Provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi, including Zamboanga City and Zamboanga Peninsula. Fifteen (15) MNLF women, five (5) of whom belong to MNLF youth, were oriented on the concept of Innovation Labs and capacitated on basic tools and parameters in crafting innovative project proposals. The Innovation Labs is a small grant facility aimed at encouraging MNLF women and youth to develop and implement new but small projects within a short period of time, with a potential to be sustained, institutionalized, and scaled up or replicated in other MNLF communities. The workshop ensured that the project proposal they prepared was based on current realities and informed data. The final draft of the participants' project proposal shall be reviewed and refined by the facilitators for submission to OPAPRU.

The activity concluded with a message of support from MP Nurredha Misuari, BTA, BARMM wherein she reiterated her gratitude for the relentless support of the OPAPRU, as manifested by various initiatives or endeavors benefiting MNLF communities including the advancement of youth in peacebuilding. The closing message was delivered by Deputy Minister Nur-Ainee Misuari Lim. She recounted her struggles and those of women in the name of *Bangsa, Agama, and Hula*. Nonetheless, she expressed her appreciation for the development of the MNLF communities through OPAPRU's unyielding and steadfast support for peace in the country. The activity constitutes the primary initiatives under the approved Gender and Development Plans and Budget of the GPH-MNLF PPO for FY 2024 and in support of the MNLF Transformation Program on Community Healing and Reconciliation Component.

III. PROGRAM 3: PEACE PROCESS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES– NEW PEOPLE’S ARMY – NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT (CPP-NPA-NDF) AND CONDUCT OF LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENTS AND ITS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

A. Mainstreaming and Implementation of Localized Peace Engagements and its Transformation Program (TP)

1. **Transformation Program (TP) Planning workshops in four (4) provinces** were conducted for this quarter. The TP Planning workshop aims to initiate the implementation of the TP that is a participatory and inclusive process for the Former Rebels (FRs) including the duty bearers. At the end of each TP planning workshop, participants were able to produce an output to be consolidated and assimilated into a TP Plan finalized by the Provincial LGU. This served as a venue to harmonize all the program interventions of the FRs by the province following the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) principles.

Below are the series of the conducted Transformation Planning Workshops for the 1st quarter of 2024:

Date	Province	Location
10-12 February 2024	Albay	Uno Hotel, Palawan Puerto Princesa
	Catanduanes	
19-21 March 2024	Oriental Mindoro	Isla de Oro Hotel, Mamburao Occidental Mindoro
26-28 March 2024	Palawan	Uno Hotel, Palawan Puerto Princesa

On each TP Planning workshop, member agencies of the Regional and Provincial Task Forces to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF and PTF-ELCAC), FRs, and other key stakeholders converged to craft their provinces’ respective TP Plans. Key authorities collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the FRs 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 topics relative to TP.

The workshop also served as an opportunity to fortify partnerships between key stakeholders focusing on TP, information dissemination, and peace advocacy campaigns, ultimately empowering PLGUs to assume a leadership role in ensuring peace sustainability. Discussions spanned various topics, including the provinces’ security situation, issues exploited by CPP-NPA-NDF, status of national and local interventions, social preparation by concerned agencies, existing programs for FRs, and other pertinent subjects related to TP. Participants received orientation on the TP Framework, as well as the integration of Gender and Development (GAD) / Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth Peace Security (YPS) and Indigenous Peoples (IPs) to factor them into the TP Plan.

2. **OPAPRU Convened Governors of Regions X, XIII and Key National Government Agencies for the Transformation Program (TP) plans**

26 February 2024 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)

As a parallel effort to campaign and ensure success and adaptation of the TP Plans for Region X and Region XIII, OPAPRU, through the GPH-CPP-NPA-NDF Peace Process Office (CPPO), convened the governors of the regions and key NGAs to present and

discuss their crafted TP plans. Discussions revolved on focusing on harmonizing efforts of NGAs in ensuring the success of the implementation of the TP.



The meeting provided a space for the NGAs to listen intently and determine among those programs/activities/projects (PAPs) that are congruent to their mandate which can be accommodated in their budget appropriations. Overall, it fostered collaboration and partnership between the provincial government and relevant government line agencies to leverage collective resources, expertise, and networks in support of the TP initiatives for the former CPP-NPA-NDF and affected areas.

B. National Peace Engagements Social Mobilization

A series of orientation and reorientation was conducted for the security sector, acknowledging the vital role of the military in the initiatives of the Comprehensive Peace Process. This pursuit harmonized the understanding of members of the security sector about the mainstreaming and implementation of the Transformation Program and the common end state of the TP effort towards directing their actions parallel to OPAPRU's initiatives.



This served as a platform to identify priority project proposals of the province that can be funded by concerned regional line agencies and corporate groups. The activity sought to orient the security sectors to gain the same understanding and appreciation on the new approach to attain the ultimate goal of ending the armed struggle and to forge a negotiated political peace settlement with the CPP-NPA-NDF through the national peace engagement. Through this, issues and concerns of the security sector were addressed, aiming to find common ground and address underlying issues contributing to the CPP- NPA-NDF conflict.

To date, the GPH-CPP/NPA/NDF PPO have conducted the following orientations to ensure buy-in of the target province and gather advocates of the TP and the forthcoming peace talks.

Military Command	Date
4 th Infantry Division	01 February 2024
Northern Luzon Command	15 February 2024
Southern Luzon Command	15 March 2024

Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. met with the Infantry Division (ID), Battalion and Brigades under the areas of Southern Luzon Command (SOLCOM) for the orientation-briefing on the TP and National Peace Engagement (NPE). Officials of SOLCOM were oriented on the framework of the TP, rationale and framework for the forthcoming National Peace talks highlighting the role of the security sector on these programs.

C. Support to ELCAC Mechanisms

On 13 March 2024, the Executive Director of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) National Secretariat, together with his delegates Director Alexander Umpar, Col. Silas Transmontero, and their respective desk officers, conducted a courtesy call to Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), along with Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima, Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation Wilben Mayor, and Executive Director for Peace Sustainability Susana Guadalupe Marcaida.



The event led to a fruitful discussion on the national peace agenda and gains of both agencies in combating insurgencies in the country. Further, the two agency leaders discussed the sustenance of the gains of the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA). Secretary Galvez discussed OPAPRU's flagship programs, such as Localized Peace Engagements (LPE), Transformation Program (TP), Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI), Payapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA), and its development and complementary programs. Executive Director Torres expressed that the NTF-ELCAC shares the same vision with OPAPRU, articulating support to the agency's programs. Executive Director Torres and Secretary Galvez agreed to strengthen and continue the convergence of the two agencies in sustaining the pursuit of peace in the country.

D. Former Rebel (FR) Empowerment

1. Series of Relief Goods Distribution to Peacebuilders

19-24 February 2024 | Various Areas in Samar Provinces



Eastern Visayas Peace Builders and Development, together with the OPAPRU's Eastern Visayas Area Management Unit, conducted series of relief goods, particularly welfare assistance distribution in the following areas: a) 801 Brigade in Hinabangan, Samar; b) 820 Brigade in Borongan, Eastern Samar; and c) 803 Brigade in Catarman, Northern Samar to aid former members of CPP-NPA-NDF under the care of their respective battalions who were affected by the low pressure and shear line water in Region VIII. The initiative contributed to the larger goal of fostering peace and stability in the region. By addressing the root causes of conflicts and supporting individuals in their reintegration into society, the activity plays a pivotal role in creating a conducive environment for lasting peace. This aligns with the principles of comprehensive peacebuilding, emphasizing not only the cessation of hostilities but also the active promotion of social justice, economic development, and community resilience.

The collaboration between Eastern Visayas Peace Builders and Development and OPAPRU's Area Management Unit showcased the result of coordinated efforts in achieving meaningful change. It underscores the importance of partnerships between government agencies and non-governmental organizations in tackling complex issues that require a multifaceted approach.

2. Oath-taking of Kalinaw FR Officers in South-Eastern Mindanao

15 February 2024 | OPAPRU South-Eastern Mindanao



Presidential Assistant for Eastern Mindanao Leo Tereso Magno and the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) for Region 11 led the oath-taking of officers of the Kalinaw South-Eastern Mindanao Region (Kalinaw SEMR), a regional organization of FRs in the region, on 15 February 2024.

PA Magno was joined by OPAPRU Mindanao Director Atty. Elisa Evangelista-Lapiña, Regional Adviser on Peace and Security Ret. Major Gen. Edgardo de Leon, Col. Osmalik Tayaban of 10th Infantry Division, and PCol. Roel de Robles Flores of Police Regional Office XI.

In his speech, PA Magno lauded the FRs for organizing themselves to ensure that transformation, reintegration, and development will continue in Davao Region. *"You put this initiative and showed to the government that you are willing to cooperate with us to truly have a peaceful community,"* Magno said. The OPAMINE Chief also gave the group seed money of P100,000.00 to fund their SEC registration and start their initial planned programs.

The Kalinaw SEMR Regional Council, Executive Committee, Standing Committees, and Regional Secretariat pledged their commitment to promoting peace and development in the region.

Kalinaw SEMR, an FR organization under the guidance of OPAPRU's Special Project Teams (SPTs), is dedicated to promoting peace, unity, and development in the region. Comprised of FRs and community stakeholders, Kalinaw SEMR works towards reconciliation, empowerment, and sustainable development to create a just and peaceful society. Through grassroots initiatives and cooperation with government agencies and community partners, Kalinaw SEMR strives to address the root causes of social conflict and build a brighter future for all Filipinos.

3. Capacity-Building for Special Project Teams (SPTs)

25-26 March 2024 | Via Zoom Videoconference



Special Project Team (SPT) members, composed of FRs identified to act as transformation agents, participated on a two-day seminar-workshop capacitating them on registering People's Organization (PO) composed also of FRs. With this activity, OPAPRU provided equal opportunity to all SPTs equipping them with fundamental knowledge in the intervention provided by the National Government Agencies (NGAs) and strengthening POs.

On Day 1 of the activity, resource persons from DA, SEC, DTI, and CDA imparted information on PO accreditation, interventions, and its procedural requirements. Participants were also provided time to ask questions to elucidate on topics they wished to be expounded. Resource Persons were Mr. Joshua De Leon and Mr. Aldrin Baldonado of DA, Ms. Erlinda Cabatic of SEC, Assistant Regional Director Winston Singun of DTI, and Mr. Lester John Molina of CDA.

On Day 2, SPTs were oriented on the fundamentals of the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP), Gender and Development (GAD), and Women, Peace and

Security (WPS). A workshop aiming to put into practice the concepts was discussed. Moreover, the lived and observed experiences of FRs were discussed to elicit gender issues that may hinder FRs' transition into mainstream society.

E. Cross-Cutting Themes

1. Mainstreaming Gender and Development (GAD), Women, Peace and Security (WPS), and Conflict-Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP)

The program is in pursuit to integrate and reflect GAD, WPS, and CSPP to all LPE and TP facilitation and program documents. A workshop-assessment session with SHAPE Office was conducted to review the current stand of LPE program relative to its compliance to GAD and WPS. Result surfaced that TP activities adhere to WPS and GAD, but the need to reflect it in reports and other program documents must be improved. Program 3 incorporated WPS into its refreshed Performance Governance System (PGS) Roadmap and Scorecard. This ensures that the 4 pillars of WPS are well reflected across the program's key results areas, including but not limited to: involvement and participation of women in Local Peace Panels and Local Peace Teams, orientation of WPS to PTF-ELCAC and during TP Planning, and formulation of WPS responsive TP Plans.

The conduct of nexus on orientation/reorientation of the security sector and partner agencies for the implementation of the Transformation Program includes topic on CSPP, WPS, and IP highlighting the role of government in partnership with international organizations and local communities to develop context-specific solutions that foster reconciliation and stability. Overall, the discussions highlighted the need for inclusive, context-specific approaches to promote peace and security.

IV. PROGRAM 4: PEACE PROCESS WITH THE RPM-P/RPA/ABB AND WITH THE CBA-CPLA AND COMPLETION OF SIGNED PEACE AGREEMENTS

❖ GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB – KAPATIRAN Peace Process

A. Implementing Mechanisms Operationalized

Operationalization of the **Transformation Mechanisms** such as the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), Socio-Economic Reintegration Cluster (SERC), Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) to oversee, provide guidance, act as coordination mechanisms and provide other support for the implementation of the signed peace agreements with the transitioning former rebel groups (Clarificatory Implementing Document to the signed peace agreement between GPH and the RPM-P/RPA/ABB in 2000).

The OPAPRU and the JEMC spearheaded stakeholder engagement in Aklan from 12-17 March 2024. The activities included participation in the Joint JEMC-Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Aklan meeting at the Provincial Capitol of Aklan Province on 13 March 2024, organizing a learning exposure trip at GLS Integrated Farming in New Washington, Aklan for the benefit of the KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter leaders, meeting with Fabricator Engr. Gerbe Dellava and ocular inspection of building and equipment preparedness for commissioning (coco mill facility) in Aklan, a ground survey of the Ibajay Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site and the structures in the site and conduct of JEMC meeting with RCPPO and Executive Director Cesar De Mesa.

In the JEMC-SCT meeting, PA Yano acknowledged the continuous leadership of the SCT-Aklan on the KAPATIRAN peace process and for providing the opportunity to consult with the Team headed by Engr. Roger Esto of the Aklan Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO). Executive Director for Local Conflict Transformation Cesar De Mesa explained how the ongoing completion efforts with the KAPATIRAN support the long-term Transformation Roadmap under the comprehensive peace process. The JEMC was apprised of the accomplishments and challenges of various projects, including the KAPATIRAN coco oil mill, which the Aklan Provincial Government funded. The visit to the project site provided the JEMC with a clear picture of such developments. Several agreements were made to address ongoing concerns. Upon the return of the team to Manila, KAPATIRAN JEMC Co-Chair Mrs. Veronica Tabara participated in the meetings organized by the RCPPO on 15-16 March 2024, which included the formulation of the KAPATIRAN Transformation Framework and the forging of action plans for the KAPATIRAN Settlement Site in Bronzeville, Naic, Cavite.



Monthly Meeting of the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council (POC), 11 January 2024

B. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements

1. The GPH-RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process Office (RCPPPO) participated in the Change of Command Ceremony of outgoing 542ndECB Commander LTC Roque D Dupa CE (GSC) PA to LTC Bernabe L Taguban GSC (CE) PA. The presence of the OPAPRU in the turnover of the 23rd Commanding Officer of 542nd ECB, 53rd Engineering Brigade conveyed to the incoming Head of the Army unit the OPAPRU's recognition of their contribution to the Comprehensive Peace Process through the delivery of commitments under the Socio-Economic Reintegration Component including the establishment of settlement sites that involve the construction of housing units and site development of the peace and development community settlement sites.
2. The RCPPO organized a meeting with the KAPATIRAN Tanjay Chapter at the Tanjay Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City on 19 February 2024 for the activities of the Community Defense Unit (CDU) members.

C. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members

Livelihood and Employment

1. The JEMC, OPAPRU Team (RCPPPO and AMU-Western Visayas) met with Regional Executive Director Livino Duran of DENR Region VI on 08 February 2024. OPAPRU-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular-13 (2013 DENR-OPAPP Implementing Guidelines on Providing Employment Opportunities to Beneficiaries in Support of the Peace Process through National Greening Program, Forest Protection, and Other Forestry-Related Activities) was discussed and proposed to be reviewed on 29 February 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office to be facilitated by OPAPRU. Discussed in the meeting was the request of JEMC Co-Chair Tabara for the employment of overage Community Defense Unit members as Forest Guards. Mrs. Tabara committed to submit the list of individuals for hiring to OPAPRU for endorsement to DENR.

The JEMC conducted a site visit to the Ibajay Peace and Development Community (PDC) Settlement Site in Ibajay, Aklan, on 10-11 February 2024 to discuss KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter's livelihood projects and conduct a consultation meeting with KAPATIRAN members from Laua-an and Pandan, Antique. Present in the meeting were Mrs. Maria Veronica Tabara, Mr. Ramel Farrol, and sixteen (16) profiled members from KAPATIRAN Chapters in Aklan, Pandan, and Laua-an, Antique. The agenda of the meeting included the updating and gap identification in the operationalization of the coco oil production facility, guidelines in the replacement of the forest guards, and submission of a proposal for the Livelihood Reinforcement Grant (LRG) of KAPATIRAN Chapters in Laua-an and Pandan, Antique.

The management meeting resulted in several agreements, namely: 1) assigned project managers in Aklan and Antique to monitor the submission of financial statements and regular accounting reports on operationalized projects in the Ibajay PDC Site; 2) fund disbursements to be accounted for through simple cash flow reporting; 3) replacements of forest guards will be prioritized from among the profiled members first, then their spouses, wives, children or parents and endorsements will have to be verified and confirmed by the chapter leader; 4) CENRO to be notified of any endorsement for forest guards by OPAPRU; any project proposal for LRG program will be consulted solely with the assigned DSWD Project Development Officer; clustering of Antique Chapter members in Culasi, Laua-an and Pandan and assignment of KAPATIRAN-Aklan Chapter to oversee Pandan area were finalized in the meeting for project implementation purposes.

2. On 02 February 2024, RCPPO organized a meeting with Ms. Cath Narez of the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) at the Demo Farm, Kabankalan City. RCPPO discussed the needed compliances to facilitate the transfer of ownership of the fifteen (15) Carabaos awarded by the Provincial Government to seven (7) KAPATIRAN chapters. The meeting resulted in scheduling a meeting with the concerned City/ Municipal Agriculturist and the Carabao Breeding and Management orientation on 14-15 February 2024 for the Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters. The proposed livelihood projects for the Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters FY 2024 were also discussed.
3. RCPPO participated in the Provincial Development Council (PDC) Meeting at the Governor's Office, Provincial Capitol, Dumaguete City, on 08 February 2024, which was attended by the members of the Provincial Development Council (PDC) of Negros Oriental. Announced in the meeting was the approval and endorsement of the Provincial Development Council of Negros Oriental to the Regional Development Council (RDC) Region VII of the proposed projects, activities, and programs (PAPs) of OPAPRU amounting to 190M for funding and inclusion in the FY 2025 proposed National Budget.
4. On 14 February 2024, RCPPO attended the orientation for Cauayan Chapter Officers at Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan on 14 February 2024. Present in the meeting were Ms. Cathyrine Narez, Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) Negros Occidental, Jessie Selga, DFU VI, Vito Binondo, Cauayan Municipal Agriculturist Office (MAO), and KAPATIRAN-Cauayan Chapter Officers. The KAPATIRAN Cauayan Chapter Officers received an orientation on Carabao Breeding and Management from the Provincial Veterinarian's Office. Furthermore, PVO provided information on policy formulation and how to process the insurance for livestock and crops. OPAPRU, on the other hand, discussed the activation of the Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting – Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM) Team to monitor the implementation of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) Projects and the formalization of the Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). As a result, the schedule of activities was finalized.



