



FY 2024 SECOND QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT **(April – June 2024)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

For this quarter under the **Political Track**, the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) convened its 18th Meeting complemented with the conduct of several meetings for the IGRB bodies such as Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation, Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board, and Philippine Congress – Bangsamoro Parliament Forum. Furthermore, the Program 1 as the National government secretariat of the IGRB, facilitated the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) – Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA) Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting which addresses the various issues relative to their jurisdiction involving the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the BARMM, ancestral domains, mandatory representations of IPs in the LGU, among others.

In the same period, the Government of the Philippines - Peace Implementing Panel (GPIP) attended and conducted Series of Solidarity and Confidence-Building Activity in the Six (6) Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps in Observance of Eid'l Adha with the theme "Fostering Understanding and Harmony through Solidarity and Confidence Building", that takes on the tradition of Duyog Ramadan, providing assistance to Muslim communities and further enhancing communal cohesion and sustaining peace.

Under the **Normalization Track**, a series of activities under the Socio-economic Development aspect in partnership with different line agencies such as Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Education (DepEd), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), and among others was conducted to implement various socio-economic packages for the MILF decommissioned combatants. The Program 1 also facilitated the Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro (CAB) with the theme "*CAB: Isang Dekada tungo sa Mapayapa at Masaganang Bangsamoro*" wherein President Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. graced the event as the Guest of Honor.

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

In the ongoing implementation of the remaining commitments under the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the MNLF and the MNLF Transformation Program, the following accomplishments were achieved this quarter:

A convergence meeting was held in April 2024 with Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) groups as a platform to fast-track the implementation of the remaining commitments on the 1996 Final Peace Agreement and develop a joint transformation roadmap.

Some 29 out of 79 approved projects for the 25 priority barangays where the MNLF are present, ranging from agricultural, infrastructure, and support to various livelihood interventions and capacity-building activities, have completed the required post-qualification procurement processes. A total of 100 housing units under the Modified Shelter Assistance Program (MSAP) were turned over on 17-18 April 2024 for Bangsamoro communities with thirty-one (31) MNLF next of kin as recipients of these units.

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

The OPAPRU continues to support EO No. 70 through the mainstreaming of Localized Peace Engagements (LPE) which entails the execution of two tracks: (Track 1) community consultations and problem-solving sessions; and (Track 2) local peace dialogues with Communist Party of the Philippines/ New People’s Army/ National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) towards reaching local peace settlement with the group.

These interventions will pave the way for the implementation of a Transformation Program (TP) for former rebels (FRs), their families, and communities to address their needs so that their return to the mainstream of society will be sustained, and they will remain resilient against the recovery efforts of the CPP-NPA-NDF. It entails convergence of national and provincial programs that will assist FRs in their reintegration to their families, and communities.

For the 2nd Quarter of FY 2024, the program highlights the following accomplishments:

- Spearheaded the TP Planning Workshop in nine (9) provinces namely: Camarines Norte, Agusan del Sur, Rizal, Batangas, Antique, Davao Del Sur, Davao Occidental, Surigao Del Norte and Ilocos Sur. In total, thirty- seven (37) provinces have drafted their TP Plans since its mainstreaming inception in 2023. TP Refinement Writeshop was also conducted for three (3) provinces namely: Catanduanes, Albay, and Davao Oriental developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that are responsive to the needs of the FRs, along the four (4) components, as well as the projected timelines, and area of implementation.
- Collaborated with the Provincial Local Government of Surigao del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur in the official launching and commencement of the operationalization of their respective Provincial Peace Centers (PCs).

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

GPH - RMP-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process

This quarter saw the intensification of the efforts of the Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee to complete commitments in Western Visayas. The emerging partnership is also on the horizon with the agreement in principle of the LGU of Naic to establish an SCT for the KAPATIRAN-NCR settlement site in Naic, Cavite. Support was also given towards implementing the Government’s Amnesty Program, which stands to benefit eligible RPM-P/RPA/ABB members. The site assessment of some KAPATIRAN settlement sites were also carried out, notably the KAPATIRAN Site in Naic, Cavite.

Preparations are underway to implement the remaining housing units for 727 KAPATIRAN members through partnerships with implementing agencies and partners. These include efforts to issue more durable tenurial instruments for the KAPATIRAN settlement sites, a resurvey of the settlement areas, and the identification of requirements for the settlement sites, including access to water in some of the sites. Efforts were also made towards the establishment of educational facilities in one of the settlement sites in Negros Occidental.

GPH-RCPPPO also directed its efforts in the implementation of the sustainable livelihood program for Community Peace Dividend communities, information sharing during discussions of the various local and national bodies such as the City Peace and Order Councils, Regional and Provincial Task Forces of the NTF ELCAC that situated them on the comprehensive peace process with the end view of situating them on the peace, reconciliation, and unity agenda of the National Government.

GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process

For this quarter, the sustained engagement of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) mechanisms with the Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People’s Liberation Army

(CBA-CPLA) members and leaders through the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) to ensure inclusive and meaningful implementation of the peace and development programs under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process were continued. Other activities pursued were the following: quarterly conduct of the JEMC Meeting to review quarterly accomplishments, targets, and ways forward relative to the implementation of the Five-year Normalization Program (FY 2020-2024); regular participation in the Cordillera Regional Peace and Order Council and the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region has reaffirmed OPAPRU's commitment to peace and order; ensure the implementation of projects in connection with the healing reconciliation and confidence-building component of the 5YNP, and support the PAMANA NPMO and implementing partners for the PAMANA projects for FY 2024.

Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) is continuing its progress in the second quarter in the continuation of policy and program development in Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremists (PTVE), Indigenous People Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) and constituency building with peace partners.

SHAPEO has been working closely with the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur and the members of the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) in the preparation and implementation the Transformation Program for Former Violent Extremists (FVE) in Lanao del Sur. This resulted to the 2 days Rehabilitation activity for the 181 FVEs. The revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) is already on-going with the series of meetings of the of Focals and Technical Working Group (TWG) from the Christian and Muslim groups. The BUC will be able to support the sustainment of the gains of the peace process.

Furthermore, the Indigenous People Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) continued the Development Framework Formulation and Organizational Development of the Agusan Del Norte IP Women's Organization (ANIPWO) as well as the engagement with the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) at the national and provincial levels.

The second Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework development workshop for the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 was completed as well its mainstreaming in government agencies and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). Furthermore, the preparation for the International Conference on WPS was continuously conducted through the refinement of the program and development of the Thematic Sessions together with the Department of Foreign Affairs United Nations and International Organizations (DFA-UNIO), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID). OPAPRU through SHAPEO is actively engaging in Inter-Agency mechanisms and with other government agencies and international groups in the promotion of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security 2023-2033.

Two (2) Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) trainings were completed with the Department of Agriculture's Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP) and Department of Social Welfare and Development – Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD-SLP) had been scheduled for the second quarter and training design developed. Similarly, the CSPP was also integrated in the process and plans of the Transformation Program in Agusan del Sur, Rizal and Batangas, Davao Del Sur and Davao Occidental and Surigao del Norte. Moreover, the Gender and Development (GAD) is continuously strengthened and mainstreamed through the conduct of regular meetings and capacity building of the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS). This initially resulted to the 2024 GAD Plan and Budget of 11.71% which is more than the 5% compliance to GAD.

Program 6: PAyapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

Following the successful PAMANA Mass Ceremonial Signing of the Memoranda of Agreement (MOA), the OPAPRU has released the first tranche of funds for the implementation of 48

PAYAPA at MASAGANANG PAMAYANAN (PAMANA) projects, amounting to PHP1.7 billion. These projects will be carried out by the respective local government unit (LGU) partners. Additionally, OPAPRU has transferred a total amount of PHP2.2 billion to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) for the implementation of 51 infrastructure projects. The MOA between the DPWH and OPAPRU, as well as the MOA between the National Housing Authority (NHA) and OPAPRU for the PAMANA FY2024 interventions, have been formalized and signed.

Strengthened engagement with stakeholders and resource mobilization solidified through the bilateral and multilateral engagements of OPAPRU with key NGAs, including DSWD, DOLE, DA, BFAR, DAR, BARMM government on various PAMANA interventions.

Program 7: International Cooperation and Partnerships

The International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO) office within the OPAPRU mandated to oversee, manage, and coordinate the international and private partnerships portfolio of the OPAPRU, particularly the implementation of peace-related programs and projects of international and private sector partners, to ensure its alignment and complementation with the agenda and priorities of the national government. Relative to the OPAPRU's Performance Governance System (PGS), the IPPO implements Program 7, one of the core sustaining programs supporting Programs 1 to 4, along with Programs 5 to 6, which belong under the Peace Sustainability Cluster of the OPAPRU.

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

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

Program 8: Continuing management and improvement of OPAPRU business processes

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

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

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

For the 2nd Quarter, the PDSKMS provided support and conducted major deliverables for external and internal peace partners and stakeholders. The activities conducted for the second quarter are aligned with the refreshed strategic roadmap and scorecard of the PDSKMS.

The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Service (MEALS) conducted an Inception Workshop on April 24, 2024, for the Cross-Validation Study on Financial Management Service (FMS)

processes. The activity aimed to finalize the research objectives, design, methodologies, and roles of the participating units.

The cross-validation study results were vetted by the FMS on June 20, 2024, to gather comments that would help MEALS enhance the presentation and clarify information to be included in the report. The activity aimed to elicit insights, clarity, comments, and recommendations on the findings, which will be integrated into the enhanced report.

The MEALS, in collaboration with the Office for Strategy Management (OSM) conducted a Special Joint Executive and Management Committee Meeting – OPAPRU FY 2024 1st Semester Strategy Review on 24, 26, & 28 June 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas. Said activity was highlighted by the individual cluster accomplishments, as well as projections both for the remainder of the fiscal year (FY) and for FY 2025.

Finance/Resources. The OPAPRU has sustained its efforts in ensuring the effective implementation and financial management of its programs through regular monitoring, assessments, and discussions under the Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) mechanism. These activities are geared towards addressing issues, ensuring smooth program execution, and optimizing budget use. Further, on April 22, 2024, a training for technical Staff on Public Financial Management was conducted in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Management to equip technical staff with basic knowledge of budgeting, fiscal planning and developments in budgeting.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

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

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

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

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

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

The Political and Normalization Tracks of the CAB

A. POLITICAL ASPECT

In line with its mandate to support the Government of the Philippines Peace Implementing Panel (GIP) and the peace process between the GPH and the MILF, the OPAPRU through the GIP Secretariat facilitated the conduct of the following during this reporting period:

Operationalization of IGRB Mechanisms

1. **1st Meeting of the National Government Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation Secretariat.** On 05 April 2024, the National Government Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) Secretariat facilitated the 1st Meeting of the National Government Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC) Secretariat. The body discussed the Terms of Reference (TOR) of the JBZJC and its Joint Secretariat. The JBZJC co-chair Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Zamzamin Ampatuan directed the OPAPRU to organize an orientation with the appointed National Government JBZJC Secretariat to discuss their duties and responsibilities. It was also agreed that the 3rd JBZJC Meeting will be held on 03 May 2024 in Zamboanga City.
2. **6th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB).** On 15 April 2024, the National Government IGRB Secretariat attended the 6th Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB) Meeting. Discussed during the meeting was the construction status of the Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) and Asphalt Overlay of the Runway of the Cotabato Airport. It was raised that the inauguration of the PTB is not yet scheduled as there are remaining issues and pending completion of the project. On the other hand, the asphalt overlay project for the runway is already completed, subject to the final inspection of the Department of



Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Regional Office (RO) XII. It was agreed during the meeting that the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), Department of Transportation (DOTr), and the BARMM Ministry of Transportation and Communication (MOTC) shall conduct a joint inspection to determine the completion and deficiencies based on the scope of work on the construction of the PTB. Further, the CAAP shall invite the contractor and the DPWH and the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) shall assist and join in the inspection. The CAAP and the MOTC shall submit a joint report to the IIDB and the IGRB. On the runway, the DPWH RO XII shall submit the inspection report on the asphalt overlay project conducted on 17 April 2024, for subsequent reporting by the DPWH to the IIDB and the IGRB.

Updates on the Roads and Bridge Inventory, Maintenance, and Projects of DPWH in BARMM, and the status of the creation of the DPWH RO and District Engineering Offices (DEOs) of BARMM were also presented during the meeting. Other matters included recommendations on the issue of subsidies for expenditures and infrastructure in BARMM and flooding in the Mindanao River Basin. The 7th IIDB Meeting was agreed by the GPH Chairpersons to be held physically at the PICC.

3. **1st Meeting of the Philippine Congress – Bangsamoro Parliament Forum Technical Working Group Meeting on Shari'ah Circuit Court Judge Qualification.**



On 16 April 2024, the National Government IGRB Secretariat facilitated the Philippine Congress - Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) TWG Meeting on the Qualification of the Shari'ah Circuit Court Judge. Discussed during the meeting is the background for forming the TWG and the possibility of

suspending the effectivity of Sec. 8, Art. X of RA No. 11054 on the requirement of regular membership to the Philippine Bar for qualification to be appointed judge of the Shari'ah Circuit Court.

4. **4th Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC) Meeting.**

The National Government IGRB Secretariat



facilitated the fourth meeting of the JBZJC on 03 May 2024 at PICC, Pasay City attended by its member-agencies and resource persons from the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Department of Transportation (DOTr), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), and from the BARMM Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), Ministry of Public Works (MPW), and Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC). Discussed in the meeting is the proposed expansion of the Zones of Joint Cooperation in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf, and the participation and consultation of the affected LGUs that are adjacent to these bodies of water as a result of such expansion.

5. **National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) – BARMM Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA) Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting.**



On 06 May 2024, the National Government IGRB Secretariat facilitated the meeting of the NCIP-MIPA TWG. The NCIP and MIPA raised various issues relative to their jurisdiction concerning the rights of Indigenous Peoples in the BARMM, ancestral domains, mandatory representations of IPs in the LGUs, among others.

Both agencies agreed to renew their Memorandum of Cooperation which will serve as their guideline in tackling the different issues related to the Indigenous Peoples in the BARMM. Other matters presented for discussion were Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) Delineation and MILF camps inside Ancestral Domains. In depth resolutions for these problems will be discussed during the next physical meeting of the TWG in June 2024 in General Santos City, to be facilitated by the National Government IGRB Secretariat.

The meeting was attended by the NCIP Chairperson Jennifer Pia T. Sibug-Las, NCIP Commissioner Pinky Grace P. Pareja, NCIP Executive Director Mervyn H. Espadero, and OPAPRU Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin for the National Government. Minister Melanio U. Ulama of MIPA, along with his legal and management staff, attended for the Bangsamoro Government

6. **Consultation Meeting on the Process of Appointment of Philippine National Police (PNP) Police Regional Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (PRO BAR) Regional Director.**

On 07 May 2024, the OPAPRU PPPCO-IGRB facilitated the meeting of the National Government Technical Working Group (NG TWG) on the consultation process for the Appointment of the Position of Regional Director (RD) of the PNP PRO BAR. In attendance were DILG Undersecretary Alfredo F. Bayan, Staff Service Chief of NAPOLCOM Evangeline R. Almirante, PNP Police Major General Sidney S. Hernia, and OPAPRU Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin.



The body agreed to provide updates in the next 18th IGRB Meeting about the consultation with the Chief Minister Ahod Ebrahim to discuss additional parameters and criteria peculiar to BARMM, follow up on the Department Order regarding the formalization of the members of the TWG, request a position paper from the Bangsamoro Government regarding the Appointment of RD PRO BAR and to conduct another TWG meeting.

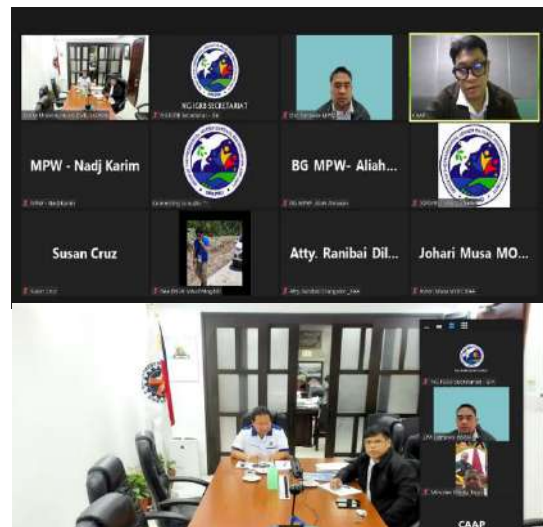
7. **18th Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) Meeting.** On 08 May 2024 at Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City, the IGRB meeting was presided by its Co-Chairpersons, Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Sec. Amenah F. Pangandaman, and Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) Min. Mohagher M. Iqbal. The developments and updates on each of the pending issues on the agenda were discussed thereafter concurred with recommended actions. The next IGRB Meeting will be held in July (within the week of the State of the Nation Address) in Metro Manila.



8. **3rd Focus Group Discussion (FGD) of the Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB) on the Cotabato City Airport Passengers Terminal Building (PTB).** On 14 May 2024, the OPAPRU PPPCO-IGRB attended the third FGD of the IIDB on the Cotabato City Airport Passengers Terminal Building (PTB). The agenda of the FGD is to discuss one of the resolutions of the IGRB during its 18th Meeting which is to direct the IIDB to facilitate the transition for the turnover of the Cotabato Airport PTB on 30 May 2024, as is where is, from the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) to the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC), with the latter taking on the completion of the repair of the PTB.

The final joint inspection date of the PTB will be on 23-24 May 2024. With this, the CAAP shall prepare all the necessary documents, plans, and reports including proper documentation and remaining works, among others. MOTC will take over the official/ceremonial turnover of the PTB from CAAP to MOTC on 30 May 2024.

The FGD was presided over by the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Senior Undersecretary Emil K. Sadain and was attended by MOTC Minister Paisalin P. Tago, and representatives from CAAP, DOTr, MPW, and Bangsamoro Airport Authority (BAA).



9. **Meeting of the NCIP-MIPA TWG.** In the first face-to-face meeting of the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) and the Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (MIPA) on 25 June 2024 at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the OPAPRU PPPCO - Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) facilitated the meeting of their IGRB-created Technical Working Group. The meeting served as a milestone for both agencies since this is their first face-to-face meeting to discuss issues concerning the Indigenous Peoples in the BARMM. This is a big step towards the recognition and settlement of NMIP issues in the BARMM, a long-term problem to which the NCIP-MIPA TWG hopes to provide a venue for continuous resolution.



During the meeting, the TWG discussed the existing Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC) of the NCIP and MIPA, the proposed guidelines and timeline of the TWG activities, and updates on the reconciliation of the Indigenous Peoples Mandatory Representation (IPMR) of Cotabato City.

