



FY 2023 SECOND QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT

(April - June 2023)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) aligns to 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**.

As an agency, the OPAPRU likewise aligns to the nation's peace agenda through the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda, alongside the refreshed Strategy Map of the agency and the corresponding roadmaps and scorecards of its core and support programs and units under the adopted and implemented Performance Governance System (PGS).

For the reporting of this quarter, the following have been accomplished across programs and units:

Program 1: GPH-MILF Peace Process. On the Political Aspect, the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) convened its 14th Meeting to discuss and resolve IGR issues between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. Further, series of courtesy visits of the Government Peace Implementing Panel to the BARMM provided an avenue to cascade updates on the Normalization program and further encourage the involvement of BARMM, local government units, civil society organizations and international partners in the Normalization program in the Bangsamoro. On the Normalization Program, for the second quarter of FY 2023, series of meetings and mutually reinforcing activities were held to discuss the preparations for the resumption of the Phase 3 of the decommissioning of MILF combatants. Several inter-agency coordination were also set with line agencies leading up to the upcoming local elections. Further, the Normalization mechanisms, particularly for the Security and Socioeconomic aspects, have been conducting activities to keep track and monitor local conflicts. In line with this, Program 1 strived to fastrack socioeconomic development programs and Camps Transformation activities catering to the continuing assistance and capacitation for the decommissioned MILF combatants, their families and communities.

Program 2: GPH-MNLF Peace Process. For the quarter, the Government of the Philippines and Moro National Liberation Front (GPH-MNLF) mechanisms were supported and sustained. Strengthened coordination with the security sector (namely, the AFP, PNP and NICA) resulted to clearer and closer cooperation and quick feedback mechanisms on security issues involving MNLF individuals or groups. There was an increased support for the MNLF Women Misuari Group resulting in the familiarization of the participants with writing effective and substantial project proposals that would contribute to the improvement and development of their communities. There was also an intensified conduct of activities under the pre-implementation phase of the MNLF Transformation Program in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao and North Cotabato.

Program 3: Localized Peace Engagements. For the period, the OPAPRU facilitated planning workshops for ten (10) provinces (Aurora, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato, Negros Occidental, Surigao Del Sur, Agusan Del Norte, Samar, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar) in developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that is responsive to the need of the Former Rebels (FRs) that reflects the four (4) components: (1) Security, (2) Confidence Building Measures, (3) Healing and Reconciliation, and (4) Socioeconomic to address the needs of FRs, their families, and communities, as well as the projected timelines and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the respective local plans of the provinces. To date, fifteen (15) provinces have developed their respective TP plans subject to further review and validation, and thereafter, budgeting in their annual plans. Moreover, of the targeted 14 Special Project Teams (SPTs) in 2023, OPAPRU approved the establishment of nine (9) SPTs in the following regions: Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, SOCCSKARGEN, Bicol Region, Northern Mindanao, CARAGA Region, and NCR. The SPTs serve as transformation agents in the operationalization of the Transformation Program; as springboard in the advocacy of deradicalization; support in the sustainment efforts of LPE and its TP for FRs, their families and communities; and assist in establishing organizations that are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.

Program 4: GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process and GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process. Guided by the 2019 RPM-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN peace process roadmap and supported by the Transformation Program mechanisms, the implementation of the deliverables to the 727 members of the KAPATIRAN under the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) was sustained for the 2nd Quarter 2023. This is in line with the Government's commitment to lay the foundation for the fruition of the vision to bring about continuous development, sustainable economic growth and peaceful living conditions for the former RPM-P/RPA/ABB members and their communities. For the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, sustainment of the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee, its components and the implementation of the 5-Year Normalization Program were carried out. Projects for the CBA-CPLA and identified communities were likewise implemented under the Sustainable Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Program.

Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding. The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) made significant progress in policy and program development especially on the development of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) through series of activities that resulted to its Zero Draft. Commitment of technical support in the development of the NAPWPS were also gained from stakeholders such as the UN Women and CSO partners. Likewise, there is an on-going development in the drafting of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), amendment of the Executive Order 865 and Executive Order in the establishment of the National Steering Committee on YPS. In addition, a project development for healing and reconciliation is in progress through the engagement of Global Peace Foundation and Nonviolent Peaceforce.

Program 6: PAyapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn Program. The PAMANA National Program Management Office continued engagements with implementing partners and stakeholders, through bilateral coordination meetings, inter-agency meetings, field monitoring visits and inspection in aid of facilitating project implementation and completion.

The following are the status of projects as of 30 June 2023, subject to further updating by implementing partners:

- FY 2016 PAMANA-DA for ARMM: 48 projects or 70.59% completed; 15 or 22.05% ongoing, and 5 or 7.35% reported as preparatory out of the total 68 projects.
- FY 2017 PAMANA: 383 or 71.86% completed; 138 or 25.89% ongoing; 7 or 1.31% were reported as preparatory; and, 5 or 0.94% cancelled/waived out of 533 projects
- FY 2020 PAMANA: 70 or 15.94% completed; 177 or 40.31% ongoing; and, 192 or 43.73% for fund release, out of 439 projects.

Program 7: International Cooperation and Partnerships. The OPAPRU fully recognizes that the international community plays a significant role in sustaining the gains of the Comprehensive Peace Process. As such, it has endeavored to include in its core sustaining programs the implementation of Program 7 on International Cooperation and Partnerships, with the goal of

advancing the peace process interests in the international community. For this quarter, relative to the refreshed roadmap of the OPAPRU ICPO, the office has accomplished the following: a) ensured that the peace process agenda is at the forefront of twenty-seven (27) high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements, consultations, and dialogues with international partners; b) established two (2) partnerships and strengthened existing partnerships and cooperation with thirty-three (33) international partners; c) facilitated the assessment and endorsement of 86 travels of foreign governments and entities in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao; d) assisted in the representation of the OPAPRU to six (6) international trainings and events; and, e) continued resource mobilization efforts to complement the efforts of the peace tables.

Program 8: Improvement of OPAPRU Business Processes and Management of Internal and External Stakeholders. For the quarter, the implementation of the Performance Governance System (PGS) activities relative to commitments and priorities was pursued. Various agency enhancement and compliances such as the formulation of the IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework, updating and enhancing privacy policies, development of the revised policy on the delegation of authority to sign various forms and documents, among others; the continuing improvement of digitized systems, the Automated Program dashboard system version 2, focusing on data filtering and integration of reporting tools; focusing on physical and financial monitoring and accomplishments per PAPs, including GAD accomplishments, and key observations. Peace capacities of internal stakeholders and constituency-building with external partners and implementers were also pursued.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

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

A. GPH-MILF PEACE PROCESS

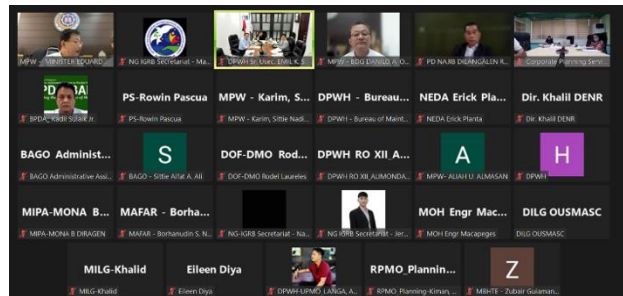
Program 1: Manage the implementation of the CAB deliverables towards enabling the MILF combatants and Bangsamoro communities to achieve their desired quality of life

POLITICAL ASPECT

1. Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) activities

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

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



b) Meeting of the Ad Hoc Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC)

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

c) Meeting of the TWG on Land Transport Issues in the BARMM

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

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

On 01 June 2023 at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the IGRB convened for its 14th meeting to discuss pending issues and other matters on intergovernmental relations (IGR) raised



to the IGRB. Co-chaired by DBM Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman and BARMM Minister Mohagher M. Iqbal, the meeting was attended by members and resource persons from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. On the side of the OPAPRU, present were Secretary Isidro L. Purisima; Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano; Presidential Assistant Wilben M. Mayor, as Co-Head of the IGRB Joint Secretariat; GPIIP-MILF Chair Cesar B. Yano; Executive Director Jordan S. Bayam; Director Elisa Lapiña; Director Ishmael I. Bahjin; and Director Farrah Grace V. Naparan.

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

On 07 June 2023 at the Department of Finance (DOF), Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Complex, Roxas Blvd., Manila, the IFPB convened for its 5th meeting to discuss pending



issues on the Annual Block Grant, participation of the Bangsamoro Government in the Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines (AAIIBP), the status of the Tax Study Group deliverables, and other new items. The said meeting was headed by Co-Chairs DOJ Secretary Benjamin E. Diokno and BARMM Minister Ubaida C. Pacasem.

f) Meeting of the IGRB Joint Secretariat

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

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

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

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



b) APAPRU Courtesy Call on BARMM Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim



The Acting Presidential Peace Adviser Secretary Isidro L. Purisima paid a courtesy call on Bangsamoro Interim Chief Minister (ICM) Ahod Ebrahim on 14 April 2023 in Cotabato City. The APAPRU was accompanied by Chair Cesar Yano of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and

OPAPRU officials PA David B. Diciano, and EDir. Jordan S. Bayam.

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

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

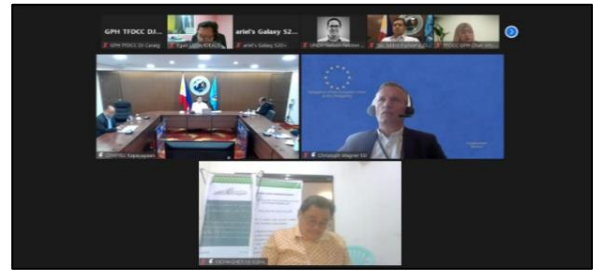
On 25 May 2023 at the Municipal Hall, Buldon, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel for GPH-MILF Peace Process Chair Cesar B. Yano, along with Col. Joel Q. Mamon (Ret), Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan,



and LTC Zaldy A. Dioneda of the 1st Marine Brigade, JTFCT MILF Camp Coordinators and JTFCT GPH Secretariat, paid a courtesy visit to Mayor Pahmia A. Manalao and Vice Mayor Abolais A. Manalao of the Municipality of Buldon, Maguindanao del Norte. During the meeting, discussions were on the current state of peace and order, exploration of agricultural opportunities with a focus on supporting the Abaca plantation, initiatives to enhance livelihood and value-adding in the coconut plantation, the potential for economic growth in Buldon, its political landscape, dynamics with the BARMM government, and the potential for a partnership to transform the MILF camp specifically Camp Abubakar as-Siddique.

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

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



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

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

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



5. Dialogue of the GPIP-MILF with the PNP PRO BAR. On 26 May 2023 at Camp Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao, the GPIP-MILF held a dialogue with the PNP Police Regional Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (PRO BAR) to discuss the security situation in the BARMM and the important role of the PNP in implementing the CAB, particularly the security aspect of its normalization track.

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

On 09 -10 June 2023 at Bali, Indonesia, the AICHR held its Consultation Forum on Victims-Oriented Protection to Prevent and Counter Radicalization and Violent Extremism. OPAPRU PPPCO Head Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin was



invited to speak about Community Policing Approach to Prevent Radicalization and Violent Extremism (VE) / Terrorism. He gave a presentation on Peacebuilding Approaches to Prevent VE in the Bangsamoro such as the Bangsamoro insurgency and its relation to radicalization into VE, OPAPRU best practices, effective community policing, normalization program addressing push factors of radicalism and VE.

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

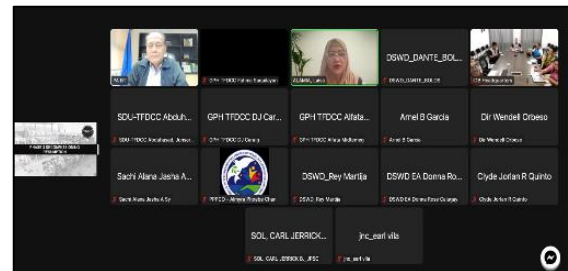
NORMALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE BANGSAMORO

Security Aspect

1. Decommissioning of MILF arms and forces

Meeting on the resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning Process

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



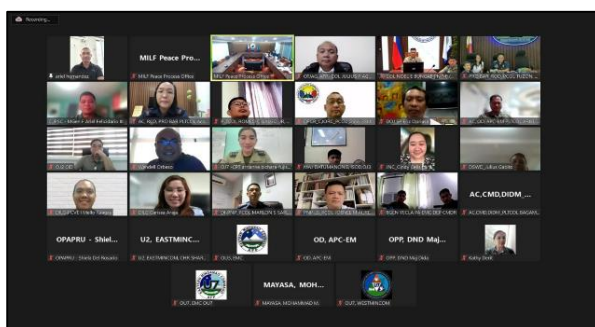
2. National Task Force – Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF DPAGs)

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



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

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



On 23 May 2023, at the 7th Floor OPAPRU Conference Room and via Zoom videoconference, the NTF-DPAGs Secretariat, Task Groups, and Task Forces convened for a meeting to discuss the preparations for the conduct of the 12th Oversight Committee Meeting at the PNP Regional Office, Bangsamoro

Autonomous Region in Maguindanao Province. Relative to the preparations, PNP PRO Bar was asked to provide a security briefing and provisional updates from Area Police Command Western and Eastern Mindanao.

c) Capacity Development and Awareness Building of the NTF-DPAGs for LGU Officials in BARMM

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



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

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



e) NTF-DPAGs Midyear Assessment

On 21-23 June 2023, at Madison 101 Hotel, the NTF-DPAGs facilitated a midyear assessment for the task force. The activity was expected to provide outputs regarding the effectiveness of the Task force objectives, form a venue to share information, and formulate ways forward. The OPAPRU as the Head National Secretariat of the NTF-DPAGs shall maintain and facilitate a monitoring system in order to determine the development and level of achievements of the activities designed for dismantling of Private Armed Groups (PAGs).



The activity was facilitated by the DILG in partnership with the other Secretariat Members (OPAPRU, AFPPDO, and PNP DO) and attended by representatives from the Task Forces in Eastern and Western Mindanao (Eastern and Western Mindanao from PNP and EASTMINCOM and WESTMINCOM of AFP), National Task Groups, and Police Regional Offices from Regions 9 to 12 and BARMM.

3. Reduction and Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALWs)

a) **Discussion for the SALW Inception Workshop with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).** The meeting, held on 03 May 2023 at the OPAPRU 3F conference room, allowed for the leveling off of understanding on the concept of the proposed workshop which aimed to continuously implement the program on the reduction and management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) with the aid of ASPIRE project of the UNDP.

b) **Inception Workshop for the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advanced Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE) facilitated by UNDP**

On 08 – 09 June 2023, at the Discovery Hotel, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Inception Workshop facilitated by the UNDP in partnership with JNC Secretariat, conducted a 2-Day Workshop to move forward the implementation of Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advanced Human Security in BARMM or ASPIRE Project. GPH-MILF Principals, Normalization Mechanisms, and representatives from AFP, PNP,

Maguindanao PLGU, UNDP, Embassy of Japan to the Philippines, and JICA attended the activity. The workshop aimed to address the issue of sporadic conflicts caused using SALW in the BARMM.



4. Activities of the Joint Peace Security Teams (JPSTs)

a) Visit of APAPRU, PIP Chair and OPAPRU Executives, JPST Station in Lanao Del Norte

On 13 April 2023, the APAPRU together with the GPH PIP Chair Cesar B. Yano, PA David B. Diciano, AFP and PNP officials visited the JPST Station in Munai, Lanao Del Norte wherein the APAPRU Sec. Isidro L. Purisima expressed his gratitude to the JPST troops in maintaining peace and security in the area. The visit boosted the morale of the troops.



b) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response. Deployed Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) provided humanitarian assistance to two (2) civilians that were victims of stray bullets at Elian, DSA Maguindanao del Sur. The victims were rushed to IPHO Maguindanao for medical treatment.

c) Installation of JPST Radio Communication Equipment. On 01-05 May 2023, the JPSC Secretariat personnel accompanied the installation team to facilitate the connection of the JPST radio to the nearest military camp as this is crucial in the daily operations of the JPSTs to efficiently support the maintenance of peace and order in their respective areas of deployment.



d) Series of JPST visits by JPST Focals (AFPPDO, PNP PPDC, and MILF in Lanao). On 04 - 06 May 2023, at JPST Sites in Lanao Provinces (Balo-i/Munai/Maguiling/Balindong), the JPSC Secretariat accompanied the JPST Focals during their visit to four (4) JPST stations in Lanao areas. The purpose of the visit was to provide the JPST Focals with the opportunity to engage and collaborate with the members of the JPSTs. The engagement also provided an avenue for knowledge sharing and identification of areas of improvement in partnership between the focals and JPST members.



e) Preparatory Meeting on the Upcoming Turnover of Two (2) JPST Stations.

On 09 May 2023, at the Headquarters 6ID, PA, DOS, Maguindanao Del Sur, the JPSC Secretariat personnel met with G4, 6ID, PA and personnel from 549 Engr Bn to discuss in detail the requirements for the upcoming turnover of JPST Stations in Brgy. Kuya, South Upi, and Brgy Muti, Guindulungan both in Maguindanao del Sur province.



f) Series of Re-Echoing Sessions on Peacebuilding and Monitoring and Evaluation for the JPSTs.



From the months of May to June, a series of re-echoing sessions were facilitated for the Joint Peace and Security Teams. The activity was designed for JPSTs to raise awareness on the fundamentals of conflict transformation and dialogue; strengthen the documentation and reporting skills of JPSTs related to ceasefire and DPAGs; properly document and gather data on incidents in mutually agreed areas; and, identify best practices of the team that can be replicated in other team sites.

g) JPST Station Construction and deployment for the JPST in Guindulungan, Maguindanao.

On 21 May 2023 at Brgy. Kuya, South Upi and Brgy. Muti, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, a site inspection was done in preparation for the upcoming JPST station turnover and activation of two (2) JPSTs in Brgy Muti, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, and Brgy. Kuya, South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur.



On 22 May 2023, at Brgy. Kuya, South Upi and Brgy. Muti, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Sur, BGen Donald Gumiran, Member of the GPH JPSC, together with the secretariat, conducted the re-orientation for the JPST South Upi and JPST Guindulungan on their tasks and functions in preparation for their upcoming activation and deployment in the area.

- h) Various JPST activities.** For the month of June 2023, the JPST deployed in mutually agreed areas have accomplished five (5) Support to Dispute Resolution Activities, four (4) Support to Law Enforcement Operations, 69 Community and Stakeholders Engagement, seven (7) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Response, 87 Community Patrolling Activities and provided 77 Security Assistance.



5. Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs) and Landmines

- a) Meeting with the Fondation Suisse de Deminage (FSD) Country Director.** On 08 May 2023 at the OPAPRU 4th Floor Conference Room, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office met with the Country Director of FSD to discuss the funding requirements for the Operation Center for Explosive Hazard Management and Response (OPCEN-EHMR), exploration of donors, endorsement of project proposals, and ways forward concerning the program on Unexploded Ordnances (UXOs) and Landmines for the Normalization Program.
- b) Evaluation Meeting with the FSD.** On 19 May 2023, through a hybrid 4th floor conference room and via videoconference, the MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat together with the GPH JPSC Co-Chair attended the meeting with the FSD to discuss the M&E for the UXOs and landmines program in partnership with FSD and the planning for a donor meeting to support the OPCEN-EHMR. Further, evaluation was also provided by MGen. Ariel Francico Felicidadario III (Ret.) and Dir. Wendell Orbeso.
- c) Retrieval of UXOs.** On 15 June 2023 at Purok Zacaria, Brgy. Sigayan, Lambayong, Sultan Kudarat, the Joint Action Team of the 1EOD Platoon, 3EOD Company JTF Central led by Sgt. Michael Morales, and the action staff of the OPCEN-EHMR, JPSC Secretariat together with the GPH CCCH



and the Fondation Suisse de Déminage (FSD) responded to a reported UXO sighting. The retrieved UXO, an M76 Rifle Grenade, was reported to FSD and was retrieved by the 1st EOD Platoon, 3EODC, PA with the assistance from 14Mech Coy, 1Mech Bn, PA. Per FSD, the item was initially found in the nearby community.

6. Ceasefire Monitoring, CCCH and AHJAG activities

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

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

Below is the disposition of the LMT and the JCMP:

Field Offices	Disposition
LMT (8)	1) Lanao del Sur, 2) Lanao del Norte, 3) North Cotabato, 4) Maguindanao, 5) Sultan Kudarat, 6) South Cotabato, 7) Sarangani and, 8) Basilan
JCMP (9)	1) Munai, LDN; 2) Nanagun, Lumbayanague, LDS; 3) Pikit, Cotabato; 4) Barko - Barko (Tulunan-Cot; Columbio-SK, Datu Paglas - Maguindanao); 5) Kitango, DSA, Maguindanao; 6) Zapakan, Rajah Buayan, Maguindanao; 7) Magcawa, Al-Barka, Basilan; 8) Daliao, Maasim, Sarangani; 9) Mindupok, Maitum, Sarangani Province

a) Coordination Meeting with JTFCT, GPIIP, and Security Unit.

On 06 April 2023, GPH AHJAG Chair PBGEN Victor K. Wanchakan, GPH CCCH Chair BGen Eduardo B. Gubat PA, assisted by the Combined Secretariat, attended the meeting presided by Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan, member, GPH Peace Implementing Panel with the officials of the GPH AHJAG, MILF AHJAG, JTF Central, PRO BAR, JPSC and JPST regarding the recent armed conflicts in SPMS Area (Shariff Aguak, Pagatin, Mamasapano, Salbu) in Maguindanao del Sur and its adjacent areas held at Makatao Hall, Camp Gonzalo Siongco, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. Discussed during the meeting were actions to be taken to prevent recurrence of violent incidents in the Province Maguindanao del Sur and nearby provinces.



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

- b) GPH CCCH Meeting with BIAF-MILF Commanders** On 01 June and 03 June 2023 in Zamboanga City and Kumalanrang, Zamboanga del Sur respectively, the GPH Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) held a meeting with BIAF-MILF Base Commanders, Suaib Edris, Base Cmdr., 113BC, Cmdr. Dan Asnawi, Base Cmdr., 115BC and Cmdr. Yashier Talib, Base Cmdr., 117BC, to discuss the ceasefire and security situation in their respective areas.



On the same day, at the Grand Astoria Hotel, Zamboanga City, the GPH CCCH held a meeting with with Hadji Samad Ahadin, Support Staff, MILF CCCH for Basilan and Mr. Ganie Amlain of Nonviolent Peaceforce to discuss efforts to settle the *rido* between the groups of the current Brgy. Chair of Brgy. Bohe Suyak, Ungkaya Pukan, Basilan and the group of former Chair of said barangay.



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

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



d) GPH AHJAG Meeting with Mayor Resty Sindatuk of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao

On 12 June 2023 at Barangay Gawang, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, GPH AHJAG Chairman PMGen. Victor K. Wanchakan met with Mayor Resty Sindatuk of Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao, PMaj Ivan John Bakian, CO, 1402 RMFC, PCMS Datuali and James Agpaoa, Bn Commander 92nd Bn, PA to conduct an area assessment.



Moreover, courses of action on the current situation involving warring MILF forces in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao were discussed.

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



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

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



f) Monthly Regular Meeting of the PPDC and AHJAG

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



Socioeconomic Development Aspect

For this reporting period, the following activities were held with Government agencies, LGUs and international donors for the socioeconomic programs and projects for MILF decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin.

1. Programs for the Decommissioned MILF Combatants

a) GPH-MILF TFDCC Meeting with Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) on the Implementation of Programs for the Decommissioned MILF Combatants

On 05 April 2023, via videoconference, the GPH and MILF Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities (TFDCC) co-chairs Atty. Laisa Alamia and Engr. Aida Silongan requested to meet with the bureaus of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) to discuss the following programs for decommissioned MILF combatants being implemented by the bureaus:

- a) Functional Literacy Program for DCs
- b) Study Grant
- c) Skills Trainings/Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET)

Physical and financial accomplishment reports of MBHTE bureaus were presented and guidance from GPH and MILF TFDCC on issues and concerns on program implementation was provided.

The GPH TFDCC Secretariat and MBHTE-BALS also met to discuss the status, issues, and challenges of the implementation of the Functional Literacy Program. The FGD aimed at levelling off on status, issues, and challenges of the implementation of the program.



b) OPAPRU and DSWD Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) for Socioeconomic assistance.

On 02 May 2023 at the 4F Katapatan Board Room, DSWD Central Office, Batasan Hills, Quezon City, OPAPRU and DSWD discussed areas of partnership and collaboration for the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro. A ceremonial signing of the MOA for the transitional cash assistance for 3,300 decommissioned MILF combatants including general intake, case management, and re-engagement activity amounting to PhP396 million was conducted.



c) Consultative Meeting Between Department of Agriculture (DA) and OPAPRU.

On 12 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, OPAPRU, together with the JTFCT Secretariat met with the DA Legal Service to discuss the finalization of the new MOA concerning Infrastructure Development Program (MILF Agricultural Community Development Initiative Project) and to finalize additional interventions and schedule of activities of the said initiative.

d) Technical Meeting DOLE Regional Offices.

On 26 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the OPAPRU participated in the Technical Meeting with DOLE Regional Offices to discuss the modality and timeline of the execution of Tulong Panghanapbuhay Para sa Mga Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) per province.

e) 19th Meeting of the GPH-MILF Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities.

On 30 and 31 May 2023, at the Linden Suites, Ortigas, Pasig City, the GPH and MILF TFDCC held its 19th meeting to discuss updates, issues, and strategies for the implementation of socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned MILF combatants. A preliminary GPH TFDCC meeting was conducted on 30 May to consolidate the position of the government prior to the joint meeting on 31 May.

f) Meeting with the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE).

On 02 June 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the GPH and MILF TFDCC Co-chairs Atty. Laisa Alamia and Engr. Aida Silongan met with MBHTE Minister Mohagher Iqbal to discuss the implementation of study grants for the decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin also known as Higher Education Access for Decommissioned Combatants: Opportunities for Resiliency and empowerment (HEADCORE) Project, and to identify ways forward for the project given that the validity of funding downloaded by the OPAPRU to BARMM – MBHTE has already lapsed.



g) Orientation with Partners on the Conduct of Baseline Study (TVET Profiling) to Discuss Proactive Project Implementation. On 15 May 2023, at Pagana

Hotel, Cotabato City, SDU TFDCC attended the Orientation with Partners on the Conduct of Baseline Study (TVET Profiling) to discuss Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Project



implementation including updates from UN Development Programme and MBHTE BARMM Maguindanao and Lanao Provinces; and orientation on beneficiary methodology, tools, and UNDP's Corporate Accountability Mechanism. During the meeting, the implementation timeline and workplan were finalized.

h) TVET Training Induction Program (TIP) and Profiling and Validation of Decommissioned Combatants and next-of-kin under PROACTIVE



On 16-24 June 2023 in Lanao del Sur, the TFDCC together with the UNDP conducted the Training Induction Program (TIP) for 518 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin in Lanao del Sur who will undergo the skills trainings under the PROACTIVE Project. Social workers from the TFDCC also facilitated the profiling and validation of the beneficiaries. Areas visited by the team included the municipalities of Masiu, Butig, Tamparan, Binidayan, and Marawi City.

i) Meeting with CHED VIII. On 17 June 2023 at the Alnor Convention Hall, Cotabato City, the TFDCC met with Regional Director Maximo C. Aljibe of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Regional Field Office VIII and the Program Director, Higher Education in the Context of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (HECBOL) Project to present the design of the study grant program for decommissioned MILF combatants, and to discuss the recommendation of the TFDCC chairs to submit a proposal to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) for the study grant program.



- j) **Meeting on Case Management of Decommissioned MILF Combatants.** On 08 June 2023, at the TFDCC Cotabato City Office, the DSWD Field Office XII-Normalization Team met with the TFDCC to level-off on the updates on case management of decommissioned MILF combatants; and for the cross-matching of data between OPAPRU and DSWD. The following were the agreements: (1)



TFDCC and DSWD shall regularly meet to harmonize the data on case management; and (2) DSWD shall identify focal persons in each province. The resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning was also discussed. It was agreed that fuel expenses and meals of security will be shouldered by the DSWD.

- k) **Consultation Session on the Assessment of the Implementation of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services of Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC).** On 13 June 2023, a consultation session and assessment of the implementation of ALIAS-DC was held to discuss how OPAPRU and the Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services, Inc. (IDEALS) worked together to ensure that the project ALIAS-DC was implemented effectively; and the challenges in the implementation that were addressed.

In attendance were Presidential Assistant David Diciano, PA for Bangsamoro Transformation; Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, Head, Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office, and GPH TFDCC Secretariat; from European Commission was Results-Oriented Monitoring Expert Ms. Britta Madsen; and from IDEALS was Ms. Kristine de Torres.



- l) **Briefing on ALIAS DC Project Updates with GPH TFDCC and Program 1**



On 11 April 2023, IDEALS Inc. discussed the accomplishments of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS DC) project in the provinces of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Lanao Provinces. The team also discussed the challenges encountered during project implementation; and ways forward for ALIAS 2.0.

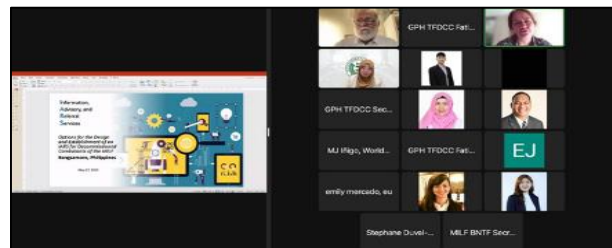
- m) **IDEALS activity in Lanao.** On 27 April 2023, the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) and the Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services Inc. (IDEALS) conducted a legal mission and ceremonial distribution of Certificates of Live Birth to beneficiaries of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services of

Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC) project in Munai and Balo-i in Lanao del Norte. Secretary Purisima, Acting PAPRU graced the event. With him were Presidential Assistant David Diciano; GPH JNC Chair Ariel Hernandez; Socioeconomic Development Unit – TFDCC Dir. Leila Halud; MILF Peace Process Office Dir. Wendell Orbeso; Communication and Public Affairs Service Dir. Darwin Wally Wee. Representatives from the MILF, Japanese Embassy, Australian Embassy, Dutch Embassy, and The Asia Foundation also attended the event.



n) TFDCC Meeting with BNTF funders on the Final Scoping Report on Information, Advisory and Referral Service (IARS) Systems

On 17 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, Mr. Aki Stavrou, IARS consultant, presented his key findings and recommendations towards the development of IARS to the BNTF and other stakeholders. The TFDCC represented by GPH Chair Atty. Laisa Alamia also presented the next steps towards the operationalization of the system.



2. Capacitation and Skills Development

a) Training of Trainers (TOT)

On 08-12 and 23-28 May 2023 at the Em Manor Hotel, Cotabato City and Woodland Resort, Zamboanga City, SDU TFDCC together with Balay Rehabilitation Center and Nonviolent Peaceforce facilitated Batches 2 and 3 of the Training of Trainers (TOT).



The training activities were on conducting Community Sessions Promoting Self-care, Healing, and War-to-Peace Mindset Transition of Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) and their Communities. This activity equipped the DCs and next-of-kin to become facilitators with the necessary knowledge and skills to teach about self-care and well-being.

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

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



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

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



3. Preparations for the Resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning Process

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

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



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

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



Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

1. Inter-agency meeting on land-related issues

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

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

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

2. Courtesy Call to the APAPRU by the Swiss Ambassador

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

On 26 June 2023, some 42 women and 21 men community members including victims/ survivors and their next-of-kin of the 1971 Manili Massacre were engaged and consulted to generate insights/ inputs on what a Community-based Reparation Program should contain. This gathering was also an opportunity to vet the content of the memorial



marker with the BLGU together with the community members. The proposed installation of memorial marker in the massacre site is one of the results of the community dialogue jointly conducted by the GPH-MILF TWG on TJR in 2020, which was endorsed to the National Historical Commission of the Philippines (NHCP) for support.

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

5. Community Consultation on the Proposed Installation of Historical Marker in Malisbong

On 28 June 2023, 52 women and 15 male members of the community were consulted on the proposed content of a Community-based Reparation Program for victims/survivors of the 1974 Malisbong incident, from a predominantly women perspective.

Noting challenges in the implementation of the monetary form of reparations for individual victims/survivors, top three (3) socio-economic assistance were identified for support, namely: livelihood, education and health/medical concerns.

This activity also served as a venue to vet the proposed content of Malisbong's historical marker, for endorsement to NHCP. The activity was also joined by

representatives from the Municipal Local Government of Palimbang, Executive Secretary Abdul Satar Badrudin and Legal Consultant, Mabaning Samama.



6. Technical-level Meeting with the MILF Technical Working Group (TWG) on TJR.

The meeting in June 2023 was attended by the Focal of the MILF TWG on TJR, Mr. Ammier M. Dodo and TJRO Secretariat wherein updates on the engagements with communities of Malisbong and Manili, and MILF TWG's efforts in engaging the BARMM ministries were provided. The result of the community peace conversations and consultations served as basis to inform priority interventions for 2023, among other TJR interventions that can be pursued. As ways forward, the TWG and TJRO Secretariat agreed to undertake the following: (1) GPH-MILF TWG-TJR to engage the Office of Other Bangsamoro Communities (OOCB) and elevate the concerns of the victims/survivors of the 1971 Manili and 1974 Malisbong Incidents; (2) GPH-MILF TWG-TJR to engage the LGU of Carmen on the differing versions of the memorial markers; (3) MILF TWG

to lead the engagement with BHRC as initial step in convening key BARMM ministries/agencies; and, (4) Meetings with OOCB, BHRC, BCPCH, MPOS, MOH and MSSD shall be undertaken by end of July 2023.



Confidence-Building Measures

1. Camp Solidarity activities for Duyog Ramadan

On 12-20 April 2023, in the six-acknowledged MILF camps in the provinces of Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, and Cotabato, a camp solidarity activity was held as an expression of solidarity with members of the Muslim faith as they observe the holy month of Ramadan.

The events were spearheaded by the OPAPRU through the Government of the Philippines (GPH) Implementing Panel, Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), and MILF communities.



2. Discussions with BIWAB followed by an IFTAR in Camp Darapanan

On 18 April 2023, the MILF Peace Process Office, together with Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), Task Force Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) and Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) conducted discussions with the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) followed by an Iftar at Camp Darapanan, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao.

The project aimed to provide a platform for the women in Bangsamoro particularly the BIWAB to discuss the transformation of women decommissioned combatants. Said discussion is an initial scoping on the interventions for decommissioned women DCs. The celebration of Iftar, on the other hand, supports the spiritual celebration of Muslims during Ramadan thus sustaining the solidarity efforts of OPAPRU towards peacebuilding and reconciliation, and strengthening long-established good relationships with the MILF communities.

3. Meeting of JTFCT Co-Chairs between Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Consultant on Camps Monitoring and Coordination and Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA)

03 May 2023 at the Moro Cafe, Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City, Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa and MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan as Co-Chairs of the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) met with Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund



(BNTF) Consultant on Camps Monitoring and Coordination Mr. Ever Abasolo and discussed the enhancement of the monitoring and coordination of projects and programs in the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps.

The meeting was also attended by the JTFCT Secretariat and a representative from the BPDA wherein they presented the Knowledge Portal, an open-access platform to the agency's knowledge products which is proposed to have data sets on Camps Transformation.

4. JTFCT Co-Chairs Meeting with the World Bank's Transport Task Team

On 03 May 2023, at Pagana Kutawato Restaurant, Cotabato City the JTFCT Co-Chairs Edir. Cesar De Mesa, MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan and MP Ali Salik together with the World Bank Transport Task Team discussed the initial mission for the Roads to Development - Farm-to-Market and Access Roads (R2D) Project under the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) as well as the implementation timeline of the said project.



5. Coordination Meeting of JTFCT Secretariat and Community and Family Services International (CFSI). On 03 May 2023 at CFSI's Center for Excellence in Humanitarian Service (CEHS), Rosales Street, Rosary Heights 6, Cotabato City, the JTFCT Secretariat met with Community and Family Services International (CFSI) Operations Management Team (OMT) members and discussed the project status updates to date and identified ways forward for the Communities for Learning and Employment Project (CLEP) and Food Security and Nutrition Project (FSNP) being implemented by CFSI in the MILF camps. The meeting was also attended by the World Food Program (WFP) representatives as the CFSI partner for the FSNP.

6. Conduct of Confidence Building Measures (CBMs) and Information, Education and Communication (IECs)

On 03 May 2023 at 4ID Clubhouse, H4ID, Camp Evangelista, Patag, Cagayan de Oro City, BGen Eduardo B. Gubat PA, Chair, GPH Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) and Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH Co-Chair, JNC together with Ryan Dave C. Jungco, Marissa C. Dimalanta and Reshiel V. Sombrio, all staff of the Combined Secretariat for GPH CCCH & GPH Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) attended the IEC Campaign initiated by the AFP PDO regarding the peace process.



7. First Annual Review of the Camps Transformation Plan - Camps Transformation Investment Program (CTP-CTIP)



On 08-10 May 2023 at the Acacia Hotel, Davao City, the JTFCT facilitated the activity to improve the quality of the CTP and CTIP by revisiting and updating its Policies, Programs/Projects, Services, and Activities (PPSAs) list in consideration of the results of the JTFCT Secretariat field validation through an interactive process with key stakeholders and seeking the buy-in and commitments of national government agencies (NGA), local government units (LGU), BARMM ministries and partner development agencies to the CTP-CTIP.

Additionally, the said activity was graced by the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair Cesar Yano, MILF JTFCT Co-Chair MP Ali O. Salik, GPH JTFCT Co-Chair MP Engr. Baintan Ampatuan, GPH JTFCT Co-Chair Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, GPH Panel Secretariat Head Director Farrah Grace Naparan and Head of Combined Secretariat CCCH and AHJAG Col Joel Q. Mamon (Ret). Representatives from the NGA, LGU, and BARMM were also in attendance.