Meeting with the PVO, 02 February 2024.

Twenty-five (25) qualified KAPATIRAN next-of-kin received educational assistance from the Kabankalan City Government on 02 February 2024. The Kabankalan LGU, headed by Mayor Benjie Miranda, has been playing an active role in the annual programming and allocation of educational assistance amounting to PhP5,000.00 per individual recipient through the City Social Welfare and Development Office. In a previous activity, sixty-four (64) KAPATIRAN Children initially received educational assistance of PhP5,000 each. All in all, eighty-nine (89) KAPATIRAN next-of-kin received the total amount of PHP 445,000.00 as educational assistance.

D. Establishment of Settlement Sites

1. The JEMC and OPAPRU Team met with DENR VI Regional Executive Director Livino Duran in the DENR Region VI Office in Iloilo on 08 February 2024.

Discussed in the meeting was the need to review the OPAPRU-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular-13 (2013 DENR-OPAPP Implementing Guidelines on Providing Employment Opportunities to Beneficiaries in Support of the Peace Process through the National Greening Program, Forest Protection and Other Forestry-related Activities. Regional Executive Director Duran stated that the Comprehensive Area Development Plan and other requirements will be updated to apply appropriate tenurial instruments for the San Carlos and Cadiz City KAPATIRAN settlement sites. He requested OPAPRU to prepare and secure all reference documents about the tenurial instruments of the settlement sites, including Cadiz and San Carlos. Mrs. Tabara requested the Community Defense Unit members above 55 years old for possible employment in DENR as Forest Guards. Mrs. Tabara committed to submit the list of individuals to be hired as Forest Guards to OPAPRU for endorsement to DENR.

2. Officials from the Janiuay Municipal LGU, NHA Iloilo District, OPAPRU, Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), and KAPATIRAN Iloilo Chapter conducted a meeting in Janiuay, Iloilo on 17 January 2024 to discuss the details of the establishment of the Janiuay Congregated Settlement Site in Iloilo. Present in the meeting were Mr. Augusto Borra- Municipal Administrator; Ms. Jinky Arnaiz, EO70; and KAPATIRAN Focal, LGU Janiuay, Engr. Rodemil Esteban, NHA Iloilo District, Arch. Vergie Ramos, NHA, Arch. Jil Pasaporte, NHA, Mr. Ramel Farrol, Member, JEMC representing the KAPATIRAN, Mr. Ronaldo Payda, KAPATIRAN Iloilo Chapter Leader, Engr. Hernandez- Contractor, and Ms. Hennie Dionela, OPAPRU. The meeting resulted in an update from the NHA on the status of land acquisition, which is currently in the process of acquiring updated titles in the registry of deeds, and the need to change the housing plan and update the Area Development Plan (ADP) based on the results of the last survey conducted by the NHA Team, which bared that road traced by the contractor traverses the identified area for construction of housing units. On the perceived slow pace of implementation, the contractor and municipal engineer clarified that the cause for the delay was due to the adverse weather conditions since the project started last September 2023. The project start date coincided with the year's rainy season. The contractor committed to simultaneously working on slope protection and road concreting to fast-track implementation. For the following steps, preparations will also be underway for the SCT-Iloilo 1st Quarter meeting in 2024. NHA is scheduled to present the draft Area Development Plan to the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Iloilo members and the proposed housing structure for the KAPATIRAN.



Coordination meeting with Iloilo SCT Core Team for the Construction of Housing Units in Iloilo Congregated Settlement Site, 17 January 2024.

E. Community Peace Dividends

1. OPAPRU participated in the awarding ceremony for the 3rd Cycle PAMANA Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) Grants amounting to PhP300,000.00 each to four (4) SLP Associations (SLPAs) in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental on 23 January 2024. Awarded with the grants were four (4) SLPAs in the barangays of Camingawan, Oringao, Salong, and Tagukon, all in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental.

The awarding was attended by Mayor Benjie Miranda, Kabankalan, Vice Mayor Miguel Zayco, Kabankalan, SP Adolfo Mangao, SP Joan Cagape, Cyril Ramos, CSWDO, Jolyn Tubongbanua, PDO II in-charge, DSWD VI, representatives from the Camingawan Vendors Association, Oringao Garments Workers and Producers Association, Salong food producers Association, and Tagukon Farmers Association. RCPPO Field Staff represented OPAPRU and provided a congratulatory message to all grantees and appreciation to local partners for their steadfast support of the peace process.

A Monitoring and Evaluation activity of the SLP grantees' project implementation will be scheduled in partnership with LGU Kabankalan and DSWD. Two SLPAs in Magballo and Locotan will be awarded their SLP 3rd Cycle Grants in February 2024.

2. RCPPO participated in awarding the 3rd Cycle PAMANA SLP grant to 2 SLPAs in the barangays of Balicotoc and Pinggot, amounting to PhP300,000.00 each. RCPPO Field Staff Ms. Jennifer April Casalem represented OPAPRU and thanked local partners for their genuine support to the peace process. Present in the awarding were Paulo Alvarez, representing Rep. Alvarez and Mayor John Paul Alvarez of Ilog; Precious Cayot, Project Development Officer (PDO) II in charge for the KAPATIRAN, DSWD VI, Aimee Lirazan, Municipal Social Welfare and Development Officer (MSWDO) of Ilog, and representatives from the Balicotoc Farmers Association and Pinggot Vendors Association. Monitoring and Evaluation activity will be scheduled in partnership with LGU Ilog and DSWD, and the release of grants for the remaining 2 SLPAs (Canlamay and Tabu) will be scheduled by February 2024.
3. The RCPPO participated in the meeting organized by the DSWD, Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) Iloilo Provincial Office at the Cabatuan Convention Center, Cabatuan Municipality, Iloilo, on 13 February 2024. Updates, gaps, and challenges in implementing the Program in Community Peace Dividends Barangays in Iloilo were discussed. The meeting resulted in the forging of a consensus to form a composite team consisting of DSWD, OPAPRU, KAPATIRAN, and the Barangay, Municipal, and Provincial LGUs, which will collaborate in the conduct of regular project monitoring, provision of technical assistance, and other related support to sustain the SLP Associations (SLPAs) in their project implementation under the SLP. Present in the meeting were representatives from the Area Management Unit – Western Visayas, Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), KAPATIRAN-Iloilo Chapter, SLP Provincial Coordinators, and DSWD Regional Office in Iloilo.
4. The RCPPO participated in the turnover of newly purchased machinery to the MARA Aguinay Chapter at the Brgy. Aguingay Multi-Purpose Hall, Aguingay, Janiuay, Iloilo on 06 March 2024, which was attended Janiuay Mayor Paulino Parian. Mayor Parian led the turnover and testing of the machinery. Present in the activity were representatives from the Department of Social Welfare and Development-SLP (DSWD-SLP) Municipal and Barangay Local Government Unit (LGU), Western Visayas State University (WVSU), and RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG (KAPATIRAN).



F. Restoration of Civil and Political Rights (Amnesty Program)

1. With the concurrence of the Amnesty Proclamations reaching its final stages at the Senate, the OPAPRU and the NAC took proactive steps in providing Senators certain clarifications on the Amnesty Program on 15, 19 and 21 February 2024. The meetings included discussions on the processes for amnesty, ongoing socio-economic programs for groups covered by the proclamations, and the importance of amnesty. Two meetings focused on this briefing, with the first being held for the Office of Sen. Jinggoy Estrada and the second for Senators who have expressed their reservations about signing the Committee Report. Given the completion of these two meetings, the target number of signatures for the Committee Report was met, allowing the matter to be brought to the Senate for Plenary. On 21 February 2024, Sen. Jinggoy Estrada made his omnibus sponsorship speech on the Committee Report for the Amnesty Proclamations, with Sen. Riza Hontiveros expressing interest in co-sponsoring the measure. The matter is expected to be included in the agenda of the Plenary Session on 23 February 2024 for interpellations.
2. On 04 March 2024, the OPAPRU led by PAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Assistant (PA) Atty. Wilben Mayor, Directors and Senior Staff of the various peace tables of OPAPRU, invited representatives from the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of National Defense (DND), and National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), participated in the Senate Plenary Session for the Adoption of Proclamations 403, 405, and 406 and to observe the interpellations for Proclamation 404. The Senate adopted three (3) concurrent resolutions on Proclamations 403, 405, and 406 issued by President Marcos Jr. — which grants amnesty to members of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB, Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), respectively.
3. The OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, participated in the meeting organized by NAC Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento, Commissioner Jamar Kulayan, and other senior officials of the NAC at the PICC on 07 March 2024 to finalize the IRR on Amnesty Proclamation Nos. 403, 404, 405, and to finalize the NAC's Rules of Procedure. Given the recent adoption of Amnesty Proclamations 403, 405, and 406 on 04 March 2024. Discussed in the meeting were the specifics of the IRR, roles, and

responsibilities of the Commission Secretariat, clarification on the provision of staffing by OPAPRU to the NAC, and intake forms to be used by Amnesty applicants.

G. Support to the Implementation of E.O. 70

1. RCPPO participated in the conduct of the Monthly Meeting of the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council (POC) at the Tanjay Public Market Conference Room, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 11 January 2024.

The members of the twenty (20) member agencies and offices of the Tanjay Peace and Order Council (POC) were present at the meeting. The meeting discussed updates on peace, order, and public safety concerns in Tanjay City. OPAPRU was included as a member of the Anti-insurgency Special Action Committee and was requested to present in the next CPOC meeting on 08 February 2024 to apprise the Council of the Government's Peace Process with the RPMP/RPA/ABB.



RCPPO participated in the Negros Oriental Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) meeting at the Convention Center, Dumaguete City on 07 February 2024. Discussed in the meeting was the report to member agencies by the POC Secretariat that only 47% of the total POC Budget FY 2023 was utilized. OPAPRU was among the agencies having difficulty accessing the POC Fund, which constrained the agency from utilizing the allocated budget for FY 2023. Some agencies have raised this matter with the Secretariat as well. DILG clarified that the difficulty lies in the absence of an extension officer who would assist in processing the respective agency budgets. As such, it was necessary to designate a liaison officer from every agency. Member agencies were encouraged to facilitate processing the FY 2024 POC budget as early as the first quarter to give ample time to process documents.

2. RCPPO attended the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) Meeting at the Conference Room, Tanjay Public Market, Tanjay City, on 08 February 2024. Present at the meeting were the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council members. OPAPRU provided an overview of the implementation of the Government's peace process in Western Visayas, particularly with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-Tabara Paduano Group, now known as the "KAPATIRAN." The briefing was intended to apprise the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council of the developments in the peace agreement completion with the KAPATIRAN.
3. RCPPO participated in the 1st Quarter meeting of the Regional Development Council (RDC) - Development Administration Committee (DAC) Region VII conducted via videoconference on 20 February 2024. The RDC-DAC deliberated the PAPs endorsed by the PDC of Negros Oriental. No queries were made on the OPAPRU PAPs.
4. RCPPO presented before the Kabankalan City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) at the Session Hall, City Government of Kabankalan, on 21 February 2024 the accomplishments and milestones of the RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace process in 2023, particularly in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental.
5. The OPAPRU, through RCPPO Director Christina Loren Umali, presented to the 26 members of Intelligence Officer Qualification Course Nr 01 Class peace process updates and the lessons from the government's ongoing completion of the RPM-

P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA Peace Agreements in the Special Intelligence Training School (SITS) in Camp Aguinaldo on 13 March 2024.

OPAPRU representatives were invited as subject matter experts (SMEs) to discuss topics related to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and prospects for the 2025 Parliamentary Election, and lessons from the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA Peace Agreements. Dir. Umali discussed lessons from the RPA and CPLA Peace Process. The specific session on the RPA and CPLA Peace Process covered key achievements and remaining deliverables concerning their respective roadmaps.



Meeting with Kabankalan Chapter Officers, 15 February 2024.



Meeting with Tanjay Chapter, 19 February 2024.

❖ Cross-Cutting Themes

Mainstreaming Gender and Development

1. RCPPO Western Visayas Field Office facilitated the learning session on Nutrition, Parenting, and Climate Challenges and their Practical Approaches for KAPATIRAN Women and Households at the Ibajay PDC Site on 25-26 March 2024. The activity was aimed at achieving three objectives: To ensure parents, especially mothers, would boost the nutrition requirement of their children; to establish simple approaches of alternative sources of food augmenting nutrients and practical management of the household fund; and to determine different issues on climate change may combat challenges on hunger mitigation and protection from extreme heat, wind, and erosion. Resource Persons that assisted in the learning sessions were Dr. Antonio Maagma Jr. – Municipal Health Officer of Ibajay; Mr. Ariel Alag, Municipal Environment and Natural Resource Office Ibajay; and Mr. J Seville, Municipal Agriculture Office Ibajay. The KAPATIRAN Women, Spouses, and children of the sixteen (16) households in the Ibajay PDC site participated in the learning session.
2. OPAPRU Area Coordinators Larry Italia and Romulo del Rosario led in presenting the overview of the role of Women's Empowerment in Child Nutrition Outcomes, sustainable and ethical food production, organic concoction making, and protecting the family from the effects of climate change. The participants acting as an association committed to devoting themselves to crafting meal plans to be physically posted on the kitchen wall, establishing a 5 x 5 meters mini vegetable garden in their proximity, and propagating bamboo that may serve as a shield at the housing unit line. The KAPATIRAN Women and spouses agreed to handle this with the MEAL application as a tool for monitoring and evaluation. As a follow-through, a Barangay Nutrition Program coordinator will mentor the 16 KAPATIRAN families to prepare a week-long meal plan. In the first week of May, the MENRO and the Provincial Environment and

Natural Resource Office (PENRO) will collaborate to establish a bamboo line in the PDC by organizing a planting instruction session with the mothers and their children. The mini vegetable garden started on the site would be monitored using a template summarizing daily harvest and its contribution to meal preparation.

❖ **GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process**

A. Socioeconomic Component

1. The assessment meeting with the Department of Agriculture Regional Field Office – CAR (DA-RFO-CAR) and Department of Environmental and Natural Resource – CAR (DENR-CAR) on 24 January 2024 focused on the status of program implementation particularly the Sustainable and Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) and the Bantay Gubat Program. This was attended by representatives from the DA, Ms. Beverly Pekas, Ms. Mae Ann Tuba-ang, Focal, and Ms. Emy Afangka and Atty. Charinne Abalos, Chief of the Enforcement Division, DENR. The discussion tackled programs, the facilitating and hindering factors, and ways forward and recommendations.

With DA-RFO-CAR, the SIPAT implementation FY 2021 (21 sites) and FY 2022 (16 sites) and its financial status reached 100% disbursed amount for Phase 2 while the Php129,486.83 balance remains unobligated for Phase 1. Among the hindering factors were insufficient administrative costs, challenges with branding, frequent changes in the requested intervention by the PO members, a sense of ownership in specific areas, and the high mortality rate of large ruminants. To efficiently address these emerging issues, among the recommendations proposed were to increase allocation for administrative costs to sustain orientations and consultations, strict adherence to procurement protocols, large ruminant projects to be included in the negative list, and the possibility to focus on heirloom rice production for the subsequent SIPAT implementation.



Assessment meeting with DA-RFO-CAR) and DENR-CAR, 24 January 2024.

During the assessment with DENR-CAR, it was noted that there were 585 CBA-CPLA members hired as *Bantay Gubat* since the program's inception, supported by the Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-002. In 2023, however, the number of Bantay Gubat has declined to 473 (19.14%). The causes of the decline in the renewal of CBA-CPLA Bantay Gubat are members reaching retirement age, the personal option of non-renewal, and poor performance.

The agenda also discussed the new DENR guidelines for the hiring/renewing Contract of Service covering January-June 2024. It was specified that individuals over the compulsory retirement age should only be hired for output-based work as consultants, and the DENR-CAR pointed out that the procurement of consultants follows a rigorous process. There are currently *Bantay Gubat* personnel who have already reached the age of 60 years old and above, which may affect their work performances, considering the scope of their work from foot patrol to covering large areas of forested land, assistance in manning stations, assistance to apprehensions, collection of seeds and wildings, and nursery operations.

The DENR-CAR shall adhere to the recent guidelines and support OPAPRU in referring the affected *Bantay Gubat* personnel needing sustenance to the different line agencies, such as DSWD, through its Program- AICS, to ensure that disadvantaged members receive assistance. The DENR-CAR has renewed 434 *Bantay Gubat* personnel and is accepting applicants to fill the available posts. The eight (8) individuals recently endorsed by OPAPRU in December 2023 were contacted for hiring consideration. One of the milestones of this program is the permanent appointment of at least eight (8) CBA-CPLA members in the agency/office.

2. The OPAPRU and Consultant Cameron Odsey attended the 1st Quarter Regular Meeting on 20 February 2024 regarding the Infrastructure Development Committee to provide updates on the Regional Development Council (RDC) endorsement of the PAMANA projects in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). He cited that some of the projects are now undergoing validation and evaluation and will provide information on the development/status of the said projects at the next meeting. The OPAPRU also informed the body of the Inauguration of the Betwagan Bridge in Sadanga, Mt. Province, dated 16 February 2024, which Assistant Secretary Andres Aguinaldo, Jr. accompanied by OPAPRU Baguio Field Personnel.
3. On 04 March 2024, a meeting was called to expedite the filling of available slots due to the termination of some grantees. As a result, the OPAPRU endorsed 37 applicants for the program for review and approval by the NCIP Regional Director. OPAPRU and NCIP will closely monitor the Special Education Assistance Program starting May 2024.
4. On 12 March 2024, Ms. Sejal Tiwari, a political officer from the Philippines Canadian Embassy, met with the OPAPRU-RCCPO field office personnel, consultants, and AFP and PRO-Cor for the scoping studies relative to Cordillera Administrative Region peace and development programs. Ms. Tiwari mentioned that the data gathered will be utilized to identify possible interventions and partnerships for the different communities in the region.
5. On 15 March 2024, the OPAPRU, through the RCCPO, together with Consultants BGen. Bismarck Soliba and Cameron Odsey attended the RDC-CAR 1st Quarter meeting as members and for the OPAPRU to provide updates on the projects proposed for funding under the PAMANA Program.