Representatives from the NCIP led by Dir. Catherine Gayagay-Apaling, MIPA led by Deputy Minister Suadi C. Pagayao, and the National Government IGRB Secretariat led by Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin attended the meeting.

B. NORMALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE BANGSAMORO

Policy & Cross-Cutting Support to the Normalization

1. *Technical Working Group on BARMM Foreign Policy Coordination.*

On 02 April 2024 at the BAM Meeting Room, DFA Office, Pasay City, the OPAPRU technical team led by Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima and Bangsamoro Transformation Presidential Assistant David Diciano together with the Program 1 Directors and International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO) attended a meeting on the creation of parameters for coordination between BARMM parliament on foreign policy matters. The meeting aimed to formulate the guidelines and address other requirements involving the OPAPRU, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), as well as the BARMM in coordination with foreign engagements. Further, the meeting also addressed the creation of the international relations office of DFA in the BARMM.



2. *Meeting with the DFA on BARMM Parliament on Foreign Policy Matter.*

Succeeding the aforementioned meeting, the OPAPRU Program 1 Directors, together with the IPPO attended a follow through meeting with the DFA on 12 April 2024 which aimed to thresh out the framing and contextualization of the National Government's powers on foreign policy, other provisions, and authorities or competencies delegated or devolved to the BARMM with implications on foreign policy as provided in RA 11054.



3. *Conduct of LNI Planning Workshop with Lanao Del Sur.*

On 18-19 April 2024 at the Executive Conference Room, Provincial Capitol, Marawi City, the OPAPRU headed by GPH-JNC Chairperson Ariel Hernandez together with GPH-JTFCT Chair, LtGen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret), Consultant Musa Sanguila, and the staff of different Normalization mechanisms conducted the LNI Planning workshop with LNI-Lanao del Sur.

During the workshop, representatives from the different offices of the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) Lanao del Sur, security sector and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) / NGOs had a breakout session identifying Normalization

programs to be implemented at the local level. After the session, the programs and output were presented to the body for further discussion.

The following are the proposed programs during the workshop:

- Security: Awareness on risk associated with the proliferation of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) through Radio broadcasting and social media, Gun-free barangay declaration, License to Own and Possess (LTOP) Caravan, Conflict Mapping/ Workshop and Rido Settlement;
- Socio-economic: Business One-Stop Shop, Livelihood support for vulnerable sectors, Skills Training - Center Based, Livelihood assistance for Decommissioned Combatants, Skills Training, and Financial Management Training, "Mozhor so'kawiyan sa Lanao" "Arms to Farms Program", Provision of Fish feeds and fingerlings, Employment Facilitation by Community and Family Services International (CSFI), Strengthening of Cooperatives and peoples organization specially for women and youth and provision of school supplies and welfare goods for Arabic learners;
- Amnesty: IEC for Amnesty, Hotline (Provincial Legal Services Office - LDS), Coordination with the Department of Justice (DOJ)/Prosecutor's Office in LDS, Legal Aid Clinic/Caravan and Mobilization; and,
- Transitional Justice and Reconciliation: Commemoration of the Philippine Muslim History and Heritage.



4. **Conduct of LNI Planning Workshop and Coordination meeting with Lanao Del Norte.** On 19 April 2024 at the Conference Room, 2nd Mechanized Infantry Brigade, Iligan City, the OPAPRU headed by JNC-GPH Chairperson, Ariel Hernandez together with JTFCT-GPH Chairperson, LtGen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret), Consultant Musa Sanguila, and the secretariat staff from MILF PPO, JNC, TFDCC, JTFCT, CCCH and SHAPEO conducted the LNI Planning Workshop and Coordination meeting with LNI-Lanao Del Norte. The workshop was hosted by the 2nd Mechanized Brigade under the leadership of BGen Anthon G. Abrina who conveyed his support to the LNI Program.



During the workshop, the JNC Chairperson provided insights on the background and significance of the LNI program. The JTFCT Chairperson re-echoed the importance of LNI, stressing on the collaboration with the LGUs concerning Camp Transformation and provided a presentation on the ongoing projects of the JTFCT in the area. The representatives from the TFDCC

discussed the various programs and initiatives aimed at supporting the decommissioned combatants (DCs) and their communities in Lanao Del Norte.

The next agenda focused on the coordination and updates regarding the MOA signing on 23 April 2024. The discussion covered the preparations, security arrangements, and the indicative program given by the PLGU.

Present during the workshop and coordination meeting were PCol Sandy Vales, Provincial Director LDN, LtCol Rolly Jesson Melendrez, Ex-o 4th Mech IBn, LtCol Juvegleen S Escandor, Commanding Officer 5th Mech Ibn, Maj Julieta Pollescas, Chief PsyOps/OG7 1ID, representatives from different CSOs and representatives from the PLGU and DILG.



5. **Signing of MOA on LNI with Lanao del Norte PLGU.** On 22 April 2024 at Kalimudan Hall, Provincial Capitol, Tubod, Lanao del Norte, OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and Lanao del Norte Governor Imelda Quibranza Dimaporo led the Ceremonial Signing of the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) MOA. This pivotal event marked the formalization of the partnership between OPAPRU and the Province of Lanao del Norte for the LNI program. The MOA signing took place during the 1st Organizational Meeting of the Provincial Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro Normalization Implementation Committee of Lanao del Norte. Notably, the signing ceremony was graced by the Member of Parliament of BARMM, Hon. Abdulah Macapaar.



The speech of Sec. Galvez underscored the significance of continued support and collaboration from all stakeholders for the success of the LNI program in Lanao del Norte. He emphasized the importance of unity as the cornerstone for achieving enduring peace and prosperity in the region. He also expressed gratitude to Governor Dimaporo and MP Macapaar for their unwavering commitment and support to the LNI initiative. He concluded his speech with a powerful Maranao quote, "RA-YA A PALA, RA-YA A DA-RA-KEL", underscoring the essence of unity in the collective journey towards peace and prosperity.

6. **Commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro (CAB).** On 29 April 2024 at Camp Abubakar in Brgy. Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU GPH PIP facilitated the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the CAB with the theme "*CAB: Isang Dekada tungo sa Mapayapa at Masaganang Bangsamoro*". The President of the Republic of the Philippines His Excellency Ferdinand "Bongbong" Marcos, Jr. graced the event as the Guest of



Honor and was introduced by the Special Assistant to the President Secretary Antonio Ernesto Lagdameo, Jr., while OPAPRU Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. and BARMM Interim Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, Al Haj, both delivered their message for the commemorative ceremony. The event aims to promote awareness and sustain a strong peace constituency in support of the GPH-MILF peace process, also solidifying the President's commitment during his message on the CAB's tenth anniversary on 27 March 2024, declaring that peace is a legacy of his administration.

7. *GPH PIP Meeting with the Third-Party Monitoring Team (TPMT).*

On 15 May 2024 at the OPAPRU Cotabato Office, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel met with the TPMT for its 51st monitoring session. The GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat Head Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan presented updates on the GPH-MILF peace process covering the period of February to May 2024.



The group discussed pertinent issues in the implementation of the CAB, including the timeline for the signing of the Exit Document between the GPH and the MILF, commencement of the 4th phase of the decommissioning process, and revitalization of the International Monitoring Team (IMT).

The GPH Peace Implementing Panel was led by Chairperson OPAPRU Usec. Cesar B. Yano and its member OPAPRU Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, with Vice Chairperson DSWD Usec. Alan A. Tanjusay, DA Usec. Zamzamin L. Ampatuan, and DILG Usec. Alfredo F. Bayan in attendance via videoconference.



Furthermore, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., together with OPAPRU Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, David Diciano, Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation, Jordan Bayam, and MILF PPO Director Wendell Orbeso also met with the Third Party Monitoring Team (TPMT).

During the meeting, Sec. Galvez laid down the plans and discussed the ongoing programs of the Government in fulfillment of the deliverables under the CAB, particularly the Normalization Program. The TPMT expressed gratitude to Sec. Galvez for the very productive discussion on the Normalization Program and the concrete ways forward.

8. *Meeting of the GPH and the MILF Peace Implementing Panel Chairpersons.* On 15 May 2024, the GPH and MILF Peace Implementing Panel Chairs Usec. Cesar B. Yano and Min. Mohagher M. Iqbal met to discuss pertinent issues in the GPH-MILF peace process. These include the proposed revitalization of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI), to which they agreed to convene technical working groups (TWGs) to provide recommendations for the Peace Implementing Panels.

9. *Meeting of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel with the GPH TWGs on the Transition of the International Monitoring Team and on LNI.* On 17 and 20 May 2024, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson Presidential Assistant Cesar

B. Yano met with the GPH TWGs on the Transition of the IMT and on LNI, which are chaired by Major General Francisco Ariel A. Felicidadario III (Ret.) and Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, respectively. PA Yano provided guidance that the reactivation of these TWGs are following the meeting of the GPH and the MILF Peace Implementing Panel Chairpersons that the joint TWGs are expected to convene in June 2024. It was agreed that instead of a TWG, the group on LNI shall be a Discussion Group.

On 20 May 2024, following the guidance from the GPH Peace Implementing Panel, the GPH TWG on the Transition of the IMT, chaired by Major General Francisco Ariel A. Felicidadario III (Ret.), convened to firm up the position of the GPH vis-à-vis the consensus points of the GPH-MILF TWG. The GPH TWG also reviewed the proposed TOR of the IMT in preparation for its meeting with its MILF counterpart.



10. **LNI Planning Workshop of Maguindanao del Norte.** On 21 May 2024 at Al Nor Hall, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU led by GPH-JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH-JTFCT Chairperson LTGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret), and GPH-CCCH Chairperson Brigadier General Nasser Lidasan attended the LNI Planning Workshop of Maguindanao del Norte presided by Governor Abdulraof Macacua. In his welcome remarks, Governor Macacua emphasized the importance of partnership between the national and local governments in the implementation of the Normalization Program.

Thereafter, Mr. Hernandez briefed the attendees of the LNI program wherein he highlighted that it is a marriage of national and local projects that should be deeply integrated to ensure efficiency and sustainability. He also remarked that there are



services of the LGUs that cannot be provided by the normalization mechanisms and NGAs, such as business permits, cedula, mayor's permit, etc. These services shall pave the way for business and private sector investments to come in and spur development in the province.

The Maguindanao del Norte Planning and Development Office then presented an AVP of the province's projects which emphasized that food security is the primary focus. The participants congratulated the province's proactive measures in delivering projects.

Ms. Amenah Rasul Natangcop of OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO also presented the updates and procedures for the amnesty application and initial information on the upcoming Inter Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Caravan in Barira, Maguindanao del Norte. The AFP and PNP queried on the procedure on existing warrants of arrest, wherein it was clarified that a discussion with the DOJ is ongoing on the possible temporary suspension of the warrants. A representative of the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) suggested that an intensive IEC campaign should be conducted to ensure wide awareness to targeted audiences, especially the MILF applicants.

The activity concluded with closing messages from Mr. Hernandez, Lieutenant General Pamonag (Ret), and Major General Alex Rillera, 6th Infantry Division Commander. It was agreed that a succeeding intensive workshop shall be conducted by June 2024.



Various attendees from the Provincial LGU of Maguindanao del Norte, BARMM Ministries, Maguindanao del Norte Mayors, MILF Base Commanders, AFP and PNP personnel, Normalization mechanism focals, ceasefire mechanisms, and other stakeholders attended the activity.

11. **Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund Technical Level Meeting.** On 23 May 2024, the OPAPRU BNTF GPH Secretariat together with the BNTF Donors representatives attended the technical-level meeting facilitated by the World Bank (WB) BNTF Team wherein the discussion was centered on the reason of postponement of the 7th BNTF Steering Committee (SC) meeting with Camps visit which was originally scheduled on 03-05 June 2024 in Cotabato City. Ms. Mary Morisson, fund manager of the WB BNTF, explained that the postponement was due to security concerns arising from the last day of filing of Petition for Registration or Accreditation of Regional Parliament Sectoral Organizations and of Regional Parliament Political Parties in the BARMM on 07 June 2024.

The 7th BNTF SC meeting is tentatively rescheduled to early August 2024, while the decision on proceeding with the Camps visit activity will be made closer to that time (depending on security clearance). September 2024 is the preferred schedule for visiting the camps.

Further, the BNTF also welcomed the designation of Department of Finance (DOF) International Finance Group (IFG) Undersecretary Joven Z. Balbosa as the new second member of the BNTF SC. WB also mentioned that Mr. Zafer Mustafaoglo will assume his role as the new Country Director for the Philippines beginning August 2024 while Ndiomé Diop will be moving to his new post in Nigeria. In closing, WB mentioned that it is looking to firm up their analytical and technical assistance work. They are eyeing the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation as a potential area of support as they are working on the next steps of research convergence on pending issues such as the land issues in the camps.

12. **Meeting on Review of Guidelines for Foreign Governments and International Organizations**

Visiting Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao.

On 04 June 2024, the OPAPRU through the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat, convened



representatives from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and Philippine National Police (PNP) to finalize the discussion on revising the travel procedures of Foreign Governments and International Organizations (FGIOs) in Mindanao. Also discussed in the meeting is the categorization of the list of conflict-affected areas in Mindanao as included in the prevailing protocols on the travel of FGIOs, and the possibility of renaming the Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) into peace and development focus areas in view of the recent developments on the security landscape. The group agreed to constitute a Technical Working Group (TWG) to expedite the revisions to the protocols.

13. **Conduct of the 27th Joint Normalization Committee Meeting.** On 05 June 2024, the OPAPRU JNC Secretariat facilitated the conduct of the 27th Joint Normalization

Committee Meeting. Among the agenda items of the meeting are updates on the endorsement of the proposal of the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) on the inclusion of the Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) in Quick Response Teams, recommendation on Minister Akmad Brahim, JNC-MILF Chairperson to serve as a permanent observer/coordinator in the National Task Force on Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs), support on the operationalization of the Conflict Tracker initiated by the United Institute of Peace (USIP), enhancement and expansion of the program on Management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) including the usage of JNC-approved framework and procedures, support the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI), and the ways forward for the Redeployment of AFP Troops.



In attendance were Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity; Mr. Ariel Hernandez, Chairperson, JNC-GPH; PA David Diciano, Member, JNC-GPH; LTGEN. Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), Member, JNC-GPH; Minister Akmad Brahim, Chairperson, JNC-MILF, MP Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba, Member, JNC-MILF; Mr. Jerry Abas Abubakar, Member, JNC-MILF; MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), Chairperson, JPSC-GPH; Capt. Norsal D. Dimaporo PN (MNSA), Chief, AFPPDO; PCOL Joseph Arguelles, Acting Chief, PNP PPDC; Ms. Iona Jalijali, Country Representative, Center for Humanitarian Dialogue; Mr. Edgardo Ligon, Executive Director, Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services; Ms. Macy Sally Dabroza, Project Analyst, Nonviolent Peaceforce; Dr. Srinivas Kumar, Head, Peace and Stabilization Programme of UNDP-PH; Mr. Winston Camarinas, Head, UNDP-Cotabato Field Office; Mr. Ian C. Digal, Deputy Program Manager, Peace Accord Matrix in Mindanao (PAM-M), Catholic Relief Services; Ms. Meriam Faith Palma, Protection Associate, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Manila.

14. **International Monitoring Team and the Discussion Group on Localization of Normalization Implementation.** On 18 June 2024 at EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center, Cotabato City, the GPH and the MILF convened the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Revitalization of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and the Discussion Group on Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI), co-chaired by MGEN Francisco Ariel A. Felicidadario III (Ret.) and PA David B. Diciano, respectively on the side of the GPH and Min. Raissa H. Jajurie on the side of the MILF.



The TWG deliberated on the proposed revised Terms of Reference (TOR) of the IMT, with few matters remaining for resolution of GPH and MILF principals. The GPH Discussion Group briefed its MILF counterpart on the LNI and the MILF



Discussion Group committed to apprise its principals on the matter.

15. **Fellowship Meeting of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel with GPH Normalization Mechanisms.** On 18 June 2024 at EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center, Cotabato City, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel, represented by Chairperson PA Cesar B. Yano, Vice Chairperson Usec. Alan A. Tanjusay, and Special Adviser for Operations PA David B. Diciano, met with the GPH Chairpersons of the normalization mechanisms and the GPH members of the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) to discuss pertinent issues in the implementation of the normalization process, including the fourth phase of the decommissioning process and the provision of socio-economic development programs for decommissioned combatants and for camps transformation, among others.
16. **Meeting with Maguindanao Del Norte's Provincial Agriculturist and Veterinarian relative to LNI.** On 20 June 2024 at Maguindanao del Norte Provincial Office, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU LNI team met with Ms. Shiela Abdulgani, the Provincial Agriculturist and Dr. Yusoff Adrian Abas, the Provincial Veterinarian of Maguindanao del Norte, to discuss their respective programs and interventions within the framework of the normalization process which may be supported or enhanced under the LNI Program.

Among the ongoing programs for decommissioned combatants and their communities are fruit crop seedling distribution, women empowerment through fisheries, goat distribution for livestock farming, and poultry farming projects.

Ms. Abdulgani and Dr. Abas are looking forward to the upcoming LNI workshops and are eager to develop new strategies for effective implementation of the programs.

17. **LNI-Basilan Secretariat Meeting.** On 25 June 2024 at Kasinahan Hotel in Isabel City, Basilan, the LNI team led by JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez, attended the LNI-Basilan Secretariat Meeting in Isabel City, Basilan. The meeting focused on discussing updates on the amnesty, SALW, and *rido* settlement programs. Ms. Amenah Natangcop of the GPH-MILF PPO, presented the amnesty program, while Col. Frederick Sales, Deputy Brigade Commander of the 101st Infantry Brigade, presented the SALW and *rido* settlement programs.

The activity was organized by the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Basilan led by Gov. Hadjiman Hataman-Salliman who also graced the meeting.



18. **Courtesy Meeting with Tawi-Tawi Governor.** The LNI team had a courtesy meeting with Tawi-Tawi Governor Yshmael Sali on 26 June 2024 at the Provincial Capitol in Bongao, Tawi-Tawi. The objective of the meeting was to discuss the LNI program and explore current and potential programs of the province that could be augmented and supported under the LNI program. Governor Sali expressed his interest in the SALW and PAMANA programs currently being implemented in Tawi-Tawi and welcomed any initiatives that would benefit the decommissioned combatants. He recommended that the OPAPRU LNI team present the LNI program at their 3rd Quarter Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) meeting.