8. The 7th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting

On 10 May 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, and Zoom videoconference, the OPAPRU MILF PPO as part of the Secretariat of the NAC attended the meeting wherein



discussion on updates for the work on the ground, particularly on the Local Amnesty Board (LAB), and the next steps and activities. The OPAPRU shall be participating in the Strategic Planning and finalizing the Rules and Procedures of the IRR on 17-19 May 2023.

9. Solar Panels Delivery and Installation to the Skills Development Centers in Camps Bushra and Badre

On 10-13 May 2023 at Sandab, Butig, Lanao del Sur and Sifaran, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, as part of the Establishment of



Skills Development Centers (SDCs) in MILF camps funded by the Australian Government, the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) with the JTFCT Camp Coordinators facilitated the delivery and Installation of solar panels in the skills development centers in Camps Bushra and Badre.

10. Signing of MOA between NAC and National Bureau of Investigation (NBI)

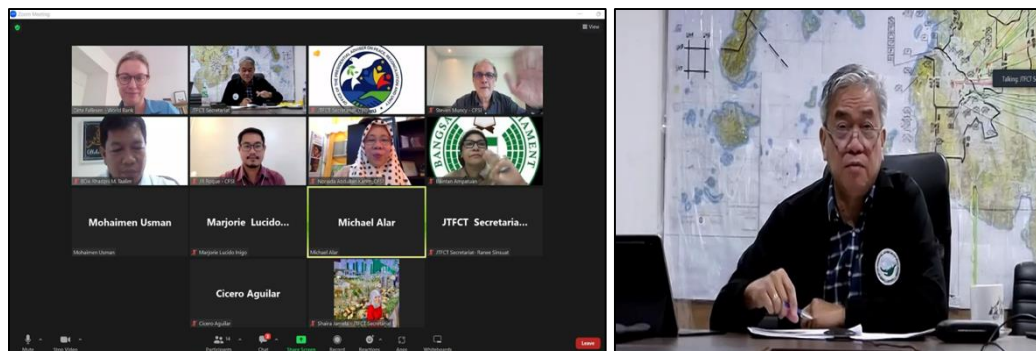
On 16 May 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and the NBI signed a MOA which aims to fast-track the processing of amnesty applications of former rebels (FRs) and ensure their full reintegration into mainstream society.



- 11. Punchlisting and Orientation on Solar Installation in Camp Bushra and Camp Badre.** On 22-25 May 2023, at Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, Sandab, Butig, Lanao del Sur, Dalingaoen, Pikit, North Cotabato, Sifaran, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, Delabayan, Kauswagan, Lanao Del Norte, Kapinpilan, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, the JTFCT Camp Coordinators and PBSP team with its solar contractors visited Camps Bushra and Badre on May 22-23 to inspect the installed solar panels and batteries and orient the camp coordinators and community on the proper use of these equipment. To ensure the quality of the Skills Development Centers, the team also conducted punch listing and technical inspections.



- 12. Meeting of the JTFCT Secretariat Between Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).** On 23 May 2023, at the HD Office, Cotabato City, a meeting was conducted discussing the Mediators Training specifically on the training design, target facilitator, resource speakers and participant, logistical requirements as well as other matters pertaining to the implementation of Conflict: Dialogue and Engagement in Communities to Foster Peaceful Camps Transformation.
- 13. Meeting of the JTFCT Co-Chairs with the World Bank Bangsamoro Camps Transformation Project (BCTP) Task Team**



On 24 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the JTFCT Co-Chairs Edir. Cesar De Mesa and MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan together with Col. Joel Mamon (Ret) met with the World Bank Task Team of the BCTP to discuss the initial design of the BCTP and provided guidance for possible improvement of the design.

- 14. Meeting of the GPH Panel Chair for GPH-MILF Peace Accord and GPH JTFCT with Mindanao State University-Maguindanao**

On 24 May 2023, at the OPAPRU Maguindanao Field Office, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel for GPH-MILF Peace Accord Chair Cesar Yano, GPH JTFCT Co-Chairs EDir. Cesar De Mesa and MP. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan together with Col Joel Mamon (Ret) and Dir. Farrah Naparan met with the MSU Maguindanao Chancellor Bai Hejira Nefertiti Sinsuat Macalandong-Limbona Ph.D. to discuss their proposal entitled "Integration of S&T-based and Climate-Smart Agricultural Management and Practices: A Step towards Socioeconomic Advancement of Camp Abubakar", which aims to develop and

implement technological innovation for agriculture, fisheries, and food systems in the context of the CTP, in this case, for Camp Abubakar as the pilot site.



15. Coordination Meeting with Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) and Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE). On 26 May 2023, via Zoom videoconference, the JTFCT Secretariat together with PBSP and MBHTE convened a meeting to discuss the management of Skills Development Centers (SDCs) established in the six previously acknowledged MILF camps and ways to fast-track the skills training programs to be conducted in the said SDCs.

16. Preparatory Meeting on the Conduct of Eid'l Adha Celebration in the Six (6) Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps

On 08 and 23 June 2023, at the Jade Hall, EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center, Cotabato City, the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) Camp Coordinators and Secretariat held a meeting with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue to discuss the upcoming Eid'l



Adha Celebration with stakeholders in the selected communities of the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps. The activity is scheduled to take place from 29 June to 01 July 2023. Matter discussed included the following: developing consensus and ownership of the proposed activity; co-designing the activity flow; identifying the participants; determining the venue or location for the event; and reaching an agreement on the roles and contributions of all parties involved in the event.

17. Meeting on Advancing Client-centered Care and Expanding Sustainable Services for Tuberculosis (ACCESS TB) Project

On 13 June 2023, via videoconference, the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) Secretariat met with Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) to discuss the ACCESS TB Project, which is a three-year project (2021-2023) funded by The Global Fund to Fight Aids, Tuberculosis, and Malaria. PBSP ACCESS TB project aims to reduce TB prevalence, incidence, and mortality by providing comprehensive quality TB care among Filipinos.



PBSP ACCESS TB supports the Department of Health (DOH) in the fight against TB. During the meeting, the ACCESS-TB team explored the opportunities with JTFCT to assist the MILF communities, primarily areas of the six previously acknowledged MILF camps.

18. National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Module Development Workshop

On 14-16 June 2023, at Canyon Woods, Batangas City, the MILF Peace Process Office was among the OPAPRU Peace Implementing Tables that participated and contributed in the discussions and activities at the NAC Module Development Workshop. Refresher sessions and orientations were provided by the NAC resource persons. A Training Needs Assessment exercise was conducted on the first day.



19. Training and Coaching on Investment Programming and Program Design

On 21-23 June 2023, at Crystal Hall, EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center, the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) in partnership with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD), and the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) conducted a Training and Coaching on Investment Programming and



Program Design at Crystal Hall, EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center. The primary aim of this training is to equip the JTFCT Secretariat, representatives from the HD and Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) with a comprehensive understanding of investment programming and provide them with the necessary knowledge and skills to develop responsive program designs. Additionally, the said training was graced by the GPH JTFCT Co-Chairs Edir. Cesar De Mesa and MP. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan. This activity is facilitated by Mr. Ever Abasolo, Consultant of World Bank under BNTF.

20. Eid'l Adha Celebration Activity with Stakeholders in the Selected Communities of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps

On 29 June 2023, at Brgy. Sifaran, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte (Camp Badre), Brgy. Saniag, Ampatuan, Maguindnao del Sur (Camp Omar), Brgy. Kilangan, Pagalungan, Maguindanao del Sur (Camp Rajamuda) the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) together with the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD) conducted simultaneous Eid'l Adha Celebration Activity with Stakeholders in the Selected Communities of the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps on June 29 and July 01, 2023 as part of the ongoing efforts of both HD and OPAPRU to promote peace and development in communities located in the camps. The Eid'l Adha Celebration aims to provide a meaningful and inclusive event for these communities, fostering a sense of unity, solidarity, and cultural celebration. Further, the celebration was participated by different sectors such as BIAF, MILF Political Committee, MNLF, LGUs, women, youth, Indigenous people, religious and traditional leaders, PNP, AFP, JTFCT Co-Chairs, Camp Coordinators, Secretariat, and representatives from HD.

Other activities under Program 1

1. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS

As a highlighted activity on 30 May 2023 at the Em Manor, Sinsuat, Cotabato City, Dir. Wendell Orbeso attended a roundtable discussion on Perspectives from Women Former Combatants which produced a position paper that reflects the lived realities and issues of women former combatants Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) and Moro National Liberation Front Women as it relates to the BTA Bill 44. The activity encourages the active participation and involvement of women towards the development of Policy Position on BTA Bill 44 ensuring that a proper study is being conducted through the lens of the women former combatants.

In addition, the TFDCC and the JNC Secretariat has facilitated conversation with the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxillary Brigarde, which was an all-female supplementary force of the MILF at Camp Darapanan providing a lens of female perspective in peacebuilding and managing gendered expectations as former combatants. This highlights the linkages between women's empowerment and ability to exercise leadership in the Bangsamoro communities.

The Technical Working Group for Transitional Justice and Reparation also facilitated a Community-based Reparation Program for victims/survivors of the 1974 Malisbong incident, from a predominantly women perspective. The activity paved the way to identify the top three interventions needed by the community.

2. Mainstreaming of CSPP

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

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

b) Mindanao Development Forum

On 18 May 2023, at Acacia Hotel, Davao City, the MILF Peace Process Office provided technical support during the forum where discussions of the key agenda items were discussed and included an overview and updates on the Bangsamoro Peace Process, strengthening partnerships for inclusive development financing, evaluating the impact of aid on the national and Mindanao development agenda, communicating development, and launching the Mindanao Communication for Development (C4D) Program.



c) Mindanao Peace Forum: “Scaling Up Religious Leaders’ Engagement in Building Peace in Mindanao”

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



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

3. Stakeholders Participation

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

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

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

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



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

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



d) Participation to Europe Day

On 09 May 2023, at the Rigodon Ballroom of the Peninsula Manila cor. Ayala and Makati Avenues, 1226, Makati City, the OPAPRU, as part of stakeholder management attended the Europe Day. The activity was hosted by The Ambassador of the European Union H.E. Luc Véron and Mrs. Nicole Weismann. The activity further strengthened OPAPRU's partnership with the EU in fostering the peace process.



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

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



The initial discussion on the proposal was presented by Mr. Andrew Mines, a Chicago University-trained analyst who interned at West Point Military Academy and offered to JPSC the tool and system developed at George Washington University. The USIP shall be sending the concept/project proposal with the target to jumpstart the project prior to the conduct of the 2023 local government elections.

The meeting was attended by MGen. Ariel Francisco Felicidadario III (Ret), Dir. Wendell Orbeso, Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, and representatives from JNC and JPSC Secretariat, and ICPO. The USIP was represented by Dr. Haroro Ingram and Mr. Andrew Wilder.

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

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



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

h) Meeting with Conciliation Resources

On 15 June 2023 at the 4th Floor, OPAPRU Central Office, Chair Yano, PA Diciano, Dir. Wendell Orbeso and Dir. Farrah Naparan had a discussion with Conciliation Resources (CR) head of Southeast Asia and the Pacific Programme, Ciaran O'Toole, and its Philippines Program Manager, Sharief Salic Jr. CR, a member of the International Contact Group (ICG), has offered its platform, as it has been in the past, as a bridge between the two (2) Panels and mechanisms to help address complexities in the implementation process. Chair Yano and Usec. Diciano encouraged CR to take the lead in mobilizing support among ICG-members, among others.



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

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

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



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

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



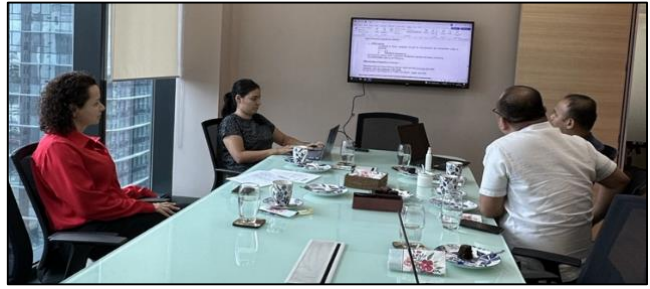
k) Media Roundtable for the LGU Fellowship Program on Social Cohesion and Resilience

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



l) Meeting with the Colombian Embassy. On 22 May 2023 at the Colombian Embassy Office, the OPAPRU attended the meeting with the Colombian Embassy on 22 May 2023. The concept note between the exchanges of the Philippines and

Colombia and its ways forward was discussed in the meeting. The tentative lineup of activities supported by the Colombian Embassy and the identifications of stakeholders involved were likewise tackled.



m) Meeting with Nonviolent Peaceforce

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



4. Localizing the Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program

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

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

B. GPH-MNLF PEACE PROCESS

Program 2: Ensure the substantial participation of the MNLF in the BARMM and manage a Transformation Program for the combatants, their families and communities contributing to sustainable development and stable peace and security in the Bangsamoro

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

POLITICAL ASPECT

1. Courtesy Call of APAPRU Secretary Isidro L. Purisima to Chair Muslimin Sema

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



2. Exploratory Meeting on the Establishment of the Bangsamoro Development Assistance Fund (BDAF).

On 18 May 2023, an Exploratory Meeting on the Establishment of the Bangsamoro Development Assistance Fund (BDAF) took place, with the participation of several key individuals. Attendees were Deputy Asec. Ma. Cynthia Pelayo from DFA, Atty. Ryan Omar Ching from DOF, Asec. Matthew Balanquit from DBM, and Ms. Fresita Araneta and Ms. Ma. Antonette Matibag from NEDA. Also present were Amb. Rafael Seguis, former Undersecretary of DFA, and BARMM MP Jose Lorena. The OPAPRU consisted of PA David Diciano, EDir. Cesar De Mesa, Chair Cesar Yano, Dir. Jana Gallardo from GPH-MNLF PPO, Dir. Rowena Lopez from PDSMS, Atty. Brian Caser from LLS, and Mr. Val Bulanlagui from ICPO. As a follow-through activity on the establishment of BDAF, it was agreed to create a working group to be composed of representatives from the concerned agencies to study options for the operationalization and implementation of the BDAF.



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



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

On 21 June 2023, the co-chairpersons of the Joint Management Committee (JMC) made significant progress by approving the revised Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IAMSC) of the MNLF Transformation Program. Additionally, they also approved the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF). These approvals hold great significance as they lay the groundwork for the crucial tasks of validating, verifying, and profiling the arms and forces of the MNLF.



5. **Consultation Activities for the MNLF Commanders in Basilan and Marawi City on the Amendments to the Validation, Verification, and Profiling Activities under the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program.** On 06 and 12 June 2023, consultation activities were held for the MNLF Commanders in Basilan and Marawi City. These consultations aimed to provide a comprehensive briefing to the MNLF Commanders regarding the Transformation Program and the Amendments to the Validation, Verification, and Profiling Activities under the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program. During these activities, the MNLF commanders expressed their commitment to submit the list of combatants to be profiled in their respective provinces before the deadline of 15 June 2023.

The Basilan meeting saw the participation of 40 commanders from various MNLF communities in Basilan, along with the MNLF Management Committee and Secretariat led by Chair Uttoh Salem Cutan. OPAPRU EDir. Cesar De Mesa, together with BGen Buenaventura Pascual (RET) and the Chief of AFP-PDO, Capt Norsal Dimaporo PN, led the event on behalf of the GPH.

In the Marawi meeting, participants included the GPH-MNLF Management Committee, ground commanders, and women representatives from Lanao del Sur, Bukidnon, and Misamis Oriental.



6. **Participation in the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Workshop on Module Development.** From 8-10 June 2023, the OPAPRU, represented by the GPH-MNLF PPO, actively participated in a three-day Module Development Workshop organized by the NAC. The primary objective of the workshop was to collaboratively create a draft module that would be utilized by the Local Amnesty Boards (LABs). During the workshop, the draft Implementing Rules and Procedures (IRR) were also reviewed. The Technical Working Group (TWG) focused specifically on drafting provisions concerning the Rules of Procedure within the IRR. They presented a preliminary draft for further review, with the intention of finalizing all the documents.



TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM DIVISION

Socioeconomic Component

1. **Conduct of Eid'l Fitr 2023: Series of Iftar with MNLF Communities and Peace Conversation with MNLF Women during the month of Ramadhan.** In commemoration of the holy month of Ramadan, the OPAPRU organized an Iftar (breaking the fast) meal on 18 April 2023. This event served as a demonstration of the agency's commitment to fostering a culture of peace, mutual understanding, and solidarity with the Muslim community in conflict-affected areas.

The Iftar gathering brought together various stakeholders, including OPAPRU officials, members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, leaders from the MILF and MNLF, representatives from the security sector, civil society organizations, and the diplomatic corps. This occasion symbolized the strong bond that the agency and its peace partners have established with the Muslim faith, emphasizing the importance of unity and collaboration in promoting peace.



2. Peace Conversation with MNLF Women

The Conversation with MNLF Women was organized with the aim of empowering and equipping the women of the MNLF with knowledge, voice, and skills necessary for their active participation in peacebuilding, community healing, and reconciliation efforts. It provided a platform for the women to plan and execute gender-responsive activities and projects, acting as catalysts for change, learning, and empowerment within the MNLF Women's community.

The activity was facilitated by both the OPAPRU MNLF-PPO and the Bangsamoro Women's Commission (BWC). The event took place in five different locations:

1. Camp Astanah, Barangay Kagay, Indanan, Sulu
2. Camp Jikiri, Barangay Pasil, Indanan, Sulu
3. Camp Jabal Nur, Kabasaran, Madamba, Lanao Del Sur
4. Camp Yusop Jikiri, Barangay Pasil, Indanan, Sulu
5. Durie Kallahal, Barangay Calugusan, Lamitan City, Basilan

These locations served as venue for the participants to engage in meaningful discussions, capacity-building sessions, and strategic planning, fostering a sense of empowerment and enabling them to take an active role in shaping their communities and advocating for gender equality within the MNLF.



3. Coordination meeting with DSWD Central Office – SLP Project Management Office, DSWD Field Offices IX and XII, AMUs Northern Mindanao, Western Mindanao, South Central Mindanao, and Sulu Project Management Office

A coordination meeting took place at the Mt. Sabrina Hotel in General Santos City from 22-23 May 2023. The meeting involved several key stakeholders, including the DSWD Central Office's SLP Project Management Office, DSWD Field Offices IX and XII, and the AMUs for Northern Mindanao, Western Mindanao, South Central Mindanao, and the Sulu Project Management Office. Edir De Mesa attended the meeting, and Usec Alan Tanjuszay from the Office of the Undersecretary for Inclusive and Sustainable Peace delivered an encouraging message via videoconference.

During the meeting, it was discussed that the grants for the implementation of 37 barangays had already been disbursed to Field Offices IX and XII. Participants raised various questions and concerns regarding the implementation of the grants, and BARMM-MSSD actively participated, clarifying their respective roles in the process.