The LGU-Paracelis in Mountain Province proposed three (3) farm-to-market roads located in Baragays Buringal, Anonat, and Poblacion. The proposed FMRs will benefit 6,908 beneficiaries (3,609 males and 3,304 females) from 1,662 households in the municipality. Further, the project will improve access to GIDAs, which includes Anonat and Buringal. The projects will also play a crucial role in safeguarding farmers from the influence of insurgent groups and will contribute to stability and security in the region. A motion was approved for RDC-CAR to endorse the projects to OPAPRU for funding.

6. On 19 March 2024, the RCCPO endorsed the application of Mr. Patricio Ayangwa as Bantay Gubat to be assigned in Rizal, Kalinga. The CBA-CPLA leaders identified Mr Ayangwa as a member of the CPLA during the Cordillera Movement. He was likewise endorsed by the City Environment and Natural Resources Officer as capable and willing, hence OPAPRU's letter to DENR Secretary Loyzaga endorsing Mr. Ayangwa's application subject to the agency's hiring procedures.
7. RCCPO, requested a meeting with ATI-CAR on 19 March 2024 to discuss the possibilities of implementing a capacity-building program for people's organizations and farmer's associations in OPAPRU's target areas in CAR through collaboration. It was proposed that OPAPRU provide funds for training to capacitate the organization

and the farmers/members. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled once the ATI-CAR head approves the proposal.

B. Confidence-Building Component

Conducted series of meetings with DepEd-CAR for the implementation of Defenders and Advocates of Youth, Autonomy and Women (DAYAW) projects in Kalinga and Abra in partnership with the Department of Education- Cordillera Administrative Region (DepEd-CAR), particularly the Construction of Level II Water System in Boliney National High School and Construction of 4-unit toilet with Septic Tank in Bangad, National High School. The memorandum of agreement (MOA) between OPAPRU and DepEd-CAR was reviewed by the legal office of both parties and transmitted to DepEd-CAR for signature.

C. Implementation of the Transformation Program

1. The Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) for the Government of the Philippines-Cordillera Bodong Association-Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (GPH-CBA-CPLA) Peace Process convened for their first quarter meeting on Thursday, 25 January 2024 at the Gestdan Centrum in Baguio City. The strategic directions for 2024 included creating an advisory group for Cordillera peace and development and the transition from a peace table-focused approach to a comprehensive peace process in the Cordillera that supports regional autonomy. Also on the agenda were the updates from the different line agencies and academe on the implementation of programs and the latest developments on the tribal conflicts between Butbut and Betwagan and Butbut and Bekigan.
2. On 21 February 2024, a meeting was attended by OPAPRU with Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong. OPAPRU Consultant Cameron Odsey attended, accompanied by OPAPRU personnel. The 37th Cordillera Month Work and Financial Plan was presented during the meeting, and a Technical Working Group (TWG) was established to formulate a Comprehensive Development Plan addressing issues on illegal Marijuana propagation in CAR. Furthermore, updates on peace and order and illegal drugs were discussed. Regarding the Peace and Order situation in CAR, PRO-COR reported significant progress in their campaign against the Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs): 8 CTG members were apprehended, 65 CTG and NPA members surrendered, 19 CTG encampments/lairs were discovered, 72 firearms were surrendered, and 33 explosives were confiscated. The decline in CTG membership was attributed to the vigorous advocacy campaign against them.
3. Last 21-22 February 2024, the RCPPO discussed the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity Agenda Program and the transformation program to elucidate the program's rationale and objectives in Licuan-Baay, Abra. On the initial day of the summit, 29 FRs participated in the workshop, focusing on assessing individual and community needs, including establishing cluster people's organizations. These FRs comprise former Regional Yunit Guerillas (RYGs) who surrendered from 1980 onwards, including former regular NPA members, Militia ng Bayan, and former Underground Mass Organization members. Throughout the workshop, PNP and OPAPRU personnel assisted participants with visual impairments and literacy challenges. Identified needs encompassed medical support, educational aid, skills training (e.g., automotive, carpentry), agricultural assistance (such as hoses, tillers, sprayers, Kuliglig, and Carabaos), animal husbandry, housing or GI sheets, and Community Irrigation Systems. Representatives were designated for the Provincial FR Summit. On the subsequent day, 29 FRs attended, addressing similar needs.
4. A provincial summit was conducted on 24 February 2024 at the 24th Infantry Brigade, Lagangilang, Abra. This was joined by the Office of the Provincial Governor, Office of the Municipal Mayor, DILG-Abra, ProCor Abra, 24th IB, PSWDO alongside 57 Former

Rebels representing each cluster. During the summit, the summary of the identified needs of the FRs, their families, and communities was presented. The FRs then organized as *Urnos ti FRs para iti Probinsya ti Abra*, wherein they formulated their vision, mission, and goals. Apart from the organization's elected officials, municipal coordinators were assigned/identified.



Former Rebels (FR) Provincial Summit in Abra, held on 24 February 2024.

5. On 26 March 2024, the OPAPRU Regional Adviser on Peace and Security (RAPS), BGen. Bismarck Soliba (Ret.) and consultants Mr. Cameron Odsey and Mr. Thomas Killip, together with RCPPO personnel, provided support during the ceremonial withdrawal of support of Former Rebels (FRs). The event highlights the Balik-Loob of Mountain Province (BLOMP) initiated Peace and Unity Walk and Talk in collaboration with the Provincial Task Force. As a step towards sustainable peace, the withdrawal of support indicates that communism failed to deliver its promises of prosperity, equality, and social justice despite the principles of social equality, solidarity, and collective ownership of resources.

D. Healing and Reconciliation Component

The OPAPRU and other Regional Development Council (RDC) members met on Wednesday, 24 January 2024, for the 2023 Performance Review and 2024 Planning Conference at the Venus Parkview Hotel in Baguio City. The council assessed the performance of RDC-CAR in 2023 and developed priority programs and activities for 2024. A special meeting followed the planning conference wherein council members approved the RDC-CAR and Social Preparation of CAR into an Autonomous Region 2024 work and financial plan. The plan comprises the banner programs and projects of the sectoral committees and the private sector representatives, anchored on the Eight-point agenda of the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. and the priorities of the RDC.



Regional Development Council and Social Preparation for CAR into an Autonomous Region (SPCAR) 2023 Performance Review and 2024 Planning Conference, 24 January 2024.at the Venus Parkview Hotel in Baguio City.

To support the conduct of Kalinga Bodong Congress (KBC) Summit, the OPAPRU and the Provincial Local Government of Kalinga signed a MOA to implement this activity. This congress aims to instill understanding and cooperation among various Kalinga Indigenous communities and all tribes, promoting tolerance and reducing conflicts. Likewise, it will strengthen ties within the community and foster cooperation.

For the legacy project for CBA-CPLA Martyrs and Old Guards, the RCPPO conducted an ocular and updating meeting on 16 February 2024 in Bangad, Tinglayan, Kalinga. The RCPPO officials and personnel, along with the JEMC Vice-Chairperson Engr. Andres Ngao-I, visited the community in Bangad in collaboration with the Office of the Mayor. The municipal engineer inspected the existing bridge, thereafter the team had a dialogue with the barangay officials. As a result of the validation and evaluation, the LGU proposed for the “Rehabilitation of the Bangad Hanging Bridge”. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) was then entered into by the OPAPRU and the LGU for the implementation of the project.

E. Cross-cutting Themes

1. The RCPPO CBA-CPLA Field Office attended the PAYapa at Masaganang PamayaNan (PAMANA) Writeshop on 18-22 March 2024 to review the existing manual and identify areas for improvement, amendments, and updates. This activity also aimed to harmonize the existing processes to cope with the changing times, that is, to harness and expedite procedures, mechanics, and project implementation (Planning Phase-Post Implementation Phase).
2. On 16 February 2024, the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO), together with the Office of the Secretary and RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office (RCPPO), hosted the groundbreaking and signing of the MOA for the Peace Center in Baguio City. The center will serve as the future venue for peace-related activities conducted by the City of Baguio and house OPAPRU field offices for Cordillera and Northern Luzon.
3. On 16 February 2024, the inauguration of the Betwagan Bridge in Sadanga Mountain Province was conducted. This is one of the socio-economic interventions that the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and OPAPRU partnered with to rebuild the bridge destroyed by Typhoon Ineng in 2016. On behalf of PAPRU, Executive Director Andres Aguinaldo Jr. delivered OPAPRU’s message for the inauguration.



Betwagan Bridge Inauguration in Sadanga, Mountain Province on 16 February 2024.

4. The OPAPRU, through the CBA-CPLA Baguio Field Office, participated in the Awarding of the PAMANA-Sustainable Livelihood Program and Benchmarking Study and Field Research on Former Members of Non-State Armed Groups as Input to the Enhancement of DSWD Case Management Strategy for the Implementation of Peace and Development Buong Bansa Mapayapa (PD-BBM) Program at Bontoc, Mountain Province on 26-29 February 2024. On 27 February 2024, they had a courtesy call to Mayor Jerome Tudlong Jr. of Mt. Province, and afterwards, they conducted a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) in Brgy. Caneo, in Bontoc Mt. Province, with the members of the CBA-CPLA. Additionally, another FGD shall be conducted with the members of the CBA-CPLA in Brgy. Anabel, Sadanga.



Awarding of PAMANA-SLP and Benchmarking Study and Field Research on Former Members of Non-State Armed Groups as Input to the Enhancement of DSWD Case Management Strategy for the Implementation of Peace and Development Buong Bansa Mapayapa (PD-BBM) Program, held from 26-29 February 2024.



Endorsement of Bantay Gubat Applicants for Fiscal Year 2024, meeting with DENR-CAR held on 19 March 2024.

Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Peace and Development Center, situated in Baguio City. Held on 16 February 2024.

It is envisioned that this will be the foremost Peace Center in the north.



V. PROGRAM 5: SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING (SHAPE) PROGRAM

A. Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Former Violent Extremists Communities

1. **Engagements with the Local Government Units (LGUs) and Members of the Lanao del Sur Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) on the development and preparatory activities for the Transformation Program (TP) for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs).** The Transformation Program (TP) for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) has been developed by OPAPRU, through the SHAPE Office (SHAPEO), which shall be implemented with the different stakeholders at the Provincial Government level. The 250 identified FVEs in Lanao Del Sur by the AFP 103rd Brigade and profiled by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD) will be the pilot for this program. Transition Support worth PhP45,000.00 for each FVE will be given through the Provincial Government. The deradicalization activities designed to facilitate the ideological and psychological disengagement of FVEs from violent extremism shall be conducted prior to the distribution of the support. Target schedule for the launch of the program and ceremonial signing of the MOA between OPAPRU and Lanao Del Sur Provincial Government is in the second quarter of the year. The first quarter was focused on the preparations for deradicalization activities and program launch.
 - a. **Lanao Del Sur Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE).** OPAPRU, through SHAPEO, participated in the Lanao Del Sur TWG on PTVE convened for an exploratory meeting last 05 February 2024 attended by a diverse group of stakeholders from Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Security Sector, Local Government Units (LGUs), Sultans, Ulama, and various line agencies focused on formulating actionable recommendations for the transformation of FVEs. The meeting reviewed the history of the TWG's formation since 2015, its achievements including the creation of the Kalilintad Roadmap 2018, and assessed progress since the last meeting in May 2021. A workshop on peace and conflict analysis within the province, identifying risks, vulnerabilities, and opportunities for intervention was conducted which included OPAPRU, represented by SHAPEO, to the Lanao Del Sur TWG on PTVE, enhancing collaborative efforts. The session concluded with consensus on the need for more effective data sharing and expedited program implementation to prevent the return to extremism.
 - b. **Coordination and Courtesy Meetings.** Coordination meetings were conducted on 14 February 2024 with Lanao Del Sur Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD) on the list of FVEs in the province aimed at reinforcing partnerships and collaborative efforts towards the transformation of FVEs in Lanao del Sur. The effort enabled the acquisition of a sample filled-up Profiling Interview Form and initial list of verified FVEs ready for encoding into the system. This was followed by another coordination meeting and courtesy visit with the AFP 103rd Brigade on the same date where intervention strategies by OPAPRU and preliminary activities for an imminent partnership agreement between LDS and OPAPRU were discussed.

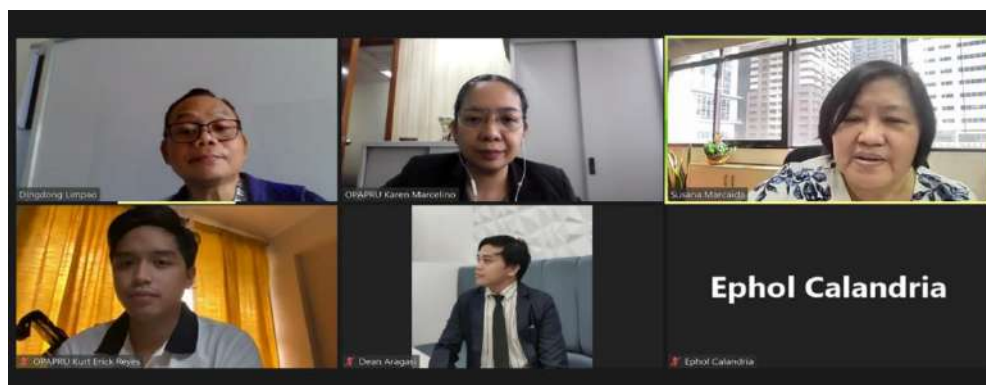


- c. **E-CLIP Committee Meetings.** The E-CLIP Committee convened on 16 February 2023 at the 103rd Brigade which brought together its member agencies, including representatives from the 103rd Brigade, Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG), Lanao del Sur Provincial Police Office (LDSPPO), Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD), and representatives from key areas within the region. The meeting evaluated the existing interventions for FVEs which led to a recommendation in the formulation of standard policy of a halfway house. The meeting also emphasized the commitment of E-CLIP member agencies to provide comprehensive interventions for FVEs that include visits to key area municipalities for direct engagement with FVEs, profiling of remaining FVEs, and workshops for service providers and concerned agencies to fine-tune intervention strategies.



Engagement with the Mindanao State University (MSU) for the TP started during the Bombing Incident in MSU last 03 December 2023, when the PAPRU visited the victims confined at the MSU Infirmary and Amai Pakpak Medical Center on 05 December 2024. On 29 January 2024, OPAPRU's Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. with Presidential Assistant David Diciano, two PTVE Consultants, and SHAPEO personnel attended the distribution of financial assistance for the MSU Bombing Incident facilitated by the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) and the Office of the Civil Defense (OCD). Secretary Galvez recommended to organize a technical working group (TWG) composed of Notre Dame College of Jolo, MSU, and OPAPRU that will focus on the long term psycho-social interventions for affected individuals of the MSU Marawi Bombing.

- d. **Exploratory Meeting and Engagement with Mindanao State University (MSU).** An exploratory meeting with the Mindanao State University (MSU) Department of Psychology was conducted on 06 February 2024 via videoconference to assess the current conditions of the victims affected by the bombing incident at the MSU Marawi and identify potential avenues for OPAPRU's intervention based on the University's insights. The MSU shared that they are currently establishing a Healing and Wellness Center dedicated to providing specialized support to the staff and students gravely impacted by the 03 December 2023 bombing incident. The Panginam Healing and Wellness Center (PHWC) was launched on 14 February 2024 attended by a diverse group of stakeholders including SHAPEO, various organizations, line agencies, city hall officials, and members of the MSU community. This center is designed to provide sustainable mental and psychosocial support to the MSU community and beyond, with an aspiration to extend these services across BARMM communities. The launch not only showcased the resilience and narratives of the survivors from the bombing incident in Marawi City but also emphasized the center's commitment to integrating wellness programs into the academic curriculum.



The event was marked by the commendation from both the BARMM Darul-Ifta' and Catholic Bishops, acknowledging OPAPRU's contributions to fostering peace in the region. The event is a significant step towards healing and wellness in the aftermath of violence, with a strong emphasis on building partnerships for the transformation of FVEs and Victims of Terrorism and Conflict (VoTC), fostering a culture of peace. Currently, OPAPRU through SHAPEO is developing a Transformation Program that will also cover the VoTC, in partnership with the MSU, MCB and the Bishop and Ulama Conference (BUC).



2. **Revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) through participation in a dialogue meeting of Muslim and Christian Religious Leaders** that developed the Technical Working Group (TWG) and Concept Note of the BUC. In sustaining the gains of peace in the BARMM, faith-based leaders need to be pro-actively onboard in the interfaith dialogue addressing both horizontal and vertical conflicts that would undermine the gains and triumph of the current peace process with the MILF, MNLF and other non-state actors. Thus, the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC), which was launched in 1996, need to be restored to support in sustaining the gains of the peace process. The meeting focused on developing parameters for the Technical Working Group (TWG) and concept for the program.

- a. **Religious Leaders Dialogue Meeting.** On 16-17 January 2024 in Cotabato City, Mindanao religious leaders, including Ulama from the Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta' and Catholic Bishops, demonstrated a unified front in developing and issuing a joint statement in condemning the MSU Marawi bombing on 03 December 2023. The PAPRU, among the dignitaries present, stressed the indispensable role of religious leaders in peacebuilding, drawing inspiration from the late Archbishop Fernando Capalla's advocacy for peace, justice and unity, which was further enriched by the contributions of Archbishop Antonio Ledesma and Dr. Muhammad Nadzir Ebil of the Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta', who echoed the sentiments of fostering interreligious dialogues against violent extremism.



The joint statement underscored the commitment to proactively counteract terrorism through education in the true teachings of their respective scriptures, the Qur'an and the Bible. The signatories pledged to uphold the principles of the peace process between the Bangsamoro and the National Government laying down a roadmap for sustained peace and understanding across diverse faiths in Mindanao. The SHAPEO shall conduct follow through activities and shall support in organizing the TWG composed of representatives from the Ulama, Bishops, BARMM, NGAs including OPAPRU, and CSOs which will assist in the reactivation of the BUC.

b. **Meetings with the Focals of the Bishops and Ulama.**

The Religious Leaders Dialogue was followed by two meetings with the focals from the Bishop and Ulama groups on 04 and 11 March 2024 that discussed the formation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) which will be multi-sectoral, including representatives from the women, youth, and IP sectors. The concept note for the strengthening of the BUC was discussed and drafted by the Catholic-Christian-Muslim focal persons using the original document outlining the Vision and Mandates of BUC. The draft concept note also proposed the formation of Christian-Muslim women and scholars as a complementary voice of the BUC. The religious leaders are determined to contribute to the normalization and peace process in the Bangsamoro through the implementation of interreligious dialogues. This approach aims to foster greater unity among communities based on religious affiliations, supporting the overarching goal of social healing and the Government's peace agenda at the community level. OPAPRU plays a crucial role in ensuring that all voices and perspectives are represented in the BUC Dialogue Meetings.

c. **Exploratory Meeting with The Asia Foundation (TAF).**

In relation to the revitalization of the BUC, The Asia Foundation signified their interest and commitment to complementing government initiatives by "filling in the gaps" in areas such as capacity building, education improvement including module development, and fostering peace and development. The meeting highlighted TAF's history of engagement within BARMM, including partnerships with the Bangsamoro Darul Ifta and previous collaborations with the BUC. These engagements are pivotal in promoting interfaith dialogue and understanding, a mission that resonates with OPAPRU's objectives. The conversation also ventured into the integration of GAD principles in peacebuilding efforts, with SHAPEO and TAF expressing a keen interest and support in involving religious women's voice in the dialogue process.