Ceasefire Mechanisms and Monitoring

1. **IEC Campaign on Ceasefire Protocols.** On 27 June 2024 at the Division Training School, 6th Infantry Division Philippine Army, the GPH CCCH Chairperson BGEN Nasser Lidasan, PhD PA, led the IEC Campaign on Ceasefire Protocols for the 17 newly graduated officers of the 6th Infantry "Kampilan" Division, PA. Chairperson BGEN Lidasan emphasized the importance of understanding the GPH-MILF Peace Process, highlighting that these officers will engage with MILF members in the future. Ryan Dave Jungco, the Chief for Operations, GPH CCCH and AHJAG presented a briefing on the GPH-MILF Peace Process and the GPH CCCH - AHJAG Ceasefire Protocols.
2. **Ceasefire Violations and Protest Filed.** Covering 21 March - 22 April 2024, a total of two (2) protests were received by the GPH CCCH and was filed to the MILF CCCH, on certain ceasefire violations such as movement of forces. Covering 23 April - 23 May 2024, a total of four (4) protests were filed, three (3) protests were received by the GPH CCCH and was filed to the MILF CCCH while one (1) protest has been lodged by the MILF CCCH as relayed by the GPH CCCH to CIDG – BAR. Covering 23 May - 24 June 2024, a total of (4) protests filed by GPH CCCH to the MILF CCCH on ceasefire violations such as movement of forces, carrying firearms outside MILF camps, display of excessive force, and uncoordinated movements.
3. **Rido Settlement Initiatives.**
 - From 21 March – 22 April 2024, the CCCH recorded five (5) support to dispute resolution initiatives. Moreover, the recorded twelve (12) rido incidents were monitored with the assistance of the government security forces and the MILF partners.
 - From 23 April to 23 May 2024, the CCCH recorded three (3) support to dispute resolution initiatives. Moreover, the recorded three (3) rido incidents were monitored with the assistance of the government security forces and the MILF partners.
 - From 23 May to 23 June 2024, the CCCH recorded five (5) support to rido/dispute resolution initiatives. Moreover, the recorded three (3) rido incidents were monitored with the assistance of the government security forces and the MILF partners.
4. **Conduct of dialogues with MILF and MNLF affiliated groups.** Ismael Talusan-MILF Affiliated, Brgy. Chairperson, Matilak, Pahamuddin, SGA-BARMM (Formerly Part of Pigcawayan) and the group of Ibrahim Cawilan Piang @Kagui Subod - MILF Affiliated and Kulab Tuya Digandang @Datu Kulab - MNLF Affiliated. BGen Nasser P Lidasan PhD PA, Chairman, GPH CCCH together with the Combined Secretariat personnel led by Ryan Dave Jungco conducted several face-to-face dialogues with MILF and MNLF affiliated groups in Special Geographic Area (SGA) in the BARMM to diffuse tensions and triggers of armed encounters and cease the series of firefights and stop hostilities involving said groups.

Security Aspect

This encompasses the decommissioning of MILF forces and weapons, the disbandment of private armed groups, the management of small arms and light weapons, the redeployment of the AFP, policing efforts, and the removal of unexploded ordnance and landmines.

1. Conduct of the 2nd Command Conference for the Special Geographic Areas (SGA) BARMM.

On 02 April 2024 at the Headquarters, PRO 12, General Santos City, Col Joel Q Mamon (Ret), Head of OPAPRU Coordinating Committee on Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) - Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) Combined Secretariat attended the 2nd Command Conference for the SGA-BARMM Plebiscite areas scheduled on 13 April 2024. The said activity was graced by Chairperson George Erwin M. Garcia, of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC).



The purpose of the meeting was to address issues and concerns, including security measures and logistical arrangements involving the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and COMELEC for the upcoming plebiscite, which aims to establish eight (8) municipalities for the sixty-three (63) barangays in the SGAs of BARMM in the Province of Cotabato.

Included in the list of municipalities to be ratified are the following: a) Pahamudin, b)Kadayangan, c) Nabalawag, d) Old Kaabakan, e) Kapalawan, f) Tugunan, g)Ligawasan, h) Malidagao.

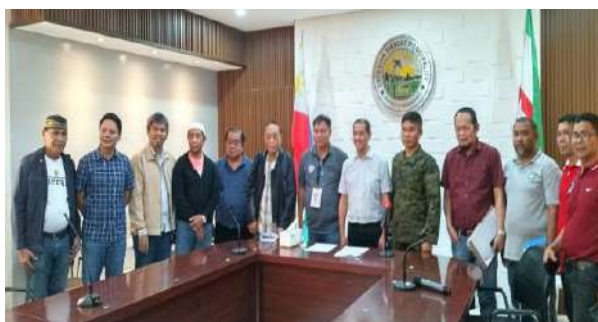


Among the attendees of the meeting were Aimee Ferolina, Commissioner-In-Charge, COMELEC, LtGen William Gonzales, CWMC, Dir. Michael Abas, Regional Election Director, COMELEC 12, MGen Alex Rillera, COM6, Atty. Sha-Elijah Dumama-Alba of MILG-BARMM, Atty. Myla Luna, Provincial Election Supervisor of Cotabato, MGen Victor Wanchakan, Dep APC, WestMin/GPH AHJAG Chair, COMELEC Election Officers of Pigcawayan, Midsayap, Aleosan, Pikit, Kabacan, Alamada, and Carmen, PCol. Gilberto Tuzon, PD, Cotabato PPO,

Commanding Officers of 34IB, PA, and 90IB, PA, Chiefs of Police of Municipal Police Stations of Pigcawayan, Midsayap, Aleosan, Pikit, Kabacan, Alamada, and Carmen. Representative from the Office of MBHTE-BARMM, Schools Division Office of SGA-BARMM and SGA-BARMM Authority.

- 2. Inspection on the Installation of JPST Water Supply.** on 02 & 21 April 2024, Engr. Amenodin Samporna of the OPAPRU JPSC Secretariat inspected the installation of water systems of JPST stations situated in the Old Capitol Compound, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat Maguidanao del Norte and in Maguing, Lanao del Sur. The water connection was tapped into the existing water source of the National Grid Corporation of the Philippines (NGCP) through the coordination of the Secretariat. Water hosts had been connected from the NGCP going to the reservoir of the JPST Sultan Kudarat temporary facility and from there, another set of hosts were installed to connect the JPST IDB 2 and JPST IDB 3 facilities on the other side of the compound.

3. **Datu Odin Sinsuat Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC) Meeting.** On 02 & 04 April 2024 at the Municipal Hall, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, BGen Nasser P Lidasan PhD, PA, Chairperson, OPAPRU GPH CCCH and his staff attended the Datu Odin Sinsuat Municipal Peace and Order Council (MPOC) meeting presided by its Chairperson, Hon. Datu Lester Sinsuat, Municipal Mayor of Datu Odin Sinsuat. The meeting was also attended by the officials and representatives of 6ID, PA; PRO BAR; Maguindanao del Norte PPO; 601st Inf Bde, PA; 2Mech Bn, PA; Datu Odin Sinsuat MPS; Municipal officials, Barangay LGUs of Bongued, Kakar and Dados, all of DOS, MDN and MILF CCCH. It was convened to address the alarming security situation in Brgys. Bongued, Kakar, and Dados, all in the same municipality concerning the armed conflict involving the groups of Amin Salik of the Inner Guard Base Command, BIAF-MILF and Faisal Metu of MNLF-Misuari group.



The council members have all agreed that the welfare of the affected civilians is the prime priority and should be addressed immediately so they could return to their respective residences. Per report, about six hundred ninety-three (693) families were displaced as a result of the armed clashes. The displaced residents need assurance of their safety and security upon their return and continue their daily normal lives in their respective communities. With this, it was resolved and agreed during the meeting that there is a need to safeguard the safety of the civilians and look after their immediate return to their homes.

It was proposed by the 2Mech Bn, PA which was agreed by the Council members that a Municipal Special Action Committee (SAC) will be established to serve as a Mediation Team and diffuse the tension of the conflicting parties.

Emphasized during the second meeting is the rule of law that must be enforced in the conflict stricken communities so that peace and normalcy would be restored. The PNP was requested to conduct due process of investigation and file appropriate cases.

The AFP and PNP also emphasized to the body that any armed group, who are not part of the government security forces, are unauthorized to display their firearms. Should these groups disrupt the normalcy and peace and order in the area, this will be considered as criminality which will be dealt with accordingly by the law enforcement agencies.

4. **Meeting on Security Preparations for the Ratification of the 63 barangays BARM into 8 Municipalities.** The OPAPRU GPH AHJAG Chairperson PMGEN Victor Wanchakan presided a meeting on 03 April 2024 at Pikit, North Cotabato relative to the security preparations for the incoming plebiscite on the ratification of the sixty-three (63) barangays of BARM into eight (8) municipalities. The



meeting was attended by Atty. Myla Luna, Provincial Election Supervisor and AFP and PNP unit Commanders in the area. The meeting resulted in a smooth security plan and coordination.

5. **Attendance to the Send-Off Ceremony of Security Forces for SGA-BARM Plebiscite 2024.** The GPH CCCH Secretariat attended the send-off ceremony of security forces for SGA-BARM Plebiscite 2024 on 12 April 2024 at the Cotabato City Police Office Parade Ground, Brgy. Amas, Kidapawan City wherein 2,817 personnel of AFP and PNP were deployed to ensure the safe conduct and success of the plebiscite. Among the attendees were PA Diciano; LTGen Pamonag; MGen Rillera; PBGen Placer; PBGen Tanggawohn; BGen Gumiran; PCol Gilberto B Tuzon, Provincial Director, CPPO and Atty. Michael C. Abas, Regional Election Director, COMELEC XII.



6. **Security Visits to Voting Centers in Midsayap Cotabato.** On 13 April 2024 in Midsayap, Cotabato, the OPAPRU GPH-CCCH conducted site visits to the voting centers in Midsayap, Cotabato to closely monitor the current situation in the area. Among the areas monitored were Datu Endaila Silongan Central Elementary School, Brgy. Kapinilan, Sambulawan Elementary School, Brgy. Sambulawan, Datu Dimaudtang Dilangalen Elementary School, Brgy. Tugal, Nabalawag Elementary School, Brgy. Nabalawag, and Datu Guilem Piang Elementary School, Brgy. Kadingilan. As observed, the situation in those areas are peaceful with majority of voters.



7. **NTF-DPAGs Briefing with Acting Chief of Area Police Command - Western Mindanao.** On 18 April 2024, The OPAPRU MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat as the Head Secretariat for the NTF-DPAGs provided briefing on the program for the disbandment of private armed groups including the NTF-DPAGs mandates and policy framework, and updates on the Normalization process. The briefing aimed to apprise Police Major General Benjamin Silo, Jr., the acting chief of the Area Police Command - Western Mindanao (APC-WM), of the background and mandates of the NTF-DPAGs. Furthermore, the meeting also paved the way to clarify the effect of Proclamations No. 405 and 406 towards the operations of the units on the ground.

8. **Meeting on the Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Lake Baranibud, Brgy. Dado, Alamada, Cotabato.** Meeting on the Issues and Concerns Pertaining to Lake Baranibud, Brgy. Dado, Alamada, Cotabato. On 22 April 2024 at Brgy. Amas, Kidapawan City, BGen Nasser P Lidasan, PhD PA, Chairman, OPAPRU GPH CCCH/ADC, 6ID, PA together with the Combined Secretariat staff of GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG attended the meeting presided by Governor of Cotabato, Hon. Emmylou "Lala" J. Taliño-Mendoza.



The meeting focused on the issues and concerns pertaining to Lake Baranibud, Brgy. Dado, Alamada, Cotabato which was raised during the Provincial Peace and Order Council Meeting last 18 April 2024. Discussions focused on the areas included in the proposed access road project of BARMM and relevant points on the jurisdiction of the Cotabato Province, awarded Certificates of Land Ownership (CLOAs), and determination if these are within protected zones and forest lands and under administration of local governments and national government.



The meeting was also attended by the officials of 602nd Inf Bde headed by its Brigade Commander, BGen Donald M Gumiran PA; PRO BAR represented by its DRDO, PCol Julius Cecil S Ordoño and R3, PCol Jibin Bongcayao; PRO 12 represented by its R3 PCol Ronald Allan A Peñaverde; Cotabato PPO headed

by its Provincial Director, PCol Gilberto B Tuzon; 34IB, PA headed by its Commander Officer, Col Rey C Rico INF (GSC) PA; DENR represented by its PENRO, Engr. Radzak Sinarimbo, DAR represented by CARPO Evalengine Bueno; BARMM represented by MP Kelly Antao and MP Suwaib Oranon.

9. **JPST Refresher Course.** On 22 April 2024 in Basilan Province, the OPAPRU GPH JPSC Secretariat along with Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) facilitated the JPST Refresher Course and Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) Training of JPSTs in Sumisip (Akalun Station) in Barangay Sapah Bulac, Sumisip, Basilan. The training is a continuing capacity development program of the joint peacekeeping force. The JNC and CCCH were also present to give updates on the ongoing ceasefire and normalization activities.



10. **NTF-DPAGs Secretariat Meeting and Planning Session.** On 24-25 April 2024, at Madison101 Hotel + Tower, Quezon City, the OPAPRU MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat as the Head Secretariat for the NTF-DPAGs facilitated a Planning and Evaluation Session with the ten (10) member agencies of the national task force which includes the Presidential Anti-Organized Crime Commission (PAOCC), National Bureau of Investigation (NBI), DILG, DND, DOJ, DSWD, NICA, AFP, and PNP.



The activity paved the way to discuss and review the operational plan of the security forces with the conduct of the upcoming October 2024 filing of Certificate of Candidacy (COC) and the 2025 National Election. Furthermore, the activity also tackled

the review of the NTF-DPAGs Implementing Rules and Operational Guidelines (IROG) and the AFP-PNP Joint Operational Guidelines.

11. **26th JPSC Meeting.** The OPAPRU GPH-Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) conducted its 26th meeting aimed to address the sustainability of the JPSC's various programs and activities as well as the accomplishments and advancement of the Joint Peace and Security Teams. The meeting provided partner organizations such as the United Nations Programme (UNDP), International Organization for Migration (IOM), Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), and United States Institute of Peace (USIP) with the opportunity to present updates on the program implementation and timelines on various peace and security partnership programs in support to the Normalization Process.



12. **Installation of Solar Powered System in JPST Pikit 1 and Datu Saudi Ampatuan (DSA).** On 16 May 2024 at JPST Pikit 1 & DSA Station, the OPAPRU GPH-JPSC Secretariat together with the UNDP Personnel, supervised the installation of the Solar Powered System for JPST Pikit 1 and JPST Datu Saudi Ampatuan (DSA) as part of the JPST repair and maintenance under Support to Peacebuilding and Normalization (SPAN) extension projects. The newly installed Solar Powered System was tested by the evaluation team and can sustain the needs of the station.



13. JPST's Support to *Rido* Settlement in Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, and Tipo-Tipo, Basilan.

On 17 May 2024 in Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur, the OPAPRU through the JPST Mamasapano led by their team leader, Staff Sergeant Morsid Z Paglala PA, together with Mujahid Kiram L Kunduyan, Co-team Leader and other members of the team conducted security assistance and attended the *Rido* settlement between the warring parties of 105th Deputy Base Command Kagi Fahad Sapal and 105th Batcom Datu Ila



Utto. *Rido* settlement was initiated and witnessed by Brigadier General Nasser P Lidasan PA, ADC, 6ID together with Brigadier General Donald Gumiran PA; 602nd Bde, 6ID, PA, Sheik Abdulwahid Tundok, 118th Base Command; Central Mindanao Front, Hon. Butch Malang, MILF CCCH Chairperson and Administrator of Special Geographic Area Development Authority (SGADA), Shiek Muhidin Usman, 105th BC Central Mindanao Front.

On 18 May 2024 in Datu Saudi Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, the JPST DSA led by Police Staff Sergeant Muhalidin Sulayman together with the personnel of Alpha Coy, 901st Brigade, 6th Infantry Division, PA led by 1st Lieutenant Rhoben Suva, CO provided security assistance during a *Rido* Settlement between the group of Barangay Captain Sindatu Karim and group of Basit "Abusabaya" Nando. Said settlement was mediated by the Peace Security and Reconciliation Office (PSRO) under Hon. Anwar Alamada, PSRO Chairman. The activity aimed to have a peaceful resolution for both parties for the benefit of the residents in the barangay.



On 21 May 2024 at Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, the JPST Tipo-Tipo led by Staff Sergeant Jusilan Jaji, PA, along with Jihad Abdulatif, Co-Team Leader of BIAF-MILF, in coordination with 114th Base Command BIAF-MILF, 45th Infantry Battalion, PA, and PNP, with collaborative effort of Task Force Orion headed by Major General Bong Patrimonio and 101st Infantry Bde headed by Brigadier General Alvin Luzon, PA participated in the *Rido* Settlement between Lajid family (led by Mayor Jaydeefar Lajid) and Jakilan family of Al-Barka, Basilan. The purpose of the signing of the *Rido* Amicable Settlement between the warring family clans is to end the long-time *Rido* to attain a peaceful and progressive community. Both parties also surrendered 10 (ten) high powered firearms as gestures of commitment and sincerity to conflict resolution.



Chairperson of the NTF-DPAGs, Secretary Benjamin C Abalos, Jr., accompanied by Undersecretary Oscar F. Valenzuela.

14. NTF-DPAGs Secretariat Meeting with the Chairperson. On 24 May 2024 at the Office of the Secretary, Camp Crame, Quezon City, the OPAPRU through the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs) Head Secretariat, Mr. Ariel C. Hernandez together with the representatives of the DILG and PNP Secretariat, National Task Group (NTG) on Intelligence, and NTG on Operations attended a meeting with the Secretary of Interior and Local Government (SILG) and

The meeting discussed the following items: (a) current security environment in the BARMM; (b) conduct and schedule of the next Oversight Committee Meeting (OCM) and its agenda; (c) review of the amendments to the Implementing Rules and Operational Guidelines (IROG); (d) approval of meeting invitation to the Minister of Interior and Local Government (MILG), Minister of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), and JNC - MILF Chairperson to the 14th OCM; and, (e) the request for a special Joint AFP-PNP Intelligence Committee (JAPIC) meeting with the SILG.



15. Security Situation Meeting.

On 03 & 05 June, the GPH CCCH met with the members of the MILF CCCH and MILF AHJAG to discuss the security situation in Brgy. Pimbalkan, Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur. Further, the GPH AHJAG handed-over the hard copy of the coordination on conduct of Law Enforcement Operation (LEO) of Police Regional Office 9 through Zamboanga Sibugay Peace Process Office effective 10 June 2024 to 10 July 2024.