4. Activity 4: Courtesy Call with Minister Atty. Raissa Jajurie of the MSSD. A courtesy call was made by GPH Management Committee Chairperson Cesar B. Yano and Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa to Minister Atty. Raissa Jajurie, held at the MSSD Conference Room of the BARMM Government Complex. During the call, AMUs from South Central, Western Mindanao, and Sulu also participated. Chair Yano introduced the MNLF Transformation Program, and Minister Jajurie expressed her willingness to collaborate in developing programs for MNLF villages, such as the Sustainable Livelihood Program.



5. Project Planning Workshop on the MNLF Transformation Program in Partnership between OPAPRU and the Mindanao State University (MSU) System. On 8-10 June 2023, the OPAPRU, together with the MNLF PPO Socio-Economic team and the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO), organized a two-day project planning workshop in General Santos City. The workshop involved representatives from the MSU Systems - Maguindanao, Sulu, Lanao del Sur, and General Santos, who served as the project lead. The purpose of the workshop

was to plan and strategize the implementation of community-level interventions in 25 priority barangays identified by the MNLF, for the profiling activities.

During the workshop, a memorandum agreement was finalized, and various instruments were reviewed. These instruments included those related to community assessment, the consultation process, and the profiling of MNLF combatants. The workshop aimed to ensure a coordinated and effective approach to the implementation of interventions in the identified barangays, with a focus on supporting peacebuilding efforts and facilitating the profiling process.



Peace and Security Component

1. Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Co-Chairs Meeting, 04 April 2023, SOCO Conference Room, PNP Headquarters, Camp Crame

The Co-Chairs Meeting was called with the objective of finalizing the Terms of Reference (TOR) and Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IAMSC) of the MNLF Transformation. This step was taken in preparation for the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) activities to be conducted for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP), tentatively scheduled between 2-15 May 2023.

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

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

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

The planning workshop was led by GPH Management Committee Chairperson, Cesar Yano, GPH Peace and Security Sub-Committee, Chair BGen Buenaventura Pascual

(ret), Director Jana Jill Gallardo, and MNLF PPO personnel. The JBMAF Co-Chairs, along with their respective teams, were also in attendance.

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



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

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

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

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



4. Information and Education Campaign (IEC) for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP). The JBMAF organized an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) specifically for the AFP and PNP personnel assigned to the 101st Infantry Brigade on 6 June 2023, in Tabiawan, Isabela, Basilan Province. Another IEC session took place on 8 June 2023, in Amai Pak Pak, Marawi City. These sessions aimed to provide a comprehensive briefing to

the AFP and PNP personnel who will be part of the Joint Verification Groups (JVEGs), enlightening them about their roles and responsibilities during the verification process.

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



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

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

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

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



Confidence-Building Measures

1. **Writershop to craft the guidelines for the Innovation Labs relative to the MNLF Women's Project with Misuari Group.** From 23-25 May 2023, the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, under the OPAPRU, took the lead in developing guidelines for the MNLF Women's Project: Innovation Labs. To enrich the activity, Ms. Macel Aguilar, a consultant and former UN Women representative, was invited as a resource

speaker. The participants hailed from the MNLF Women's Committee, representing various provinces, including Sulu, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi, Lanao, and Maguindanao.

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

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



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

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

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

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

C. LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENTS (LPE)

Program 3: Orchestrate the implementation of the Localized Peace Engagements and its Transformation Program

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

The TP aims to address the needs of former rebels, their families, and communities so that their return to the mainstream of society will be sustained, and that they will remain resilient against the recovery efforts of the CTGs. It entails convergence of national and provincial programs that will assist Former Rebels in their reintegration to the community, their families, and communities.

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

1. OPAPRU facilitated planning workshops for ten (10) provinces (Aurora, Sarangani, Sultan Kudarat, South Cotabato, Negros Occidental, Surigao Del Sur, Agusan Del Norte, Samar, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar) in developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that is responsive to the need of the Former Rebels (FRs) that reflects the four (4) components: (1) Security, (2) Confidence Building Measures, (3) Healing and Reconciliation, and (4) Socioeconomic to address the needs of FRs, their families, and communities, as well as the projected timelines and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the respective local plans of the provinces. To date, fifteen (15) provinces have developed their respective TP plans subject to further review and validation, and thereafter, budgeting in their annual plans.
2. The Special Project Teams (SPTs) serve as transformation agents in the operationalization of the TP and ensure that the four (4) components of TP are in place and implemented. To date, out of fourteen (14) targets for FY 2023, OPAPRU approved the establishment of nine (9) SPTs in the following regions: Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula for 1st quarter and five (5) additional SPT organized in SOCCSKSARGEN, Bicol Region, Northern Mindanao, CARAGA Region and National Capital Region (NCR) for the 2nd quarter. SPTs will serve as a springboard in the advocacy of deradicalization in their areas and will provide support in the sustainment of efforts of LPE and its TP for FRs, their families and communities. These SPTs shall assist in establishing organizations that are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.
3. OPAPRU forged a partnership with the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) amounting to PhP 10,000,000.00 to increase awareness and media coverage of the LPE and TP among journalists and government information officers in the targeted regions, and to focus on the prioritized areas for FY 2023 through the conduct of media orientations and activities. To implement the media orientation activities, the PIA officials and representatives shall undergo a series of activities including the Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Communications Workshop and Media Orientation to equip them with comprehensive knowledge on the LPE and TP, along with the principles and tools of CSPP.

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

Of the 27 provinces under 13 regions identified as priority provinces for 2023, a total of (10) Pre-Planning Workshop on TP and Transformation Planning workshops in 10 provinces were conducted for this quarter. To date, a total of 15 out of 27 provinces covering 52% of the target for this year were completed.

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

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

Below are the series of the conducted Pre-Planning Workshop on TP and TP Planning Workshop for the second quarter of 2023:

1. Levelling-off Session

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

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



2. Pre-Planning Workshops

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

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

program design and TP template were recalibrated based on the inputs of the participants and vetted by the participants.



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



On 11 May 2023, guided by Region VI Regional Adviser for Peace and Security (RAPS) - Gen. Rene Glen Paje, (Ret.), together

with Director Christina Loren Umali of RCCO, Localized Peace Engagements Office (LPEO) Staff and AMU-Western Visayas (WV), a Pre-Planning Workshop meeting relative to TP planning workshop was conducted at Park Inn by Raddison, Iloilo City on 11 May 2023. The activity was attended by representatives from Regional Line Agencies and other RTF-ELCAC member agencies. Among the dignitaries were DILG Region VI Regional Director - Juan Jovian E. Ingeniero, Legal Cooperation Cluster head for region VI – Atty. Flosemer Chris Gonzales, and Commanding Officer of 3rd Infantry Battalion - BGen Brigadier General Marion Sison 3rd ID Commander. The participants were briefed on LPE roadmap, security, and ECLIP status report. Further, the program design was vetted by the participation with the inputs of the participants.

c) Pre-planning workshop for the Province of Aurora

A Pre-Planning Workshop Meeting was held at AMCO Beach Resort, Baler, Aurora on 18 May 2023, spearheaded by BGen. Abraham Casis Ret., RAPS for Region II, and supported by AMU- Northern Luzon, and Program 3 staff. This activity



was attended by the PTF and RTF-ELCAC member agency representatives: Lt. Col Julito B. Recto Jr. of 91st IBPA, Provincial DILG Director Ener P. Cambronero, and graced by the Governor of Aurora himself – Governor Christian M. Noveras. Attendees were kept abreast with the new LPE roadmap, Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) Status Report, Security Situation and services offered for surfacing former rebels.

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



Provincial and regional level peace partners of Surigao del Sur and Agusan del Norte Province convened to participate in the TP Planning pre-work at Shacene Pension House, Tandag, Surigao del Sur on 21-22 June 2023. The pre-workshop, attended by the main actors of peace for

each province, utilized the activity to recalibrate the TP Planning workshop design, workshop template, and indicative program to ensure that the workshop will encapsulate the needs of the province relative to the formation of their TP Plan. Further, participants were re-oriented on the LPE and its TP and current existing provincial and regional level intervention for the FRs.

3. Transformation Program Planning Workshops

a) Transformation Program Planning Workshop for Samar Island

Samar Island displayed commitment to ending local armed conflict during the TP Planning workshop conducted at the Oriental Hotel, Tacloban, Samar from 25-27 April 2023. Provincial Planners of Samar Province, Northern Samar and Eastern Samar attended the activity together with PTF and RTF ELCAC members, Regional Line Agency representatives and other stakeholders accounting to 158 attendees. Among the dignitaries are Capt. Ferdinand Buscato of AFP Peace Development Office (AFP-PDO), Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Chairperson for Region VIII: Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez; Samar Gov. Sharee Ann T. Tan, and 8ID Commander MGEN, Camilo Z. Ligayo. Attendees were oriented on the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Approach, LPE and TP refreshed roadmap and PLGU Peace initiatives. At the culmination of the activity, each province developed and presented their respective TP Plans.



b) Transformation Program Planning Workshop for SOCCSKSARGEN Region

The TP Workshop for SOCCSKSARGEN Region was conducted on 10-12 May 2023 at East Asia Royal Hotel, General Santos City. Contingents from the Provinces of Sultan Kudarat, Sarangani and South Cotabato attended the said activity supervised by MGen. Edgardo Y. de Leon Ret., RAPS for Region XII. Representative from National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) Col. Alexander Banatao, Director for Intelligence and Fredelin E. Francisco of PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PPDC) graced the activity, demonstrating national level support to the event. Among the dignitaries were PCOL Rogelio Raymundo Jr. Deputy Regional Director for Operations (DRDO) of Police Regional Office 12, and BGen Jovencio Gonzales – Assistant Division Commander.

Moreover, representatives from PLGU of each province attended the activity signifying support to the program. At the end of the activity, participants finalized and vetted the program design for the TP Planning workshop.



c) Transformation Program Planning Workshop for Aurora



The province of Aurora demonstrated commitment to perpetual peace in the Transformation Planning Workshop held on 06-07 June 2023 at AMCO Beach Resort, Baler, Aurora. The activity was attended by key members of the Provincial and Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC and RTF-ELCAC), Provincial Planners, stakeholders, members of Special Project Teams (SPTs) and other peace partners.

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

components: Security, Confidence-Building Measures, Socio-economic and Healing and Reconciliation.

d) Transformation Planning Workshop for Negros Occidental

Vital peace actors for the Province of Negros Occidental convened to participate in the TP Planning Workshop on 22-23 June 2023 in Talisay City, Bacolod. Among the dignitaries were Governor Eugenio Jose Lacson; Undersecretary for National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) Usec. Ernesto C. Torres Jr; OPAPRU Office for Local Conflict Transformation PA Atty. Wilben Mayor; Regional Adviser on Peace and Security MGen Rene Glen Paje (Ret); OPAPRU RCCO Director Christina Loren B. Umali, with key members of PTF and RTF-ELCAC, stakeholders, and Provincial Planners. The activity served as an



avenue to harmonize existing efforts and identify current challenges relative to the existing services for the FRs.

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

e) Transformation Planning Workshop for Agusan del Norte and Surigao del Sur

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



formulating their TP Plan. At the end of the activity, the participants presented their drafted TP Plans based on the 4 components.

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

The SPT serves as transformation agents in operationalization of the TP and ensures that the four (4) components of TP are in place and implemented. To date, out of fourteen (14) targets for FY 2023, OPAPRU approved the establishment of nine (9) SPTs in the following regions: Davao Region, Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula for 1st quarter and five (5) additional SPT organized in SOCCSKSARGEN, Bicol Region, Northern Mindanao, CARAGA Region and National Capital Region (NCR) for the 2nd quarter. SPTs will serve as a catalyst in the advocacy of deradicalization in their areas and will provide support in the sustainment of efforts

of LPE and its TP for FRs, their families and communities. These SPTs shall assist in establishing organizations that are envisioned to be fully operationalized and will be registered.

As an organization, they will have an elected set of officials, internal policies and by-laws and action plans that suit the needs of their areas. It is envisioned that this will facilitate full operationalization of their organization and encouragement of other rebel groups to return to the folds of the law.

a) Orientation of Central Luzon SPT members

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



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

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

Challenges and Issued Encountered	Recommendation/ Action Taken
Pre-planning workshop and TP planning Workshop	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WPS and IP issues were not thoroughly elicited during discussions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adjust design to incorporate guide questions to directly elicit said issues
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Poor time management during the presentation of each component and status from provincial line agencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designate a timekeeper to remind presenters of the allotted time and provide presentation guidelines that stipulate the allotted time and content of the presentation prior to the activity. Presenters are advised to submit their presentation to the secretariat prior to the activity.

Challenges and Issued Encountered	Recommendation/ Action Taken
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Late confirmation causes administrative and logistical issues on the number of participants who will be billeted and provided with meals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMUs to ensure proper coordination and utilize online forms that will confirm actual participants during the activity. CSW to be conducted ahead of time.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Insufficient lead time to finalize approval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AMUs to initiate preparations at least 4 weeks in advance for the scheduled TP planning To provide checklist for AMUs relative to the documents needed for the TP planning
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deviation of discussion to unrelated topics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orient moderator in managing discussion flow and be perceptive if the discussion deviates from the main topic.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Documentation of planning outputs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended to hire a documenter to record all the proceedings and workshop outputs as well as the issues and concerns being surfaced. In the absence of a documenter, a dedicated staff should be tasked to do the abovementioned role.

Support to ELCAC Mechanisms

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

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

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

a) RPOC8 2nd Quarter Meeting

MGen. Edgardo Y. De Leon, RAPS for Region VII, attended the RPOC8 2nd Quarter Meeting at the Grand Summit Hotel, Tacloban Leyte on 25 April 2023. The meeting was presided by TPOC8 Chairperson Mayor Alfred S. Romualdez. MGen. De Leon, raised the land grabbing concern to Mayor Romualdez and invited him in the presentation of workshop outputs on the last day of the TP Planning Workshop.

b) RTF-ELCAC 3 Serbisyo Caravan

RTF- ELCAC 3 conducted serbisyo caravan activity dubbed as “Project Pagbabago: An RTF-ELCAC 3 Convergence and Community Consultations with

the theme “Sama na sa Pagababago” was held at the Pandi Village 1, Barangay Siling Bata and at Barangay Villa Lios Pandi, Bulacan on 19 May 2023. The activity was attended by BGEN Abraham Claro C. Casis (Ret.) and 800 former rebels received various services from the different government agencies. FRs were given financial assistance through DSWD, seed distribution from DA, feeding program, distribution of slippers, free haircut, medical consultations, distribution of medicine among others. Also, 21 former KADAMAY members pledged support of allegiance to the government.

c) RTF-ELCAC 6 2nd Quarter Meeting

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

Other activities under Program 3

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

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

2. **Mainstreaming CSPP in LPE-TP Plans.** As part of the efforts in mainstreaming LPE and its TP at the local level, Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) orientation and discussion was part of the training design for the TP planning workshop conducted for fifteen (15) PLGU partners. Peace partners were capacitated to make their plans conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting responsive in identifying their Program, Activities and Projects (PAPs). The CSPP sessions included discussion on the basic concepts, areas of assessment and its application in formulating intervention. It was further emphasized that formulated plans for the FRs must be CSPP-compliant. A tool to evaluate PLGU TP plans is being developed to assess their compliance to CSPP and existing local development plans.

D. GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB PEACE PROCESS

Program 4: Implement a consensus-based, multistakeholder Normalization Program for the KAPATIRAN and the NDCG in fulfillment of the commitments under the GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process

In line with the implementation of all signed peace agreements, the Government is undertaking steps towards the completion of the 2000 Peace Agreement with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB. The signing of the Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) to the 2000 Peace Agreement between the Government and the RPM-P/RPA/ABB is the completion agreement signed on 19 July 2019.

Major accomplishments were attained in terms of the interventions towards the establishment of the settlement sites (provision of electricity, turnover of access road in one of the settlement sites in Negros Island, power source of a major livelihood project in Aklan energized). The assessment of the well-being of the 727 KAPATIRAN members, a number of whom are yet to achieve self-sufficient stage was also undertaken. Provision of educational assistance to KAPATIRAN next-of-kin in Negros Occidental. Sustainable livelihood program assistance with grants to communities affected by conflict were also provided.

Implementing Mechanisms Operationalized

1. Operationalization of the Transformation Mechanisms

The following activities were organized by the Transformation Program mechanisms such as the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), LGU-led Provincial and and Local Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs), and the inter-agency Socio-Economic Reintegration Committee (SERC):

- a) **Meeting with the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU), and the Site Coordinating Team-Aklan (SCT-Aklan) on the Operationalization of the Coco Mill Facility in Aklan Province.** A meeting was held on 08 May 2023 in Aklan Province, with the participation of the JEMC, PLGU, and the SCT-Aklan. The meeting aimed to discuss the operationalization of the Coco Mill Project and to address pending actions and deliverables necessary for the successful implementation of the project. Participants discussed the allocation of resources, technical requirements, and coordination mechanisms to streamline the intervention efforts. The second agenda item centered around crafting a timeline that would guide the follow-through of pending actions and the completion of remaining deliverables for the successful implementation of the Coco Mill Project.
- b) **Field Visit to Ibajay PDC Site in Barangay Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan.** The OPAPRU, through the RCCO, facilitated the conduct of the site visit of DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjusay and SERC Chairman in the Aklan Peace and Development Community (PDC) in Barangay Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan on 24 May 2023.



During the visit, Ibajay, Aklan Mayor Jose Miguel Miraflores shared that the Municipal Engineer's Office had drafted the Program of Works (POW) and Detailed Engineering Design (DED) for the DSWD-funded Child Development Center, with a municipal counterpart of PhP 500,000.00. The ongoing construction by the 552nd ECB in Ibajay PDC Site was also reported during the courtesy call. The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO)-Aklan also distributed 40 sacks of rice to the KAPATIRAN community during the visit. A focus group discussion (FGD) was conducted with KAPATIRAN members and their next-of-kins (NOKs) to discuss their needs and project updates. As a follow-through, DSWD's Project Management Bureau (PMB) will coordinate with the OPAPRU to assist in the ongoing concerns of the KAPATIRAN, including the prompt distribution of subsistence and financial assistance to Community Defense Units (now transitioned as CAFGU-Active Auxiliary-1) and the speedy implementation of ongoing projects in the PDC.

c) 1st Provincial Meeting of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Negros Occidental.

Negros Occidental Provincial Governor Eugenio Lacson led the 1st provincial meeting of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Negros Occidental on 11 May 2023 at the Social Hall, Capitol Building, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental. A presentation of updates on the 2019 CID to the 2000 Peace Agreement was provided by the OPAPRU, through the RCCO. The Provincial Government also presented updates on the interventions they have extended to the KAPATIRAN, such as rapid skills assessment conducted in the six (6) KAPATIRAN chapters among the Women In Transformation (WIT) beneficiaries, provision of rice subsidies to five (5) Community Defense Unit (CDU) Detachments and distribution of food packs to all KAPATIRAN chapters, support to the multi-peace caravans in two sites, distribution of livestock and poultry, and distribution of vegetable seeds and tree seedlings. Members of the OPAPRU and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) acknowledged the efforts made by the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental and proposed additional measures to ensure the long-term success of the reintegration process.



d) 1st Kabankalan and Cauayan SCT Assessment and Planning Workshop.