3. **Strengthened engagements with National Government Agencies (NGAs) on Preventing and Countering/Transforming Violent Extremism (PC/TVE) and Social Healing and Peacebuilding (SHAPE).**

In addition to the current engagements of SHAPEO for the development and implementation of the TP for FVEs, with stakeholders at the local government and local communities, there are parallel engagements with national government agencies focusing in the development of

policies and mechanisms for the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP PCVE).

- a. **Development of Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) Mechanism.** OPAPRU, through SHAPEO, continuously engaged with the DILG through participation in the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP PCVE) Workshop on the Development of Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) Mechanism conducted last 05-08 February 2024 in Quezon City. The workshop was attended by NAP PCVE focal persons from various agencies including DILG Central Office, DILG MIMAROPA, DILG NCR, DILG Region 1, DILG Region IV, National Youth Commission (NYC), DSWD Central Office, DOJ, Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center (ATC-PMC), National Barangay Operations Office of DILG, National Security Council (NSC), PNP Command Center, BJMP, DICT, OPAPRU, Ateneo School of Government (ASOG), PNP Directorate for Intelligence, National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), MILG BARMM, Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS BARMM), and DepEd Region IV-B.



The activity discussed the existing EWER mechanisms that would help DILG come up with a doable training module for the development of community-based EWER mechanisms, leveraging on existing government instrumentalities, civil society mechanisms, and practices by key stakeholders in the PVE community. Next steps included sending the draft EWER mechanism training module to participants for their review and comments, as well as possible follow up sessions and meetings on the subject matter.

- b. **TWG on the Development and Pilot Testing of Module on the Deradicalization, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Program for Former Members of Non-State Actors and Adults/Children in Situations of Armed Conflict.** SHAPEO representative attended the TWG meeting on 06 March 2024 at the DSWD Central Office participated by representatives from DSWD units, DILG, PNP, and Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council. The functions and responsibilities of the TWG tasked to develop and pilot test a module on the Deradicalization, Rehabilitation and Reintegration Program for Former Members of Non-State Actors and Adults/Children in Situations of Armed Conflict program were presented during the meeting. An overview of the DSWD's *Buong Bansa Mapayapa* Program was also presented during the meeting, focusing on the agency's peace and development interventions including programs in partnership with OPAPRU, catering to different peace tables and PAMANA.

It was agreed that members of the TWG shall be permanent for the continuity of the program and capacity building. There should be a leveling-off of knowledge of the TWG members in deradicalization before the proposed April training. OPAPRU Peace Tables shall be invited in the TWG.



4. **Support to the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) for improved provision of compensation to the victims of the 2017 Marawi Siege.** As part of OPAPRU's support in the rehabilitation of Marawi and the recovery of the Victims of Terrorism and Conflict (VoTC) from the 2017 Marawi Siege, series of meetings were conducted with the MCB together with the PAPRU to address current issues and fast track the implementation of the compensation provisions to the IDPs affected by the 2017



Marawi Siege. There is on-going assessment and validation of the claims for compensation.

B. Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R)

With the completion of the IP team of OPAPRU SHAPEO in this first quarter, initiatives to implement and cascade the IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework commenced.

- 1. Supported the Transformation Program Planning through the provision of technical support in the cascading of the IP HR and ensuring that the agenda of the NAPWPS, NPYPS and GAD are integrated and the process is CSPP.**

The SHAPEO conducted series of coordination and consultation meetings with the Area Management Units of Southern Luzon and Eastern Mindanao on 09 and 11 January 2024, respectively, in the preparatory activities and planning for the IPHR Cascading during the scheduled TP Planning. The meeting resulted in the development of action plans for integrating IPHR in the TP in the areas of Rizal, Oriental Mindoro and Palawan.

Likewise, the meetings with the AMU-EM resulted to the refinement of the Agusan del Norte Indigenous Peoples Women Organization (ANIPWO) developmental framework,

focusing on integrating its objectives into regional strategies. Critical suggestions from the meeting included adding a Donors Forum during Indigenous Peoples (IP) Month and incorporating former rebel women into the Indigenous Council.

Furthermore, similar coordination efforts have been extended to include the Zamboanga Norte Subanen Council of Timoway (ZNSCT) and the Tala-ingod community, aiming to implement a unified strategy that delivers essential services and fosters support through a synergized approach.

To support the H&R process in Tala-ingod, the SHAPEO and AMU-EM led Dir. Evangelista-Lapina met on 8 March 2024, to present and discuss the proposal on the Indigenous People Healing and Reconciliation Processes in Tala-ingod, Davao del Norte.

2. **Consultative Dialogue with Mangyan Tribe.** On 13th of March 2024, a Consultative Dialogue with the Mangyan Tribe in Apis, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro, with the support of the NCIP MIMAROPA and the Provincial Local Government Unit of Occidental Mindoro was conducted. It was reported during the consultation that the ICC within Apis, Paluan, Occidental Mindoro lacked a formal organization. Although there is a secretary and a chieftain, their roles are not effectively defined or executed, leading to organizational dysfunctions. Demographic challenges and opportunities are existent, as approximately 60% of the tribe's population consists of women, with some identified as PWDs among the 70 families living in the area.

The SHAPEO planned the integration of this area for the IPHR cascading with the goal of strengthening an effective and functional Indigenous People System (IPS) governance structures adherent to the ANIPWO framework as a guide being considered for its utility in committee formation to enhance service delivery in health, legal services, social welfare and livelihood. Additionally, registries for women, PWDs, seniors, and children are being compiled by the PSWDO to be submitted.

The Transformation Program Planning in Occidental Mindoro alongside the consultation with the Mangyan Tribe in Apis, Paluan, has laid a solid foundation for our transformation program plan with a SHAPE-lens. With the support of NCIP MIMAROPA, legal advisors, and other key stakeholders, the area presents itself as a viable and feasible setting for the cascading of the Indigenous People Healing & Reconciliation Program.



Participants during the Dialogue with the Mangyan Tribe together with SHAPEO Personnel.

3. Strengthened engagements with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) at the local and national levels.

Two personnel from SHAPEO attended the NCIP Indigenous People's Rights Forum 2024: The *Ugnayang Bayan* Series on 04 March 2024 in Diliman, Quezon City, along with different executive and technical personnel from National Government Agencies, International Organizations and Non-Government Organizations convened for the development and implementation of mechanisms to uphold the human rights of indigenous peoples.

The forum provided an avenue for the SHAPEO to incorporate Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IPHR) serving as guidelines for executing rights-based government interventions in the National Action Plan. This event also fortified OPAPRU's support network for integrating the Transformation Program, focusing on healing and reconciliation technical inputs in constituencies for CSPP initiatives that the office and agency is pursuing.



Participants during the NCIP Indigenous People's Rights Forum 2024

C. Strengthening engagements and programs on the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) & National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS)

1. *The National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 was continuously enhanced through the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL).*

The Monitoring and Evaluation Pillar is one area for improvement in the previous NAPWPS, for this NAPWPS 2023-2033, a MEAL Plan and Framework is targeted to be completed this FY 2024.

A Consultation-Workshop to Initiate the Philippine NAP WPS 2023-2033 Monitoring and Evaluation Process and Organize the Technical Working Group was conducted last 04-06 March 2024 at the Richmonde Hotel Eastwood in Quezon City. This is the first among the series of workshops related to the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Plan and Framework for the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

The workshop aimed to transform outcome statements and action points of the NAPWPS into a result chain and associated assumptions and risks. The activity was attended by the members of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS), UN Women and representatives from the Women Engaged in Action (WEAct) 1325. Follow through workshops focused in the Development of Indicators, Setting Baseline and Targets shall be conducted on June and July 2024.



Participants during the Workshop "Initiating Philippines NAPWPS 2023-2033 Monitoring & Evaluation Process and TWG Organization."

2. Strengthened collaboration with members of the NSCWPS and CSOs to promote the Philippine NAPWPS internationally.

Two meetings were conducted with the Department of Foreign Affairs United Nations and International Organizations (DFA-UNIO), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID) to brainstorm and discuss the Concept Note of the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), held on 11 January and 23 February 2024 at the DFA Office.

The International Conference on WPS is proposed on 29-31 October 2024 in time for the anniversary of the UN Security Council Resolution 1325. It will also highlight the power of inter-regional networks for exchanging experiences, best practices, and challenges to meaningful engagement of women in peacebuilding by bringing together women peacemakers and WPS stakeholders from Asia and Middle East and Africa, as well as other regions. The event is targeting to gather 350 participants from 62 countries and will be open to all WPS stakeholders from Asia and Middle East and North Africa (MENA), including women peacemakers, government officials, political leaders, international organizations, CSOs, NGOs, youth, academe, and the private sector.



Representatives from DFA-UNIO, OPAPRU, PCW and PCID during the brainstorming on the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

3. Localization and mainstreaming of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033

The localization of the NAPWPS in the existing mechanisms and development councils is one of the target of SHAPEO to ensure that the action points are integrated in the local development plans.

On 19 February 2024 in Region IV-B DSWD Regional Office in Malate, Manila, during the First Quarter Meeting of the Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC) MIMAROPA, the SHAPEO provided an orientation on the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033.

After the presentation, the MIMAROPA RGADC passed three (3) resolutions:

- a) Integrate the NAPWPS 2023-2033 in the RGADC MIMAROPA Strategic Plan and Mainstreaming Framework;
- b) Integrate the NAPWPS 2023-2033 into the RGADC MIMAROPA Development Plan;
- c) Support the NAPWPS 2023-2033 implementation and localization in MIMAROPA.

Further discussions identified potential next steps that could be undertaken that would aid in the localization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. Specifically, the following topics were discussed:

- a) Localization through Family Development Session (FDS).
The localization process can be effectively implemented via the Family Development Session (FDS) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). The OPAPRU is recommended to provide Capacity Development (CapDev) to DSWD staff who facilitate the FDS. Furthermore, this initiative can be extended to Municipal Links for community-level facilitation. It is also suggested that CapDev materials be simplified and translated into local languages, with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) assisting in identifying the specific languages for translation.
- b) Review of the Regional Strategic Gender and Development (GAD) Agenda.
The RGADC plans to review the Regional Strategic GAD Agenda of MIMAROPA. The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) highlighted that one of the items that will be examined is the adoption of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) through the Regional Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (RAPWPS).
- c) Implications of a RAPWPS for Palawan.
Given that Palawan was recently declared as Insurgency Free, the RGADC MIMAROPA aims to ensure that women benefit from the peace gains. They recognize the significance of the RAPWPS in complementing these efforts.
- d) Assessment Tools for Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Situation.
The council expressed a desire to access and utilize tools for assessing the WPS situation. They are interested in tools such as the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) design checklist for Women in Situations of Armed Conflict and the WPS Index.
- e) MIMAROPA as a Model for Localizing NAPWPS.
The RGADC MIMAROPA is keen on exploring how the region can serve as a model for localizing the NAPWPS, especially considering the predominant Indigenous Peoples (IP) contexts. The RGADC Chair, from the NCIP, mentioned the role of the Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representative (IPMR) in

collaboration with Local Government Units (LGUs) and grassroots organizations in incorporating the localization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 into NCIP's Accomplishment Reports.

f) **PAMANA Interventions for Localizing NAPWPS.**

It is recommended that PAMANA interventions in the region be considered as an entry point for localizing the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

Furthermore, with the launch of NAPWPS 2023-2033 last 11 December 2023 and the Bangsamoro RAPWPS 2023-2028 last 05 October 2023, there is a need to ensure that these government commitments do not remain on paper and will lead to the substantial realization of peace and security in the communities, especially among women in their diverse and intersecting identities.

Aside from the existing mechanism within the government, the support and participation of the Civil Society Organizations is crucial to ensure that the implementation of the NAPWPS reach the grassroots level and other stakeholders.

4. CSO Updating Forum on the NAPWPS / RAPWPS.

The National Forum on CSO Updating on the NAPWPS 2023-2033 was held last 18-20 March 2024 at the Berjaya in Makati, gathering at least 40 participants for an updating on the developments of the NAPWPS/ Bangsamoro RAPWPS and capped with a meaningful dialogue with OPAPRU EDir. Susana Guadalupe Marcaida and representatives from the Philippine commission on Women (PCW).



Participants during the CSO Updating Forum.

5. PYDP MEAL Framework Workshops. In support of the Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP), the SHAPEO attended several workshops and provided inputs in relation to the NAPYPS 2023-2033, particularly for the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Results Framework, held on 06-07 February 2024 at the Hive Hotel & Convention Place in Quezon City organized by the National Youth Commission (NYC).

The Workshop facilitated the drafting of the PYDP MEAL Results Framework and Matrices as well as the MEAL Management and Implementation System. The MEAL system will enable youth-serving and youth-led organizations to track PAPs implementation progress, make necessary changes based on the results, identify both intended and unintended effects, examine different levels of results (immediate,

intermediate, long-term) on the served population and ensure accountability of youth stakeholders through sharing of information or establishing a feedback mechanism to guide policy and programming.

As follow through of the MEAL Workshop, a High-Level Meeting and Validation Conference for the Finalization of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework and Management and Implementation System was held on 19 February 2024 in Quezon City. The conference was an avenue for the PYDP MEAL Framework Consultant to present the draft MEAL Framework and Management and Implementation System to NYC and other key stakeholders that are contributing to the implementation of the PYDP. It also gathered additional inputs and comments in the proposed PYDP MEAL Framework and Implementation Plan.



Resource Person and participants during the PYDPMEAL Workshop.

6. **Inter-Agency Committee On Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (IAC-CSAC).** OPAPRU through SHAPEO actively participates in the Inter-Agency Committee On Children in Situations of Armed Conflict. Last 12 February 2024, OPAPRU personnel from SHAPEO and CPAS attended the 1st IAC-CSAC Meeting at the Council for the Welfare of Children Office in Quezon City. It was also attended by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippine National Police (PNP), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Department of Health (DOH), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Department of Justice (DOJ).

The meeting provided updates on the Agency-Specific Protocols as provided under Republic Act No. 11188 (*An Act Providing for the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict and providing penalties for violations thereof*) and the formulation and Implementation of the CSAC Advocacy Communications Plan. The agencies participating agreed to provide inputs to the CSAC Advocacy Communications Plan for consolidation of the CWC Secretariat which will be presented to the members of the IAC-CSAC in the next meeting.



Participants during the Inter-Agency Meeting on IAC-CSAC.

- 7. Technical Meeting with UNICEF.** Another engagement of OPAPRU through SHAPEO and the GPH-CPP-NPA-NDFP Peace Process Office (GPH-CNN PPO) is with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). A Technical Meeting was held last 20 March 2024 at the UNICEF Office in Mandaluyong City which aimed to share UNICEF's peace-building initiatives in line with their Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR) commitments, and explore opportunities for collaboration on prevention and response that underscore children's rights and issues.

OPAPRU sits as a member of the Inter-Agency Council for Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (IAC-CSAC), an inter-agency body tasked to protect the welfare of children in situations of armed conflict and for proper implementation of Republic Act No. 11188 otherwise known as the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act. During the meeting, UNICEF provided an overview of UNICEF's role in the CTFMR and the Sixth Report of the Secretary General on Children and Armed Conflict in the Philippines that provides details on the most prevalent grave child rights violations and areas of concern verified by the UN country taskforce, and actions taken on prevention and response.

The meeting discussed possible collaborations between UNICEF and OPAPRU to ensure the implementation of Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act.



UNICEF and OPAPRU representatives for the Technical Meeting on UNICEF peacebuilding initiatives and areas of collaboration.

D. Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Mainstreamed

- 1. Partnerships established with the World Bank and Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) on CSPP Training.**

A meeting was held between the World Bank, the Department of Agriculture's Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP), and representatives from OPAPRU-SHAPEO on 10 January 2024 at the World Bank Office in Bonifacio Global City. The meeting discussed DA-PRDP's request involving the conduct of the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) in their Social and Environment Safeguards Unit.

Key outputs from this engagement included DA-PRDP's commitment to promptly provide a list of participants for the upcoming CSPP Training, scheduled for May 6-10, 2024. In response, OPAPRU-SHAPEO will revise the CSPP Training Design based on the profiles of the participants and discussions from this meeting. Furthermore, the World Bank has agreed to arrange a follow-up meeting once initial preparations for the May training are in place.

Other things that were discussed included the Sustainability Plan for DA-PRDP, specifically the building of internal capacity through their internal resource pool of CSPP champions. Likewise, they already identified areas for integration and strategies to mainstream CSPP into their regular programming. Additionally, the World Bank also discussed the mainstreaming of CSPP in their project with the Department of

Transportation (DoTr) in Mindanao. A separate meeting will be organized to further discuss this.

Follow-through meeting with the World Bank was at the OPAPRU Central Office to discuss the comments and recommendations of both the World Bank and DA-PRDP on the CSPP Training Design.



Representatives from the World Bank, DA-PRDP and OPAPRU during the discussion on CSPP Training.

2. Mainstreaming of the Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) in Transformation Program Planning for Former Rebels in Occidental Mindoro.

From 11-15 March 2024, a comprehensive Pre-work and Planning of the Transformation Program aimed at addressing the security building, socio-economic, confidence-building and healing and reconciliation measures for former rebels in Occidental Mindoro was held. This brought together inter-agency collaboration involving Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD), Provincial Interior and Local Government (PILG), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC), NCIP, and engagement from the local indigenous community including former rebels.

The SHAPEO interfaced with the said Pre-work and Planning to discuss SHAPE programs and principles (i.e., CSPP, IPHR, YPS, WPS and PTVE) to the provincial implementers, for the development of Transformation Program with the component of Healing and Reconciliation (H&R) – advocating Projects, Activities and Programs (PAPs) in the province of Occidental Mindoro. The CSPP discussion provided technical and practical insights on the development mechanisms of PAPs that are conflict sensitive and peace promoting.