16. Brigade Commanders Forum for ASPIRE-SALW Program. On 07 June 2024 at Limketkai Luxe Hotel, Cagayan de Oro, the OPAPRU through the GPH-JNC in partnership with the UNDP, funded by the Government of Japan, held a Brigade Commanders Forum for Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recover for Advancing Human Security (ASPIRE) in BARMM - Small Arms and Light Weapon (SALW) Program. The event was conducted to review and assess the SALW efforts of the different brigades of the Western Mindanao Command (WESTMINCOM) of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

The forum was attended by OPAPRU Presidential Assistant for Peace Implementing Panel Cesar B. Yano, Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation David B. Diciano, Presidential Assistant for Internal Management Cluster Arnulfo R Pajarillo, GPH-JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH-JNC Member LTGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), GPH-JPSC Chairperson MGen Ariel Felicidadario (Ret.), WESTMINCOM Commander LTGen William Gonzales, 11D Commander MGEN Gabriel Viray III, 61D Commander MGen Alex Rillera, 111D Commander MGEN Ignatius Patrimonio, AFPPDO, Chief Capt Norsal Dimaporo, PNP PPDC PCOL

Joseph Arguelles, 12 Brigades under WESTMINCOM. The OPAPRU JNC Secretariat and MILF PPO serves as the support mechanism to the SALW Program.



17. **Series of Meetings with Members of GPH AHJAG Team 3 and 4.** PBGen Romaldo G Bayting, Chairperson of GPH AHJAG, met with the members of the GPH AHJAG Team 3 on 13 June 2024, and GPH AHJAG Team 4 on 25 June 2024, which aimed to discuss and provide clarification and guidance on the tasks of the GPH AHJAG Team members during the conduct of LEO, Support to Law Enforcement Operation (SLEO), or Focused Military Operation (FMO) within their areas of coverage as prescribed in the AHJAG Mechanics of Implementation. During the meeting, the Combined Secretariat for GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG led by its Chief Operations Officer, Ryan Dave Jungco, presented a briefing on the mandates, functions of the CCCH and AHJAG, CCCH protocol and AHJAG Mechanics of Implementation.



18. **Incident Command System Training.** On 19-28 June 2024 at the Acacia Hotel, Davao City, the OPAPRU through the JPSC, and JPST members participated in the Incident Command System Training spearheaded by BARMM Rapid Emergency Action on Disaster Incidence (READi).



The activity aimed to capacitate the participants in a proactive approach to manage disaster consequences and reduce disaster risks with a standardized approach to the command, control, and coordination of emergency response providing a common hierarchy within which responders from multiple agencies can be effective.

19. Module and Manual Development on Community-Oriented Safeguarding and Conflict Management for the Joint Peace Security Team. From 25-28 June 2024



at Microtel Hotel, General Santos City, the OPAPRU JPSC led by Co-Chairperson MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), together with the secretariat head of Joint Normalization Committee, Director Wendell Orbeso, and the representatives from 1ID, PA, 6ID PA, PNP PRO BAR, PRO 9, PRO 10, and BIAF-MILF, participated in the Module Development on Community-Oriented Safeguarding and Conflict Management to capacitate JPSTs, was conducted and facilitated by the Nonviolent Peaceforce and the UN IOM

through the funding support from the Japanese Government.

The activity aimed to enhance the effectiveness and responsiveness of JPSC/JPST as frontline actors in conflict hotspots by improving their capacity for community engagement, safeguarding, and protection of the stakeholders in the identified mutually agreed areas. The module development will support the overall project implementation of IOM "Enhancing and Sustaining Peace and Security Mechanisms in Mindanao, Philippines".

The JPSC also took the opportunity to present a plaque of appreciation to PBGEN Percival Augustus Placer, Regional Director, PNP PRO 12, in gratitude for his invaluable support to the JPSC, JPSTs, and entire Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro region. His contributions greatly helped in the advancement of the peace process in Mindanao during his stint as the JPST PNP Focal and the Chief, PNP PPDC from August 2022 to March 2024.



Socio-Economic Development

1. Visit to Camp Omar with Balay Rehabilitation Center (BRC).

On 03 April 2024 at Brgy. Liloy, Shariff Aguak, Maguindanao del Sur, the OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC together with MILF-TFDCC and Balay Rehabilitation Center, facilitated a "Kumustahan" with Camp Omar Community Facilitators where plans and strategies were discussed. The visit was attended by Ms. Ging Villanueva and Norhanie Saganding of Balay Rehabilitation Center; Camp Facilitators; Mr. Ping Lembak of MILF TFDCC; and TFDCC Secretariat.



2. Ceremonial Hand-Over of Infrastructure Facilities and Farm Machinery under the PROACTIVE Project. On 03 April 2024 at Brgy. Togaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Sur,

the OPAPRU TFDCC facilitated the handover of infrastructure facilities and farm machinery to beneficiaries in Brgy. Togaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Sur as part of the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through PROACTIVE co-funded by the EU and UNDP.



Present in the event was the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano, OPAPRU; Mr. Winston Aylmer Camarinas, Head, UNDP Cotabato Field Office; and TFDCC Secretariat.

3. **Exit Conference on the Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants Project.** On 04 April 2024 at EM Manor Hotel, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU GPH TFDCC Secretariat participated in the conduct of the Exit Conference of the Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS DC) Project implemented by IDEALS, Inc. The conference delved on the issues and concerns pertaining to the sustainability of the projects and its gains, particularly, on the strategic plans to ensure continuous support to beneficiaries.



Among the attendees were Dir. Akan Tula, Philippine Statistical Authority BARMM; H. Abubakar 'Jimmy' Balitok, Deputy Minister of Public Order and Safety; representatives from General Headquarters BC, 118th BC, 106 BC, 105 BC; and, project beneficiaries.

4. **Signing of MOA on the Immediate Cash Assistance for the 7,372 MILF Combatants.** Secretary Rexlon T. Gatchalian of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) signed the two (2) Memoranda of Agreement (MOA) between the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) and the DSWD on the Immediate Cash Assistance for the Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Two (7,372) MILF combatants who are among those expected to be decommissioned this year. The cash assistance is given to the MILF decommissioned combatants for their basic needs and for their livelihood. Subsequently, on 11 April 2024, OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. also signed the two



documents. The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC facilitated the drafting and eventual signing of the two Memoranda.

5. **Meeting with Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and BARMM Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE).** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat attended the meeting with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and BARMM Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) regarding the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) and DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP) spearheaded by the Region 12 Department. The meeting was attended by the Directors of Regions 9,10, and 12, Minister Muslimin Sema of MOLE, Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo of OPAPRU GPH-Moro National Liberation Front Peace Process Office (GPH-MNLF PPO), Dir. Ishmael Bahjin of OPAPRU TFDCC, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan of GPH Peace Implementing Panel and representatives from the Local Conflict Transformation (LCT). The meeting delved on the overview of the TUPAD, DILP Programs, and the different projects that the decommissioned combatants may avail. Regions 9,10, and 12 pledged their full support in the program for the transformation of the decommissioned combatants.



6. **Meeting with DSWD Field Office 12 to Discuss Socio-economic Interventions for MILF DCs.** On 16 April 2024, the OPAPRU TFDCC met with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office 12 together with the Undersecretary for Inclusion and Sustainable Peace, Allan Tanjusay. The DSWD presented the current status of their case management, including plans to re-engage and to organize into associations the MILF decommission combatants.



The Chairperson of the GPH-TFDCC, Atty. Laisa Alamia, expressed her appreciation to the DSWD for its support in providing services to MILF DCs and called for continuing partnership in the last phase of the decommissioning process and in the current thrust of the OPAPRU which is the LNI.

7. **Training on Values Transformation, Corn Post-Harvest Management, and Safety Driving for Motorcycle and Habal-Habal Riders.** On 17-19 April 2024 at PBSP Training Center, Togaig Barira Maguindanao Del Norte, some 50 Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) of the MILF and their next-of-kin underwent a 3-day training on Values Transformation, Corn Post-Harvest Management, and Safety Driving for Motorcycle and Habal-Habal Riders facilitated by the OPAPRU TFDCC. Values Transformation Training is one of the capacity development programs for MILF DCs, which is a requisite for livelihood training.



The training is being conducted in partnership with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the project Skills Development and Economic

Empowerment for the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro). Under the SEE Bangsamoro Project, each training course includes induction, values transformation training, vocational training, and bookkeeping that will last for 17 days.

8. **Groundbreaking Ceremony of Infrastructure and Turnover of Farm Machinery under PROACTIVE Project.** On 19 April 2024 at Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat together with UNDP attended the groundbreaking ceremony of a Madrasah and warehouse with a solar dryer in Brgy. Kinebeka and farm tractor turn-over in Brgy. Sifaran, both in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte as part of the PROACTIVE Project co-funded by the EU and UNDP. In attendance were UNDP, BDA, JTFCT, Bangsamoro LGU, MILF Commanders, AFP, PO Members, and TFDCC Secretariat.



9. **Conduct of the 1st BGIA-HEP Technical Meeting.** On 03 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH- TFDCC met online with the technical team of the Mindanao State University (MSU) System to discuss the Work Plan for the implementation of Bangsamoro Grant-In-Aid Higher Education Program (BGIA-HEP), an educational assistance for qualified MILF Decommissioned Combatants or their next-of-kin.

The program, which will benefit 1,050 college students enrolled in public and private universities and colleges, and shall start this 2024. The beneficiaries will be provided with cash assistance for two (2) semesters, which they can use for school fees and other expenses. The program will be administered by the MSU System.

The meeting was attended by Atty. Rashid Pandi, MSU Director of Presidential Management Staff, Dr. Acram Latiph, Executive Director of Institute of Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM), Faridah Alango, Director of Scholarship Center, Alice Raymundo, TFDCC Program Manager, and other TFDCC Secretariat members.

10. **Meeting with the Mindanao State University Maguindanao.** On 08 May 2024, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson Cesar B. Yano and the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat met with officials of Mindanao State University (MSU) Maguindanao to discuss agricultural projects in the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps, following the implementation of the science and technology-based and climate-smart agricultural projects in Camp Abubakar as-Siddique. The group discussed the preparations for implementing agricultural projects in Camp Badre and other MILF camps.
11. **Exploratory Meeting with the BIWAB.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC facilitated an exploratory meeting with the Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB) of the MILF to discuss possible programs that will address their specific needs and their family.

Attendees were BIWAB Officer-in-Charge Brigade Commander Muslima Guiapal, Brigade Commander Samra E. Ebad, Brigade staff, Johani D. Ibad, Tatabai U. Sapal and the TFDCC Secretariat, represented by Asmerah Lontua and her team under the Livelihood and Employment Component.

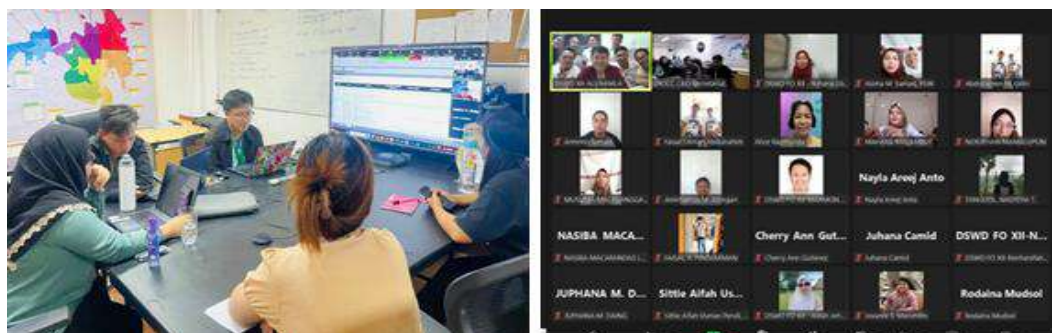


12. **End Project Report of Initiative for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services, Inc.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC together with the GPH-JTFCT, attended the End Project Report of Initiative for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services, Inc. (IDEALS, Inc.) on 15 May 2024.

IDEALS presented the output of the project; "Access to Legal Identity And Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS DC)". A total of 21,809 individuals were provided with Certificate of Live Birth wherein 1,692 are decommissioned combatants (DC), 15,835 are their family members, while the remaining 4,282 are community members within the MILF camps. With a legal identity, the MILF DCs, their families, and community members can access government services and interventions and better economic opportunities.

In attendance were IDEALS representatives Egad Ligon and Marco Bayadog, GPH TFDCC Chairperson, Atty. Laisa Alamia, OIC-TFDCC Director Ishmael Bahjin, GPH JTFCT Co-Chairperson Danilo Pamonag, MILF JTFCT Abhoud Syed Lingga, GPH-TFDCC and GPH-JTFCT Secretariat.

13. **Coordination Meeting with DSWD Region XII.** On 15 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC facilitated a coordination meeting with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Region XII in preparation of the proposed profiling and validation of the decommissioned combatants for a housing project in Maguindanao and Lanao areas.



In attendance were DSWD Region XII Normalization Program Head, Ali B. Namla, GPH-TFDCC Program Manager, Alicia Raymundo, DSWD Region XII Social Workers and the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat.

14. **Convergence Meeting with DOLE and NIA Region XII.** On 16 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC attended an online Convergence Meeting with the DOLE Region XII and National Irrigation Administration Region XII to discuss the

implementation of the TUPAD Assistance for the MILF Decommissioned Combatants which was announced by President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. during the celebration of the 10th Anniversary of CAB.

The DOLE agreed to provide 10-day emergency employment to 714 MILF DCs in Camp Abubakar. The meeting also discussed the documentary requirements for the implementation of TUPAD and the timeline of implementation in June 2024.



Among the attendees of the meeting were DOLE Regional Director, Joel Gonzales and his team, NIA Acting Project Manager, Reynaldo M. Sarigumba and his team, GPIIP-MILF Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat Head, Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, and the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat Program Manager, Alice Raymundo.

- 15. Meeting with DepEd on the Provision of Alternative Learning System to MILF Decommissioned Combatants and their Next-of-Kin.** On 16 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC had an online meeting with the Department of Education (DepEd) to discuss its proposed partnership on the provision of Alternative Learning System (ALS) to decommissioned combatants of the MILF and their next-of-kin.

The two offices leveled-off on the details of ALS implementation including the geographic scope, target number of beneficiaries, expected deliverables from DepEd, timeline of implementation, budget, and the capacity of the agency to deliver the program.

Present during the meeting were DepEd Assistant Secretary Janir Datukan, Division Chief of Bureau of Alternative Education Roderick Corpuz and his staff Brenfel Hajan, OPAPRU Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, Program Manager Alicia Raymundo, and other GPH-TFDCC Secretariat members.

- 16. Conduct of the 20th Batch of Values Transformation Training for Decommissioned Combatants and their next-of-kin.**

The 20th Batch of Values Transformation Training (VTT) on 21-24 May 2024 was held at Adelina Hotel and Suites, Mati City and was facilitated by the Bangsamoro Development Agency Inc. with supervision of OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC and support of UNDP. The activity was attended by 90



decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin from the Davao Region.

- 17. Comprehensive Profiling and Validation for the TUPAD Program.** The OPAPRU TFDCC in collaboration with DOLE Region XII, conducted comprehensive profiling and validation activities on 01 June 2024 in Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, relative to the TUPAD Program. The said program acts as a safety net by offering short-term community employment for 10-30 days depending on the work needed in the community. The activity aimed to assess the eligibility of 714 decommissioned MILF combatants for the TUPAD Program, which was funded as part of a commitment made by President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. during the 10th anniversary of the CAB at Camp Abubakar on April 29, 2024.

The DOLE allocated Php3 million to support 714 decommissioned MILF combatants in Camp Abubakar, with plans to provide them with at least 10 days of employment in June 2024. The joint efforts of DOLE and TFDCC are not only focused on offering immediate employment to these decommissioned combatants through the TUPAD Program but also strive to foster long-term economic growth and stability in the Bangsamoro region.

The profiling/validation of the decommissioned combatants and their beneficiaries is a process undertaken to primarily ensure that the project reaches those who need it most while ensuring the necessary requisites of health/safety measures for the decommissioned combatants are also complied with.

The activity was meticulously supervised by DOLE South Cotabato Provincial Director, Engr. Romerico P. Carrasco, with significant assistance from the TFDCC Secretariat.



18. **Meeting for the Provision of Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation.** On 03 June 2024, the OPAPRU GPH TFDCC and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) facilitated a preparatory meeting for the provision of Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation (AICS) for 1,000 MILF decommissioned combatants in Camp Badre and Omar, Maguindanao del Sur and Camp Rajamuda in North Cotabato and Maguindanao del Norte.

The meeting was attended by the Normalization Team and Crisis Intervention Section of DSWD led by Undersecretary Alan Tanjusay, who also serves as the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Vice Chairperson, and Region XII Director Loreto Cabaya, and the TFDCC Secretariat headed by its Program Manager, Alice Raymundo.

19. **Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Farm-to-Market Road Project in Northern Kabuntalan.** On 07 June 2024 at Northern Kabuntalan, Maguindanao del Norte, the Local Government Unit of Northern Kabuntalan, Maguindanao del Norte led by Hon. Mayor Datu Umbra B. Dilangalen in collaboration with the OPAPRU JTFCT, spearheaded the groundbreaking ceremony for the Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) project under the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program. This transformative infrastructure



project, with a total project cost of Php20,000,000, marks a significant milestone in the ongoing efforts to enhance local livelihoods and promote sustainable development.



In his address, Mayor Dilangalen conveyed his heartfelt gratitude for the inclusion of Northern Kabuntalan in the PAMANA program and OPAPRU for recognizing the importance of the project. He underscored the transformative potential of the project, emphasizing how it will significantly improve access to markets, boost local economic activities, and enhance the overall quality of life for the residents.

20. **Series of Interventions for the Profiling and Validation of the MILF Decommissioned Combatants in Camp Abubakar and Camp Bilal for the Government Housing Assistance.** From 10-14 June 2024 at Barira, Buldon, and Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte and from 19-21 June 2024 at Camp Bilal, Lanao del Norte, the OPAPRU TFDCC together with the DSWD Field Office XII conducted profiling and validation of MILF decommissioned combatants (DCs) in 19 barangays across towns of Barira, Buldon, and Matanog, in Maguindanao del Norte. On 10-14 June 2024, the team reached a total number of 339 decommissioned combatants and their families who will be part of the prospective beneficiaries of the housing assistance, a joint project of OPAPRU, National Housing Authority (NHA) and Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA).

On the same day, the joint TFDCC-DSWD team conducted a courtesy call to Mayor Abdulrauf D. Tomawis of Municipality of Barira; Suraida Aratuc, Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC) of Buldon; and Iskak M. Managsa, Municipal Administrator of Matanog.



On 19-21 June 2024, the second leg of profiling and validation of MILF DCs in seven (7) barangays in the towns of Madalum and Madamba in Lanao Del Sur and Munai in Lanao del Norte was carried out. The joint team conducted interviews with 270 decommissioned combatants and their families, who are being considered for government housing assistance.