The Assessment and Planning Workshop and meeting held in Barangay Masaling, Cauayan, Negros Occidental from 08-09 June 2023, was led by Mayor Benjie Miranda of Kabankalan, Mayor John Rey Tabujara of Cauayan, Member-Agencies/Offices of the Local SCT of Cauayan and Kabankalan composed of the LGU Kabankalan - CPDO, CEO, CSWDO, PESO, CHO, BLGU Locotan, LGU Cauayan - MPDO, Office of the Vice Mayor, BLGU Talacdan, MAO, 47IB Philippine Army (PA), 542nd ECB PA, 15th IB PA, DEPED Kabankalan, Central Philippine State University (CPSU), DSWD Region VI, DSWD Region VI, TESDA, NIA, DPWH, PNP Kabankalan and Cauayan, KAPATIRAN Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters, and RCCO-Western Visayas Field Office Provincial Coordinators. The workshop provided valuable insights into the accomplishments of the SCT, allowing members to identify strengths and areas for improvement. They formulated a clear vision, mission, and specific goals for the SCT. A comprehensive three-year plan from 2023-2025 was formulated for the Kabankalan and Cauayan sites.

e) Conduct of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT) Joint Inspection of Proposed Lot.

The LGU plans to donate a 1900 sqm lot in Brgy. Esperanza, Culasi, Antique to 31 members of KAPATIRAN. The area was inspected by a team comprising NHA, ECB PA, LGU, KPATIRAN, and OPAPRU, led by Municipal Engineer Marlon Dubla on 14 June 2023. The LGU will request a certificate of non-objection from the NHA as per the MOA. Subsequently, the lot will be subdivided with the assistance of geodetic engineers from DENR or the Provincial Engineer's Office. The Sangguiang Bayan of LGU Culasi will refer to the housing plan as an agenda. Finally, a resolution will formalize the donation to KAPATRIRAN. It is worth noting that all common facilities have been established except for the satellite market.

2. Partnership with Academe and NGOs

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

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

- d) In support of the peace process with the KAPATIRAN and in providing interventions to the group, CPSU installed community-based solar-powered home lighting system for 10 households at the KAPATIRAN village of Brgy. Talacdan, Municipality of Cauayan on 5 April 2023.
- e) NORSU Research Team led by Dr. Merivic G. Catada VP for Research, Innovation and Extension continued its data gathering activity in the adjacent areas of PDC site in Tanjay, Negros Oriental (Amlan, Guihulngan, Pamplona, San Jose, Siaton and Zamboanguita), using an impact assessment tool developed by said SUC. The target date of completion and submission of terminal report is set in October 2023.

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

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

4. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements

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

5. Implementation of the Interventions for the Transformation Framework. The Women in Transformation Program (WIT) in Western Visayas has benefited 699 KAPATIRAN Women, KAPATIRAN Wives, and the spouses of Community Defense Unit (CDU) and Forest Guard (FG) in the peace and development community and congregated settlement sites in Aklan, Iloilo, Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental provinces. The WIT Program seeks to empower and boost the personality of KAPATIRAN Women in Transformation, recognize the contribution of KAPATIRAN Women in the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN Peace Process, and capacitate KAPATIRAN Women by providing skills and livelihood training program. The WIT's second phase had been undertaken and start-up kits had been provided to complement the initial skills and knowledge imparted to the 699 women beneficiaries.

6. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members

Livelihood and Employment

- a) Distribution of Financial Assistance to KAPATIRAN Members in in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental. Forty-six (46) KAPATIRAN members received PhP5,000.00 financial assistance from DSWD Field Office VII through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program in a simple ceremony conducted in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 18 May 2023 jointly led by OPAPRU and DSWD FO VII. The AICS aims to alleviate the immediate financial burdens of the former rebels as part of the ongoing case management conducted by DSWD.
- b) Simultaneous Conduct of Profiling and Assessment of Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) with DSWD & OPAPRU at the MSWD Office, Municipal Hall, Laua-an, Antique and in Barangay San Luiz, Culasi, Antique; San Carlos City, Cadiz City, Kabankalan City, Cauayan, Bago City, EB Magalona, Negros Occidental; Janiuay, Iloilo; and Ibajay, Aklan on 12-20 April 2023. The simultaneous re-administration of Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) in Occidental; Janiuay, Iloilo; and Ibajay, Aklan conducted by the DSWD among the KAPATIRAN members will serve as reference data for the corresponding intervention plan for the KAPATIRAN. Updating of the social welfare development indicators was administered among profiled members of KAPATIRAN in Laua-an and Culasi Cluster, which will be the basis of the next step of interventions for the KAPATIRAN. As a result, a total of 38 KAPATIRAN members underwent profiling intake and assessed by the DSWD. Out of 39, two (2) belong to survival, 30 are subsistence and 6 are self-sufficient where they are able to provide for the needs of the family without dependence on the assistance. This shall be presented in scheduled Site Coordinating Team Meetings for proper recommendations to concerned agencies and partners.
- c) Signing of Supply Contract between KAPATIRAN and Machine Fabricator for the Operationalization of Phase 2- Coco Milling Facility (cooking oil production) at the Provincial Capitol Building, Kalibo, Aklan on 06 June 2023. Officials from the JEMC, KAPATIRAN, RCCO-OPAPRU and the fabricators met in Kalibo, Aklan to firm up the final draft of the premium oil contract between KAPATIRAN and machine fabricators. Present were Christina Loren B. Umali, Head, RCCO, Veronica P. Tabara, KAPATIRAN and JEMC Co-Chair, Ramel M. Farrol, KAPATIRAN Vice-Chair and Member, JEMC, Jessy N. Batoy/KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter President, Ivan O. Siosan/KAPATIRAN Aklan Vice President, John Kresil T. Selidio/KAPATIRAN Aklan Treasurer, Engr. Jeevs Dellava and Gerbe Dellava, machine fabricators. The parties from KAPATIRAN and supplier of premium machine finalized and agreed upon the project cost, terms and conditions, timeline in the contract and deeds of undertaking by the fabricator.
- d) The implementation of infrastructure projects in Ibajay PDC Site have been sustained such as the finalization of the installation of a solar mechanized power, Water Distribution System Level III of DPWH, and preparations for the conduct of test runs and procedural training to the KAPATIRAN in the operation of the coco milling facility. Implementation of AECID-funded projects has also been ongoing. Documentary requirements for the projects in Aklan, Kabankalan, and Tanjay have been complied with and duly submitted for the release of funds. The Two-Phase Transformer that would run the premium oil facility in Ibajay was delivered on 9 June 2023 with the assistance from Engr. Dakila Bautista and Aklan Electric Cooperative.

Establishment of Settlement Sites

- a) Courtesy call with Mr. Rhodel Lababit, CENR Officer, CENRO Culasi at DENR Culasi, Antique. The courtesy call on 13 April 2023 served to renew the partnership with the Engineer Brigade, which is a major implementing partner in the implementation of the shelter program for the KAPATIRAN, particularly the construction of 100 housing units in Negros and Panay Island as part of the social and economic reintegration component of the 2019 CID. An overview of the implementation of the socio-economic reintegration component of the 2019 CID and the Government's peace process with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB was provided to CENRO Antique to serve as reference for the ongoing partnership for the development of In-Situ Settlement Site in Culasi, Antique.
- b) Site Validation, Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan at the PDC Site, Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental. The site visit conducted on 15 April 2023 aimed to assess the location, identify any potential issues that may impact the project, and suggest appropriate measures to mitigate them. Based on the observations, there is a need to improve the drainage system. The site validation resulted in the determination of the problems in the drainage plan and revision by the 542nd ECB of the SDP. As a supporting document, KAPATIRAN will be requested to pass a resolution requesting the revision of SDP and OPAPRU will assist KAPATIRAN in the drafting of a resolution.
- c) Follow Through Meeting on the Final Engineering Design of In-Situ Settlement Site Development for KAPATIRAN Members in Antique On 02 May 2023, a meeting was held between the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA Concerns Office of OPAPRU (RCCO-OPAPRU) Field Staff and representatives from the National Housing Authority (NHA) Region VI along with the 552nd Engineer Construction Battalion of the Philippine Army (552 ECB) concerning the provision and development of In-Situ Settlement for the thirty-nine (39) KAPATIRAN members in Antique Province. NHA presented a comprehensive design proposal that considered the unique needs and preferences of the KAPATIRAN beneficiaries. The meeting concluded with a consensus on the final engineering design and NHA's commitment to promptly initiate construction activities.
- d) Peace and Order Public Safety (POPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting in Kabankalan City in the City City Planning and Development Office, Kabankalan City. The OPAPRU participated in the Peace and Order Public Safety (POPS) Technical Working Group (TWG) meeting held at the City Planning and Development Office, Kabankalan City on 15 May 2023. The agenda of the meeting was to revise the 2024-2025 POPS Plan and discuss the catch-up planning on the approved 2023 POPS Plan budget. Discussed in the meeting was the approved FY 2023 Kabankalan POPS Plan of the OPAPRU, amounting to PhP 1,850,000.00, which would support the operationalization and maintenance of community facilities and roads leading to the peace and development community (PDC) site, site validation/assessment and monitoring and evaluation (M&E) activities, planning workshops and production of Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) materials. The OPAPRU, through the RCCO, committed to submit the Catch-Up Plan for FY 2023 to the Secretariat on or before 31 May and prepare the training/activity design and program of works.
- e) Tree Planting and Rainboot Distribution Event at Kabankalan PDC Site Lowag Elementary School PDC Extension Annex, Kabankalan Peace and Development Community (PDC) Settlement Site. The KAPATIRAN, CENRO Kabankalan, Universal Robina Corp (URC) and the Southern Negros Development Corporation (SONEDCO) led the conduct of a tree planting activity at the Lowag Elementary School PDC Extension Annex at the Kabankalan PDC settlement site on 18 May 2023, that resulted in the planting of 1,000 mangium seedlings, lending support to the long-term preservation, and improvement of the PDC site. Rainboots were also

provided to 50 Lowag Elementary School students by the Convoy of Hope and Yusay Foundation.

- f) Turnover of Housing Construction Assistance to KAPATIRAN Members Don Carlos, Bukidnon. KAPATIRAN members Mr. Dongie Isib, Mr. Roger Rodrigo, and Mr. Rhoy Italia were awarded assistance on 24 May 2023 in Don Carlos, Bukidnon. These serve as housing assistance in collaboration with the NHA and its Regional Office, as part of the Social and Economic Reintegration Component of the 2019 CID. The funds will be utilized for the construction of their houses located in Don Carlos, Bukidnon. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is a major implementing agency partner of the OPAPRU in the implementation of the Government's peace process with the KAPATIRAN.
- g) Turnover Ceremony of the Php20M FMR Project Leading to the Kapatiran Congregated Site in Sitio Binacay, Brgy Talacdan, Cauayan. Mayor John Rey Tabujara of Cauayan spearheaded the inauguration and turnover ceremony on 02 June 2023 of the newly completed 1.3km Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) that connects to the KAPATIRAN Congregated Site in Sitio Binacay, Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan. This significant infrastructure project, amounting to Php20 million pesos, was funded as part of the Area Development Plan (ADP) of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT). The road aims to facilitate the relocation of 53 KAPATIRAN families to the congregated site, promoting accessibility and improved living conditions.



- h) Conduct of Site Development Plan Ceremonial MOA Signing through Technical Inspection and Acceptance Committee (TIAC) for KAPATIRAN Settlement at PDC Ibajay at the Provincial Capitol Building, Kalibo, Aklan. The MOA signed on 06 June 2023 by key individuals, including Engr. Helson Sevilla, Engr. Marc Ecamina, Arc. Engr. Roger M. Esto, Maybelle Ruiz, Dir. Christina Loren B. Umali, and Jessy N. Batoy, KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter Leader. The ceremony was witnessed by members of the SCT at the PDC site in Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan. The KAPATIRAN shelter project in Ibajay, Aklan has three phases: Phase 1 with 16 housing units, Phase 2 with 26 housing units, and Phase 3 with 2 housing units. The revised Site Development Plan include aspects such as entry and exit points, road access to the settlement site, the location of 44 housing units, and the common service facility.
- 7. Social Protection Package.** RCCO reviewed the list of 8,762 KAPATIRAN members and additional beneficiaries (new) from Community Peace Dividend (CPD) barangays and for endorsement and renewal, and issuance of their respective PhilHealth IDs for FY 2023 under the PAMANA-Philhealth Sponsored Program.

8. Community Peace Dividends

- a) Provincial Project Review Assessment of Proposed Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) in Aklan Province in Kalibo, Aklan. A Provincial Project Review Assessment (PPRA) of the proposed Sustainable Livelihood Programs (SLPs) in Aklan Province was held in Kalibo, Aklan on 11 May 2023. Three (3) proposed SLPs were evaluated for viability, contribution to sustainable livelihood development: Livestock (Cattle and Free-Range Native Chicken), Gasoline and Water Dispensing Station, and Handicrafts and Bag Weaving. Recommendations were on enhancement of technical capacity, market linkages, robust management systems, and financial support mechanisms.
- b) Implementation of Cycle 2 of livelihood assistance to SLPAs with PhP 300,000 awarded to CPD Barangays. Cycle 2 of the livelihood assistance to Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs) in Community Peace Dividend (CPD) Barangays were turned over in Maasin and Cabatuan, Iloilo Province at the Maasin Municipal Hall and Brgy. Tigbauan, Maasin, Iloilo on 06 June 2023. The Dagami-Bolo SLP Association received PhP300,000.00 to initiate their second cycle of the SLP PAMANA initiative. SLP grants for the Agricultural Supply Enterprises of the Movement for Agrarian and Rural Advancement Association (MARA) in Barangays Tigbauan and Gibungan, Cabatuan were also turned over. In Aklan, the turnover and grand launching of PAMANA SLPA projects for Barangay Tigayon and Pook, Kalibo, Aklan were also undertaken.

9. Support to the Implementation of Executive Order No. 70

- a) Participation in the blessing and turnover of Negros Oriental Halfway House and E-CLIP Packages to Former Rebels at Camp Leon Kilat, Sta. Cruz Viejo, Tanjay City. The Western Visayas Field Office of OPAPRU RCCO participated in the blessing and turnover of Negros Oriental Halfway House and E-CLIP Packages to former rebels in Camp Leon Kilat, Sta. Cruz Viejo, Tanjay City on 03 April 2023. Twenty-one former rebels (21) pledged commitment and allegiance to the government and denounced the terrorist groups they are previously affiliated with. E-CLIP packages in the form of cash, livelihood assistance, rice, chicken, and other agricultural inputs were provided by the national and provincial government.
- b) Pre-Workshop Meeting on the Transformation Program Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC) VI Localized Peace Engagement (LPE) Cluster in Iloilo City. OPAPRU organized the Pre-Workshop Meeting on the Transformation Program in Iloilo City on 11 May 2023, participated by representatives from RTF-ELCAC VI LPE Cluster. Meeting participants were updated on the status of former rebels in the Western Visayas region and the current security situation in Region VI. As the pre-meeting was aimed at orienting and deepening the NGAs and LGUs' appreciation and understanding of the basic concepts, framework, and guidelines of the Transformation Program, an exchange of ideas and experiences related to the implementation of the Transformation Program ensued during the meeting.
- c) Participation in the Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) Meeting of Negros Oriental Province. The PPOC of Negros Oriental conducted its 2nd regular meeting on 13 April 2023 at the Plenary Hall, Convention Centre, Dumaguete City. The meeting was presided by PPOC Vice Chairperson, Vice Gov. Manuel L. Sagarbarria, and was attended by the various PPOC member-agencies. Also present to discuss some concerns was Sta. Catalina Municipal Mayor Peve Obaniana Ligan. Discussed in the meeting were the Peace and Order situation updates provided by the PNP, AFP and PDEA and presentation of accomplishment reports of the various PPOC members. The meeting resulted in the adoption of the KASIMBAYANAN Program in the Province of Negros Oriental.

E. GPH-CBA-CPLA PEACE PROCESS

Program 4: Implement a consensus-based, multistakeholder Normalization Program to sustain the gains of the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, where the aspiration of the Cordillera People's meaningful autonomy is supported

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

- **Transform** – support the transformation of the CBA-CPLA, building on the gains since the 1986 Sipat. This will cover four (4) levels of transformation: (i) individuals; (ii) CBA-CPLA as a former armed organization; (iii) communities supportive to the peace process; and (iv) their relationship with the Philippine Government and its instrumentalities--“From leaders of war to leaders of development and influential advocates of peace; meaningful participation in decision-making processes in their communities.”;
- **Sustain** – sustain the gains of the Cordillera peace process by giving back to communities supportive to the CBA-CPLA; and,
- **Include** – in the spirit of the Mt Data Sipat, support inclusive regional growth by prioritizing tribal communities that have lagged due to conflict and geographic isolation.

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

As of reporting period, the following were accomplished:

Support to JEMC and its Components

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

The Amended Memorandum of Agreement relative to the establishment of a JEMC office in Gamu, Isabela has been signed by authorized OPAPRU officials. To date, the document has been officially transmitted to AFPPDO to facilitate approval of authorized AFP and DND officials.

To continuously support the JEMC, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division, provided technical and administrative support to the fifteen (15) CBA-CPLA members. These individuals are involved in planning, monitoring and policy-determining/evaluation functions and their engagement is crucial for ground support to lessen difficulties in coordination with regard to field activities and to hasten the remaining commitments of the government for the CBA-CPLA Peace Process.

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

Relative to National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) celebration, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division's indicative activities have been approved, such as the 37th Commemoration of the 1986 *Sipat* / Cessation of Hostilities and Wreath Offering and Medical Mission.

Policy recommendations on issues and concerns relative to the factionalism of the CBA CPLA, the composition of the JEMC, Transformation Program Planning for Abra, Benguet and Kalinga, support to autonomy initiatives, and action planning per projects were thoroughly discussed by EDir. Susana Guadalupe Marcaida, RAPS,

Consultants, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division and LPEO during the Operations Meeting with RCCO and AMU-NL in Baguio City last 30 May to 1 June 2023.