The NCIP MIMAROPA requested the presence of SHAPEO in the regional youth IP summit, where the cascading of IPHR concepts vis-a-vis social healing is vital—a contributing step to the unit's Performance Governance System (PDS) deliverables. Furthermore, the head of NCIP MIMAROPA and their legal officer were present to discuss the intricacies related to Certificate of Land Ownership Awards (CLOA) and the process concerning Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) areas. Their input was crucial in understanding the legal landscape and formulating a plan that respects the tribe's ancestral rights while promoting IP welfare.



- 3. CSPP Training for Program 1 Cotabato-Based Personnel.** The SHAPEO collaborated with the Human Resource and Management Service (HRMS) in providing a 3-day Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Training that was held for the Program 1 staff in observance of the 2024 National Women's Month and 10th CAB Anniversary on 4-6 March 2024 in Cotabato City. The training was provided following a modified version of the existing CSPP training design with an "output specific for each program" approach. The participants found this modification particularly helpful as it provided them with a practical ground operations perspective in implementing the CSPP steps.

During the workshops, the resource persons included gender and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) issues to address the gender and development objective in the CSPP training course. A gender-specific component was added to the areas for assessment, enabling the reflection of how much of the processes in Program 1 involve gender equality. Moreover, the activity recognized the participation of men and women across the interventions and stakeholders of the case study by adopting a "genderized language" during the different workshop outputs discussion.



Participants during the CSPP Training in Cotabato City.

E. Cross-cutting Themes

Mainstreaming Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security

- 1. Continuous strengthening of the mechanism on GAD through the conduct of Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (GFPS) Executive Committee**

Ceremonial Oath Taking of the GFPS. The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) Memorandum Circular No. 2011-01 lays out the guidelines for all government instrumentalities for the establishment, strengthening, and institutionalization of the Gender and Development Focal Point System (GFPS) in consonance to the requirement of the Magna Carta of Women (RA 9710) on gender mainstreaming.

As part of the OPAPRU's institutional initiative on strengthening its gender mainstreaming efforts, a ceremonial oath taking of the members of the GFPS was held last 05 February 2024 at the Kapayapaan Conference Room led by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. as the Chairperson of the GFPS. This was participated in by Presidential Assistant Arnulfo Pajarillo, as the Vice-Chairperson, and Executive Director Susana Guadalupe Marcaida, as the Head of the GFPS Executive Committee (GFPS-ExeCom), the Directors as members of the GFPS ExeCom and the primary

and alternate members of the GFPS-TWG composed of Unit Heads and Senior Technical Staff of from the different Programs and Offices.

Meeting with the GFPS on the Operationalization of the GAD Plans. The Gender and Development Focal Point System -Technical Working Group/Alternate Members met with the EDir. Susana Guadalupe Marcaida, Executive Director for Peace Sustainability and Head of the OPAPRU GAD Focal Point System Executive Committee, held on 11-13 February 2024 regarding the status of the Programs' Gender and Development Plans and their operationalization.

The meeting was also maximized for coaching and learning on GAD and its integration in the Programs and the enhancement of the GAD Plans. Executive Director Marcaida provided specific and practical recommendations for the improvement of GAD mainstreaming in the GPH-MILF Peace Process, GPH-RPMP-RPA-ABB and GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Processes, Policy Development and Knowledge Management Service, and GPH-CPP-NPA-NDFP Peace Process. The other Programs such as the PAMANA-NPMO, MEALS, IPPO, HRMS were also scheduled to meet with EDir Marcaida.



Meeting with the Members of the GFPS TWG of the OPAPRU to discuss GAD Plans and Budget.

Executive Briefing on Gender and Development. The SHAPEO in close collaboration with the GAD Focal Point System-Executive Committee (GFPS-ExeCom) and in partnership with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) facilitated the Executive Briefing on Gender and Development for the OPAPRU Officials and members of the GFPS ExeCom on 22 February 2024 at the PICC.

Atty. Khay Ann Magundayao-Borlado, OIC and Executive Director and Ms. Maria Kristine Josefina Balmes, Deputy Executive Director for Operations led the PCW team as resource persons during the activity.

The orientation was attended by the Executive Director for Peace and Sustainability and Program Directors from the various Peace Processes/ Peace Tables, as well as heads of support units and technical support staff as members of the GFPS-TWG.



Members of the OPAPRU GFPS Executive Committee during the GAD Executive Briefing together with the PCW.

2. Promotion of Gender and Development through the Observance of the National Women's Month Celebration (NWMC) 2024.

Through the OPAPRU's Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office, collaborative and productive activities were convened by the different programs, clusters, and the GAD Focal Point System to promote the importance of women empowerment, gender equality and gender mainstreaming efforts for internal and external stakeholders. OPAPRU through the Peace Sustainability Cluster and SHAPE Office also served as Resource Persons (RPs) on Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS).

As the leading unit for the NWMC, the SHAPEO convened various activities in March such as the kick-off of the NWMC 2024 via Zoom videoconferencing, Installation of GAD 3D Arts, 2nd Regular GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) Meeting, and the Culmination Activity wherein a Brown Bag session on Gender Inclusive Mental Health Processing was participated by the GFPS Members and other internal stakeholders, presentation of accomplishment highlights of OPAPRU program offices, and the testimonial sharing from a woman representative of the Special Project Team (SPT) and an MNLF woman representative.

These were carried out by OPAPRU in support to the women's agenda for this year's National Women's Month Celebration theme: *"Lipunang patas para sa Bagong Pilipinas: Kakayahan ng Kababaihan Patunayan!"*

On 04 March 2024, Executive Director for Peace Sustainability and Head of the GAD Focal Point System Executive Committee (GFPS-ExeCom) received the GAD Plaque of Recognition from the Philippine National Police (PNP) for the OPAPRU as one of its partner stakeholders on GAD and NAPWPS during the 2024 National Women's Month Celebration Kick-Off Ceremony at the PNP Headquarters, Quezon City.



Executive Director Susana Marcaida receiving the GAD Plaque of Recognition from PNP.

3. Strengthened engagements with peace partners as Resource Speakers in Commemoration of the National Women's Month and Promotion of GAD and WPS

OPAPRU through SHAPEO had been invited by different government agencies to serve as Resource Speakers or give message on GAD and WPS during the National Women's Month Celebration. These events were opportunities for OPAPRU to promote and discuss the NAPWPS 2023-2033 to peace partners and stakeholders and opportunities for future partnerships on capacity building and project development and implementation on WPS.

From Victims to Agents: Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace and Security. On 19 March 2024, SHAPE representative attended the Forum entitled “From Victims to Agents: Empowering Women for Sustainable Peace and Security” organized by the National Defense College of the Philippines (NDCP) and discussed the topic of “Understanding the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033. The representative from the Department of National Defense (DND) also presented the topic on Integrating WPS: The Defense Perspective. The forum was attended by students and personnel of the NDCP both face-to-face and online platforms.

Forum On Investing in Women Peacemakers: The Key to Lasting Peace. Still part of the NWMC, the OPAPRU took part in the Forum on Investing in Women Peacemakers: The Key to Lasting Peace, hosted by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) at the Miriam College, held on 21 March 2024. During the forum, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. delivered opening remarks zeroing in on the importance of investing in women to ensure lasting and inclusive peace, as he stated “uplifting the well-being of women and empowering them as agents of peace, development, and progress in their communities.”

Executive Director for Peace Sustainability, Assistant Secretary Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida served as one of the panelists in the session entitled, “Harnessing Collective Efforts for Women, Peace, and Security” wherein she discussed current efforts and plans the OPAPRU has in order to further push for the Women, Peace and Security agenda across the government.



Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr., and Executive Director Susana Marcaida delivering their speech and presentation during the forum at Miriam College.

Forum on Unveiling the Impact: Promoting Change and Inclusivity. On 25 March 2025, the Headquarters and Headquarters Support Group, Philippine Army (HHSg, PA), invited SHAPEO as Resource Speaker during the National Women’s Month Culmination Program with the topic titled: “Unveiling the Impact: Promoting Change and Inclusivity” for the uniformed and non-uniformed personnel of HHSg, PA.

Forum On the Situation On the Human Rights Issues of Muslim Women. On 26 March 2024, Executive Director Susana Guadalupe Marcaida served as Resource Person in the Forum on the “Situation of the Human Rights Issues of Muslim Women” at the Commission on Human Rights. The session aimed to provide the participants

with the context and the knowledge to broadly understand the situation on the human rights issues of Muslim women. The Assistant Secretary highlighted projects the OPAPRU is implementing through the Transformation and Normalization Programs and the PAMANA program in the Bangsamoro. Further, she discussed plans of the



Participants from the Philippine Army together with Mr. John Rey Catalan from SHAPEO during the forum.

OPAPRU, as Chair of the NSCWPS to make the government's efforts in terms of WPS initiatives be more robust, as well as to strengthen its working relationship with Civil Society in order to ensure a more inclusive implementation of the 2023-2033 NAPWPS.

4. OPAPRU Supported and Provided inputs to the House Bill 6001 and 9835: An Act to Ensure Gender-Responsive and Inclusive Protocols and Programming to Address the Gender-Differentiated Needs of Women During Public Health Emergencies, Public Health Threats, Disasters, And Other Health Events of Public Concern

The OPAPRU offices, namely, Legislative and Legal Services (LLS); Policy Development, Strategy and Knowledge Management Service (PDSKMS); and SHAPEO attended the Committee on Women and Gender Equality (CWGE) 10th Regular Meeting together with different National Government Agencies (NGAs) and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) on 21 February 2024 at the House of Representatives in Quezon City. Participating NGAs and CSOs presented their



Participants during the CWGE 10th Regular Meeting at the HOR.

support to the House Bill 6001 and House Bill 9835. Recommendations on the language, definitions and specific provisions of concerned agencies were presented.

VI. PROGRAM 6: PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNan (PAMANA) Program

The PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNan (PAMANA) Program was launched in 2011 as a Government priority initiative aimed at backing peace negotiations and contributing to the overarching goal of attaining just and lasting peace.

The assimilation of this initiative into Chapter 9, with a specific focus on Peace and Security in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) for 2011-2016, constitutes a noteworthy inclusion. It secured placement within Chapter 8, exclusively dedicated to Peace and Security, in the revised PDP for 2011-2016. Furthermore, commendation was bestowed upon it in Chapter 17, centrally focused on the pursuit of a Just and Lasting Peace, within the PDP for 2017-2022. PAMANA has manifested itself as an indispensable mechanism for advancing the protection of peace and development focus areas.

To achieve the goals under the Philippine Development Plan (PDP), President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. emphasized in his budget message for the fiscal year 2024 that Php5.3 billion has been allocated for the PAMANA Program, aimed at advancing peace and economic development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and other identified areas. The implementation of this program will be carried out by the OPAPRU, with Php5 billion specifically designated for social infrastructure projects. These projects include roads and bridges (Php4.2 billion), water supply systems (Php569 million), evacuation centers (Php176 million), fish ports (Php35 million), and flood control systems (Php10 million).

Moreover, the PAMANA Program aligns meticulously with various government issuances, including Administrative Order No. 10 (E-CLIP), as amended by Administrative Order No. 25, Executive Order No. 70 (Whole of Nation Approach), and Executive Order No. 158, s. 2021 (Creating the OPAPRU).

The PAMANA Program further garners endorsement to fortify the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity Agenda of the OPAPRU, with particular emphasis on Agenda 5, emphasizing the enhancement of conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting development interventions. This entails a coordinated and complementary approach to addressing the root causes of conflict in support of the peace process.

In terms of program management, the PAMANA-National Program Management Office (PAMANA-NPMO), as delineated in the PAMANA Operations Manual, assumes the responsibility of ensuring the punctual delivery, implementation, and monitoring of the PAMANA Program. This aligns seamlessly with the role of the OPAPRU as an oversight body and implementer of peacebuilding programs and projects.

With the PAMANA Program's full revitalization in 2023, the expansion of its geographic coverage has been fully evaluated and established with its presence in peace and development focus areas throughout the archipelago.

A. CONSTITUENCY BUILDING (engagement with stakeholders strengthened)

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 project implementation issues as needed.

1. PAMANA CEREMONIAL SIGNING OF MEMORANDA OF AGREEMENT

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) and local chief executives of six provinces, three cities, and 39 municipalities across the country inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) last March 14, in a bid to enhance their collaboration in the implementation of PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) projects.

A total of 46 governors and mayors gathered at the Philippine International Convention Center to formalize their commitment to support the OPAPRU in the implementation of PAMANA projects for FY 2024. The event marked another major milestone in the

national government's efforts to bring greater peace, development and stability in geographically-isolated and conflict-affected areas (GICAs).

Under the agreement, the local government units will support the implementation of PAMANA-funded infrastructure and development projects nationwide. These projects include, among others, road concreting and improvements projects; the construction of farm-to-market roads, bridges, farmers training centers, water systems; and the provision of rainwater collectors and water storage tanks.

B. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

1. BILATERAL EXPLORATORY MEETINGS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (DA)

The bilateral exploratory meetings with the Department of Agriculture (DA) served as a pivotal platform for fostering engagement with stakeholders and advancing the agenda of constituency building. Led by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., these discussions were instrumental in aligning peace and development interventions for FY 2025, particularly in areas affected by the Abu-Sayyaf Group (ASG). During these meetings, Secretary Galvez underscored the transformative potential of agri-fishery interventions in improving living conditions within ASG-affected areas and other peace and development focus areas. By emphasizing the nexus between agriculture, livelihoods, and peacebuilding, the discussions aimed to forge synergies that address root causes of conflict and promote sustainable development. As a result, the DA has pledged PhP4 Billion worth of agri-fishery interventions. Overall, the bilateral exploratory meetings with the DA not only advanced discussions on peace and development but also reinforced the importance of stakeholder engagement in driving inclusive and impactful initiatives.

2. BILATERAL EXPLORATORY MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL IRRIGATION AUTHORITY (NIA)

In pursuit of advancing the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., the Presidential Peace Adviser, led the courtesy visit to National Irrigation Administration Administrator Eduardo "Eddie" G. Guillen. The visit aimed to propose priority projects across diverse peace and development focus areas. The meeting resulted in significant agreements, particularly concerning OPAPRU's PAMANA program. Noteworthy was the commitment by OPAPRU to specify target areas for proposed NIA interventions. In addition, the NIA has pledged PhP4 Billion worth of socio-economic infrastructures for FY 2024 within OPAPRU's designated target areas. These collaborative efforts mark a crucial step towards implementing effective interventions and fostering socio-economic development in alignment with the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process.

3. BILATERAL EXPLORATORY MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS (DPWH)

Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr., along with Presidential Assistant David Diciano and PAMANA-NPMO Director J. Anthony Peña met with DPWH Secretary Manuel Bonoan. The objective of the said meeting was to endorse all the projects that will be implemented by the DPWH and to discuss the ways forward of both agencies, especially on the transfer of funds through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and the modality of project implementation.

It was discussed during the meeting that the DPWH is willing to cooperate to provide additional funding for the PAMANA projects under their regular funds.

4. BILATERAL EXPLORATORY MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT (DSWD)

The Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) enjoined the OPAPRU in a coordination meeting on the implementation of the PAMANA Program last 22 January 2024. Along with the presentation of the DSWD-PAMANA Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Accomplishment Report, other updates and concerns were also brought up during the meeting. With the DSWD's current efforts in reviewing and revising their standing policies, they expressed their intent to enhance the Sustainable Livelihood Program, KALAHYAN-CIDSS, and the Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) by further studying the grant allocations and establishing a more appropriate and updated budget ceiling.

5. BILATERAL COORDINATION MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY (NHA)

The OPAPRU team paid a courtesy meeting led by Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr., to the General Manager of the National Housing Authority (NHA) GM Joeben Tai to discuss the possible yearly allocation of their agency for PAMANA Housing Projects under their Annual Budget. As per discussion, GM Tai mentioned that they will submit a list of proposed projects under the Housing Assistance Program for Former Rebels (FR)/ Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and Indigenous People (IP) and the distribution of their priority list on the proposed housing projects. As per GM Tai, Priority 1 includes ongoing FR and IP projects around 1,741 units plus 1,212 units for new FR projects and 3,000 units for the 6 MILF camps under the Camps Transformation Plan amounting to Php2.776B. While Priority 2 includes 141 newly proposed IP projects generating 9,170 housing units with the funding requirement of Php 2.86 Billion. The said prioritizations will have a total amount of Php 5.636B. With this, the NHA commits to endorse and discuss the proposed Housing Projects (Priority 1 and Priority 2) to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) and to the Office of the President.

6. JOINT EXPLORATORY MEETING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) AND THE NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION ADMINISTRATION (NEA)

In pursuit of advancing the Philippine comprehensive peace process, the OPAPRU, represented by Director J. Anthony B. Peña and Engr. John Louie G. Lopez of the PAMANA-NPMO had an inter-agency exploratory meeting regarding the FY 2025 PAMANA Interventions with the Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Electrification Administration (NEA). Key officials present in the meeting included NEA Administrator Mr. Antonio Mariano C. Almeda, NEA Deputy Administrator Technical Services Mr. Ernesto O. Silvano Jr., and DOE Undersecretary Giovanni Carlo J. Bacordo. The visit aimed to propose priority projects across diverse peace and development focus areas. The meeting resulted in significant agreements, particularly concerning OPAPRU's PAMANA Program. Noteworthy was the commitment by OPAPRU to specify target areas for proposed NEA interventions. In addition, the NEA has pledged a significant Php1.5 Billion-worth of socio-economic infrastructures, including the proposed Solar Home System, for FY2025 PAMANA-NEA projects. These collaborative efforts mark a crucial step towards implementing effective interventions and fostering socio-economic development in alignment with the comprehensive peace process.

7. COORDINATION MEETING WITH THE UNIFIED STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE SYSTEM FOR TERTIARY EDUCATION (UNIFAST)

The coordination meeting was attended by personnel from OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO, led by Ms. Armenia Balanay, accompanied by Engr. Gabriel J. Evangelista and Ms.

Lydia Jammang. Also present in the meeting was Ms. Precila A. Chan, the Head of Advocacy and Career Guidance at the Unified Student Financial Assistance System for Tertiary Education (UNIFAST). As discussed, the assistance provided for the Tertiary Education Scholarship will entail an initial disbursement of Php 20,000.00 per grantee every semester, totaling approximately Php 160,000.00 per student as the overall benefit per beneficiary. UNIFAST stipulated the requirement for the submission of the beneficiary list to verify enrollment in their program. Moreover, deliberations took place concerning the allocation of funds between OPAPRU-PAMANA and UNIFAST, which will be finalized upon the submission of the final list of beneficiaries.

8. CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH THE AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA (ROK)

The consultative meeting with the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (ROK) held on March 22, 2024, provided a valuable opportunity to enhance the constituency-building efforts of the PAMANA Program. This meeting not only enabled the strengthening of existing relationships with the ROK but also laid the groundwork for establishing new partnerships, thereby advancing the program's objectives. This engagement is in line with the broader strategic goal of expanding the network and enhancing the program's influence within key constituencies. The said meeting was attended by key OPAPRU officials, Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and PAMANA-NPMO Head, Director J. Anthony B. Peña. The meeting served as a pivotal element in the program's resource mobilization strategy. This involvement provides a platform to showcase initiatives and represents a significant step toward securing the essential resources needed to advance the program and its positive contributions.

C. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. PROJECT SITE REVALIDATION OF FY 2024 PROPOSED PAMANA PROJECTS

In compliance with the mandate of the OPAPRU which serves as the oversight and/or implementer of the PAMANA Program, the PAMANA-NPMO spearheaded the conduct of Project Site Revalidation of proposed FY 2024 PAMANA Projects in Eastern and Northern Samar, Maguindanao del Sur and del Norte, North Cotabato, Basilan, and Kalinga.

Activity	Date	Venue
PROJECT SITE REVALIDATION OF FY2024 PROPOSED PAMANA PROJECTS	January 29 – February 3, 2024	Eastern and Northern Samar
	January 29 – February 3, 2024	Basilan
	January 29 – February 10, 2024	North Cotabato, Maguindanao del Sur and del Norte
	February 5 – 8, 2024	Tawi-Tawi
	February 12 – 17, 2024	Kalinga

The stated revalidation is a result of previously assessed project sites given provisional approval and failed the assessment. Given such, the revalidation ensures that the proposed projects are: (a) technically and financially feasible; (b) conflict sensitive and peace promoting; and, (c) compliant to all documentary requirements such as but not limited to project proposals, work and financial plans, road right of way certification and other pertinent clearances. The revalidation consisted of fifteen (15) water system and storage, eleven (11) road, one (1) fish port, and four (4) community infrastructure projects.

2. PAMANA CEREMONIAL LAUNCHING & GROUNDBREAKING ACTIVITIES

a) CEREMONIAL LAUNCHING AND SIGNING OF THE MASTER DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR CAMP ABUBAKAR

Last January 23, 2024, the Ceremonial Launching and Signing of the Master Development Plan for Camp Abubakar was held in the 1st Marine Brigade, Maguindanao. The said event was attended by key officials, led by Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr.; Hon. Abdul Raof Macacua, Governor of Maguindanao; Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, Co-Chair of Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation - Government of the Philippines (JTFCT-GPH); Engr. Al-Khwarizmi U. Indanan, Regional Manager of Region IX, and other Members of the Parliament of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

The drafting of the Master Development Plans of the 6 Camps was orchestrated by the OPAPRU-PAMANA where the plans aim to develop a sustainable community under a whole-of-nation approach that is resilient and has potential for agricultural efficiency and local economic growth. The blueprint, targeting socio-economic deficiencies, aims to bring about substantial change through programs founded on the principles of unity and inclusivity. On this note, Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., noted the change in the lives of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) members. Stressing the crucial role of Local Government Units (LGUs) in the normalization program, he underscored the transformative power of the Master Development Plan for the previously acknowledged camps that will now undergo Transformation into peace and development communities.

b) CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING OF PEACE TRAINING CENTER

Presidential Peace Adviser Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong led the groundbreaking ceremony and the signing of the memorandum of agreement for the construction of the first ever Peace Center in Northern Luzon last, February 16, 2024. The facility will serve as a peace knowledge and learning center in the city. The construction of the first-ever Peace Center will serve as an infrastructure project of the OPAPRU which will purposively educate, empower, and support individuals as well as efforts to prevent violence and promote peaceful resolution of conflict. The groundbreaking activity symbolizes fulfillment of the commitment of the National Government to constituents residing in peace and development focus areas, as well as geographically isolated and conflict-affected areas (GICAs). Furthermore, the activity also strengthens the partnership between the OPAPRU and the LGU of Baguio City in ensuring access to basic social needs and services of the government which may lead to attain just and lasting peace in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

D. TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS

1. ASSESSMENT AND MONITORING OF 2017 PAMANA PROJECTS IN SAMAR

The OPAPRU PAMANA-NPMO has been entrusted with the crucial task of collating and synthesizing PAMANA intervention reports, with particular emphasis placed on several livelihood projects located in Samar, collectively valued at approximately PhP179 million pesos. Within this context, it is imperative to highlight that out of the total of 13 projects identified, a subset of 6 projects continues to remain active and ongoing as of the fiscal year 2021. Conversely, the status of the remaining 7 projects is reported as completed. However, despite the apparent conclusion of these projects, the absence of comprehensive reports detailing their implementation, outcomes, and impact significantly impedes our ability to gauge their effectiveness and overall success.

Furthermore, OPAPRU PAMANA-NPMO's commitment to transparency and accountability in project management and oversight is underscored by our proactive engagement in assessment and monitoring activities. These efforts are not only aimed at addressing the gaps and shortcomings identified within the existing reports but also ensuring that future endeavors are conducted with a heightened level of scrutiny and diligence. By aligning our efforts with these legal requirements, the OPAPRU PAMANA-NPMO reinforces its dedication to upholding the principles of accountability, transparency, and integrity in all our endeavors.

2. COORDINATION MEETING WITH THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (NCIP) FOR PAMANA-NCIP PROJECT STATUS

The focal person of the OPAPRU – PAMANA NPMO for National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) conducted a visit to the Finance Department of NCIP to seek clarification and information regarding the annual report on the status of the PAMANA-NCIP project. This update on the project's status will serve as the foundation for the required report, as per the request made by the Commission on Audit (COA) through their Audit Observation Memorandum for the NCIP projects under the PAMANA Program.

Additionally, it was noted that the total allocation for PAMANA-NCIP projects amounts to approximately Php68 million, with Php57 million earmarked for education assistance for indigenous peoples, while the remaining funds were designated for infrastructure projects benefiting indigenous communities. It was unanimously agreed upon that the NCIP Finance team, in collaboration with their implementing partners, will submit their annual report to the OPAPRU-PAMANA NPMO on the specified date requested. Furthermore, arrangements are underway to convene a general meeting, inclusive of other National Government Agencies (NGAs) involved in the PAMANA initiative, for orientation purposes.

E. POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

1. PAMANA-NHA JOINT POLICY WRITING WORKSHOP

In its aim to regularly review interagency policies, and in order to review and realign the implementing mandates of the OPAPRU and the NHA, the PAMANA-NPMO spearheaded the conduct of the OPAPRU PAMANA-NHA Joint Policy Writing Workshop held last February 20-21, 2024. In 2024, the PAMANA Program shall tie-up with the National Housing Authority (NHA) to implement two (2) housing projects in the amount of Php180,000,000.00 which shall be constructed in the areas of Munai, Lanao del Norte and Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.

The said policy writeshop was conducted to guarantee that all programs, activities, and projects are appropriately guided and accounted for. Project-specific policy guidelines must be mandated to implementing partners owing to the one-year implementation period under the said arrangement. This workshop is a crucial step in ensuring the effective implementation of the PAMANA Program, which seeks to address the housing and community development needs of marginalized and disaster-affected communities across the country. The collaborative effort between OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO and NHA in developing policies and guidelines is essential to ensure alignment and coherence in the program's implementation.

The activity was attended by OPAPRU Executive Director for Peace Sustainability, EDir. Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida; PAMANA-NPMO Director J. Anthony B. Peña; NHA Regional Manager Engr. Al-Khwarizmi Indanan; and, Camp Coordinator BGen. Anthon Guarino Abrina.

The workshop saw active participation from representatives of the NHA Region IX Office, GPH-MILF Peace Table representatives, Area Management Offices, Camp Coordinators, OPAPRU Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS), and representatives of the OPAPRU Management Committee.

2. PAMANA MANUAL OF OPERATIONS UPDATING WRITING WORKSHOP

The PAMANA Manual of Operations Updating Writeshop was facilitated to initiate the updating, amending, and improving the existing manual to ensure its current, all-encompassing, and well-balanced nature, enabling it to adapt to changes in administration. The primary aim of the event was to update the manual so that it is aligned with current policies and management frameworks and will contain all the necessary information that could easily be cascaded down to the regions.

During the writeshop, the OPAPRU participants engaged in a series of collaborative activities geared towards revising and updating the 2017 PAMANA Manual of Operations. It began with a thorough review and analysis of the existing manual, identifying areas that needed updating, clarification, revision, or improvement. The NPMO facilitated the live editing of the document, allowing the plenary to provide inputs while the manual was being edited. Furthermore, a follow-through workshop is being scheduled to revise the PAMANA Implementing Framework.

F. PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL PROGRESS STATUS OF PAMANA PROJECTS LODGED TO OPAPRU

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

Physical Accomplishment

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

Financial Accomplishment

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

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

NOTE:

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

FY 2017 PAMANA-OPAPRU

Physical Accomplishment

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

Financial Accomplishment

Total of PhP 6,923,725,385.40 (97.88%) of the total project cost was released by OPAPRU. Of which, PhP5,446,279,477.61 (78.66%) was reported as liquidated by implementing partners, PhP77,602,861.04 (1.12%) refunded to OPAPRU/Bureau of Treasury, PhP1,533,308,222.28 (22.14%) for liquidation. The remaining balance is pegged at PhP150,153,105.60 (2.12%) of the allocation.

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

NOTE:

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

FY 2020 PAMANA-OPAPRU

Physical Accomplishment

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

Financial Accomplishment

Of the PhP650,000,000.00 total allocation per FY 2020 GAA, PhP7,500,000.00 intended for the administrative cost, PhP86,850,000.00 realigned to COVID-19 response and PhP34,100,000.00 pegged as unobligated balance. Administrative cost and unobligated balance of the said fund already reverted.

Of the above-mentioned total allocation per GAA, only PhP521,550,000.00 are implementable projects. PhP273,140,000.00 or 52.37% released to the different implementing partners as of 30 September 2022. PhP87,377,552.10 or 31.98% reported as liquidated by implementing partners, and PhP 186,759,436.37 or 68.02% for liquidation.

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

* inclusive of PhP86,850,000.00 realigned for COVID-19 response

NOTE:

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

VII. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

A. POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

1. *Revised Guidelines on Visits of Foreign Governments and International Organizations to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao*

The IPPO, in partnership with the Monitoring and Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Service (MEALS), continued to work very closely with the DFA in the process of development of a digital system to make the processing of clearances of travels of international partners to conflict-affected areas in Mindanao (CAAM) more efficient.

For this quarter, the OPAPRU met with the DFA and colleagues from the security sector to discuss the issue on the updating of the Guidelines on the CAAM, particularly the list of CAAM areas, especially with the recent developments on the use of the term Peace and Development Focus Areas, instead of CAAM and the implications of the report of the Department of National Defense (DND) on the Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs) in the Philippines. In the same quarter, the IPPO has evaluated and endorsed a total of 47 travels of international partners to the CAAM.

2. *Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao Programme with the European Union*

The IPPO, in partnership with the Program 1 offices, provided inputs to the European Union's new proposed intervention, the Partnership for Peace and Development Programme. In succeeding meetings on 12 and 14 December 2023, with the Department of Finance (DOF), Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and the EU, the OPAPRU, through the IPPO, conveyed to the aforementioned agencies the OPAPRU's comment and recommendation on the selection of the implementation agency for the program, especially since it is an intervention that builds on the current peace-related programs of the EU implemented in partnership with the OPAPRU and the BARMM Government, among others.

3. *Technical Assistance for the Official Visit of the President to Germany*

This quarter, the OPAPRU provided technical assistance to the DFA for the state visit of President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. to Germany in March 2024. For the Germany visit, the OPAPRU was requested to provide inputs for the President's bilateral meeting with German Federal Chancellor Olaf Scholz, particularly on the Philippine peace process with the Communist Party of the Philippines – New People's Army – National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF).

4. *Conduct of Roundtable Discussion on the Public-Private Partnerships for Peace (4Ps) Initiative*

The IPPO met with different programs to brainstorm on how to harmonize the new initiative with the various programs and plans and overarching strategy of the office and to develop the 4Ps portfolio of the OPAPRU.

A. CONSTITUENCY BUILDING

For the 1st quarter of 2024, the IPPO engaged the following partners: 33 international partners and 12 private sector partners.

For the international community, the following were engaged:

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| 1) Australian Embassy | 17) Embassy of the Delegation of the European Union in the Philippines |
| 2) Embassy of Brunei Darussalam | 18) Embassy of the United States |
| 3) Canadian Embassy | 19) United States – Department of State |
| 4) | 20) Japan International and Cooperation Agency (JICA) |
| 5) Embassy of Colombia | 21) International Organization on Migration (IOM) |
| 6) Embassy of Germany | 22) United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) |
| 7) Embassy of Indonesia | 23) UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) |
| 8) Embassy of Japan | |
| 9) Embassy of Malaysia | 24) UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) |
| 10) Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands | 25) UN Entity for the Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) |
| 11) Embassy of Qatar | 26) United States Institute for Peace (USIP) |
| 12) Embassy of the Royal Norwegian Government | 27) World Food Programme (WFP) |
| 13) Embassy of South Korea | 28) The Asia Foundation (TAF) |
| 14) Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain | 29) Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) |
| 15) Embassy of Switzerland | 30) Conciliation Resources (C-R) |
| 16) Embassy of Turkiye | 31) Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) |
| 17) Embassy of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland | 32) Principles for Peace (P4P) |
| | 33) World Bank |

For the private sector, the following were engaged:

1. Partnerships for Peace (P4P)
2. Ayala Corporation Health
3. McDonald's Philippines
4. Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation (PDRF)
5. Institute for Solidarity Asia (ISA)
6. Affordable Private Education Center (APEC)
7. SM Supermalls
8. Zuellig Family Foundation (ZFP)
9. Ayala Foundation
10. TBWA Worldwide – SMP
11. Kennemer Group
12. Advancement of Rural Kids (ARK).

B. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

For this quarter, the OPAPRU, through the IPPO, continued to manage and provide government oversight to the following peace-related programs of international partners: AECID's Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project; EU's Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD-BARMM) Programme; Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme; and the EU's new Programme, Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao.

C. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

The IPPO has been continuously exploring avenues to tap the available resources of international partners and private sector partners to support the funding gaps and requirements of the various peace tables through the bilateral and multilateral meetings of the executives with international and private sector partners.

D. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The IPPO has been coordinating with the MEALS on the joint conduct of a Basic MEALS Training for OPAPRU personnel. Said joint initiative is aimed to be implemented by June 2024.

E. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

Internally, the IPPO worked closely with the Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) to ensure the proper documentation of engagements with international and private sector partners and the proper packaging of presentations of the management for international and private sector engagements.

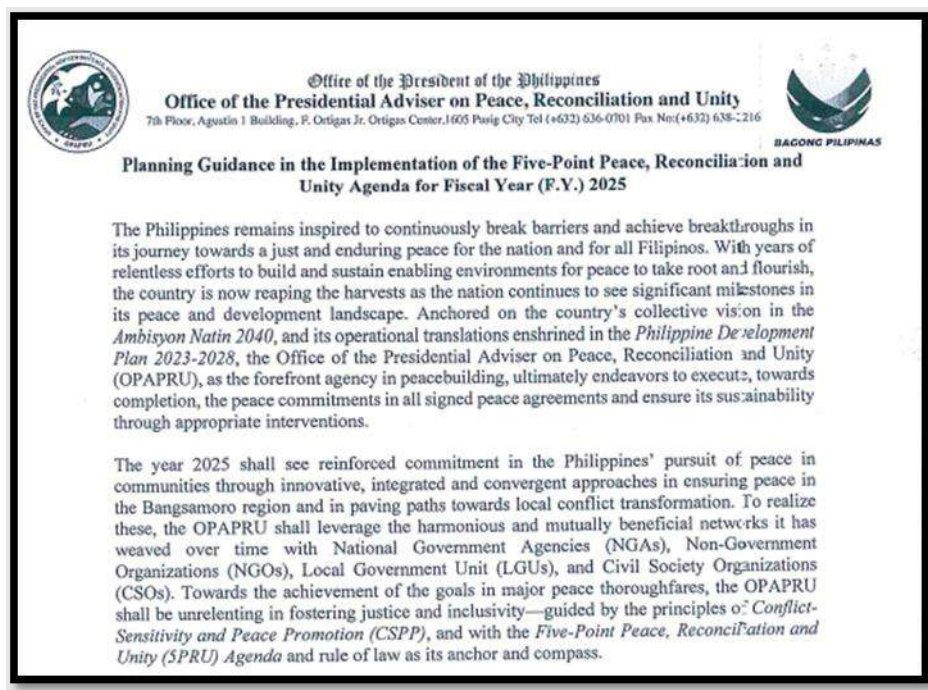
VIII. MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING OPAPRU BUSINESS PROCESSES

❖ ORGANIZATIONAL CAPITAL

A. Peace Development, Strategic Planning, Legal and Legislative Services: *Approved Agency Policy and Strategic Guidance*

1. Agency Policy and Strategic Guidance

On 12 February 2024, the OPAPRU's 2024 Strategic Thrust was approved by the PAPRU and was disseminated to all OPAPRU offices/services/units on the same date. This document serves as the basis of all Programs in identifying and preparing all efforts and initiatives that are in line with the priorities of the PAPRU for the current fiscal year. Further, the 2024 Strategic Thrusts outlines the framework for resource allocation and prioritization of plans, activities, and programs to drive the Agency's endeavors towards attaining its breakthrough goals.



In view of the Agency's continued commitment to translate the aims of the Ambisyon Natin 2040, Philippine Development Plan 2023-2028, and all other policies, tangible and high impact targets, strategies, activities and goals, the PDSMD has successfully facilitated the approval of the 2025 Planning Guidance last 09 March 2024. The approved Guidance was cascaded for the reference of all OPAPRU units in optimizing and recalibrating their established targets.

B. Organizational Systems and Processes: *Implemented PGS interventions (internal) for Proficiency Stage*

2. Implementation of PGS Interventions

The Agency continues to pursue its internal transformation with the heightened adoption of the Performance Governance System (PGS) into the organization's systems and processes. In line with this objective, the PDSMD facilitated and expedited the following:

- i. **Assessment and Planning.** To ensure the embeddedness and functionality of the PGS mechanisms in the Agency, the PDSMD, as a member of the Office of Strategy Management (OSM), led a two-day Assessment and Planning Workshop on 17-18 January 2024 at the Central Office to help review and evaluate its 2023 accomplishments and formulate its plans and targets in 2024.