This profiling and validation activity is part of the social preparation stage in the implementation of the housing assistance program, which is among the socio-economic development programs being provided to MILF decommissioned combatants as part of the normalization process.

21. **Conduct of the 21st Batch of Values Transformation Training.** On 10-14 June 2024 in Mati City, Davao Oriental, the OPAPRU TFDCC, together with the UNDP and the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), facilitated the 21st Batch of Values Transformation Training (VTT), a three-day Islamic values training for 120 MILF decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin from Davao Oriental. Out of the 120 MILF DCs, 25 were former Bangsamoro Islamic Women Auxiliary Brigade (BIWAB). The participants provided positive feedback on how the reiteration of Islamic values during the training strengthened their resolve to pursue a peaceful path to development.



22. **Culmination Program of the Integrated Farming System Training.** On 13 June 2024 at Camp Salman, Barangay Tumanggong, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay, the OPAPRU Chairperson for the GPH TFDCC, Atty. Laisa Alamia attended the Culmination Program for Integrated Farming System Training as part of a community-based management project in Camp Salman. PBGen Romaldo Bayting, Chairperson of GPH AHJAG, represented OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and delivered his address to the graduates of the program and the stakeholders who implemented it. The said training is co-implemented by the UNDP through funding from the Japan Government and the Mindanao State University – Buug. The project aims to enhance community-based resources through promotion of integrated farming systems in the community. It also addresses both environmental sustainability and economic resilience within the local community.



23. **Graduation Ceremony on Skills Training of 50 Decommissioned Combatants.** On 24 June 2024 at Brgy. Togaig, Barira, the OPAPRU Chairperson for the GPH TFDCC, Atty. Laisa Alamia, delivered her message to the 50 MILF decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin who successfully completed the 17-day skills training as part of the project, Skills Development and Socio-economic Empowerment for Bangsamoro, supported by the JICA.



1. **GPH-MILF TWG on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Orientation- Consultation Workshop on the TJR Roadmap with the BARMM Ministries/Agencies.** As a follow-up to the workshop with the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) - TJR Cluster held on 22 March 2024 in Quezon City, an orientation-consultation workshop with the BARMM ministries/agencies was conducted on 22 April 2024 at 3/F BPDA Building, Bangsamoro Government Center, Cotabato City which was geared towards updating and enhancing the TJR Roadmap before presenting to the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels for approval, and concurrence by the ICCMN body. Specifically, the activity aimed to: (1) generate inputs/comments on the ministry/agency's possible contribution/commitment to the roadmap and its operationalization/implementation based on respective mandates; (2) refine and solidify these commitments and deliverables; (3) incorporate updates to the enhanced joint TJR Roadmap with inputs from the BARMM ministries and agencies; and, (4) strengthen coordination and partnerships between and/or among various ministries/agencies.

This workshop was led by the MILF TWG-TJR with the support of the GPH TWG-TJR and TJRO secretariat and facilitated by TJR subject matter expert, Ms. Maria Victoria 'Mags' Maglana. Ms. Maglana was instrumental in facilitating the process of finalizing the TJR Roadmap that was approved by the ICCMN body in 2021.



It was attended by 23 representatives from various BARMM ministries, offices, and agencies, namely: Bangsamoro Commission for the Preservation of Cultural Heritage (BCPCH),

Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC), Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC), Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC), Ministry of Public Peace Order and Safety (MPOS), Peace, Security and Reconciliation Office (PSRO), Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD), Ministry of Human Settlement and Development (MHSD), Ministry of Trade and Industry (MTIT), MBHTE, MILG and BPDA.

As a way forward, results of the activity shall be discussed, consolidated and refined by the Joint TWG in a workshop to be scheduled in the later part of May 2024 in Davao City.

2. **Series of Orientation on the GPH-MILF Peace Process and Transitional Justice and Reconciliation for the Indigenous Youth.**

A total of one hundred (100) Non-Moro Indigenous college students of which 75 are from Antonio Pacheco College and 25



from Cotabato State University were oriented on the GPH-MILF Peace Process and Transitional Justice and Reconciliation on 03 May 2024 at Anchor Review Center, Cotabato City. The activity was spearheaded by the Office of MP Froilyn T. Mendoza in partnership with the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS) in line with its Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SuBatRa) Project "Enhancing Civil Society Organization Capacities for Empowering the Communities Towards Bangsamoro Transition". One objective of the said activity is to provide capacity-building initiatives

to empower the Non-Moro Indigenous People (NMIP) youth across the BARMM through the conduct of peace caravans and fora.



Mr. Brian Arevalo of the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation provided the overview on the GPH-MILF Peace Process. A brief background on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation as well as the updates on the government's TJR efforts and initiatives for the NMIPs was presented by Ms. Wenie Lou Escala of the TJRO.



The same activity was conducted and attended by 30 senior high school students from South Upi National High School, non-Moro indigenous youth, traditional leaders, representatives from 40th Infantry Battalion, CBCS personnel and barangay officials of Limpongo, Datu Hoffer, Maguindanao del Norte.

3. Inter-Agency Technical Workshop for Overlaying of Geospatial Information of the 36 Barangays Under the 6 Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps.

The OPAPRU GPH-JTFCT, GPH TWG TJR with the support of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel (GPIP), organized an Inter-Agency Technical Workshop for Overlaying of Geospatial Information of the thirty-six (36) Barangays under the six (6) Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps. The activity stems from the agreements from the prior meeting on land-related issues. The technical workshop aims to collate and overlay geospatial data across all the aforementioned barangays, to identify inconsistencies, share information, and supply data gaps across concerned agencies. The meeting is primarily anchored on the need to address underlying land-related issues which may impinge on implementation of programs in the camps.

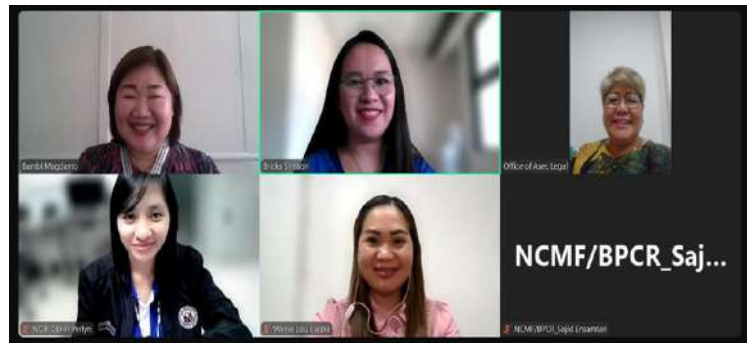


In the said Technical Workshop, National Government Agencies (NGAs) involved laid down their processes in the acquisition and retrieval of pertinent data relating to land including classification, issuances of tenurial instruments as well as sharing of best practices, challenges in data gathering and possible ways forward. The group agreed to immediately complete the necessary documents and data of the land across all the said barangays.

Among the attendees were Executive Director Cesar De Mesa (TWG-TJR Chairperson), LTGen Danilo Pamonag (GPH JTFCT Co-Chairperson), Atty. Michelle Angelica Go (DENR Assistant Secretary for Legal), and the representatives from the Land Registration Authority (LRA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), National Housing Authority (NHA), and NAMRIA.

4. **ICCMN Sub-Cluster on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Technical-level Meeting on the ICCMN Peace Caravan.**

On 23 May 2024, the meeting was convened in line with the proposed conduct of ICCMN-Caravan in six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps in July to August 2024. The caravan is in partnership with the ICCMN member agencies, which aims to provide basic services to the communities and MILF DCs engaged in the previous camps visit. An information booth on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) is being proposed to respond to the issues raised through a focus group discussion (FGD). This is just one of other booths that will be set up for services that can be provided/offered by other ICCMN agencies.



Noting the issues raised during the previous exposure trip of the ICCMN member agencies in the six (6) acknowledged MILF camps, the meeting sought to present to the ICCMN-TJR member agencies under Working Group on Land-related issues the following concerns generated: (1) absence of land title among residents in the MILF camps, where there are also competing land claims and land-based clan feud or rido; (2) accumulated land tax since the Martial Law era in Camp Bilal; and, (3) land-based conflict, of which majority of the victims are non-Moro IPs (NMIP) in Camp Omar. It is further characterized by competing land and ancestral domain claims, overlaps on land management and governance, which result in displacement of impoverished NMIPs. The meeting was also intended to generate insights from the WG on land-related issues and on responding to questions raised by the DCs or community members.

Present during the meeting were the following agency representatives: Mr. Sajid Ensamtan, National Commission on Muslim Filipinos-Bureau of Peace and Conflict Resolution (NCMF-BPCR); Ms. Verlyn, National Commission on Indigenous Peoples-Office of Empowerment and Human Rights (NCIP-OEHR); Ms. Adele Siapno, DENR-Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legal, Ms. Lakambini Magdamo, Ms. Wenie Lou Escala and Ms. Bricks Sintaon (OPAPRU-TJRO).

5. **Orientation-Consultation Workshops with ICCMN-TJR Cluster and Key BARMM Ministries/Office/Agencies.** As part of due diligence, on 27-28 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH-MILF TWG-TJR organized Orientation-Consultation Workshops with the ICCMN-TJR Cluster and key BARMM ministries/office/agencies to vet the TJR Roadmap that was updated by the GPH-MILF TWG-TJR in November 2023 and January 2024. These workshops were aimed at generating inputs, comments and commitments of the national and BARMM agencies/ministries/offices on their respective deliverables on the TJR Roadmap.

As agreed, these outputs will be reviewed to consolidate and finalize the TJR Roadmap before it is presented to the Peace Implementing Panels for approval and concurrence from the ICCMN body.

6. **7th GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Meeting.** As agreed during the Consolidation Workshop on the updated draft Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) Roadmap last 27-28 May 2024, the GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on TJR conducted its 7th Meeting on 25 June 2024 at Em Manor Hotel in Cotabato City which aimed to review, finalize and

approve the updated Joint TJR Roadmap, identify priority activities for 2024-2025 and, to issue a resolution endorsing the updated Joint TJR Roadmap.

Present during the meeting were the members and secretariat of the GPH TWG on TJR such as Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa, Chair of the GPH TWG-TJR, together with the GPH members, BGEN Buenaventura A. Pascual (Ret) and Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo. The MILF TWG-TJR were represented by its Chairperson, Mr. Ammier M. Dodo, member, Director Anwar Upahm and secretariat focal, Atty. Sarah Bagis.



Confidence Building Measures

1. JTFCT Conference and Reflection Session.

On 01 April 2024 at Kutawato Hall, EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center in Cotabato City, the OPAPRU Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) convened its regular conference led by MILF Co-Chairpersons MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan (MILF-JTFCT), LtGen Danilo G Pamonag (Ret) (GPH-JTFCT), and MP Ali O. Salik. The gathering brought together a diverse array of stakeholders, including GPH and MILF Camp Coordinators, their secretariat, and representatives from development partners and line agencies. Notably, LtGen Danilo G Pamonag (Ret) was introduced as the new GPH Co-Chairperson of GPH-JTFCT delivering the opening remarks.



The conference featured presentations from development partners highlighting their ongoing initiatives and projects within the camps. Presenters included esteemed organizations such as:

- United Nations Development Programme
- Center for Humanitarian Dialogue
- Voluntary Service Overseas
- Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority
- Mindanao State University-Maguindanao
- National Housing Authority
- National Irrigation Administration
- OPAPRU Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan Program National Program Management Office (PAMANA NPMO)
- Ministry of Human Settlements and Development
- Community and Family Services International
- Pakigdait Inc.

They provided comprehensive updates on completed and awarded projects, discussed the current state of affairs, and outlined future project proposals within the camps. Challenges and issues encountered during project implementation were also addressed.



During the afternoon session, facilitator Ms. Maria Carmen "Ica" Fernandez, an independent freelance researcher, led a discussion where agencies and stakeholders shared their comments and reactions. Participants expressed gratitude for the opportunity to address concerns, particularly regarding

the need for coordination when entering the camps with certain Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) and implementing partners. Discussions also tackled housing projects and cooperative development programs. It was decided to schedule another meeting to further delve into these projects.

The conference saw the presence of representatives from various ministries of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), Civil Society Engagement Advocacy (CSEA), and Minister Melanio Ulama of Ministry of Indigenous Peoples' Affairs (MIPA). Their participation underscored the collaborative efforts between BARMM and other stakeholders in advancing the goals of camp transformation and promoting inclusive development in the region.

In a gesture of solidarity with Muslim brothers and sisters, an Iftar with a Muhadara was conducted, attended by MP Mohagher M. Iqbal of the Ministry of Basic, Higher, Technical Education (MBHTE), DG Mohajirin Ali of Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA) and MBHTE Basic Education Sector DG Jun Salik Jr.

2. **EU-UNDP Ceremonial Handover of Infrastructure Facilities and Farm Machineries and Site Visit to Subprojects.**

On 03 April 2024 at Barangay Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU GPH Peace Implementing Panel (PIP) Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano, together with GPH-JTFCT Chairperson LtGen G Danilo Pamonag (Ret) and MILF Co-Chairperson of JTFCT MP Ali O. Salik, participated in the Ceremonial Handover of Infrastructure Facilities and Farm Machineries, followed by a Site Visit to Sub-projects.



The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) facilitated the handover of essential resources, including a school library for Abubakar Siddique Elementary School and a Warehouse with Solar Dryer in Brgy. Tugaig Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, along with farm machinery to support livelihoods for cooperatives identified by the Task Forces for the Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC).

These initiatives are part of the ongoing implementation of the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention, and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE), co-funded by the European Union (EU) and UNDP across the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps.

The event welcomed notable figures such as Barira Vice Mayor Bahrain Dagalangit, UNDP Team Leader Winston Aylmer Camarinas, Director General for Basic Education of MBHTE Abdullah Salik, Bangsamoro Development Authority (BDA) Director Rhadzni Taalim, Principal Cathelyn Hakim, Deputy Minister Abdulkudos Balitok, and Commander of Marine Brigade BGen Eric Macaambac.



Following the ribbon cutting ceremony, they proceeded to visit the Science-and-Technology (S&T) based and climate-smart agricultural project focusing on Condo fish and organic vegetable production, as well as the ongoing construction of a madrasah, water system, and hygiene facility.

3. **Meeting with the Governor of North Cotabato.** On 12 April 2024 at the Provincial Capitol of North Cotabato, Kidapawan City, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., PAPRU, together with Bangsamoro Transformation Presidential Assistant David Diciano, GPH JTFCT Co-Chairperson LtGen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret), PAMANA NPMO Director J. Anthony Pena, GPH-MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat met with Governor Emmylou “Lala” Taliño-Mendoza of Cotabato to discuss the PAMANA projects (i.e., Malitubog-Maridagao Irrigation Project 2 in Pikit scheduled to be inaugurated in April 2024 which is designed to irrigate an estimated 10,541 hectares of land across North Cotabato), and the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) program to be launched in the province. A planning workshop will be scheduled for April or May 2024 to further discuss the actual launch of the program.

The meeting concluded with Governor Mendoza reiterating her support to the peace process and LNI/Normalization program.



4. **15th Meeting of the National Amnesty Commission.** On 17 April 2024 at the PICC, Pasay City, the OPAPRU, represented by Dir. Wendell Orbeso, GPH-MILF Peace Process, Dir. Janna Gallardo, GPH-MNLF Peace Process, Dir. Christina Loren Umali, GPH-Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade (GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB) Peace Process, and Dir. Emmanuel Santos, Jr., GPH-Communist Party of the Philippines/New People’s Army/National Democratic Front of the Philippines (GPH-CPP/NPA/NDF) Peace Process, attended the 15th Meeting of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC).



The meeting was spearheaded by the NAC Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento and Commissioner Atty. Jamar Kulayan, and was also attended by En Banc members and resource persons from DILG and DND. The 15th NAC Meeting convened the members and representatives from the Commission En Banc and OPAPRU Peace Process directors and focals to discuss the agenda.

Dir. Santos presented the status from the GPH-CPP/NPA/NDF Peace Process Office, including the proposal/request to establish additional local amnesty boards (LABs) for the CPP-NPA-NDF former rebel applicants. In his report to the body, he proposed the nine (9) additional LABs which will be situated in the following areas: 1) San Fernando City, La Union; 2) Gamu, Isabela; 3) San Fernando, Pampanga; 4) Legazpi, Albay; 5) Baguio City; 6) Tacloban City; 7) Catbalogan City; 8) Butuan City; 9) Koronadal City.

An update on the MOAs of the NAC was discussed by the Chief Legal of the Commission. According to the DILG, the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) is already for signature of the Secretary of the Interior and Local Government. Concerns on the IRR and NAC Rules of Procedure (RoP) were raised by the DND.

5. **Focus Group Discussion with the Department of Agrarian Reform.** A Focus Group Discussion (FGD) was convened on 22 April 2024 at the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) Central Office, Quezon City to address land-related issues in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) particularly on its implication on the implementation of the Normalization Program in the thirty-six (36) priority barangays of the six (6) MILF camps.

The key outcomes reached during the FGD were as follows: 1) Interagency collation and sharing of geospatial information related to land issues; 2) Conduct of an interagency workshop to overlay existing geospatial information on the thirty-six (36) barangays for the implementation of the Normalization Program; and, 3) Creation of an interagency body ("Interagency on Land Governance in the BARMM") through an Executive Order to address land issues in BARMM.

The meeting was attended by the Chairperson of the GPH PIP, Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano, together with the co-chairpersons of the GPH JTFCT, LTGEN Danilo Pamonag (Ret), and MP Engr. Baintan Ampatuan, Chairperson of the TWG on TJR, EDir. Cesar De Mesa, USec Bayan (GPIP member/DILG), USec Sangcopan (DAR), ASec Go (DENR), representatives from GPH TFDCC, and relevant national agencies such as the National Housing Authority (NHA), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), and Land Registration Authority (LRA).



6. **NAC Communication Plan Writeshop.** The National Amnesty Commission (NAC) conducted a Writeshop on 03 May 2024 at the PICC, Pasay City to finalize the NAC Communication Plan that is crucial in the implementation of the amnesty program, particularly in reaching members of the MILF, MNLF, RPM-P-RPA-ABB, and former members of the CPP-NPA-NDF to encourage them to apply for amnesty. The OPAPRU Communications and Public Affairs (CPAS), led by Dir. Darwin Wee, served as the facilitator and resource person for the activity. Joining the writeshop were NAC Commissioners and members of the Communication Team, OPAPRU Peace Tables spearheaded by its program directors, Dir. Wendell Orbeso (GPH-MILF Peace Process Office), Dir. Jana Gallardo (GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office), and Dir. Emmanuel Santos (GPH-CPP/NPA/NDF Peace Process Office) and Atty. Allan Caser of OPAPRU Legislative and Legal Service (LLS). Asec. Michel André del Rosario of the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and Assistant-Director General Jonathan E. Malaya of the National Security Council (NSC) also affirmed their

assistance in finalizing the communication plan by reviewing and commenting on its draft.