With the targeted programs and interventions for FY2023 under the Transformation Program, a seven-month extension was granted to continue lease of OPAPRU's physical office in Baguio City close to the regional partner agencies and CBA-CPLA that will help in the operationalization of the structure of the CBA-CPLA Peace Process and its mechanism while strengthening the overall local peace engagements of OPAPRU in the Cordillera Administrative Region.

a) Implementation of Security Component

With profound knowledge of the RAPS on security matters, policy questions and concerns were formulated during the Operations Meeting with RCCO and AMU-NL to implement the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process and the Transformation Program in Baguio City last May 30-June 1, 2023, such as prohibitions against wearing of uniform/insignia and show of arms by some CPLA members, specify incidents as a precursor requesting for assessment reports from the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency, and Security and Threat Assessment of the CBA-CPLA.

b) Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Individual Level)

- i. OPAPP-NCIP Special Educational Assistance Program (SEAP) for CBA-CPLA and/or their Next of Kin. OPAPRU and NCIP-CAR regularly monitored the status of two hundred (200) student-grantees comprising 1st and 2nd batches of SEAP. Since the program's inception in 2021, seventeen (17) student-grantees are forecasted to graduate from the following provinces: Abra (2), Apayao (1), Ifugao (2), Kalinga (7), and Mt. Province (5).
- ii. PAMANA-PhilHealth Sponsored Program. Three hundred eighty-eight (388) out of the eight hundred forty-nine (849) beneficiaries were already renewed under the said program with the following breakdown: one hundred seventy-two (172) for the first batch; fifty-two (52) for the second; and lastly, one hundred sixty-four (164). The beneficiaries of the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process for PAMANA PhilHealth Sponsored Program were verified before the issuance of their certification. The remaining four hundred sixty-one (461) beneficiaries will be subject to verification and validation prior to their renewal.
- iii. Operationalization of the OPAPP-DENR Joint Memorandum Circular 2013-02. With the continuous renewal of CENROs/PENROs on their personnel and the filling of vacated slots, RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division received four (4) application across CAR for the OPAPP-DENR Bantay Gubat Program. Of the four (4) applicants, one (1) is a rebel returnee from Mountain Province and three (3) are CBA-CPLA next-of-kin/ immediate family from the Provinces of Abra, Kalinga and Mountain Province. Their background information and present circumstances were gathered to support its endorsement to DENR.

c) Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Community Level)

Together with the DA-RFO-CAR and stakeholders, the following efforts were undertaken:

Implementation of Sustainable Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Program

- i. *Two (2) Ceremonial Turn-Over of OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Agri-Related Livelihood Interventions:* A series of ceremonial turnovers of Agri-related livelihood

interventions were conducted in Luna and Pudtol, Apayao Province on 10-11 May 2023 which strengthened partnerships with stakeholders and reinforced the commitment to the sustained management of the OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Program. The requested farm inputs were utilized for the main livelihood of the PO members, particularly cassava, rice, and corn production in their communities. Overall, the community members present, composed of men, women and their children, persons with disabilities, and senior citizens, expressed their gratitude to OPAPRU and DA for such meaningful intervention for their respective communities as it provided ready input for their next farming cycle.



Ceremonial Turnover of OPAPRU-DA SIPAT project in Marag, Luna, Apayao

- ii. *Eight (8) physical monitoring and documentation of SIPAT-implemented projects:* RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division conducted physical monitoring of the SIPAT projects in Hungduan, Lamut, and Hingyon Ifugao Province on 8-9 May 2023; and in Natonin (Alunogan and Tonglayan), Bontoc (Tucocan) and Sadanga (Belwang and Demang) Mt. Province on June 14-15, 2023. The monitoring and documentation are necessary to gather significant developments of the projects and success stories to facilitate the production of Knowledge Products for the GPH-CBA-CPLA and to provide interventions to address issues and concerns.



Monitoring of OPAPRU-DA SIPAT in Natonin, Mt. Province

- iii. Regular table and actual monitoring of the twenty-one (21) FY 2021 projects and sixteen (16) projects under SIPAT FY 2022 handed to the PO members. The updated status report and immediate resolution of concerns and issues were likewise looked into.

d) Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Organization Level)

- i. Engagement of Peoples Organizations for the Socialized Industrial Forest Management Agreement (SIFMA) and Community Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA).

Feedbacking and discussion with ICPO and LLS on the reorientation and planning activities with stakeholders for the AECID-funded projects (Nurseries) resulted to a consensus-building on the process of addressing, facilitating, and handling gaps and challenges of implementations which was conducted last 11 April 2023 via videoconference.

PROVINCE OF ABRA				
Barangay	Status	Concerns	Actions taken	Recommendations
1. Licuan-Baay (project will cover 3 barangays – Mogao, Dominglay and Cauayan)	Orientation and Planning done with PO and BLGU representatives with Plan of Action from March to June prepared. Site for the Nursery Project validated and ready for construction after Holy Week.	Pwede bang ibang PO (not registered) ang magmanage ng project? Request to hire skilled and unskilled workers from the PO members. "internal arrangement"	Fr. Ortega Farmer's Association to register with DOLE but was denied. "one PO, one barangay policy" Lobbied with contractor and was granted. Lobbied with Contractor to start the construction while the check is being processed.	Review CSPP principle on Transparency *Signing of Usufruct Agreement will be done during the formal turn-over of project.
2. Duclogan, Bucloc	Orientation and Planning done with PO and BLGU representatives with Plan of Action from March to December prepared. On-going construction of Plant nursery.	PO submitted request for Cash for Work – clearing of access pathways to the project site and nearby farms/fishponds	To be endorsed to DOLE-TUPAD or DSWD-SLP-CFW	

- ii. Four (4) capacity building, planning, and monitoring with the stakeholders in the SIPAT-AECID sites were undertaken in the following communities – Basao and Sumadel in Tinglayan; and Kinama, Rizal in the province of Kalinga last May 8-12, 2023; and Gohang, Banaue, Ifugao last May 2023. The series of events resulted in the drafting of a usufructuary agreement to fend off possible issues in the future and protect both the PO and the agency's best interest, the identification of seedlings to be utilized for the reforestation project, and the onsite validation of PENRO-Kalinga and the core teams to the project sites. These series of activities were efficiently carried out with the technical expertise of the Provincial Environmental and Natural Resources Office (PENRO) and partner Peoples Organizations (POs).



- iii. Constant coordination with the contractors and landowners of the projects resulting to the updated status of the construction of the nursery sites with stable water and lighting system in Abra and Ifugao.

3. Implementation and Monitoring of Referral System

RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division have established four (4) public-private partnership with these four (4) entities which significantly formed part of the continuing commitment in promoting social cohesion and peacebuilding in CAR.

- i. Mapúa University, as part of their corporate social responsibility in collaboration with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process, and the local government unit installed solar panels in in the CBA-CPLA Barangays in Kalinga (10), Abra (9), and Mountain Province (1) from April 19-27, 2023. This helped barangays minimize their electric consumption through the use of natural light resources. According to tests, the solar panel kit can at least power a computer set with printer, an electric fan, and a couple of phones or charge fifteen (15) cellphones

at once, or light up the barangay hall (5-15 light bulbs) or charge some of the other devices at the same time.

- ii. As part of the ongoing implementation of the Transformation Program for CBA-CPLA members, their families, and communities, as well as continuous support on Cordillera peace and development, OPAPRU spearheads the upcoming medical-optical and dental mission with capacity-building on health and wellness among Barangay Health Workers in Sadanga, Mt. Province on July 2023 together with the following: (a) Mountain Province State Polytechnic College (MPSPC), (b) Medical Outreach Mission Foundation Incorporated (MOMFI); and (c) Bethesda Optical Clinic.

4. Implementation of Confidence Building Component

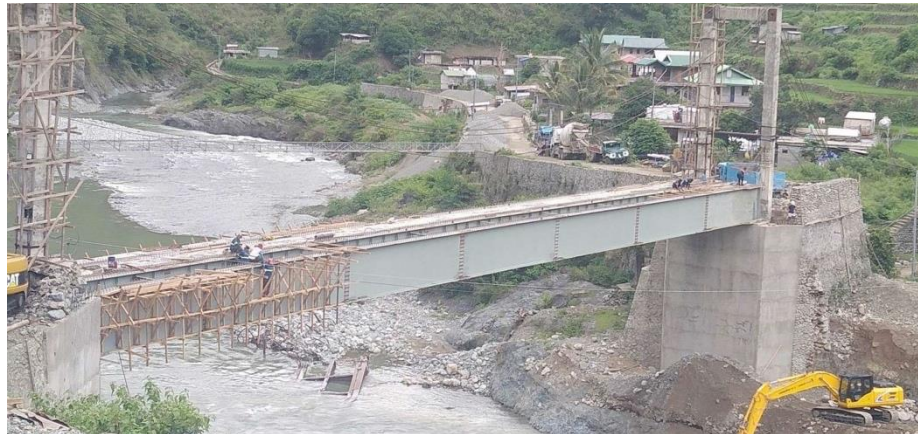
RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division, in partnership with Kibungan Local Government Unit, led the capacity-building and Peace and Development Advocacy to Tacadang Rural Improvement Club and Youth (TRICY), joined by Tacadang Organic Coffee Growers Association on 17-18 May 2023 at Barangay Tourism Hall, Tacadang Proper, Kibungan, Benguet. The capacity-building resulted in a two-pronged activity:

- i. *Lecture-Demonstration on Ginger Production, Processing and Packaging for Women and Youth.* A collaborative lecture-discussion on the Introduction and Agronomic requirements of ginger and production techniques, crop pests and diseases management, orientation on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and 5S, Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and its Return Demo on Ginger tea (*salabat*) processing, packaging, and labelling were conducted for the women and youth in Kibungan, Benguet.
- ii. *Advocacy on Peace and Development.* RCCO-CBA-CPLA team shared the expanded mandate of the OPAPRU and Five-Point Peace and Development Agenda, four (4) substantive pillars of the 3rd generation National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security; and the five (5) Pillars of Youth, Peace and Security and their roles in peacebuilding. This called for the identification of internal and external conflicts affecting the welfare and development of youth and women as well as the peace promoting practices of the community that will boost and sustain peaceful developments.

5. Implementation of Healing and Reconciliation Component

- a. The RCCO-CBA-CPLA personnel, including OPAPRU RCCO Consultants, have been constantly monitoring the said tribal dynamics since 4 April 2023 after the death of a hunter from Bekigan, Sadanga. OPAPRU-RCCO Consultant obtained an official report from PROCOR to which vital information therefrom was later incorporated in the Official Statement of APAPRU Isidro Purisima relative to the ongoing conflict published on 18 April 2023.
- b. On regional matters, two (2) Private Sector representatives of Apayao and Kalinga for 2023-2025 were confirmed and took their oath before the council. One of which is an esteemed CBA leader from Kalinga, Mr. Leonardo Bun-as. Through this meeting, the body approved the Regional Development Investment Program (RDIP) 2023-2028 as well as the 2022 Annual Regional Development Report (ARDR). Significantly, the Normalization/Transformation Program for the CBA-CPLA was included under the Development Administration Sector while the PAMANA projects for the CBA-CPLA members and communities were highlighted in the 2022 RDR. On related matters for information, the council had endorsed and transmitted resolutions in support to the twenty-nine (29) development projects to OPAPRU-CO and other concerned offices.

- c. OPAPRU personnel participated during the updating on the state of Peace and Order in Baguio City based on PNP and AFP reports. The meeting also resulted in a shared discussion on crisis management, public safety, and disaster reduction to mitigate insurgency situations in Baguio City especially affecting the youth. Task Force Baguio continuously conducts an IEC to counter CTG's youth recruitment propaganda, and to promote security awareness in the barangays and communities.
- d. OPAPRU personnel and RAPS participated in the discussion of Provincial Task Force (PTF)-ELCAC Resolution No. 2023-04. This resolution pertains to entities representing themselves as Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in the LGUs. RTF-ELCAC reiterated strict compliance with this rule as an indispensable interdiction against the suspicious implementation of PPAs for an orderly discharge of business in the LGU. The special meeting resulted in the unanimous agreement among the RTF-ELCAC members to issue a statement of support to the Kalinga Provincial Tasks Force Resolution sans the list of Sectoral Front Organizations.
- e. With the special participation of OPAPRU, the groundbreaking ceremony of the Betwagan Bridge in Sadanga, Mt. Province took place on 27 October 2022 which jumpstarted its construction phase. With a completion rate of 70% to date, the concluding stage of the construction is expected in August 2023.



- f. Mr. Thomas Killip, OPAPRU Consultant, represented the OPAPRU during the 60th Founding Anniversary of Sadanga, Mt. Province. His presence is a gesture of sustained partnership, dedication to the Mt. Data Peace Covenant of 2022, and continued commitment to promoting peacebuilding efforts in the province. Mr. Killip shared OPAPRU's key initiatives on the implementation of the Transformation Program in the municipality and continuous advocacies on autonomy for the Cordillera.
- g. Conducted an onsite inspection of the first peace marker adhered to the grounds of Mt. Data Hotel. Said peace marker is well-maintained by Mt. Data Hotel Management but needs to be repainted prior to the 37th Sipat commemoration set in September 2023.

6. Support to Cordillera People's meaningful autonomy

Key engagements of OPAPRU in the continuing pursuit of Regional Autonomy were reinforced through the following autonomy advocacies: Four (4) Advocacy on Peace and Regional Autonomy (APRA) activities were spearheaded by the RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division in a grassroots-level Information, Education and communications (IECs) in Kibungan, Benguet; Pudtol, Apayao; and Sumadel and Tabuk City in Kalinga province. This is also in consonance with the positive developments of House Bill 3267: An Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region filed by all the CAR Congressmen to engage the participation and support of stakeholders in advocating Regional Autonomy.



Other activities under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process

1. Mainstreaming Gender and Development - Women/ Youth Peace and Security

a) At least twenty-eight (28) female and twelve (12) male members of the Tacadang Rural Improvement Club and Youth (TRICY), joined by the OPAPRU and Tacadang MLGU - Municipal Agricultural Office, were capacitated during the ginger tea production and management held in Tacadang, Mt. Province on 17-18 May 2023.

b) OPAPRU ensured that more women and youth in Kibungan, Benguet; Pudtol, Apayao; and Sumadel and Tabuk City participated in the campaign and be advocates in their community together with the Barangay Local Officials in the Regional Autonomy campaign. The advocacy sessions benefited the women and youth who were largely based in the community.



2. Mainstreaming of Conflict Sensitivity Peace-Promoting Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM)

a) The eight (8) standards of CSPP-CLM in the implementation of peace and development programs of OPAPRU was introduced during the AECID Project Orientation and Planning with the stakeholders in Kalinga and Ifugao Provinces. As a result, these standards were incorporated in their Project Implementation Plans (PIP) which will be closely monitored by the organized Citizen-led Inspection and Monitoring Team.

b) Likewise, a localized data-gathering tool aligned to the five (5) CSPP-CLM standards and indicators was developed by the team and was adequately administered during the assessment of FY 2021 and FY 2022 Projects in Kalinga and Ifugao Provinces with the POs and community beneficiaries.

F. SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING

Program 5: Improve Social Cohesion between and among individuals, their communities and with government institutions through social healing and peacebuilding

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) made significant progress in policy and program development especially on the development of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) through series of activities that resulted to its Zero Draft. Commitment of technical support in the development of the NAPWPS were also gained from stakeholders such as the UN Women and CSO partners. Likewise, there is an on-going development in the drafting of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), amendment of the Executive Order 865 and Executive Order in the establishment of the National Steering Committee on YPS. In addition, a project development for healing and reconciliation is in progress through the engagement of Global Peace Foundation and Nonviolent Peaceforce.

The Duyog Ramadan and Solidarity Activities were conducted in the continuation of the Marawi Recovery Efforts reaching 806 families in three temporary shelters. Network and partnership building with different government agencies and local and international organizations on Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE) were active within the second quarter. The engagement with Ateneo De Davao University (ADDU) for the Madaris Volunteer Program (MVP) was formalized through a MOA Signing of which the Project Cost is P2,003,460.00.

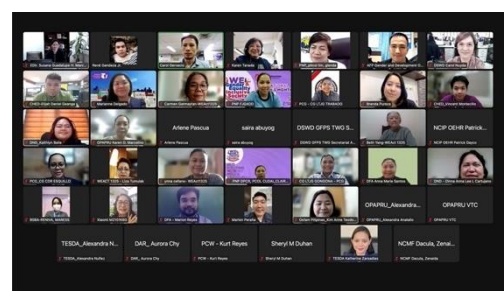
SHAPEO continued to provide technical support in the Transformation Program (TP) Planning through the orientation on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP), Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) both in person and online.

Mainstreaming of Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS) made significant improvement through the conduct of the regular GFPS and the plan to expand their roles and the capacity building that will be conducted to enhance their capacities in the planning, implementation and monitoring of GAD activities. There is also an on-going initiative in improving the skills of Programs in gender analysis and utilizing the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDG). Likewise, the CSPP is also continued to be mainstreamed aside from the TP Planning and other government units are provided technical support for them to apply in the development of their local development plans and community initiatives.

Policy and Program Development for Healing and Reconciliation

- 1. Facilitated the process of the development of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033.** Several activities were conducted to towards the initial drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The first was the convening of the National Steering Committee on Women Peace and Security (NSCWPS) Technical Working Group (TWG), the National Consultation on the drafting of the NAPWPS and the Vetting Session of the draft action plans to the NSCWPS members.

- a) NSCWPS TWG Meeting.** Attended by 58 participants from 17 National Government Agencies (NGAs) and representatives from Women Engaged in Action 1325 (WEAct 1325) and UN Women, the meeting of the NSCWPS last 25 April 2023 resulted to the discussion of the assessments conducted on the NAPWPS facilitated by the WEAct 1325, UN Women and OPAPRU and



formulation process of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The proposed calendar of activities was updated and the members of the Writing TWG in the crafting of the NAPWPS document were identified for approval of the NSCWPS Executive Committee. The body agreed to proceed with the amendment of Executive Order 865 that ensures participation and inclusion of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in the planning and execution of plans for the Women, Peace and Security.

- b) National Consultation for the Drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.** Some 75 online and onsite participants from 25 National Government Agencies (NGAs) and 14 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) participated in the National Consultation for the Drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 last 18-19 May 2023. The consultation resulted to the assessment of the current NAPWPS of which provisions were recommended for retainment in Pillar 1: Participation and Empowerment, Pillar 2: Protection and Prevention, Pillar 3: Promotion and Mainstreaming and Pillar 4: Monitoring and Evaluation but improvements need to be incorporated especially in the languaging for the NAP to be inclusive, strengthening of the strategies, and monitoring and evaluation, among others. Additional provisions were recommended based on the emerging issues and previous consultations with other stakeholders on WPS. Data holders who will be accountable in the implementation of the provisions were initially identified.



- c) Vetting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.** The Draft Zero of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 document was presented for vetting to the 29 NSCWPS members and other organizations last 31 May 2023 via videoconference based from the results of the Assessments and Consultations conducted. Comments and Recommendations were gathered for further improvement of the NAP. One major recommendation was to postpone the 19 June 2023 launching of the document to a later date in order to conduct the additional series of consultations and meetings for further inputs and improvement of the draft NAPWPS.
- d) Meeting with UN Women and CSOs for the NAPWPS.** OPAPRU through SHAPEO met with UN Women on 03 and 22 June 2023 and gained their support on the development of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. They committed to provide technical support and funding to the proposed second and third leg of national consultations. Likewise, SHAPEO personnel led by Dir. Leila Halud met with six CSO representatives from Women Engaged in Action 1325 (WEAct 1325), Oxfam Pilipinas and The Asia Foundation and discussed the plan and design of the Second Leg of National Consultations, held last 26 June 2023. The CSO representatives provided inputs on issues, possible facilitators, consultation and action planning. The third leg will focus on the results framework and indicator setting.