- ii. **Approval of Basic Governance Documents 2023-2025.** The OSM facilitated several meetings with the Programs to finalize the Refreshed PGS Basic Governance Documents 2023-2025 for PAPRU's approval. Consequently, the OSM issued a memorandum to all Programs to expedite the crafting of 2026 strategic deliverables in line with the DPAPRU's guidance.
- iii. **Reconstitution of the OSM.** On 08 March 2024, the PAPRU approved Office Order No. 68, series of 2024, "*Reconstitution of OPAPRU Performance Governance System (PGS) Core Team and Office of Strategy Management (OSM).*" This Office Order serves as the basis for the restructuring of the OSM to reflect the reorganized Services and to include the Program PGS Focals to reinforce the OSM towards sustainment of the PGS interventions.
- iv. **Reconstitution of the Multi-Sector Governance Council.** The PDSMD prepared completed staff work for the reconstitution of the OPAPRU Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC). The MSGC is an advisory body composed of external stakeholders from key sectors providing strategic advice and targeted contributions to the OPAPRU towards attaining its strategic goals and objectives.
- v. **Capacity Development.** The OSM prepared a completed staff work for the capacity development Training of its new members on Performance Governance System (PGS): attendance to the 29th Governance Boot Camp: Basic Class, 12-15 March 2024. This capacity intervention is essential to sustain the capacity development for OPAPRU personnel involved in PGS implementation to bridge the knowledge and skills gaps in sustaining the PGS.



C. Organizational Systems and Processes: *Updated, published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen's Charter*

3. Updated, published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen's Charter

On 21 February 2024, the OPAPRU through PDSMD submitted the updated OPAPRU Committee on Anti-Red Tape to the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA). The Division has likewise initiated the updating of the OPAPRU's Citizen's Charter to reflect changes in line with the adoption of the recently approved Interim Organizational Structure.

D. Organizational Systems and Processes: *Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures*

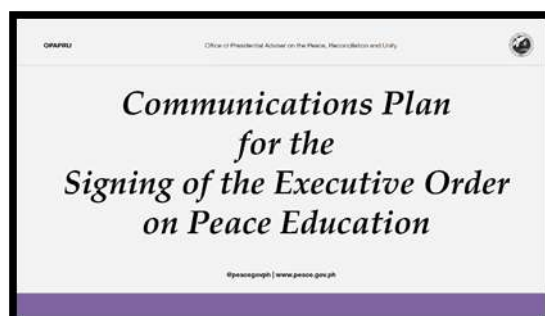
4. *Updated, enhanced, and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures*

The OPAPRU continuously complies with the directives of RA 10173, or the Data Privacy Act of 2012, and the Data Privacy and Compliance Framework issued by the National Privacy Commission. Following the approval of the Enhanced Data Privacy Manual and Privacy Management Framework early January 2024, the PDSMD facilitated the immediate uploading of the electronic copy of the Data Privacy Manual, Privacy Management Framework, and complementary templates to the OPAPRU website. The PDSMD likewise facilitated the Registration of the OPAPRU DPO and Data Processing Systems with the National Privacy Commission (NPC), in view of the continuous efforts to exemplify trust and accountability.

E. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: *Philippine Education for Peace and Sustainable Development Framework and Roadmap developed*

5. Development of the Communications Plan for the Signing of Executive Order on the Strengthening of the Institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development

The KMPID and the Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) had a series of technical meetings and consultations from January 2024 up to present for the purpose of coming up with a Communications Plan for the Signing of Executive Order on the Strengthening of the Institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development. The overarching goal is to highlight the value of peace education in cultivating the culture of peace, non-violence, and mutual understanding in the country, reinforcing the urgency for the proposed EO to be signed before September 2024. Target audience shall include: [1] Relevant National Government Agencies, [2] Learning Institutions, [3] Religious Institutions, [4] Civil Society Organizations, [5] General public. Currently, the CPAS oversees the CSW for the PAPRU's approval of the said Peace Education Communications Plan



6. Approval of the Letter Addressed to the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for General Administration (ODESGA) as regards DBM's comments on 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

In reference to the position paper of the DBM on the proposed E.O. entitled "Strengthening the Institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development in Basic and Higher Education and Other Learning Institutions", the OPAPRU has already transmitted on 22 March 2024 its most recent inputs as regards DBM's comments, for the ODESGA's consideration.

F. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: 9 OPAPRU peacebuilding capacity development initiatives conducted

7. Brown Bag Session on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue

The Brownbag Session on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, facilitated by Mr. Ian Karlo A. Olegario and Ms. Alyssa Mae D. Bueno of PDSKMS-KMPID, served as a platform to disseminate insights garnered from the pilot training on interreligious and intercultural dialogue. The original training, conducted in Bangkok, Thailand from 27 November to 1 December 2023 by the ASEAN Institute for Peace & Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) and the International Dialogue Centre – KAICIID, aimed to enhance the skills of junior to mid-level officials and professionals from ASEAN Member States, Timor-Leste, and the ASEAN Secretariat.

The Brownbag Session with the representatives of various OPAPRU units delved into meaningful discussions on Non-Violent Communication (NVC), focusing on its four essential elements: *Observation, Feeling, Need, and Request*. Participants engaged in interactive sessions, exploring how NVC techniques could be applied in interreligious and intercultural contexts. The discussions highlighted the practical applications of NVC in fostering understanding and collaboration within diverse groups.



G. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: Partnership with at least 4 peace, research, and/or academic institutions established

8. Peace Education University Tour at Bicol University

The **Peace Education University Tour** conducted at Bicol University on 22 February 2024, exemplified a concerted effort to promote peace education as an essential component of peacebuilding initiatives. Grounded in the belief that education plays a pivotal role in nurturing understanding, empathy, and conflict resolution skills, this

activity aimed to broaden awareness and facilitate meaningful dialogue within the academic community.

The activity sought to establish partnerships, exchange best practices, and advocate for peace education in alignment with the goals outlined in Executive Order 158 and the mandate of OPAPRU. The Peace Education University Tour held at Bicol University served as a significant catalyst in promoting awareness and advocacy for peace within the academic community.

The event highlighted the MOU Signing between OPAPRU and BU, ribbon cutting and launching ceremony of the OPAPRU Peace Education Resource Nook (PERN), a talk on the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process and a Peace Education benchmarking session between the Kalinga State University (KSU) and BU.

KSU and BU are located in different regions of the Philippines, each with its unique cultural, historical, and socio-political context. By collaborating on peace education initiatives, they can bring together diverse perspectives and experiences, enriching the dialogue on peacebuilding and conflict resolution.



9. Launching of Peace Education Resource Nook (PERN) at Cotabato State University

On 20 March 2024 and in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Office (TJRO) conducted a forum titled "CAB Building Bridges: Fostering Healing, Reconciliation and Unity through Interreligious and Intercultural Solidarity" and dovetailed the launching of a Peace Education Resource Nook (PERN) at Cotabato State University (CotSU).

This endeavor is envisioned to cater to the needs of educators and students of CotSU by providing them access to peace education and peacebuilding resource materials. This strategic initiative addresses the dearth of peacebuilding-related resource materials within the higher education sector, thereby enriching academic discourse and facilitating informed dialogue on matters of peace and reconciliation



H. Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning: 2 Knowledge services for knowledge creation, knowledge storage, and knowledge sharing developed, implemented, and/or enhanced

10. Approval of the Kapayapaan Newsletter Concept Note

The OPAPRU Kapayapaan Newsletter is intended to be the agency's main tool to showcase its most recent accomplishments, activities, and campaigns. Further, it will bring attention and recognition to noteworthy success stories that have emerged from the peace process, inspiring readers with stories of positive change and progress. The newsletter will play a pivotal role for OPAPRU to strengthen its advocacy towards promoting peace, reconciliation, and unity in the country.

The technical staff of the Editorial Board will conduct their first field interview in Isabela and Mountain Province on 15–17 April 2024 to document the success stories of Former Rebels (FRs), one of the newsletter's core contents. The first issue of Kapayapaan Newsletter for the period of January to April 2024 is expected to be released in the second quarter of 2024.

11. Approval of the Memorandum for the conduct of the 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference 2024 and the Start of the Call for Papers

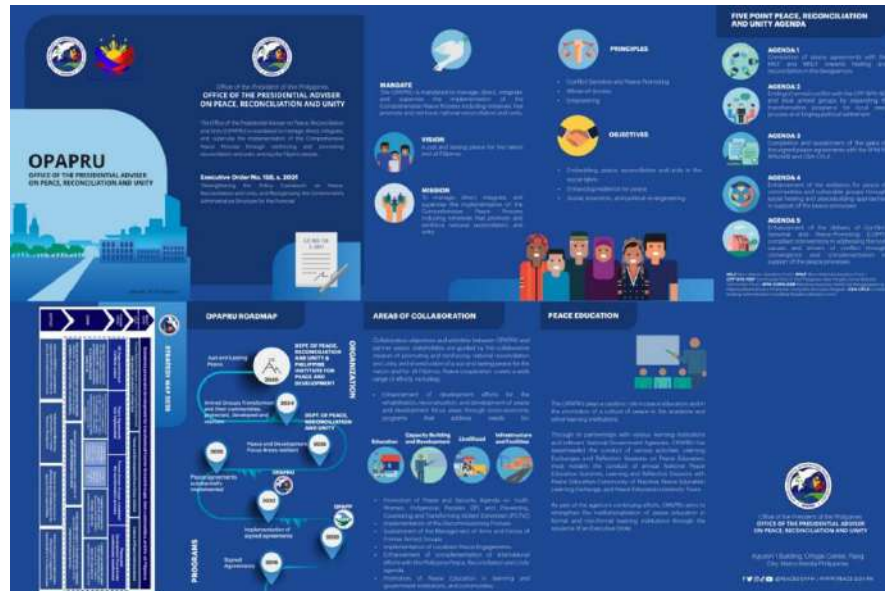
The Annual OPAPRU Peace Research Conference, which started in 2021, was organized to broaden the constituency for peace and serve as a platform for knowledge co-creation and evidence-based conversation on peacebuilding, conflict, and security concerns. The OPAPRU Peace Research Conference is also seen as an opportunity for the Agency to engage with other academics and researchers who can help in attaining the vision of a just and lasting peace for the nation and for all Filipinos; this will help in advancing knowledge on peace and elevating national conversations on peace work, peacebuilding, peace and security, and peace education.

For this year, as prelude to the Agency's annual celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month, the 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference will be held on 14-15 August 2024. The 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference will focus on the priority themes and topics stipulated in the OPAPRU Research, Documentation, and Evaluation (RDE) Agenda 2023-2028, with the theme, "Seeds of Peace: Cultivating Peace Research towards Shared Solutions." The Call for Papers has commenced and will run until 10 May 2024.



12. Co-crafting and Printing of the OPAPRU Information Brochure

With the goal of creating a complete but concise Information, Education and Communication (IEC) material to introduce the Agency, its mandate, its Programs, and other important details that will provide a complete grasp of what the Agency has achieved and seeks to achieve, the OPAPRU Information Brochure was created, designed by CPAS, to serve as a primary material for all OPAPRU activities and engagements which shall introduce the Agency through a brief but informative content.



13. Layout and Publication of the 3rd OPAPRU Peace Research Conference Proceedings

As part of the knowledge products produced during the annual OPAPRU Peace Research Conference, the final version and the printing of its copies was conducted in March 2024. Copies of the Conference Proceedings shall be distributed to various peace stakeholders—disseminating cutting edge findings from peacebuilders and peace stakeholders not only in the Philippines, but from around the world.





I. Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning: 1 Annual State of the Philippine Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (SOPPRU) Report published

14. Draft of the SOPPRU Report 2023

As part of the Agency's continuous efforts to mainstream and make known its efforts and successes, the SOPPRU Report shall act as a reference for internal and external stakeholder—incorporating images as a vital part of communicating the successes and gains of OPAPRU Programs for 2023. The content of the Report is already completed, and the layout is in progress, awaiting completion.

J. Peace Resource Administration and Management: At least 700 internal and external library clients for 2024 served (physical and online)

15. Library clients served

As of March 2024 (incomplete period), the Ambassador Manuel T. Yan Peace Resource Center (AMTYPRC) has catered to 68 physical visitors, including 2 external stakeholders. Moreover, the AMTYPRC's e-library experienced significant online traffic, with 365 visitors accessing its resources.

K. Peace Resource Administration and Management: At least 30 new titles of peace resource materials added to AMTYPRC collection

16. New titles of peace resource materials AMTYPRC collection added

The AMTYPRC started the process of purchasing eight (8) new titles for the 1st semester. A request for approval for the acquisition is prepared for the additional peacebuilding-related resource materials. As of now, request for quotations have been made for the book titles submitted by the OPAPRU programs/units.

M. Policy Development, Strategic Planning, Legal and Legislative Services: *Approved Concept Note on the creation of the Philippine Institute for Peace and Development (PIPD)*

17. Benchmarking Activities with other National Government Agencies with Research and Training Arm

To effectively learn from the significant experiences in establishing an attached agency or institute, OPAPRU has started conducting benchmarking activities with other NGAs that have already established their own attached institute/s. Given the diverse legal and regulatory frameworks within government agencies, benchmarking is crucial for comprehending compliance requirements and ensuring the attached agency's establishment aligns with pertinent laws and regulations. Additionally, gleaning insights from the experiences of other agencies aids in anticipating potential risks and challenges, facilitating the development of robust risk management strategies and contingency plans during the establishment phase of the attached agency.

So far, the PDSKMS-KMPID has already conducted benchmarking activities with the following NGAs:

- Philippine Statistical Research and Training Institute – National Economic Development Authority at the PSRTI Office: 06 February 2024
- Local Government Academy – Department of Interior and Local Government via Zoom VTC: 08 February 2024
- Human Rights Institute – Commission on Human Rights via Zoom VTC: 13 February 2024
- DSWD Academy-Department of Social Welfare and Development via Zoom VTC: 16 February 2024
- National Council for Children's Television – Department of Education at NCCT Office: 26 February 2024
- Civil Service Institute – Civil Service Commission via Zoom VTC: 04 March 2024
- Philippine Trade and Training Center – Department of Trade and Industry at PTTC Office: 13 March 2024
- Institute for Labor Studies – Department of Labor and Employment via Zoom VTC: 15 March 2024
- Foreign Service Institute – Department of Foreign Affairs at DFA Main Office: 25 March 2024

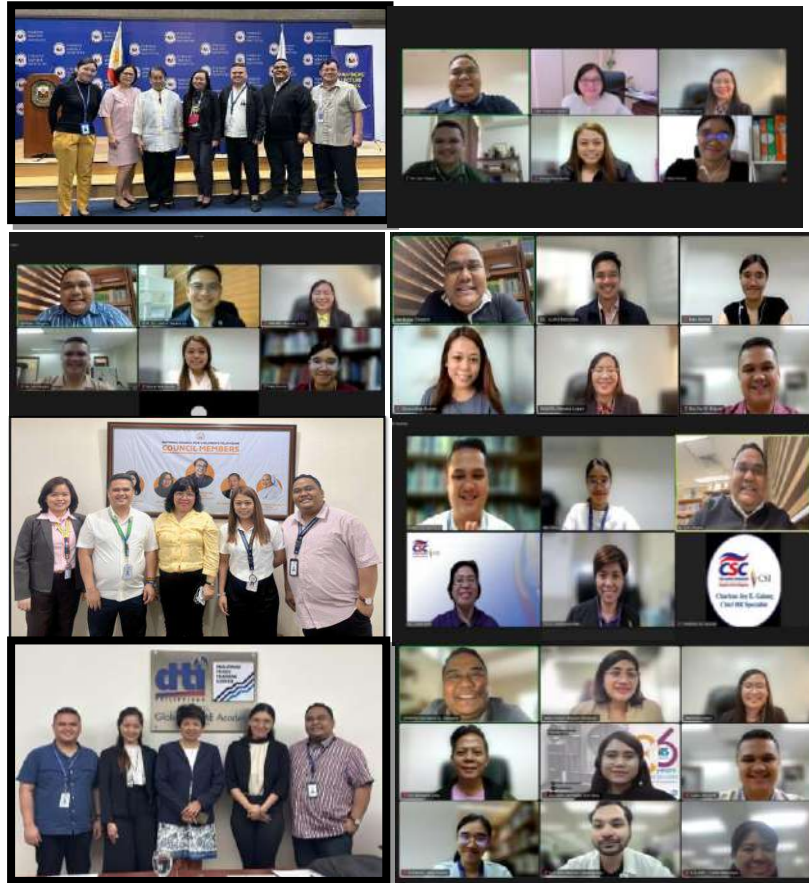
Findings and relevant information will be processed by the KMPID to facilitate drafting of the concept note.

N. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: *Gawad Kapayapaan Operationalized*

18. Operationalization of Gawad Kapayapaan

Building on the experience of last year's Gawad Kapayapaan (GaKap), the Gawad Kapayapaan 2024 Guidelines is currently in the process of improvement. One major improvement of this year's Gawad Kapayapaan Guidelines is the recalibration of the criteria set for the nominees. This is pivotal to ensure that the aspiring nominees and the would-be Gawad Kapayapaan Awardees exhibit the principles and ideals of a peace exemplar and a Gawad Kapayapaan Awardee. Further, the selection and screening process of the nominees are improved to ensure that the operationalization and awarding of the Gawad Kapayapaan is efficient and streamlined.

As of date, the Gawad Kapayapaan 2024 Memorandum, Guidelines, and other logistical and administrative requirements are being prepared for the approval of the PAPRU with the objective of opening the call for nominations (external and internal) in April 2024. The Gawad Kapayapaan Awardees are set to be awarded in September 2024 in concurrence with the Culminating Activity of the National Peace Consciousness Month.



O. Support Activities

19. Support to the “CAB Building Bridges: Fostering Healing, Reconciliation and Unity through Interreligious and Intercultural Solidarity” of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Unit (TJRU)

The PDSKMS-KMPID provided support in the concept generation and actual conduct of the forum held at Cotabato State University on 20 March 2024. The CAB Forum was organized in line with the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) to highlight the significant role and contribution of interfaith/intercultural dialogue in peacebuilding and successful implementation of the CAB.