Several issues and concerns relative to the political and procedural matters surfaced and harvested during the breakout and plenary sessions. A few of the specific issues that were raised are clarificatory



points on the period of reckoning, verification of membership, effects on and of the peace agreement, and blanket amnesty in which, most, if not all, of these points have been tackled and/or documented by the peace tables. In a main plenary session, the overall communication goals, its overarching message and pillars, and expected milestones were drafted by the participants. One of the potential milestones added by the GPH-MILF Peace Process is on the ceremonial filing of application in the PLGU of Basilan, in line with the proposal of Governor Jim Hataman as an offshoot initiative from the ongoing implementation of the LNI strategy. This ceremonial filing will cover MILF and MNLF applicants.



7. Camp Visitation of Agrea Foundation. On 06 May 2024 at Brgy. Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU GPH-Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT), through MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan and Lieutenant General Danilo G. Pamong (Ret.), JTFCT Co-chairpersons, and the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano spearheaded the Camp Visitation of the representatives from the

Agrea Foundation led by Ms. Cherrie Atilano, its founding CEO and President, as part of the government efforts to ramp up camps transformation through diversified partnership with social entrepreneurship. The AGREA Foundation is an innovative and inclusive organization that aims to help eradicate poverty for farming and fishing families, to alleviate the effects of climate change and to help establish food security in the Philippines.

The team visited the sites of the Climate Smart Agri-Livelihood Projects in Camp Abubakar, particularly the Organic Vegetable Farm, the Hito Culture Site and the Fish Condo Site, which were originally developed with MSU Maguindanao and benefitted two (2) cooperatives in Barangay Tugaig. The camp visit was also graced by MP Jaafar Apollo Mikhail Matalam, Brigadier General Eric A Macaambac of the 1st Marine Brigade, and Mr. Alex Sulay on behalf of the MILF JTFCT.



The purpose of the said visit is to explore collaborations with Agrea Foundation on the promotion of community-based inclusive, sustainable agriculture and agri-business. The intervention aims for inclusivity to foster future partnership in the delivery of the

socio-economic interventions for the Camps in relation to the Camps Transformation Plan.

8. **Meeting with NAC on Areas of Collaboration.** On 07 May 2024, the OPAPRU represented by its program directors, Dir. Wendell Orbeso, Dir. Jana Gallardo, Dir. Emmanuel Santos, and Dir. Christina Umali attended a meeting with the NAC Commissioner Atty. Jamar Kulayan to brainstorm and discuss areas of collaboration between the NAC and OPAPRU.



This meeting is in line with the request of the Commission to brainstorm and exchange ideas that will further align initiatives with the peace tables and prepare for the application process, particularly on the assistance to the applicants of the respective groups. The outcome or proposals from the meeting are subject to the approval of the PAPRU and NAC Chairperson.



The GPH-MILF PPO presented its initial or draft Internal Guidelines. This Internal Guidelines came from the previous GPH-MILF PPO focus group discussion with Commissioner Kulayan, wherein among the agreed action points is to create a guideline to specify the assistance and role of the GPH-MILF peace process in line with the steps under the NAC process flow and Rules of Procedure (RoP). It was proposed to cover all peace

tables in these guidelines by reviewing and enhancing it further to align with the scenarios and cases of all peace tables.

The CPPO and RCPPO presented their matrix which identified their proposed assistance and role in line with the NAC RoP. Commissioner Kulayan also sought the assistance of the CPPO on the establishment of additional Local Amnesty Boards (LABs) in the proposed areas, specifically by helping identify the LAB Secretariat Members. Some points of concern and clarification from the NAC and emphasis on a few procedural matters or Steps were brought into discussion. It was agreed that the output from this meeting will be organized by the peace tables and to be presented in the meeting with the PAPRU and NAC Chairperson on May 10, 2024, for their approval and guidance.



9. **Meeting with NAC.** The OPAPRU led by Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr. and its key officials attended the meeting with NAC headed by its Chairperson, Atty. Leah C. Tanodra-Armamento. The meeting aimed to discuss the relationship between the OPAPRU and NAC in the effective implementation of the Amnesty Program as well as provide updates and status on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Location and Membership of the LABs and Strategic Communication Plan.

Per discussion, the NAC IRR has already been signed by all the signatories and is targeted to be published in May 2024. The OPAPRU, through the Program 1 funds, shall shoulder the cost of its publication. On LABs, the discussions centered on the expansion of LABs to accommodate more applicants strategically. Lucena City's inclusion in the proposal for additional LABs was highlighted. Attention was drawn to the importance of designating LAB memberships.



Further, as part of the meeting's agenda, Director Darwin Wally Wee of OPAPRU-CPAS presented a draft Communication Plan for collaborative approval. The plan aims to highlight key milestones and promote awareness on the Amnesty Program.

10. *Ocular Visit of the Possible Site for Expansion of the Climate-Smart Agricultural Livelihood as part of Camps Transformation Program.* On 15 May 2024 at Camp

Badre, Brgy. Sifaran, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel (PIP) led by Chairperson Cesar Yano and the GPH and MILF JTFCT conducted an ocular visit of the possible site for the expansion of the climate-smart agricultural livelihood as part of the camps transformation program in the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps. Also present during the ocular visit were MSU Maguindanao Chancellor Dr. Bai Hejira Nefertiti Sinsuat Macalandong Limbona, Dr. Raquel Santiago-Arenas, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension, and the rest of the team who previously implemented the pilot project in Camp Abubakar, Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.



Chairperson Yano emphasized the government's commitment to delivering socio-economic interventions as agreed under the CAB. Lieutenant Colonel Jerome Penalosa of the 2nd Mechanized Infantry Battalion committed to ensure safety and security in the area and to bridge the needs of the community to the appropriate mechanism.



Chancellor Limbona, through the MSU Maguindanao technical team, assured the community that they will ensure that the expansion of the Agri-livelihood Support Program in Camp Badre will be successful, and the community will truly benefit the community therein. MILF JTFCT Sukarno Akmad also provided updates on the other camps projects in the area. The team also inspected the river system traversing Datu Odin Sinsuat (DOS) as a possible water source to ensure the viability of the proposed agri-livelihood projects.

11. *Meeting on Camps Transformation Investment Program.* On 21 May 2024 at EM Manor Hotel and Convention Center, Cotabato City the OPAPRU GPH-JTFCT led by GPH Chairperson Lieutenant General Danilo G. Pamonag (Ret), MILF Chairperson MP Ali O. Salik, together with MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, held a pivotal meeting attended by the GPH and MILF Coordinators and Secretariat.

The primary focus was the presentation of the updated Camps Transformation Investment Program (CTIP) by Mr. Ever Abasolo, Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Consultant on Camps Monitoring and Coordination. To facilitate understanding of the investment adjustments, Mr. Hadzer Birowa, Operations Manager of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, provided a comparative analysis of the CTIP investment figures.

Key outcomes of the meeting included the adoption of the updated CTIP document, emphasizing implementation impact over cost figures. The group also agreed to add three (3) barangays to the priority areas of the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps, underscoring the unity and collaborative decision-making of the JTFCT.

Reactions, responses, recommendations, and suggestions from the participants about the updated CTIP were also obtained during the meeting, contributing valuable insights for further refinement and implementation.



12. **Joint Ocular Visit of JTFCT and MSU - Maguindanao in Camp Badre.** On 22 May 2024 in Cotabato City, the OPAPRU through the GPH JTFCT, headed by GPH Co-Chairperson Lieutenant General Danilo G Pamonag (Ret) and supported by the technical staff from the JTFCT Secretariat, conducted an ocular visit to Camp Badre alongside the Mindanao State University (MSU) - Maguindanao team led by Vice Chancellor Raquel Santiago-Arenas.

Prior to the ocular visit, the team made courtesy calls to the LGUs of Barangays Kenebeka, Sibuto, Sifaran, and Bugawas in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte---the designated project sites for the Science-and-Technology (S&T) based and climate-smart agricultural initiatives. Ms. Raneer Sinsuat, Head of the Secretariat of GPH JTFCT, introduced the team, outlined the visit's objectives, and detailed the projects to be implemented at Camp Badre in partnership with MSU-Maguindanao. It was emphasized that these initiatives are part of the Livelihood Support component of the Camps Transformation Program. The LGUs expressed their appreciation for being consulted and informed prior to the commencement of the project.

As part of the ocular visit, the team conducted comprehensive evaluations, including soil sampling for vegetable farming, water sampling for fish production, and potability testing of water for the ready-to-lay chicken project. Additionally, they assessed the overall status and suitability of the land at the proposed sites.

The GPH Camp Coordinator, BGen Oriel Pangcog, was represented by 1st Lieutenant Mark Ivan P. Genosa (ARM) PA of the 2nd Mechanized Battalion, Sukarno Akmad, the MILF JTFCT Camp Coordinator participated in the said activity.

The OPAPRU and MSU-Maguindanao are poised to formalize their partnership through a Memorandum of Agreement, solidifying their collaborative efforts for the project.

13. **Meeting with the Technical Team of BCTP.** On 23 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH-JTFCT met with the technical Team of the Bangsamoro Camps Transformation Project (BCTP), represented by Ms. Noraida Abdullahkarim, the Director for Mindanao Programme of the Community and Family Services International, and Mr. Kadafy Sinolinding, the Program Manager of the BCTP under the Bangsamoro Agency Inc., in anticipation of the Ceremonial Groundbreaking event scheduled on 30 May 2024, at Brgy. Dungguan, Datu Montawal, Maguindanao del Sur.



The initiation of this coordination meeting was prompted by a request from PB Member MP Baintan Adil-Ampatuan following agreements reached during the 3rd BCTP PB Meeting. Its primary objective was to enhance the dissemination of project information and to ensure seamless planning, coordination, and preparation for the forthcoming ceremonial groundbreaking. In addition, the BCTP team sought the assistance of the JTFCT in extending invitations to various media networks and coordinating security and ground preparations, to which the secretariat assented.

The BCTP Team also provided updates to the Secretariat regarding recent developments in the BCTP implementation, notably concerning the forthcoming Technical Visit by the World Bank Team on 04 June 2024, and the series of groundbreaking activities related to other socio-economic infrastructures across the six (6) Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps. During the meeting, both entities reaffirmed their partnership and commitment and agreed to revisit established protocols.



14. **Conduct of the 17th NAC Meeting.** On 19 June 2024, representatives from Program 1 (GPH-MILF Peace Process) attended the 17th Meeting of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC). During the meeting, the progress of the NAC's Memoranda of Agreement (MOAs) with partner organizations, the status of additional Local Amnesty Boards (LABs), and the ICCMN Caravan in July 2024 were discussed. The GPH-MILF PPO updated the body regarding the ICCMN Caravan and the amnesty application service, which has been discussed and coordinated with the NAC through Commissioner Jamar Kulayan and Atty. Acas. Certain administrative matters and security arrangements are still being collectively firmed up in preparation for the service.



The meeting was spearheaded by the NAC Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento

and was attended by En Banc members and resource persons, from the DOJ, DILG, and DND.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Mainstreaming GAD and WPS

1. ***Internal Workshop on NAPWPS Action Point and MDA Mapping Tool.*** The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO participated in the internal workshop on the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) and Ministry/Department/Agency (MDA) Mapping Tool spearheaded by the OPAPRU Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) on 11 April 2024. The workshop aimed to identify which OPAPRU Program is responsible for each of the four (4) substantive pillars of NAPWPS 2023-2033. The GPH-MILF PPO presented the Program 1 structures, policies, activities, and ways of reporting of GAD activities. Announced in the workshop is the upcoming Formulation of Agency Strategic Action Plan (ASAP) workshop in collaboration with Ateneo de Manila University and Asia Pacific Partnership for Atrocity Prevention Gender Working Group as part of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 localization effort.
2. ***3rd Regular Meeting of GAD Focal Point System TWG.*** On 24 April 2024, the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO participated in the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (FPS) TWG 3rd Regular Meeting. The first part of the meeting focused on the status of the OPAPRU Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) for sexual harassment cases presented by the HRMS. The CODI for Sexual Harassment Cases was established in the OPAPRU through the Office Order No. 31, 2014 with subject "Administrative Disciplinary Rules on Sexual Harassment Cases in the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process" which was created by adopting the CSC Resolution No. 01-0940, otherwise known as the Administrative Disciplinary Rules on Sexual Harassment and following the R.A. 7877 or the Anti-Sexual Harassment Act of 1995. The creation of the policy was primarily anchored on the goal of the strengthening the mechanism against sexual harassment acts and upholding gender equality and responsiveness in the workplace.

The second part of the meeting was the presentation and discussion of the proposed "GAD Corner". The OED-PS presented the creation of a GAD Corner in the agency website. This is proposed to be a user-friendly platform that provides convenient access to essential information and resources concerning GAD initiatives and programs. This will also serve as a central hub for GAD-related E-LIBRARY resources including reports, studies, and publications. Proposed content of the webpage is the creation of the GAD Learning Management System (LMS) which includes interactive video lesson, post-assessment, and certificate generation.

The last part of the meeting delved on the proposed partnership with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) on GAD and NAPWPS, Crafting of the GAD Mainstreaming Roadmap, and Creation of GFPS TWG Sub Committees for the Learning Management, Advocacy and Information, and Gender Audit for the strengthening of GAD Mainstreaming in the office. Further, announced in the meeting is the tentative schedule for the GAD Advance Training which is on 19-21 June 2024 and the GAD Mid-Year Assessment on 27-28 June 2024.

3. ***Workshop on Formulation of Agency Specific Action Plan.*** On 25 April 2024 at Escaler Hall, SEC Building, Ateneo De Manila University, Quezon City, the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO participated in the Formulation of Agency Specific Action Plan (ASAP) Workshop spearheaded by the SHAPEO in collaboration with Ateneo De Manila University (ADMU) and the Asia Pacific Partnership for Atrocity Prevention (APPAP) Gender Working Group as part of the localization effort of NAPWPS 2023-2033. The workshop is intended for the member agencies of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NSCWPS).



The first part of the workshop is a presentation by Prof. Ma. Lourdes Veneracion, an associate professor of ADMU Department of Political Science, on the Evolution of Women, Peace, and Security Agenda. Discussed was the timeline of how the NAP started in the Philippines from 2010 as a civil society-led plan (NAPWPS 2010-2016), followed by a government-led plan (NAPWPS 2017-2022) until it was launched in 2023 as a convergence plan (NAPWPS 2023-2033). The discussion was followed by a group

activity identifying the agency's role and commitments in the NAPWPS 2023-2033 and the mechanisms in place or will be in place in order to implement the aforementioned action plan.

The second part of the workshop focused on the discussion of all the Substantive Pillars of NAPWPS 2023-2033. Mr. Rene Gandeza of SHAPEO presented the proposed template for the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) of Support Pillar 4. Included in the template is the Substantive Pillar, Action Point, Sub-Action Point, Cause of Gender Issue, MEAL Indicator, Proposed Program, Project, and Activity, Budget, and the Responsible Unit.

The workshop aims to assist in formulating, aligning, and identifying the specific programs, projects, and activities aligned with the action points outlined in the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The participants were able to gain a deeper understanding and broader horizons on how to align initiatives with wider objectives of the NAPWPS, thereby strengthening contributions in promotion of the WPS Agenda.



4. **Workshop on Transforming Outcome Statements and Action Points on the NAPWPS 2023-2033 into a Results Chain.** From 20-21 June 2024 at the Linden Suites, the OPAPRU

GPH-MILF PPO together with other offices participated in the 2-day Workshop on Transforming Outcome Statements and Action Points on the NAPWPS 2023-2033 into a Results Chain attended by representatives from DFA, DSWD, DND, Philippine Commission on Women



(PCW), National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Women and Gender Institute (WAGI), and Women Engaged in Action (WeACT) 1325.

The workshop had a series of lectures by UN Women Consultant for Asia and Pacific, Mr. Miki Jacevic and UN Women Consultant to the Philippines, Ms. Milagros Rimando. Their discussion focused on the importance of indicators in the action plan, the different levels of indicators, and the two types of indicators. Further, an ongoing review of the

NAPWPS 2023-2033 and other plans/policies was presented by Ms. Rimando. The final MEAL Framework and Plan for the NAPWPS 2023-2033 is targeted to be validated and launched in August - September 2024.

Mainstreaming of CSPP

1. **Peace Education Training.** On 23 April 2024 at the Miriam College, the OPAPRU through Dir. Wendell Orbeso provided a presentation to the participants of the Peace Education Training facilitated by the Center for Peace Education of Miriam College which housed key teacher-educators from twelve (12) Mindanao State University campuses all over Mindanao. Dir. Orbeso discussed the celebration of the 10th year Anniversary of the Signing of the CAB particularly its peace dividends and remaining challenges.



2. **Lecture for Strategic Civil Military Operations Officers Online Course.** On 07 May 2024, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat Head Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan provided a lecture on the GPH-MILF Peace Process for the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) personnel during the Strategic Civil Military Officers Online Course 23-24. The lecture included an overview of the GPH-MILF peace process and the implementation of the CAB, particularly the updates on its political and normalization tracks.
3. **Basilan Peace Forum.** On 23 May 2024 at Lamitan Gymnasium, Basilan City, the representatives of OPAPRU GPH-JNC Chairperson and Combined Secretariat CCCH and AHJAG Chairperson BGen Nasser Lidasan attended the Basilan Peace Forum organized by the 101st Infantry Brigade under the leadership of BGen Alvin Luzon. The activity's objective was to discuss and exchange ideas to formulate concepts, models, and plans to sustain the peace and harmony experienced by the people of Basilan.



Topics presented by the GPH-JNC in the activity were the Updates on Normalization, Briefing on MNLF Transformation, and Amnesty. After the discussion, an open forum was held wherein the representative of the GPH-JNC Chairperson served as the moderator.

4. **Briefing on the Normalization Program with the AFP Civil Relations Services.**

On 24 May 2024 at Peace Room, OPAPRU Cotabato Field Office, the Deputy Commander of the AFP Civil Relations Services, Colonel Medel Aguilar, paid a courtesy call/visit to OPAPRU



Normalization Mechanisms purposely to be updated on the different aspects of the normalization program. Representatives from various mechanisms provided backgrounds and updates on their respective programs.