2. **Facilitated the process of amending the Executive Order 865 that ensures participation and inclusion of CSOs in the planning and execution of plans for WPS.** The draft amendment of EO 865, s. 2010 (Creation of a National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security [NSCWPS] to implement UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820 and providing funds thereof) was presented during the NSCWPS TWG Meeting last 25 April 2023. The inputs previously gathered were already integrated in the draft document and other members of the NSCWPS were given the opportunity to give their inputs and comments in the draft amendment of EO 865. The draft amendment of EO 865 is completing the legal review of the Legal and Legislative Service (LLS) of OPAPRU and will be presented again to the NSCWPS TWG and ExeCom for their approval.
3. **On-going drafting of the NAPYPS and NSCYPS EO.** The draft document of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033 is currently being updated based from the review and comments of internal OPAPRU offices. The Executive Order to establish the National Steering Committee on Youth, Peace and Security (NSCYPS) to oversee the implementation of the NAPYPS 2023-2033 is currently being updated and for review of the OPAPRU Legislative and Legal Service (LLS). Both the draft NAPYPS and EO will be presented during the Multi-Stakeholders Meeting for the YPS scheduled in the 3rd quarter FY 2023.
4. **Project Development for Healing and Reconciliation through the Global Peace Foundation and Nonviolent Peaceforce.** Collaborated with the Global Peace Foundation in the development of an H&R project initiative covering community development, knowledge sharing, and the organization of the Global Peace Convention 2023. Likewise, developed a capacity building program for women indigenous peoples (IP) in the Davao Region focusing on Early Warning and Early Recovery in partnership with Non-Violent Peaceforce.



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

Constituency Building on PTVE, WPS, YPS and Peace Education

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



2. **Established networks and contacts with the Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), United Nations Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE).** Through participation in cluster meetings, workshop and trainings, OPAPRU through the SHAPE Office was able to connect with these agencies and organizations. They will be able to provide technical support as OPAPRU develops and implements programs on PTVE. The following are the activities that were participated by SHAPEO
 - a) ***Development of Regional PCVE Practitioners' Network in Southeast Asia.*** Reviewed arrangements of the temporary Thematic Working Groups in line with the national and regional needs, priorities and context. OPAPRU's engagement revolves around the theme of "Engaging Communities and Strengthening Their Resilience to Violent Extremism". This is a continuing work with the region which started in 06-07 March 2023 in Jakarta, Indonesia.
 - b) ***UN Office of Counter-Terrorism (UNOCT) Model Legislative Provision (MLP).*** SHAPE Office provided technical support for the official briefing with OPAPRU principals on the UNOCT's proposed project in relation to the rights and needs of the victims of terrorism last 16 May 2023. Under their Global Victims of Terrorism Support Program, UNOCT submitted a proposal to provide the Philippines technical assistance as pilot implementer of the first phase of the Model Legislative Provision (MLP) and the National Comprehensive Assistance Plan's (NCAPs) projects. The Philippines has existing program on transitional justice and reconciliation, and there is an opportunity to harmonize it in justice and reparation implemented in the different peace processes. The principals expressed interest in working on issues of institutional reforms and guarantee of non-recurrence.

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



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

- c) ***Courtesy Meeting with the UNODC on PC/TVE Programs.*** OPAPRU representatives including SHAPEO met with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) to explore potential partnerships on Preventing, Countering and Transforming Violent Extremism (PCTVE) Programs in OPAPRU last 23 June 2023. Area of collaboration identified during the meeting is on joint PCVE initiatives targeting the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) Sector, specifically those charged with terrorism and VE offenders in the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) and Bureau of Corrections (BuCor). Programs for consideration include capacity building for jail and prison personnel and other interventions/deradicalization for VEOs and other prisoners.
3. **The partnership with Ateneo De Davao University (ADDU) was formalized through the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the implementation of the Madaris Volunteer Program (MVP).** The MVP is a Catholic Educational Association of the Philippines (CEAP) peacebuilding initiatives where college graduates are recruited, trained, and deployed by the program as volunteer Madaris teachers in Madaris (Islamic schools) located in the BARMM. The scope of partnership and financial arrangements were already defined including the formulation of the Program Proposal, and Work and Financial Plan.

The OPAPRU and ADDU agreed to jointly implement the MVP for the Islamic learning institutions in the Bangsamoro. The MVP which is based on the Human Fraternity Document, spearheads capability enhancement trainings designed to address the needs of partner Madaris and empower Islamic schools to facilitate learning, design

strategies, and manage their learning institutions. The MOA signing was conducted last 25 May 2023 in Davao City of which the Project Cost is P2,003,460.00.



MOA Signing between OPAPRU and ADDU for the MVP

Other activities under Program 5

1. Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Transformation Program.

SHAPEO provided technical support in the Transformation Program (TP) Planning Workshop in Negros Occidental through the orientation on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP), Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). This is to ensure that the agenda of the women and youth and other vulnerable sectors are integrated in the TP Plan and the CSPP approach and its tools shall be utilized. With the other TP planning which were not physically attended by SHAPEO representative, a recorded video presentation was used to orient and guide the participants how to integrate CSPP, WPS and YPS in their plans.



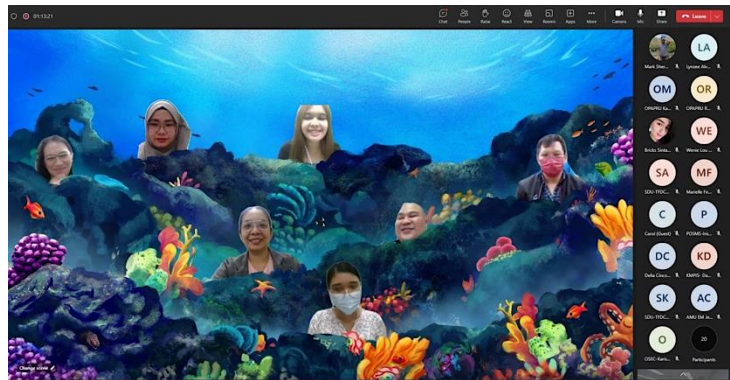
Small group discussion during the TP Planning in Negros Occidental

2. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS. The SHAPEO made significant progress in promoting and mainstreaming Gender and Development and Women, Peace and Security to both external stakeholders and internal to OPAPRU. Major activities related to the development of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 are also the highlight for this quarter.

a) Resource Person to Women, Peace and (Maritime) Security in the Philippines. The SHAPEO as represented by Mr. John Rey Catalan, was one of the Resource Speakers in the Session on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) during the 2023 Workshop on Women, Peace and (Maritime) Security in the Philippines last 4 May 2023. He provided inputs on the Session: What is WPS? Debating Concepts and Highlighting Relevance for Philippine Maritime Security. The activity was organized by the Pacific Forum International, Sulong Peace, Inc.

- b) **Regular Meeting of the OPAPRU GAD Focal Point System (GFPS).** The Regular GFPS TWG Meeting was attended by 23 OPAPRU personnel both online and onsite last 07 June 2023 via onsite and videoconference. The proposed revision of the After Activity Report Template was presented of which the updates on GAD, result of the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDG) assessment of the activity is integrated including the actual count of the women, senior citizens, PWD, youth, Indigenous Peoples (IP) and other vulnerable sector directly involved in the activity. This is to ensure the mainstreaming of GAD and inclusion of vulnerable groups are being observed in the planning and implementation of OPAPRU activities. The members of the GFPS were also requested to update the template regarding OPAPRU units' contribution to the drafting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

The parameter in the selection of the CSP representative in the NSCWPS was also discussed, it was agreed that the qualified are NGOs with at least 5 years with programs dedicated to GAD/ WPS. The 5 CSO representatives should include one CSO with national level in the scope of its implementation, one from the Bangsamoro, one from Indigenous Peoples (IP), from the Labor groups, Youth and Vulnerable Groups (PWD/ Senior Citizen). This will be vetted with the NSCWPS ExeCom including the CSO partners.



- c) **Orientation on Gender Analysis and application of the HGDG on Program 3 LPEO TP Planning.** SHAPEO through Mr. Rene A. Gandeza Jr. oriented the personnel from the Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) and SHAPEO on Gender Analysis and its application using the Harmonized GAD Guidelines (HGDG), a tool co-developed by the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to ensure that programs and projects undertaken by the government in their various stages are gender responsive.

LPEO presented their initial assessment of the Transformation Program (TP) Planning using the HGDG Sector Specific (Women in Situations of Armed Conflict) design checklist. The specific items being evaluated are clarified, along with the appropriate means of verification (MOVs). It was determined that majority of items of LPEO's TP Planning rated as "partly" or "no" were because they were not explicitly articulated in their program documents. LPEO will secure all the MOVs and update their program documents, after which, another session with SHAPEO will determine the



updated HGDG rating and Attributed amount. This will then be reflected in the enhancement in the OPAPRU GAD Plan and Budget submission.

3. Mainstreaming of CSPP



CSPP Orientation for the BCLP in Pampanga

Aside from facilitating the TP Planning to be CSPP compliant, SHAPEO continued to support the mainstreaming of CSPP by serving as Resource Person in the 2023 National Convergence of the Barangay Councilors League of the Philippines (BCLP) on 12 April 2023 in Clark, Pampanga and another on 23 May 2023 in Iloilo City. Over 200 elected and appointed Barangay Officials were oriented on their meaningful roles and responsibilities on carrying out CSPP-compliant development plans while ensuring women and youth are meaningfully able to participate.

Likewise, SHAPEO shared about social cohesion strategies and policies that are being institutionalized as well as CSPP approach in community interventions. This was presented during the LGU

Fellowship Program on Social Cohesion and Resilience last 9-10 May 2023 participated by BARMM LGUs.

G. PAYAPA AT MASAGANANG PAMAYANAN (PAMANA) PROGRAM

Program 6: Improve access to basic goods and services for conflict-affected and conflict vulnerable areas and increase social cohesion between and among communities and government institutions

The **PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNan (PAMANA) Program** was established in 2011 as a priority initiative of the Government that aims to support the peace negotiation efforts and contribute to achieving a just and lasting peace in the Philippines.

It was embodied in Chapter 9 on Peace and Security of the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) for 2011-2016 and Chapter 8 on Peace and Security of the updated PDP for 2011-2016 which indicated PAMANA as the Government's development program for isolated, hard-to-reach, and conflict-affected communities. The PAMANA Program is likewise affirmed in Chapter 13 of the latest PDP 2023-2028: Ensure Peace and Security and Enhance Administration of Justice, particularly in Outcome 1: conflict-affected communities and conflict-vulnerable areas protected and development sustained, ensuring the "rehabilitation and catch-up development of communities through the implementation of various interventions."

The Program is aligned with several important government issuances, including Administrative Order No. 10 (E-CLIP), Executive Order No. 70 (Whole of Nation Approach), and Executive Order No. 158 (Creating the OPAPRU).

For the quarter, the following activities were carried out:

1. Proposed FY 2024 PAMANA Program

Budgetary support requested herein for the PAMANA Program implementation in FY 2024 will provide the Government the opportunity to continuously make its presence felt as well as promotes focused program management and efficient delivery of services in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas, particularly in:

- a. Areas covered under the GPH-Cordillera Bodong Administration-Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) peace process;
- b. Areas covered under GPH- Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas/ Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade-Tabara Paduano Group (RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG) peace process;
- c. Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) areas needing socio-economic assistance and development;
- d. Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) areas needing socio-economic assistance and development; and,
- e. Areas affected and/or vulnerable to conflict with the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG).

Importantly, it will contribute to:

- a. Goals of the Normalization Program in relation to CBA-CPLA Peace Table;
- b. Commitments under the Clarificatory Implementing Document to the 2000 Peace Agreement between the GPH and RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG;
- c. Commitments under the Transformation Program in relation to the MNLF Peace Table;
- d. Local peace engagements; and,
- e. Social protection related commitments in relation to the MILF Peace Table.

Following the National Budget Call for FY 2024, the OPAPRU proposed the following PAMANA Program interventions comprising policy reform and governance, capacity building and socio-economic interventions. These interventions are being proposed to be

implemented by OPAPRU through Local Government Units/State Universities and Colleges and NGAs. Summary breakdown, as follows:

By Agency:

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

2. Program Management (CSPP-compliant)

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

The PAMANA Program activities under the Monitoring and Evaluation Phase shall involve: (a) conduct of monthly and quarterly physical and financial monitoring; (b) annual outcomes and process monitoring; (c) mid-term and final impact monitoring; and, (d) reporting to the peace agreement partners.

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

Count	Date	Activity	Collaborating Area Team
1	April 11-15, 2023	Conduct of Project Monitoring and Field Inspection of FY 2022 PAMANA-SLP Projects in Camarines Sur and Sorsogon	AMO-SCL DSWD-FO Bicol
2	May 8-13, 2023	Conduct of Joint Project Monitoring and Field Inspection of FY 2022 PAMANA-SLP Projects in the Province of Masbate	AMO-SCL DSWD-FO Bicol
3	May 29 - June 2, 2023	Conduct of Joint Project Monitoring Visit and Final Inspection of PAMANA Road Projects in Region VIII	AMO Eastern Visayas
4	June 5-7, 2023	Transformation Program Planning, Aurora Province	
5	June 8-9, 2023	Planning Meeting with MSU General Santos	
6	June 13-17, 2023	Conduct of Turn-Over of Mondragon – Silvino Lubos Road (Phase 5), Silvino Lubos, Northern Samar under the FY 2017 PAMANA DPWH Program	AMO Eastern Visayas

b) PAMANA Project Turnover

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

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

c) Transparency and Accountability Mechanism

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

This activity was participated by 35 identified citizen monitors: five participants each from seven CPDF Project site areas in Brgy. Kinama in Rizal, Sitio Nambaran and Sitio Ileb, Brgy. Nambaran in the City of Tabuk, and Brgy. Sumadel and Brgy Basao in Tinglayan, in the Province of Kalinga. Likewise, participants from the CPDF Project site areas in Brgy. Calafug in Conner and Brgy. Marcela in Sta. Marcela, in the Province of Apayao. The CLM Training Team was composed of Program Directors and Lecturers from KSU, ASC, and PLGU Kalinga. Administrative support was provided by grantees under the PAMANA-SEAP and NCIP-EAP from the KSU. The Training Support Group was composed of the PAMANA NPMO and the AECID PMO.

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

- a. Ensure the committed support of partner SUCs, not just for the orientation and training of citizen monitors for a CSPP-CLM, but throughout the duration of the 8-steps CSPP-CLM implementation.
- b. Engagement with and inclusion of the SCT or Project Management Team (PMT) at the Provincial level or a similar mechanism, at least, during the CLM planning and coordination meetings so that they can provide inputs in the identification of possible citizen monitors, especially in PAMANA areas where there are no SCTs.
- c. Inclusion of a practical learning exercise in CLM orientation and training as an effective method in imparting learning by experience, anticipating as well the logistical support, preparations, and coordination needed for its execution.
- d. Addition of provisions and logistical support for CLM team members during the actual monitoring activities. This will likewise require additional budgetary support to be included in the overall budgetary requirement of the CLM implementation.
- e. A composite CLM Training Team and Support Group from partner SUCs, LGUs, and OPAPRU is indispensable in the planning and successful execution of the 8-step CLM cycle. Critical technical and administrative support, especially from the OPAPRU ground operations, should be elicited

for a successful realization of the CLM objectives. Similarly, the financial resources available should be adequate to sustain the actual CLM activities, aside from the logistical support that may be provided by partner LGUs and/or SUCs.

- f. Inclusion of Adoption of CLM in the next JEMC Meeting Agenda, and issuance of a Resolution on the adoption of the same to give the CLM Teams legal personality in the conduct of CLM activities. The Resolution will also be the basis in the issuance of identification badges as requested by the identified citizen monitors.

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

H. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIP

Program 7: Foster stronger support of the international community in sustaining the gains of the comprehensive peace process

The OPAPRU fully recognizes that the international community plays a significant role in sustaining the gains of the Comprehensive Peace Process. As such, it has endeavored to include in its core sustaining programs the implementation of Program 7 on International Cooperation and Partnerships, with the goal of advancing the peace process interests in the international community.

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

- Ensured that the peace process agenda is at the forefront of twenty-seven (27) high-level bilateral and multilateral engagements, consultations, and dialogues with international partners
- Established two (2) partnerships and strengthened existing partnerships and cooperation with thirty-three (33) international partners
- Facilitated the assessment and endorsement of 86 travels of foreign governments and entities in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao
- Assisted in the representation of the OPAPRU to six (6) international trainings and events
- Continued resource mobilization efforts to complement the efforts of the peace tables.

Following are the ICPO accomplishments for the quarter:

- 1. Policy Review and Enhancement.** The ICPO was able to provide policy inputs to the UNDP Stakeholder Consultation for the UNDP's next Country Programme Document (CPD). The ICPO also facilitated the provision of inputs of the OPAPRU to the following: Political Consultations with Spain, France, Romania, Croatia, Ph-Morocco Joint Commission on Bilateral Cooperation, Third PH-EU Joint Committee Meeting, and High-Level Visit to Malaysia.
- 2. Constituency-Building.** As of the second quarter of 2023, the ICPO was able to establish new partnerships for OPAPRU, namely, with the Qatar Government, and with the Save the Children.

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

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

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

- 3. Program Management.** The ICPO continued to manage and provide government oversight to the nine (9) peace-related programs of the international partners on the following: the EU Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD BARMM); Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme; Bangsamoro Agri-Enterprise Programme (BAEP); the Japanese Embassy Assistance to Normalization Project; the JICA's Capacity Development Programme for the Bangsamoro (CDPB); UN Women Peace and Humanitarian Fund (WPHF); Australia's Peacebuilding in Conflict-Affected Mindanao Portfolio; Colombia's Technical Cooperation Project on the Reincorporation and Normalization of Former Combatants; and, the USIP Technical Cooperation Project. The ICPO, through the Project Management Team (PMT), and in partnership with the AECID, also continued to

implement the CPDF Project, specifically Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting livelihood projects in RPMP/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA areas.

4. **Capacity Development.** The ICPO facilitated the attendance and participation of OPAPRU Executive Committee and Management Committee in capacity development activities outside the country such as the following: Conciliation Resources-led Course on Shaping Using Transformative Scenarios, held in Athens, Greece; and Cross-Regional Exchange to Strengthen Partnership in Promoting Resilience against Violent Extremism in Central and Southeast Asia Workshop in Istanbul, Turkey.
5. **Monitoring and Evaluation and Feedback.** The ICPO is currently working with the OPAPRU Monitoring and Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Service to facilitate the digitalization and automation of the process of evaluation and endorsement of travels of foreign government and international entities (FGIEs) to conflict-affected areas in Mindanao (CAAM). The matter was also discussed with counterparts from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA).