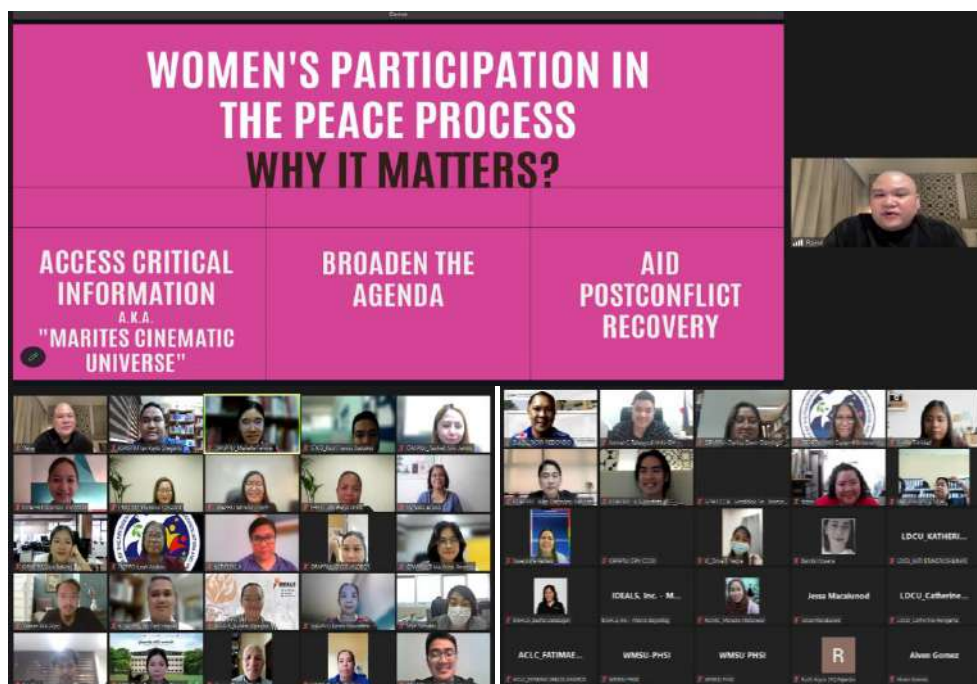
20. At least 5% GAD Budget utilized

The PDSKMS-KMPID with support from the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO), in celebration of the National Women's Month, conducted an Online **Learning and Reflection Session on the Updates on the 4th Generation National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS)** last 12 March 2024.

The learning and reflection session for Peace Educators delved on recognizing the transformative potential of the Women, Peace and Security Agenda, initiatives, services, programs, and mechanisms under the 4th Generation NAPWPS (2023-2028). This is in line with the recognition of the role of educators in increasing awareness and mainstreaming the WPS agenda, especially among the youth and academic institutions.

Discussions have underscored the indispensable role of women as agents of change, highlighting their unique perspectives, experiences, and capacities in conflict prevention, resolution, and post-conflict reconstruction. Through the lens of the 4th generation national action plan, the OPAPRU has reaffirmed its commitment to mainstreaming gender perspectives across all facets of peace and security initiatives, recognizing that sustainable peace can only be achieved through inclusive and participatory processes.

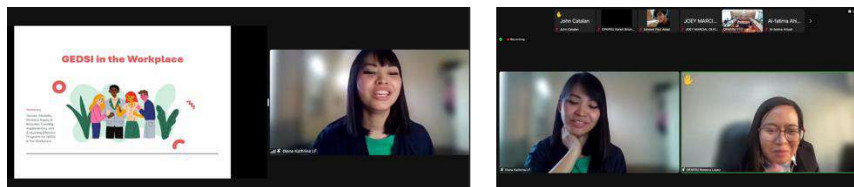
The learning session was attended by 116 attendees (82 females, 23 males, and 11 not declared) from different learning institutions in various parts of the country.



In line with the National Women's Month Celebration 2024, the PDSKMS-PDSMD conducted an online learning session titled, "*Karapatang Patas Para sa Bagong Pilipinas: Engaging Men Towards Cultural Transformation*" held on 14 March 2024 (Thursday) from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM via Zoom video teleconference (VTC). The learning session aimed to reverberate the government's call to action to continuously promote gender fairness, cultural shifts, and gender empowerment. It specifically intended to achieve the following:

- a. Discuss about transforming cultural norms on men and masculinities;
- b. Highlight the roles of women in pushing for gender equality and cultural transformation;
- c. Provide a platform to share best practices and recommendations in addressing emerging challenges and gaps in pursuing gender and development; and
- d. Promote a society that ensures unity, equality, and inclusion where every individual is encouraged to take an active role in playing towards a "Bagong Pilipinas" that values every Filipino's rights.

Ms. Diana Kathrina Fontamillas served as the resource person of the learning session. Ms. Fontamillas is a dedicated gender reform policy activist currently working as a policy reform consultant, focusing on women's human rights, specifically Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR) and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS). With over a decade of experience in WPS, she has been instrumental in shaping the Civil Society's 2023 to 2033 WPS Agenda. Furthermore, while she was still in OPAPRU, she conducted capacity-building sessions for more than 120 members of the Philippine Army and 21 National Government Agencies, integrating WPS perspectives into their Gender and Development (GAD) agendas. Additionally, she has led capacity-building initiatives to mainstream WPS considerations into civil protection mechanisms for over 35 civil society organizations in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.



21. Continuous provision of policy inputs. The OPAPRU, through the PDSKMS remains committed in advocating for the Government's Peace Agenda in accordance with the President's directives as stipulated in the PDP 2023-2028, the Eight-Point Socioeconomic 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:

- i. ASEAN Political-Security Community (APSC) Strategic Plan of ASEAN Community Vision 2045
- ii. Proposed Unbundling and Reassignment of the Devolved Functions and Services as provided under Section 17 of the Local Government Code
- iii. Draft Executive Order on PAGASA (*Protektahan, Alagaan, Gabayan, Suportahan, at Akayin ang mga Bata*) Program
- iv. National Disaster Response Plan (NDRP)
- v. National Housing Authority (NHA)-OPAPRU Joint Memorandum Circular Memorandum on PAMANA Housing Projects for the MILF
- vi. Joint Statement for the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security
- vii. Call for Contribution for the Review and Updating of Republic Act 9285 (Alternative Dispute Resolution)

- viii. House Bill Nos. 6001 & 9835 on Gender Responsive and Inclusive Protocols and Programming to Address the Gender-Differentiated Needs of Women During Public Health Emergencies, Public Health Threats, Disasters and Other Health Events of Public Concern
- ix. PAMANA Manual of Operations, 2nd Edition
- x. Bureau of the Treasury, Due Diligence Questions on Domestic Political and Security Issues
- xi. ASEAN-IPR Regional Study on Youth, Peace and Security
- xii. National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033 Handbook and Toolkit

P. Performance Management

1. Data Quality for OPAPRU Results Framework assessed

Strategy Review Report

Following the conclusion of the FY 2023 year-end strategy review in December 2023, MEALS crafted the strategy review full report based on the submitted presentation, documentation report of the PDSKMS, and updates on the automated program dashboard system by OPAPRU program offices, services, and units. The full report details the physical and financial accomplishments of OPAPRU as anchored on the basic governance documents, CSPP and GAD compliance, key implementation strategies, operational issues and concerns, multi-sectoral engagement, stakeholder feedback, and ways forward.

Incentivization of Program Performance

The first iteration of the incentivization program focuses on improving the compliance of program offices, services, and units with the regular updating of their dashboards. However, it was recommended to align its objective with capturing higher-level results and adjust the criteria, putting a higher premium on the quality of results, to which the MEALS enhanced the proposal (2nd iteration) accordingly.

At present, the MEALS is currently enhancing the proposal (3rd iteration) based on the recommendations from the HRMS on aligning the objectives with the provisions of Administrative Order (AO) 25. Otherwise known as the Inter-Agency Task Force (IATF) on the Harmonization of National Government Performance Monitoring, Information, and Reporting Systems.

Amendments to Memorandum 23-2827: Reiteration on the updating of accomplishments in the Automated Program Dashboard

In light of the guidance of the Senior Undersecretary to proactively update the dashboard and submit regular reports to the ExeCom and ManCom, the MEALS amended Memorandum 23-2827, updating the schedule of dashboard encoding, extraction, and submission of reports to the PAPRU. Based on the amended memorandum, program offices, services, and units shall be guided by the following timelines:

MONTH	EXPECTED DELIVERABLES
6 th Day of the Succeeding Month	Issuance of the RAO of the previous month
8 th Day of the Succeeding Month	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Deadline for encoding in the Automated Program Dashboard System • Conduct Regular JPBAC Meetings

10 th Day of the Succeeding Month	Submission of PPRMS / MEALS Report to the PAPRU
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Moreover, said memorandum reiterates the required uploading of Means of Verification (MOVs) on PAPs to be marked as completed. These MOVs may be in the form of the following: approved memoranda, signed after-activity reports (AARs), and/or the approved RAO.

2. OPAPRU Reportorial templates harmonized

Meeting with the PDSKMS on the proposed inclusion of GAD indicators in OPAPRU reportorial templates. The PDSKMS and MEALS met on 19 February 2024, to discuss the proposed inclusion of GAD indicators in OPAPRU reportorial templates. Currently, the inclusion of GAD-related data and accomplishments is only required when accomplishing the quarterly and strategy review report templates. Moving forward, the two (2) units agreed on the following next steps:

- Formulation of a road map with milestones.
- Inventory of current forms used by programs
- Issuance of an office order on the integration of GAD indicators on reportorial compliances, to be vetted with the PS cluster.
- Drafting of a memorandum on workshop with programs regarding the inclusion of GAD indicators in reportorial templates.

3. Assessment report on 2 internal processes/systems

Process Evaluation of OPAPRU Core Process: Financial Management – Budget Execution

The process evaluation conducted by the MEALS provided a comprehensive internal audit based on ISO 9001:2015, the Quality Management System Requirements, and the internal processes and documents of the Finance Management Service (FMS). The MEALS provided recommendations to further improve the business processes of the FMS. To further substantiate the study and integrate client feedback, ManCom recommends conducting a cross-validation study with other OPAPRU programs and units, as well as a time and motion study on the FMS processes and transactions.

Cross Validation Study on the FMS Process vis-à-vis Delegation of Authority (DoA)

A cross-validation study will be composed of two (2) major components: 1) a time and motion study to measure the actual performance of FMS processes against the prescribed standards stated in the OPAPRU Citizen's Charter; and 2) client feedback with program offices, services, and units on their experience with transacting with the FMS.

Another integral variable of the study is the inclusion of the DoA, wherein the MEALS will attempt to compare if there is a significant difference between the execution of FMS processes prior to the issuance of Office Order No. 134, s. 2023, otherwise known as the Revised Delegation of Authority (DOA), and after its issuance. An inception workshop is scheduled to take place on 24 April 2024, to vet and finalize the design with key focals.

4. Initiated OPAPRU RDE Studies

GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process Impact Evaluation

The GPH-RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office (RPPO) requested comments from the MEALS on the draft concept note on the Proposed Impact Evaluation Study of the

GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process on 22 January 2024. The MEALS and the Research, Documentation, and Evaluation (RDE) Agenda Team reviewed said document and officially submitted their comments on 31 January 2024. They are currently awaiting an update from the RPPO.

Q. Organizational Systems and Processes

1. OPAPRU TAM utilized by all Programs

Presentation of the CSPP-MEAL during the PAMANA FY 2024 Manual of Operations Writeshop. MEALS participated in the PAMANA Updating of Manual of Operations Writeshop FY 2024 on 18-22 March 2024, in the Madison Hotel, Quezon City.

The MEALS presented the requirements of the CSPP-MEAL Toolkit vis-à-vis the PAMANA processes based on the 2017 PAMANA Manual of Operation. During the discussion, the AMUs provided their insights and suggestions for crafting the updated version of the CSPP MEAL Toolkit. Among the suggestions was integrating the transformation of communities and theories of change into the components of the CSPP MEAL Toolkit. Included in the said presentation is an overview of the OPAPRU Feedback and Response System (FRS).

Revisiting of Feedback and Response System (FRS) Workflow

The FRS workflow has been revisited since its launch in 2020 to ensure alignment with the requirements of the OPAPRU. From its original workflow, the team has proposed that feedback not requiring an endorsement from any of the OPAPRU program offices, services, or units can proceed directly to FRS MEAL and Review. Currently, the existing FRS workflow is in use but requires further enhancement.

Inputs to the PYDP MEAL Framework. As discussed during the ManCom Meeting, The MEALS reviewed and provided inputs on the PYDP MEAL Framework as well as specific key areas including governance and active citizenship, economic empowerment, global mobility, environment, agriculture, peacebuilding and security, social inclusion and equity, health, and education.

2. Two (2) Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced and/or maintained / Nine (9) Digitalized Systems operationalized and able to produce data analytics

Population of Data / System Enhancements / Orientation on the Automated Program Dashboard. As part of the institutionalization of the Automated Program Dashboard System in OPAPRU, the MEALS started the fiscal year by conducting a series of orientations and consultation sessions on the encoding and updating of FY 2024 PAPs and PGS targets based on approved documents. Simultaneously, the MEALS continue to enhance the system based on emerging issues and concerns as well as recommendations from the programs.

Automated Foreign Government and International Entities Travel to CAAMs Information System. The system is currently undergoing development and testing and is expected to be operational by the 2nd quarter.

3. Innovation and Utilization of Technology: Leverage technology to automate repetitive tasks, streamline workflows, and enhance collaboration. The GASS to facilitate seamless coordination through the available software or applications including but not limited to vehicle and tasks monitoring has helped enhanced the seamless coordination and provide support to the various offices/services of the OPAPRU.

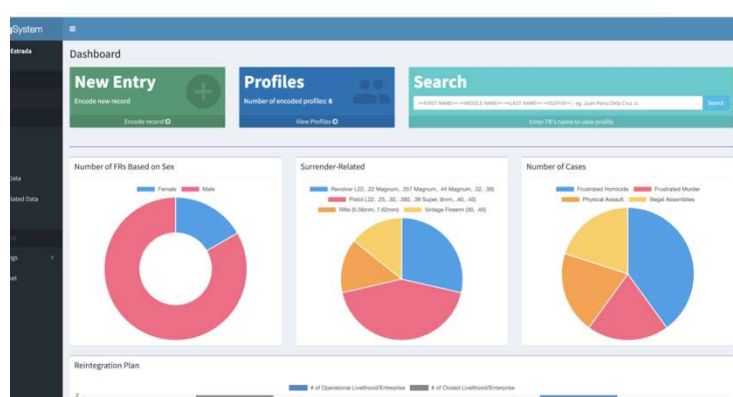
4. Deployment and Implementation of Document Tracking System (DTS)

The ICT Division successfully launched the Document Tracking System (DTS) last April 5, 2024, by conducting an orientation and training of users.

The operationalization of the DTS aims to increase productivity and efficiency, improve workflow processes, eliminate misplaced documents, and improve tracking of documents giving importance to transparency and accountability.



5. Development of Profiling System



The ICTD, with the Office of the Executive Director Peace Sustainability Cluster, developed the centralized database system for the Former Rebels (FR). The Profiling System aims to maintain a centralized and organized system based on the data collected. The data collection includes FR profiles such as family background, livelihood programs, assistance granted, case management, etc.

❖ FINANCE / RESOURCES

A. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

For the first quarter, the OPAPRU, including the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) budget utilization rate (% BUR) was at 7.41% of its operations, fund transfers and PAPs:

PARTICULARS	ALLOTMENT FY 2024	OBLIGATIONS	UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT	% BUR
OPAPP Fund FY 2024	6,919,922,000.00	513,668,723.31	6,406,253,276.69	7.42%
NAC Fund FY 2024	77,263,000.00	6,913,218.98	70,349,781.02	8.95%
OPAPRU Continuing Fund FY 2023	247,427,205.56	20,671,024.81	226,756,180.75	8.35%
NAC Continuing Fund FY 2023	58,667,652.17	-	58,667,652.17	0.00%
Grand Total	7,303,279,857.73	541,252,967.10	6,762,026,890.63	7.41%

The financial performance is still well within the target of the first quarter. Delays are accounted for on-going field preparations for actual implementation of projects, as well as final agreements and arrangements with transitioning former rebel groups. Security and other environmental factors contributed to recalibration of set timelines and deliverables.

B. PLANNING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1. **FY 2024 Unfunded Program Requirements.** In January 2024, the Planning, Programming, and Resource Management Service (PPRMS) conducted program consultations aligned with the submission of Unfunded Program requirements.

The results of these consultations were presented during the 1st Senior Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) Meeting for FY 2024, held on 22 January 2024, presided over by the Presidential Assistant for Internal Management Cluster and Senior PBAC Chairperson, Arnulfo R. Pajarillo. During the meeting, PA Pajarillo and the Senior PBAC Secretariat, led by Dir. Jennie Claire Mordeno, provided strategic guidance on enhancements and adjustments to refine the proposed unfunded programs, for final recommendation by the Management and Executive Committee and



2. **FY 2025 Work and Financial Plans (WFPs) and OPAPRU Agency Budget Proposal.** The PPRMS continues to provide assistance to Programs to ensure the timely submission of the OPAPRU Agency Proposal for FY 2025 to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) by establishing efficient and effective technical support in operational planning, programming, and budgeting in the FY 2025 Agency Proposal Preparation, as facilitated for all OPAPRU programs, offices, and units:

- a. On 02 February 2024, the Junior Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) convened its first Special Meeting, presided over by Director Jennie Claire Mordeno, as Junior PBAC Chairperson. The primary objectives of the meeting were to provide guidelines for budget preparation and to update on the developments on the hiring of Contract of Service (COS) personnel for FY 2025. Furthermore, this meeting addressed the centralization of procurement processes; and the continuing development and enhancement of the Information Systems Strategic Plan (ISSP) reflecting the agency proposal.



- b. On 05 February 2024, the PPRMS and Policy, Policy Development, Strategy, and Knowledge Management Service (PDSKMS) conducted an alignment meeting for discussions on the planning and programming for FY 2025 Agency Budget Proposal as well as anticipating the FY 2026 agency thrust and directives, aligning to the Performance Governance System (PGS) refreshed roadmaps and deliverables.
- c. Vetting sessions on the OPAPRU FY 2025 Tier 1 and Tier 2 Agency Budget Proposal. From February to March 2024, several vetting sessions, reviews and revisions followed through for the finalization of the OPAPRU FY 2025 Agency

Budget Proposal. The final vetting session was presided over by the PAPRU, Secretary Galvez, especially for the FY 2025 requirements under the PAMANA Program.



3. FY 2024 Agency Program Report on Physical and Financial Accomplishments.

To promote the transparency and accountability of Program Focals and oversight Cluster Heads in their operations throughout the year, the programs were also instructed to diligently encode their respective Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs) into the automated Program Dashboard. This platform is designed to serve as the central reporting tool for tracking the agency's physical and financial accomplishments. Regular reporting are conducted at the program levels and elevated to the Management and Executive Committees and the PAPRU.

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