5. **Conduct of the 4th Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration Symposium 2024.**

On 03-07 June 2024 at Varembe Conference Centre, Geneva, Switzerland, the OPAPRU through Dir. Wendell Orbeso of the GPH-MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat, attended and served as one of the facilitators during the Fourth DDR Symposium 2024 with the theme "DDR's Role in



Conflict Prevention and Sustaining Peace". The Symposium is a joint initiative between the United Nations Department of Peace Operations (UNDPO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) which includes a high-level opening, side event, and time for dedicated intra-agency/community meetings, networking, and side meetings on specific country initiatives. The Symposium aimed to engage DDR practitioners and operational UN entities to reflect and discuss pressing practical and operational issues related to the DDR field and its implementation.

6. **Lecture to the Coast Guard Education, Training, and Doctrine Command (CGETDC).**

On 24 June 2024 at the Marilag Hall of CGETDC, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office represented by Ms. Shiela Del Rosario presented the GPH-MILF Peace Process to 40 esteemed Coast Guard Commanders of Coast Guard Officer Senior Executive Course (CGOSEC) Class 03-2024. The primary goal of the lecture was to capacitate the officers with their understanding of national efforts towards peace, reconciliation and unity as well as looped in the Coast Guard on their role in peace, security and development in the Bangsamoro.



Stakeholders Participation

1. **Information, Education, and Communication Campaign.** On 02 April 2024 at Datu Hoffer, Maguindanao Del Sur, the OPAPRU GPH JPSC Secretariat together with GPH Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) participated in the Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Campaign with BIAF-MILF Commanders in Salibu, Pagatin, Mamasapano, and Shariff Aguak (SPMS) Box spearheaded by BGEN Nasser P Lidasan, PhD PA. The GPH JPSC provided updates on the implementation of the Normalization Track of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, security aspect of Normalization and mandates and functions of the Joint Peace and Security Team (JPST), and the presentation of the ceasefire protocols. Present in the activity were Mayor Bai Bongbong M. Ampatuan, Municipal Mayor, Datu Hoffer; Vice Mayor Prince Datu Sufri Midtimbang Ampatuan, Datu Hoffer; BGen Jose Bladimier Cagara PA, Bde Cmdr 1st BCT; Col Ricky Bunagog, Deputy Bde Cmdr, 601st Infantry Bde PA; Battalion Commanders (92IB, 33IB, 40IB, 6IB and 2nd Mech Bn), Cmdr. Benji Darat, Chief Admin, 128BC, BIAF MILF; Mr. Morodin Mamaluba, Mun. Administrator, Datu Hoffer and the Municipal Councilors of Datu Hoffer.



2. **Briefing on the Peace Agreements for Senate Staff and Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel.** On 25 April 2024 at the Senator Tolentino Room, 2nd Floor, Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City, the OPAPRU LLS, GPH-MILF PPO, GPH-MNLF PPO, and GPH-RPA-CPLA PPO had a briefing on the peace agreements for the Senate staff and Senator Aquilino “Koko” Pimentel. In the briefing, the OPAPRU Program Directors were able to provide a thorough discussion and lecture on various peace agreements. Dir. Wendell Orbeso of GPH-MILF PPO presented the 2014 Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro, Dir. Janna Jill Gallardo of GPH-MNLF PPO tackled the 1996 Final Peace Agreement, and Dir. Christina Loren Umali of GPH-RPA-CPLA PPO discussed the 2000 Peace Agreement. Each presentation highlighted the background and history of the peace agreement, milestones and accomplishments, current status, challenges, and ways forward. An open forum was held afterwards wherein the Senate staff and Senator Pimentel were able to raise their questions to which the program directors were able to respond and share additional points and information.



3. **Courtesy Call of Mr. Jose “Jojo” Hiponia, Jr., Security Director/Analyst USAID Contractor Logistics Services in Mindanao.** On 03 May 2024, the OPAPRU CCCH Secretariat received Mr. Jose “Jojo” Hiponia, Jr., Security Director/Analyst USAID Contractor Logistics Services in Mindanao during his courtesy call to OPAPRU Field Offices. The purpose of their visit is to inquire for data relative to *Rido* and to conduct security assessment with the recent incidents that transpired in Cotabato City and neighboring areas.



4. **Meeting and Courtesy Visit of FSD Mindanao Project Manager and Senior Technical Advisor.** On 07 May 2024 and 28 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH CCCH Chairperson Brigadier General Nasser P Lidasan PhD, PA, met with Mr. Jean-Louis Delaite, Fondation Suisse de Déminage (FSD) Mindanao Project Manager and Mr. Craig Drehgorn, FSD Senior Technical Adviser as a courtesy visit. During their meeting, the re-operationalization of the Operations Center Explosive Hazard Management and Response (OPCEN EHMR) was discussed. After which, the attendees conducted an ocular inspection in the said operations center. Following this meeting, Mr. Delaite and Mr. Craighorn met with Dir. Wendell P. Obeso, Head of the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office and JNC Secretariat, and Major General Francisco Ariel F Felicidad III (Ret), the GPH Chairperson of the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) for introduction as well as report the initial plan of the FSD relative to the re-operationalization of the operation center.



5. **Meeting with JICA Consultant Ms. Mariko Ikawa.** The OPAPRU GPH-TFDCC had a meeting with Ms. Mariko Ikawa, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) Consultant, which also served as her courtesy call to the GPH-TFDCC. The meeting focused on the discussion on the feedback and results from the 1st batch of training under the Skills Development and Economic Empowerment (SEE) Project's Skills Training for the Bangsamoro.

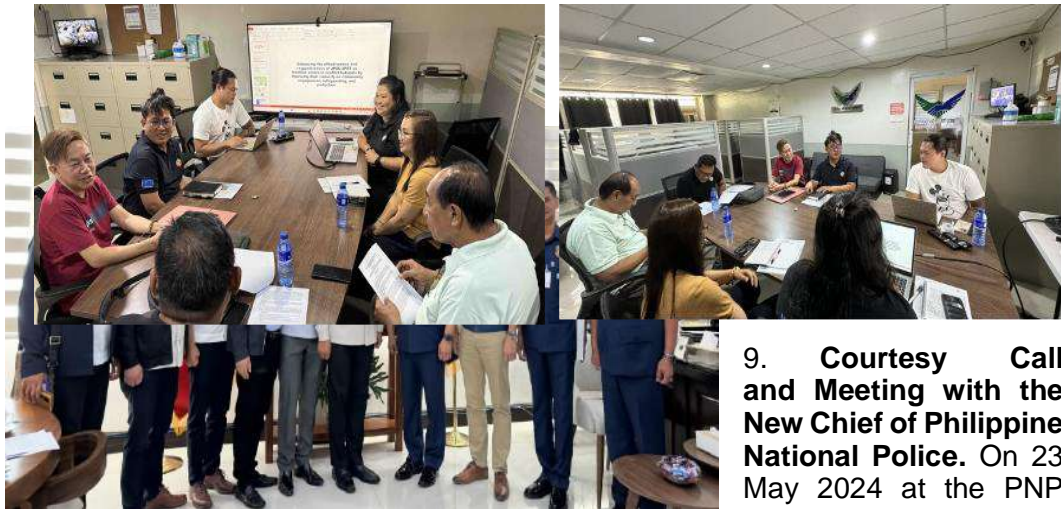


6. **Courtesy Call to Hon. Akmad Ampatuan Jr., Mayor of Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur.** On 17 May 2024 at Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur, the OPAPRU GPH CCCH Chairperson Brigadier General Nasser P Lidasan PhD, PA paid a courtesy visit to Hon. Akmad Ampatuan Jr., Mayor of Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur. Discussed during the meeting is the visit of the GPH CCCH and 6th Infantry Battalion of the Philippine Army in Brgy. Dasikil/Dabenayen and the ways forward involving the MILF members in some of the Barangays in Mamasapano. Said meeting was also attended by Colonel Michael Glenn S.



Manansala INF (GSC) PA, CO, 6IB, PA and Lieutenant Colonel Udgie C Villan INF (GSC) PA, CO, 33IB, PA.

7. **Meeting with Ayala Foundation.** On 20 May 2024, the OPAPRU GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson PA Cesar B. Yano and the GPH JTFCT met with the Ayala Foundation to explore prospects for partnership and support for the development of the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps in line with the Camps Transformation Plan (CTP).
8. **Meeting with the Nonviolent Peaceforce on Module Development Consultant.** On 22 May 2024 at JPSC Office, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU GPH-JPSC Secretariat led by Mr. Gil Cambronero, Head of MILF JPSC and Mr. Kashmir Mohammad, Focal of MILF JPST, met with Ms. Kaye Sison of Nonviolent Peaceforce to discuss the Activity Design and Terms of Reference (ToR) for a consultant on Module Development.



9. **Courtesy Call and Meeting with the New Chief of Philippine National Police.** On 23 May 2024 at the PNP National Headquarters,

the OPAPRU led by Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, David B. Diciano together with Dir. Wendell Orbeso (Head, GPH-MILF PPO & JNC Secretariat), Brigadier General Buenaventura Pascual (Ret) (Chairperson of GPH MNLF Management Committee), Mr. Ariel C. Hernandez (Chairperson of GPH-JNC), Major General Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret) (Chairperson of GPH JPSC), Police Major General Eden Ugale (Ret) (Member of GPH JPSC), and Mr. Agripino Javier (Member of GPH MNLF Management Committee) attended the Courtesy Call and meeting with the new Chief of Philippine National Police (PNP), Police General Rommel Francisco Marbil.

The meeting paved the way to present updates on the Comprehensive Peace Process as well as address items for clarification relative to the support and contribution of the PNP. Police General Marbil gave his full assurance and commitment to support the peace process.

10. **Awarding Plaques of Appreciation to Former Normalization Mechanism Officials and Peace Partners.** On 03 June 2024, the OPAPRU through the MILF Peace Process Office held an awarding ceremony to former Normalization Program Mechanism Officials and Peace Partners during the OPAPRU General Assembly. Among the awardees were



PMGen Victor Wanchakan (Ret.), former Chairperson of the GPH – Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) and Deputy Commander of Area Police Command – Western Mindanao (APC-WM), PBGen Allan Nobleza, former Director of Police Regional Office in the Bangsamoro Region (PRO-BAR) and currently the Director of PNP Directorate for Information and Communications Technology Management (DICTM) represented by PBGen Jerry Protacio (Deputy Director of DICTM), and PBGEN Percival Augustus Placer, former Chief of PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PPDC) and currently Regional Director of PNP-Regional Office 12. The said ceremony provided a reminder of OPAPRU's gratitude for the aforementioned officials' hard work, dedication, and unwavering support in its mission for a just and lasting peace for the nation and for all Filipinos.

11. **Consultative Meeting with Key Bangsamoro Government Stakeholders.** On 04 June 2024, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office, GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, and Field Operation Support Unit (FOSU), facilitated the Consultative Meeting with Key Bangsamoro Government Stakeholders convened by OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., where 59 Members of the BARMM Parliament attended.



During the discussion, the attendees raised concerns on budget preparation, Amnesty Program implementation, clean and honest elections, and the completion of the peace agreements. The Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Floor Leader and BARMM Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG) Minister, Atty. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba provided updates on the key accomplishments of the BTA including the status of the remaining priority codes. BTA Parliament Speaker Pangalian Balindong encouraged the members of the parliament to work harder for the passage of the remaining priority codes.

Among the OPAPRU attendees were Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, David B. Diciano, Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation, Jordan S. Bayam, Chairperson of GPH - Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), Mr Ariel Hernandez, GPH-MNLF PPO Director Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Peace Process and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) Director Ishmael Bahjin and Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) Director Darwin Wally Wee.

12. UNICEF – Mindanao Field Office Courtesy Call.

On 06 June 2024, the new chief of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) - Mindanao Field Office Andres Wuestenberg, together with his team, made a courtesy call to the OPAPRU GPH Peace Implementing Panel, GPH-TFDCC, GPH and MILF JTFCT, and International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO). The UNICEF team presented their programs in the BARMM and the core barangays of the MILF. In attendance were GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson Cesar B. Yano, GPH-TFDCC Chairperson Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, GPH-JTFCT Co-Chairpersons, Lt. Gen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret.) and MP Baintain Ampatuan, MILF-JTFCT Chairperson Ali Salik, and representative from OPAPRU IPPO.



13. GPH Peace Implementing Panel Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency.

On 06 June 2024, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson PA Cesar B. Yano and Secretariat Head Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan, met with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) officials led by Senior Adviser for Peace and Development Mr. Naoyuki Ochiai. The meeting aimed to discuss the proposed Symposium on the Tenth Anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) to be held on 05-08 August 2024 in Tokyo, Japan.

14. Courtesy Call of JICA Road Network Development Project Officials.

On 08 June 2024 at OPAPRU Annex Field Office, Maguindanao del Norte, the JICA Road Network Development Project (RNDP) officials led by Deputy Project Manager Engr. Nasser Sinarimbo and Mr. Michimasa Numata, International Security Officer, paid a courtesy call to the chairperson of GPH CCCH BGEN Nasser Lidasan, PhD PA, together with Col Joel Q Mamon, Head of the Combined Secretariat of the GPH CCCH and AHJAG. Presented during the visit were the projects of the JICA RNDP. These projects improve rural road infrastructure and facilitate fast connectivity and safe mobility. Further, it serves as a way to health, education and economic opportunities and an improved quality of life.



15. Participation in the Declaration of Abu Sayyaf Group as Persona Non-Grata.

On 11 June 2024 at Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, the personnel of JPST Tipo-Tipo led by SSg Jusilan A. Jaji PNP and Omar Maranie, BIAF-MILF, in coordination with Al-



Barka Municipal Police Station and 114th BIAF-MILF, participated in the Declaration of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) as Persona Non-Grata in Brgy. Danapah, Basilan. This declaration underscores a unified front against extremism and terrorism in the region.

This activity was initiated by the Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) of Brgy Bato-Bato, Al Barka, Basilan. In attendance were 45th Infantry Battalion, PA headed by 2LT Rajie C Camique, (INF) PA, BLGU of Brgy Bato-Bato, and other peace stakeholders.

16. Courtesy Visit to the Regional Director of Police Regional Office BAR. On 11

June 2024 at the Headquarters, PRO BAR, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG paid a courtesy visit to PBGEN Prexy F Tanggawohn, Regional Director, Police Regional Office Bangasamoro



Autonomous Region (PRO BAR). During the visit, the PRO BAR raised its concern regarding the ceasefire related violations committed by the MILF members and their involvement in *rido*/horizontal conflicts. The GPH CCCH and AHJAG assured the PRO BAR that it is maintaining its communication with the MILF Leadership through the MILF CCCH and AHJAG. This is to ensure that MILF members will avoid committing violations that may result in destruction of properties and displacement of civilians.

17. ARM to FARM Project Presentation. On 13 June 2024, the OPAPRU led by Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, David Diciano together with program directors, Dir. Wendell Orbeso of GPH-MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat and Dir. Dennis Legaspi of IPPO, and the technical staff from the GPH-MILF PPO, TFDCC, IPPO, and PAMANA, met with Mayor Datu Victor T. Samama and Vice Mayor Atty. Omar Samama of Datu Piang, Maguindanao del Sur, SP Member of the 4th District of Iloilo, Mr. Rolando B. Distura, and Mr. Erel B. Narida, President and CEO of the One Renewable Energy.



The meeting focused on the presentation of the ARM to FARM project of the Municipality of Datu Piang and One Renewable Energy, an initiative aimed at transitioning former combatants from armed conflict to agriculture. The project was discussed in detail with the objective of leveraging the peace process to facilitate economic development and sustainable livelihood for the community in Datu Piang, Maguindanao del Sur.

18. Courtesy Visit of Japanese Ambassador Endo Kazuya to JPSC/JPST. On 19 June 2024 at JPST OPCEN and North Upi, Maguindanao del Norte, the JPSC led

by MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.) and the JNC represented by Dir. Wendell Orbeso, received His Excellency. Endo Kazuya, the Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines together with UNDP and International Organization for Migration (IOM) officials during their visit at JPST OPCEN and JPST North Upi both in Maguindanao del Norte.



The Ambassador's visit aimed to discuss and be apprised on the developments relative to the partnership of OPAPRU through the JPSC and Government of Japan support to the JPST by enhancing their capacities through rehabilitation and logistical support and reinforcing socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable community members in target areas where JPSTs operate during the period of BARMM's transition.

19. Series of Solidarity and Confidence-Building Activity in the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps in Observance of Eid'l Adha.

From 19-26 June 2024 in Pualas, Lanao del Sur; Masiu, Lanao del Sur; Mangudadatu, Maguindanao del Sur; Buldon, Maguindanao del Norte; Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte; and Shariff Aguak, Maguindanao del Sur; the OPAPRU GPH Peace Implementing Panel Secretariat



facilitated a series of solidarity and confidence-building activities in the 6 previously acknowledged MILF camps in observance of Eid'l Adha. These include the Information, Education, Communication (IEC) campaign on socio-economic development programs for decommissioned combatants and camps transformation, and amnesty for MILF members. The campaign aimed to provide proper information and engage MILF communities and Local Government Units (LGUs) in a dialogue to address concerns regarding the implementation of normalization.



Basic goods were also distributed to community members as part of poverty alleviation and anti-hunger and anti-malnutrition initiatives. Dignity kits were

provided to women to address their reproductive health needs and to maintain their self-esteem and confidence.

The activity, with the theme “Fostering Understanding and Harmony through Solidarity and Confidence Building”, takes on the tradition of Duyog Ramadan, providing assistance to Muslim communities and further enhancing communal cohesion and sustaining peace.

These series of activities were in collaboration with the OPAPRU JTFCT, TFDCC, JPSC, CCCH, AHJAG, Bangsamoro government through the BTA, DSWD Region X and XII, NAC, Local Amnesty Board of CDO and Cotabato, PNP, and AFP.

20. **TFDCC Meeting with Japan International Cooperation Agency.** On 20 June 2024, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat met with JICA to discuss the timeline of the 2nd batch of the pilot implementation of skills training under Skills development and Economic Empowerment for Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro) project that will cover 75 MILF decommissioned combatants from the Special Geographic Area of BARMM. The initiative will replicate the two model courses; post-harvest corn management and safety driving for habal-habal/payong-payong riders, which were developed and implemented in Barira, Maguindanao del Norte. Specifically, this batch will develop a model training course on coconut production or processing of coconut-based products like sugar, vinegar, and oil.



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

A. POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

1. **Conduct of the 2nd Convergence Meeting with the MNLF Groups.** On 19 April 2024 at The Seda Hotel, Davao City, the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office facilitated the discussion of implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program with a special focus on the socio-economic transformation of former MNLF combatants and communities. It also aimed to address the clamor of some commanders, under the leadership of Chair Nur Misuari, to participate in the Transformation Program.