II. OPAPRU MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL SYSTEMS AND BUSINESS PROCESSES IMPROVED

A. Organizational Capital

Towards this end, the OPAPRU PDSMS strategically leverages the relationships and mechanisms it has built and nurtured aimed towards the accomplishment of its annual targets, and in the execution of the Agency's vision for the country and the Filipino people.

- 1. Approved Bill on OPAPRU transformation to Department of Peace, Reconciliation and Unit (PAPRU level).** The draft bill creating the DPRU is currently being revised by the PDSMS, for review of the technical working group (TWG) on DPRU. The first TWG meeting aimed at soliciting inputs and comments on the draft bill is targeted to be convened within the third quarter of 2023.
- 2. Approved Healing and Reconciliation Framework and Process for Indigenous Peoples for the Transformation Program for Former Communist Terrorist Groups.** On 30 May 2023, the Technical Working Group (TWG) presented the latest framework to the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainable (LCTPS) Cluster representatives. The comments and additional inputs from the discussion were incorporated in the enhanced version which was then presented to the Cluster Head on 21 June 2023. To seek further inputs and concurrence from the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), the TWG is arranging a meeting with the said agencies tentatively scheduled on the first week of July 2023.



- 3. Implemented PGS Interventions.** The Office of Strategy Management (OSM), led by the PDSMS, conducted one-on-one meetings with the Programs from May to June 2023, to discuss the comments and inputs gathered from the Visioning Activity in February 2023. It likewise conducted a pre-work session with the Multi-Sectoral Governance Council (MSGC) on 02 June 2023, to seek their inputs on the updated PGS roadmaps and scorecards. Currently, the Programs are enhancing their basic governance documents while the OSM is finalizing the documentary and budgetary requirements in preparation for the final vetting to the PAPRU.



4. Completed ISO-QMS Certification on Financial Management.

The OPAPRU through the PDSMS successfully applied for the Government Quality Management Program (GQMP) of the Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP).



The GQMP Grant was conferred to OPAPRU last 15 June 2023 which will run until 31 December 2023. In relation to this, the PDSMS conducted levelling-off discussion last 19 June 2023 with the DAP Program Manager, Dr. Ador G. Paulino, to set the timeline and operational tempo of the project. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OPAPRU and DAP is being finalized to formally commence the project.

- 5. Updated, published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen's Charter.** Pursuant to R.A. 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the PDSMS is currently working with the Programs on the updating and enhancement of the OPAPRU Citizen's Charter. It is likewise crafting the supplemental documents required by the Anti-Red Tape Authority such as the updated Committee on Anti-Red Tape (CART), Client Satisfaction Measurement Report (CSMR), and Initial Whole-of-Government (WOG) Reengineering Plan.

- 6. Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures.** The OPAPRU remains committed in continuously maintaining and operationalizing the established data and information policies, and protocols, executed by virtue of R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act of 2012 and the Data Privacy and Compliance Framework issued by the National Privacy Commission. Since April 2023, the Data Privacy Mechanism has updated the designations of Privacy Compliance Officers (PCOs) through the Office Order No. 75, s. 2023 signed last 27 March 2023. The Order further strengthens the integration of the culture of respect for



privacy at the unit level. Complementing this move is the conduct of the Data and Information Security Learning Session last 31 May 2023, which was participated in by a total of 50 OPAPRU personnel from the Central Office and Area Management Units (AMUs). The Session engaged subject matter experts from the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC) -- an attached agency of the Department of Information and Communication Technology (DICT).

- 7. Continuous provision of policy inputs.** The OPAPRU, through the PDSMS, remains committed in advocating for the Government's Peace Agenda in accordance to the President's directives as stipulated in the PDP 2023-2028, the Eight-Point Socioeconomic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies.

8. **Preparations for the Celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM).** To establish the enabling mechanism that shall support the execution of the celebration of the NPCM 2023, the PDSMS has successfully facilitated the approval of the Office Order institutionalizing the NPCM 2023 Organizing committee last 13 February 2023. Following the approval of the Order, the Committee has convened several meetings to ensure the appropriate preparations are conducted relative to the observance. In June 2023, the PDSMS has successfully facilitated the approval of the NPCM 2023 mother memorandum. To this end, the administrative and logistic preparations are underway in collaboration with the committee and relevant units.
9. **OPAPRU's Revised Policy on the Delegation of Authority to Sign Various Forms and Document.** The PDSMS, in collaboration with the technical working group (TWG) on the Delegation of Authority (DoA) and concerned OPAPRU offices/units, spearheaded the formulation and approval of Office Order No. 134, series of 2023, "*Revised OPAPRU's Delegation of Authority to Sign Various Forms and Documents*", signed by the APAPRU on 08 June 2023. Said office order aims to streamline and expedite the processing of documents pertaining to issuances and communications, administrative, personnel, procurements, and finances. The PDSMS likewise facilitated the conduct of the Cascading Session on Office Order No. 134, s. 2023 with OPAPRU personnel from the Central Office and AMUs on 14 June 2023 via MS Teams.



Organizational Systems and Processes

1. **Transparency and Accountability Mechanism (TAM).** As of the 2nd quarter, there was no external feedback received or encoded through the FRS web-based platform. This can still be attributed to operational concerns such as the departure or transfer of designated FRS coordinators, the lack of knowledge on the FRS by external stakeholders, and their preference to use traditional methods to submit feedback.

As a response, program offices and units were provided a reorientation on the FRS during the conduct of the Strategy Refresh Vetting Sessions. They were also enjoined to include Feedback and Response in the respective Program Frameworks and PGS deliverables. Moreover, the web-based platform has undergone redesigning and enhancements.

2. **Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced and/or maintained**

- a) **Automated Program Dashboard System.** As part of the continuing operationalization, enhancement and/or maintenance of digitized systems, the Automated Program Dashboard version 2 has undergone major enhancements such as expense classification, disaggregation of GAD PAPs, accomplishments per Program, presentation view function, strategy review tool, and categorization.

- b) Feedback and Response System (FRS).** As part of the efforts to revitalize the FRS, the web-based platform has been integrated into the OPAPRU official website by the Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) on 08 June 2023. A QR code was also provided for the FRS to make it more accessible just by scanning. Moreover, the FRS web-based platform interface has also been redesigned to enable users to easily identify the appropriate form for the feedback they wish to submit. The FAQ sections were also made more conspicuous and accessible.
- c) Local Peace Engagements - Former Rebels Information System (FRIS).** On 13 June 2023, the MEALS had a meeting with the OPAPRU Executive Director of Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS), as well as representatives from LPEO, RCCO, and ICTS, to discuss the proposed database / system for Former Rebels. The Clarificatory Implementing Document Information System (CIDIS), an information system that contains data on profiled KAPATIRAN members, interventions given, and an inventory of decommissioned weapons, was presented by the MEALS to aid in conceptualizing the design of the FRIS. The LPEO will go forward by sending MEALS a concept note outlining the proposed FRIS design and functionality and data needs.

Performance Management

- 1. Progress Updates Reporting.** As part of the regular tracking of OPAPRU's accomplishments of its PAPs, the MEALS reported to the ManCom progress updates as of the 1st Quarter and April. Overall, there is still a significant gap between the physical accomplishment of PAPs with an average difference of 24%. This is primarily attributed to the lack of encoding/updating of data in the automated program dashboard by program offices/units, ongoing compliance of documentary requirements / preparatory activities and proposed reprogramming. To address said data gaps, the MEALS issued a supplemental memorandum last 31 May 2023 reiterating the need to encode and update accomplishments in the system. Further, units are directed to encode updates as of the succeeding month.
- 2. Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Cluster Assessment.** The MEALS was invited to facilitate and document Day 2 of the LCTPS Cluster Assessment held on 4 April 2023, at the Armed Forces of the Philippines, Commissioned Officers' Country (AFP-COC). With the goal of solidifying the cluster's strategic framework and plans, MEALS facilitated the session on the assessment of the cluster's internal mechanisms and identified recommendations moving forward. Full documentation was consequently submitted on 13 April 2023.
- 3. Process Review – Financial Management.** The MEALS met with the Office of the Senior Undersecretary to discuss the proposed conduct of a study of OPAPRU's identified QMS-ISO core process, Financial Management, after the recent exit conference held by the Commission on Audit (COA) with OPAPRU in May 2023. The study's initial design will concentrate on tying COA findings to OPAPRU's current financial management procedures, identifying recurrent themes, issues, and concerns, and recommending appropriate measures. At present, the MEALS is conducting desk review of the initial set of documents and recording provided by the Financial Management Service (FMS). Data gathering, Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and report writing are expected to be conducted by the 3rd quarter of FY 2023.

Peace Capacity and Constituency-Building

1. **Learning and Reflection Session on Cultivating Interreligious Dialogue as Effective Peacebuilding Mechanism in the Academe.** Interfaith/interreligious dialogues are introduced to facilitate multi-faceted cultural understanding and tolerance to achieve and sustain peaceful goals and as means to conflict resolution.

OPAPRU, through the Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Service (KMPIS) spearheaded the conduct of the “*Learning and Reflection Session on Cultivating Interreligious Dialogue as Effective Peacebuilding Mechanism in the Academe*” last 27 April 2023 via Zoom videoconference. The activity was attended and participated by the administrators, educators and other academic personnel coming from both the basic and higher education sectors across the country.



2. **Series of Coordination Meetings with the Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) relative to the conduct of the 2nd National Peace Education Summit.** Anchoring on the theme: “*Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines*”, the 2nd National Peace Education Summit is a nation-wide gathering of Peace Education champions, relevant National Government Agencies (NGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other peace advocates in order to come up and generate relevant inputs to the draft Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRRs) of the proposed Executive Order on the Strengthening of the Institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development in Basic and Higher Education and Other Learning Institutions.

For the conduct of the 2nd National Peace Education Summit, OPAPRU intends to



closely galvanize its engagements with key implementing National Government Agencies such as DepEd, CHED, TESDA and DILG to ensure the successful institutionalization of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development in formal and non-formal learning institutions nationwide to promote understanding, dialogue, and culture of peace and non-violence.

3. **Leveling Off Meeting with United States Institute of Peace (USIP) Representative, Dr. Haroro Ingram relative to OPAPRU-USIP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).** To discuss the latest status relative to the OPAPRU-USIP Memorandum of Understanding, the KMPIS together with Program 1 and ICPO representatives met with USIP Representative to the Philippines, Dr. Haroro Ingram on 28 April 2023. During the meeting, it was discussed that the current draft MOU between OPAPRU and USIP is currently being vetted by the Department of Foreign Affairs. The signed MOU is a crucial document before USIP can officially start

supporting OPAPRU's peace initiatives and efforts. USIP can aid KMPIS in designing a Peacebuilding and Peace Education Capacity Development Program and Initiatives for its internal stakeholders or the agency's personnel and its external stakeholders or its various peace partners, specifically the members of the academe.

4. **Exploratory Meeting with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) on 23 June 2023.** Together with Executive Director Cesar De Mesa and Director Leila Halud of the SHAPEO, the UNODC met with OPAPRU to discuss points of collaboration and partnership related to OPAPRU's PCVE efforts. In the meeting, identified areas of collaboration included CSPP training and capacitation for personnel in corrective facilities, and activities and programs that would foster Culture of Peace for the Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) Sector. The UNODC also explored potential partnership for their upcoming Summit on PCVE, as they were informed through online channels of OPAPRU's 3rd Peace Research Conference on PCVE that will be conducted in September.



5. **Participation to the Seminar-Workshop by DOST-NRCP Towards a National Security Research Roadmap.** During an inter-agency seminar-workshop organized by the DOST-National Research Council of the Philippines to develop the National Security Research Roadmap, the KMPIS participated to take notes and present the significance of OPAPRU programs to human security. The seminar-workshop facilitated a multidisciplinary exchange among various fields such as Health, Biology, International Policies, Governance, Agriculture, and the Social Sciences. The representative from KMPIS provided inputs during the workshop, focusing on the OPAPRU programs anchored on the implementation of peace agreements and complementary peacebuilding interventions. OPAPRU's attendance to such collaborative efforts helps ensure that research efforts align with the needs and priorities of peacebuilding initiatives and human security concerns.



B. HUMAN CAPITAL

1. Majority of activities included the review and finalization of OPAPRU offices, services structure and personnel Terms of Reference, finalization of job description and staffing pattern in accordance with the proposed ideal organizational structure provided and approved by the DBM. In line with the current efforts to improve HR systems and processes, policy and guidelines are being reviewed and updated to further develop frameworks responsive to the employees' needs. These policy enhancements aim to increase the maturity level of the OPAPRU in PRIME-HRM which elevates the public sector HRM to a level of excellence through the assessment, assistance, and awarding processes of HRM systems, practices and competencies using HRM maturity level indicators.
2. The installation and setting up of the Human Resources Information System (HRIS) was completed in the OPAPRU offices in Baguio City and in Bacolod for the field units.

C. FINANCE/RESOURCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

For the quarter, the OPAPRU continued processes on the planning, programming, budgeting and budget preparation for FY 2024. The usual compliances on budget execution and processing and provision of support to operations and other units was likewise provided for FY 2023 PAPs and funds.

OPAPRU FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal

Submission of the OPAPRU FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal

For FY 2024, the OPAPRU submitted the agency budget proposal to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), amounting to **PhP7.2 Billion** for both the OPAPRU and the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), lodged under the OPAPRU proposal. The recommended OPAPRU NEP was then provided by the DBM to include the capital outlay for procurement of motor vehicles (following the assessment on the COA Audit Observation Memorandum on the rental of motor vehicles), as well as the infrastructure outlay for various projects of peace tables under the PAMANA program. **The recommended OPAPRU NEP amounts to PhP7.003 billion for FY 2024.** The amount of PhP2 billion covers mostly agency operations and fund transfers while the other PhP5 billion are for PAMANA infrastructure outlay on community projects such as roads, bridges, multi-purpose hall, and water system.

However, as reflected in the OPAPRU NEP for FY 2024 matrix, the recommended budget of PhP7.003 billion does not cover remaining critical aspects, particularly on the operations and requirements of the socio-economic component for the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro and the other catch up interventions such as Peace Education implementation; parallel efforts on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) for surfacing former violent extremists (VEs); and remaining soft projects and livelihood for communities relative to the peace processes with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB, CBA-CPLA and MNLF --- to help turn around geographically isolated and conflict-affected areas and instead make them show windows of peaceful, sustainable and livable communities.

Budget Execution and Accountability

1. Complied with various oversight agencies, such as the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Commission on Audit (COA), Senate, Office of the Cabinet Secretary, Congress, and National Economic Development Authority (NEDA) on the regular submission of Financial Reports and Books of Accounts of OPAPRU, including but not limited to:

- Posting of Budget and Financial Accountability Reports (BFARs) to the OPAPRU website as part of the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) Law under the Transparency Seal
 - Transmittal and submission of monthly books of accounts (general and special ledgers), and financial statements (Monthly Statement of Bank Reconciliation April-June 2023).
 - Monthly and quarterly submission of the following budget financial reports both hard copy and thru the Unified Reporting System (URS):
 - a) Statement of Allotments;
 - b) Obligations and Balances (SAOB);
 - c) Statement of Allotments, Obligations, and Balances by Expenditures (SAOBE);
 - d) Financial Accountability Reports (FAR 1, 1-A, 1-B, and 1-C);
 - e) Statement of Cumulative Allotments, Obligations Incurred & Unobligated Balances (SCAOIUB);
 - f) Summary Performance Monitoring Report (SPMR);
 - g) Summary of Prior Year's Obligations, Disbursements, and Unpaid Prior Year Obligations (SPYODUPY);
 - h) Financial Report of Operations; and,
 - i) Reports on the Result of Expended Appropriations.
 - Facilitate/monitor updates relative to the request for the reprogramming of PhP765,768,000.00 funds for the implementation of the Normalization Program in Bangsamoro. The reported actual obligations as of 30 June 2023 amount to PhP665,211,485.44 leaving a balance of PhP100,466,514.56 subject to the request for additional Notice of Cash Allocation to augment the 3rd and 4th quarter operationalization and logistical costs of the Normalization Program.
 - Facilitate/ monitor the reprogramming of PhP258,200,000 of PAMANA Project for MNLF socio-economic assistance.
 - Facilitate the request for the release of Authority to Rent Motor Vehicles (ARMV) for the period April to December 2023
 - Conducted coaching sessions per unit and regular coordination meetings with different units from April to June 2023; and other mandated budgeting systems, procedures, policies and principles on budget and fiscal management.
2. Submission of reports on Agency Budgets for the COVID-19 Initiatives and Utilization as of December 31, 2022, in compliance with the DBM CL No. 2020-9 and Report on the Inter-Agency Fund Transfers FYs 2020-2022.
 3. Submitted replies to the COA Resident Auditor on the management actions taken on the Audit Observation Memoranda for CY 2022 and discussed the same during the Exit Conference held on 09 May 2023.
 4. The results of the Obligation Budget Utilization Rate (OBUR) and Disbursement Budget Utilization Rate (DBUR) as of **June 30, 2023**, represent **63.94%** and **86.74%** respectively. Relative to the Obligation Budget Utilization Rate (OBUR) of **63.94%** as of June 30, 2023, the details are shown below:

PAP	ALLOTMENTS	ACTUAL OBLIGATIONS	UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT	% OF BUDGET UTILIZATION
Regular Fund FY 2023	1,961,164,000.00	1,288,803,960.10	672,360,039.90	65.72%
Continuing Fund FY 2022	73,480,120.73	12,094,891.91	61,385,228.82	16.46%
Grand Total	2,034,644,120.73	1,300,898,852.01	1,863,930,991.40	63.94%

5. In line with the efforts of the Financial Management Service (FMS) on budget execution and accountability to achieve and optimize fiscal resources by continuously improving the financial processes, particularly the operationalization of the Financial Management Information System, the liquidation process, to appropriately obligate and disburse the budget for all approved programs, activities and projects. and the timely submission of the budget and financial accountability reports. Hence, strengthening and enhancing the internal business processes of the FMS and the continued compliance with the government reportorial requirements were the main accomplishments, particularly the increase in budget utilization and disbursement rate for April to June 2023 as well as the decrease in the percentage rate of the Unliquidated Cash Advances of the Special Disbursing Officers and or the Accountable Officers.
6. The regular Administrative Services were provided for the quarter with additional efforts on improving systems and processes on procurement activities, providing early reminders for end-users and accountable offices. From April to June 2023, the Records Management Section received and referred to offices a total of 1,891 documents (encoded and uploaded on the Document Tracking System). Timely assistance on transport vehicle requirements; ticketing, travel, accommodation requests; supplies and equipment and ICT were supported and provided.

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PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL 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 PhP6,923,725,385.40 (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%

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Physical Accomplishment

Subject to further updating and confirmation reports from LGU implementing partners, AMU 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 projects (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 PhP 521,550,000.00 are implementable projects. The amount of PhP 273,140,000.00 or 52.37% released to the different implementing partners as of 30 September 2022. The amount of PhP 87,377,552.10 or 31.98% reported as liquidated by implementing partners, and PhP 186,759,436.37 or 68.02% for liquidation.

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

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

NOTE:

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

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