The meeting was presided over by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., and attended by PA Cesar Yano, PA David Diciano, and Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo. Building on the outcome of the meeting, the parties reached an agreement, to wit:

- a) The Transformation Program should be anchored on Article 20a of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (Art. 20a. “*There shall be a special socio-economic, cultural and educational program to cater to MNLF forces not absorbed into the AFP, PNP and the SRSF to prepare them and their families for productive endeavors, provide for educational, technical skills and livelihood training and give them priority for hiring in developmental projects.*”);
- b) Orientation or briefing the MNLF under Chair Nur Misuari on the concept and aspects of the Transformation Program;

- c) Creation of a working group to further discuss the “joint transformation roadmap” with the participation of ground commanders and come up with recommendations to be presented to the full body;
- d) Continuation of the implementation of the Transformation Program for combatants and communities that have already been started in 2023;
- e) Finalization of the list of combatants and communities by the MNLF groups on which to focus the interventions for their transformation and monitor their progress;
- f) OPAPRU and MNLF to work jointly to address the concerns of combatants in Sulu, which shall form part of the agenda of the visit on 02-03 May 2024. A preparatory meeting shall be held prior to this visit to finalize the agenda and arrangements; and
- g) Conduct the 3rd Convergence Meeting on 15 May 2024 in Davao City.

2. **Consultative Meetings with Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Senior Leaders and Members of the Parliament relative to the upcoming 1st Bangsamoro Regional Elections in 2025.** Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. presided this consultative meeting on 15 May 2024, along with the other GPH executives and personnel, including PA David B. Diciano, Edir Jordan S. Bayam, and Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Dir. Wendell P. Orbeso, Dir. Darwin Wally Wee, and Ms. Paula V. Acuña-Lorico. Also in attendance were the MNLF representatives, comprised of DM Nur-Ainee Lim, MP Nur Redha Misuari, MP Tarhata Maglangit, MP Hamid Malik, Chair Uttoh Salem Cutan, MP Romeo Sema, MP Omar Yasser Sema, and MP Faizal Karon.

The discussion focused on the progress in the political transformation of the region, including the elections in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and the implementation of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL). The body addressed the challenges and opportunities in the transition process and explored ways to ensure effective governance of the region.

The meeting also covered the preparations for the upcoming 2025 Bangsamoro Regional Elections, emphasizing the involvement of all relevant stakeholders, as this represents a crucial milestone in the peace process. The Proposed Joint Transformation Program and the creation of the Transformation Roadmap Technical Working Group to level off the terms and conditions of the program were also tackled in the meeting.

3. **Joint GPH – MNLF Visit to Sulu.** On 07 May 2024 at the Joint Task Force Orion, Bus-Bus, Jolo, Sulu, Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., visited to engage with MNLF communities in Sulu and address the concerns of MNLF combatants, especially in the areas of Amnesty and the Transformation Program. Further, it aimed to reinforce peacebuilding efforts in the region. The GPH, led by Sec. Galvez, along with OPAPRU Executives PA David Diciano, PA Cesar Yano, BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (ret), Chair of the GPH-Management Committee, and BGEN Alexander Macario (ret), incoming Peace and Security Sub-Committee Co-Chair, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Head of GPH-MNLF PPO and team led the visit to Sulu with the MNLF Management Committee Chair Uttoh Salem Cutan together with MNLF Secretariat.



The visit involved strategic discussions with the 11th Infantry Division Headquarters and key members of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) resulting to an agreement to sustain collaborative efforts between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and OPAPRU in implementing peacebuilding initiatives, and the AFP's role in supporting GPH-MNLF community-based peace programs.

Moreover, representatives from MNLF shared and presented the challenges they face relative to the ongoing efforts of the GPH, particularly in the validation and verification of firearms, and reintegration programs for the MNLF, such as the promotion and implementation of socio-economic projects to uplift the lives of MNLF combatants and their communities.

Meanwhile, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo presented the salient points of the MNLF Transformation Program, highlighting the plans to continue and fulfill the transformation program as a cornerstone of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement. She stated that the program aims to facilitate the transition of MNLF combatants to peaceful and productive civilian life.



The meeting resulted in the following recommendations and the next steps to be undertaken by the concerned parties involved: (1) Strengthen the cooperation and coordination between OPAPRU, the AFP, and the MNLF in addressing security and socio-economic challenges; (2) increase community engagement and participation in peacebuilding initiatives to ensure inclusivity and local ownership; and, (3) establish robust mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the progress of peacebuilding programs, ensuring accountability and effectiveness.

4. **Consultative Meeting with the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) on Remaining Priority Codes and other Concerns in Bangsamoro.** On 04 June 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City, Secretary Galvez, in his opening message, commended the BTA's commitment to peace and development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and urged the expedited passage of priority codes, particularly the Revenue Code and the Indigenous Peoples Development Act, ahead of the 2025 elections. Floor Leader Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba provided updates on legislative accomplishments since 2022, noting ongoing public consultations for remaining codes.

Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, from OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO, emphasized collaboration for honest and peaceful elections in 2025 and delivered updates on the upcoming election. Discussion on the budget formulation, post-conflict agreement continuity, and election credibility were raised by the members of the parliament and Sec. Galvez assured support for resolving issues related to land conflicts, voter registration, and security, emphasizing the government's commitment to a peaceful Mindanao.

The meeting concluded with closing messages from Edir. Jordan Bayam and Speaker Balindong, who reiterated the President's commitment to the Bangsamoro agenda and unity among parliament members, and support for a peaceful 2025 election in BARMM.

In attendance are GPH executives and personnel including PA David B. Diciano, Edir Jordan S. Bayam, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Dir. Darwin Wally Wee, and secretariats from the MILF and MNLF Peace Process Office. Also present were the members from the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA), led by Speaker Pangalian Balindong.

B. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Socio-Economic Component

1. Ceremonial Turnover of 100 units Housing in Zamboanga.

The OPAPRU GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, attended and witnessed the ceremonial turnover of 100 units of the Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a project funded by the



OPAPRU under its PAYapa at MASagang pamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program, held on 17-18 April 2024 at Barangay Datu Tumanggong, Tungawan, Zamboanga Sibugay and Barangay Culasian and Lubok, Sirawai, Zamboanga del Norte.

The DSWD and the Local Government Units (LGUs) of Sirawai and Tungawan reached an agreement for these additional units during the turnover ceremony of the MSAP in a different barangay. Finalized in 2023, the agreement seeks to extend the MSAP to other barangays.

The 50 units of MSAP were completed and turned over to the beneficiaries in Barangay Datu Tumanggong. According to Mr. Berto Balanda, President of Housing Association, 41 MNLF members and their next of kin, who are also bona fide residents of the mentioned barangay, are the recipients of these units. Meanwhile, another 50 MSAP units were distributed to the two (2) Barangays, with 30 units constructed in Brgy. Lubok, where twenty-two (22) are designated for MNLF members and next of kin, and nine (9) out of twenty (20) units are situated in Brgy. Culasian awarded to MNLF members and families.

The ceremony was graced by DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjusay; Mayor Carlnan Climaco, Local Chief Executive of Tungawan Municipality; Daniel Balanda, Barangay Chairman of Datu Tumanggong; and representatives from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP). For Zamboanga del Norte, Mayor Aljazar Janihim, the Local Chief Executive of Sirawai; Mr. Wilbert Gallanes, Provincial Administrator of Provincial Government of Zamboanga Norte; MGEN Gabriel C Viray III, 1st Tabak Division, Armed Forces of the Philippines; and Mr Wilbert Gallanes, Provincial Administrator of PLGU were present.

Further, the Tungawan LGU and DSWD entered into a partnership through the signing of a Memorandum of Agreement for an additional 50 units of housing for Barangay Batungan, set to be implemented in 2024. Meanwhile, 150 more MSAP is planned for Sirawai in 2024.

2. Review of Priority Projects of Twenty-Five (25) MNLF Communities with the Mindanao State University (MSU) and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Management Committee.

The OPAPRU GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office had a meeting with the LGU, Mindanao State University System, and the Socio-economic

Subcommittee and Secretariat of the MNLF Management Committee on 20 April 2024 at Blue Lotus Hotel, Davao City. This meeting aimed to address crucial issues that emerged during the review of identified priority projects across 25 MNLF communities in selected provinces of BARMM.

Chaired by Chairpersons PA Cesar B. Yano and Mr. Uttoh Salem Cutan, with Co-Chairperson BGen Buenaventura Pascual (ret.) and Head of GPH-MNLF PPO, Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, the discussions focused on ensuring the successful execution of 79 proposed projects across 25 communities with MSU, support for MNLF next-of-kin through study grants, and updates on medical assistance initiatives like MAIFIP.

Key agreements included the visit of BGen Buenaventura Pascual (Ret), co-chair for Joint Peace and Security Subcommittee and Mr. Awad Hamid, co-chair of the Socio-economic Subcommittee to Lanao del Sur on 06-08 May 2024 to meet with the commanders and community focal and address concerns on land donations relative to construction projects. Moreover, the GPH-MNLF Management Committee will convene a meeting with the community focals/coordinators of the 25 priority communities to provide update on the status of the projects and address concerns on pending projects on 8-10 May 2024.



3. **Validation of New Sites for Water System Level II Project under the FY 2024 PAMANA Projects in the Province of Tawi-Tawi.** The OPAPRU, through the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO) and the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office (GPH-MNLF PPO), conducted a 2-day site validation of the FY 2024 PAMANA Projects in Tawi-Tawi Province from 30 April to 02 May 2024.



The barangays of Tumindaw, Sitankai Municipality; Kohec and Dalo-Dalo, Sapa-sapa Municipality; Sangay Siapuh, Simunul Municipality; and Tong Manggeng, Tumindaw Island Municipality, are the new sites identified by the provincial government based on its living conditions. These barangays are said to be areas without water.

On 02 May 2024, the team concluded its project site validation with an exit meeting with key representatives from the PLGU of

Tawi-Tawi to discuss the output of the validation of Water Projects Level II in Tawi-Tawi.



Engineer Gabriel Evangelista explained the technical requirements needed to be complied with and submitted by the PLGU Tawi-Tawi to the OPAPRU. The validation team was composed of personnel from PAMANA-NPMO and GPH-MNLF PPO, together with the PLGU and MLGU, with the assistance of the Philippine Marines.

4. **Meeting with MNLF Lanao del Sur Focals and Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi Project Management Team.** On 07 May 2024 at the Mindanao State University

(MSU) Marawi, the GPH-MNLF Management Committee, represented by BGEN Buenaventura Pascual and Mr. Awad Hamid, convened with the MSU-Marawi and the seven (7) MNLF Focals representing priority communities in Lanao del Sur. The meeting aimed to address concerns raised by MNLF Commanders and offer practical solutions regarding the transfer of land and property, as well as farm inputs and equipment, to the Local Government Unit (LGU).



Discussions revolved around suggestions for the deed of donation regarding the transfer of land/property, farm inputs, and equipment either to MSU as the recipient or to the LGU, with MSU and MNLF cooperatives proposed as administrator.



The parties agreed that the MSU should explore alternative projects in case the Disaster Risk Reduction Management (DRRM) initiatives encounter obstacles. Furthermore, dedicated efforts will focus on identifying the most effective solutions related to the deed of donation for land and property, ensuring alignment

with PAMANA guidelines. This process shall involve pinpointing communities in partnership with the LGU and actively addressing their concerns, as well as the community that would likely proceed in adherence to the PAMANA guidelines.

5. **Consultation Meeting with the Community Focals Relative to the implementation of OPAPRU-MSU Partnership on MNLF Transformation.**

Recognizing the pivotal role of the community focals from the twenty-five (25) priority communities covered by the OPAPRU-MSU Partnership, the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office (GPH-MNLF PPO), conducted a coordination meeting on 14 May 2024 at Phela Grande Hotel, Magsaysay Avenue, General Santos City.



The consultation meeting aimed to: (1) present the progress report on the implementation; (2) resolution of issues and other concerns/challenges that may arise during the implementation period; and, (3) revisit and finalize the schedule of project implementation.



Discussion by the MSU - General Santos focused on identified projects of the 25 MNLF priority barangays, ranging from agricultural, infrastructure, and support to various livelihood interventions and capacity-building activities, including the pending status of community transport of the selected barangays. They also highlighted necessity of

incorporating community transport as one of the priority projects, emphasizing its usefulness for the MNLF farmers in transporting produce and serving as an emergency vehicle for emergency-related situations in the community.

Moreover, the MNLF Focals shall closely coordinate with their respective MSU-TWG and the MSU-TWG will provide the MSU-Project Management Unit (PMU) with a comprehensive list of requirements. Finally, the MNLF Focal will ensure the registration of cooperatives with the BARMM Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE). MNLF group recognized cooperatives will then submit the required documentation to the MSU-TWG.

The half-day meeting was presided over by Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios, GPH-MNLF PPO Focal for Socio-Economic, with guidance of Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano, GPH Management Committee Chairperson; BGEN Buenaventura Pascual, Security Subcommittee Chairperson, GPH Management Committee; and Uttuh Salem Cutan, MNLF Management Committee Chair, along with Mr. Awad Hamid, Socio-Economic Sub Committee Chairperson, MNLF Management Committee; and MNLF Secretariat.

Also present during the meeting were Dir. J. Anthony Peña, Head of PAMANA NPMO, who addressed queries relating to architectural perspective and processes of acquiring vehicles; MSU Maguindanao Chancellor, Dr. Bai Hejira Nefertiti Sinsuat Macalandong-Lombon, who sought updates on projects implemented by MSU – TWG Maguindanao; and MSU – IPDM Director, Prof. Mario Aguja, Project Leader of the OPAPRU – MSU Partnership for Transformation Program.

6. Courtesy Visit to Governor Rogelio Pacquiao of Sarangani Province. On 14 May



2024 at the Provincial Capitol, Alabel, Sarangani Province, the OPAPRU, represented by Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano with Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan, along with Ms. Maria Magdalena Barrios and Ms. Anne Jimenez of GPH-MNLF PPO, paid a courtesy visit to Governor Rogelio D. Pacquiao of Sarangani Province. The visit aimed to request assistance for the opening of a 4.3km Farm-to-Market Road in Brgy.

Lumasal, Municipality of Maasim, Sarangani Province to determine eligibility for the concreting project proposed under FY 2025 PAMANA.

7. Videoconference Meeting with MSU on Validation, Verification, and Profiling of MNLF Combatants in Basilan. In preparation for the completion of socio-economic profiling for the remaining MNLF combatants in Basilan, the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO conducted a preparatory meeting through videoconference with the Mindanao State University (MSU) on 19 June 2024, at the 11th Division Conference Room in Bus-Bus,

Sulu, to discuss the upcoming Verification and Profiling Activity scheduled for 04 July 2024.

During the meeting, Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, Head of the GPH-MNLF PPO, discussed the accomplishments of last year's verification and socio-economic profiling conducted across the different areas in BARMM. Furthermore, the MSU and GPH-MNLF PPO strategized to accomplish the remaining deliverables for FY 2023 of Ninety-Seven (97) MNLF combatants in Basilan. The MSU – Sulu shall provide 16 to 20 equipped enumerators for profiling and 3 psychologists for the debriefing. The parties agreed to improve the debriefing process, to wit: (1) debriefing shall be done in groups instead of individually; and (2) appropriate, culture-sensitive, and gender-responsive guide questions shall be utilized. Further, Dr. Laiza Limpin, Associate Prof. MSU-GenSan, will furnish a copy to the GPH-MNLF PPO.

In attendance were Prof. Mario Aguja, Director, IPDM/MSU Gensan; Dr. Laiza Limpin, Associate Prof. MSU-GenSan; Prof. Rashmie Estino, Director, IPDM/MSU Sulu; Prof. Abdulla Mohammad, Ed.D, Project Development Officer, IPDM/MSU Sulu; Ms. Myles Bianca Disca, MSU – Gensan; Dir Jana Jill Gallardo, GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office Head along with Deputy Director Marlon Peria, Ms. Ihna Marie Bangoy, Focal for Socio-Econ; and Ms. Tricia Anne Jeminez, Focal for P2 – PAMANA.

- 8. Meeting with the MNLF Management Committee relative to the Implementation of Transformation Program in Sulu and Educational Assistance for the MNLF.** The OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO convened for a meeting with the MNLF Management Committee relative to the implementation of the Transformation Program in Sulu and Educational Assistance for the MNLF on 21 June 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office, Pasig City. Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo presided the meeting. In attendance were members of the GPH Management Committee and GPH secretariats, including BGen Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Edir Jordan Bayam, Ms. Paula Acuña-Lorico, and Ms. Hazel Elena Gonzales. Co-chair Uttoh Salem Cutan also participated in the said meeting to represent the MNLF Management Committee.

Discussions focused on the educational assistance for the MNLF profiled combatants as well as the process for the rollout of the Transformation Program in the province of Sulu.

The body resolved to prioritize the allocation of study grants for the 350 profiled MNLF combatants, with the beneficiaries to be submitted to the OPAPRU by 30 June 2024. It was further determined that only those combatants who have undergone the full validation, verification, and profiling processes would be eligible for the grant. Furthermore, it was agreed that while MSU Maguindanao would manage the grant funds, recipients would have the option to enroll at other institutions or campuses.

For the MNLF Transformation Program in Sulu, the body agreed that: (1) the GPH can only cater to 500 combatants from Sulu that will undergo the profiling; (2) strengthen the involvement of LGUs in the implementation of the TP; (3) conduct continuous coordination/engagement with the key stakeholders in Sulu to prevent misinformation that will later hamper the implementation of the program, especially on the security aspect; and, (4) designate a focal person from the MNLF in Sulu that will facilitate the implementation of TP as well as the profiling of the MNLF combatants, firearms, and their communities.

Security Component

1. **Information and Education Campaign for AFP and PNP personnel.** On 28 May 2024 at the Joint Task Force Orion, Bus-Bus, Jolo, Sulu, the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO conducted an information and education campaign with personnel from the 11th Infantry Division and the Sulu Provincial Police Office regarding the rollout of the MNLF Transformation Program in Sulu for FY 2024. Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo provided an update on the MNLF Peace Process and the implementation of the Transformation Program in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, and Central Mindanao that started in FY 2023. Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for the Security Component, gave a briefing on the Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms of the Security Component (IAMSC).



BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (ret), Chair of the GPH-Management Committee, led the team, accompanied by BGEN Alexander Macario (ret), incoming Peace and Security Co-Chair, and Mr. Marlon Peria, Deputy Director of the GPH-MNLF PPO. COL. Andrew Bacala, Chief of Staff of the 11th ID, led his team along with LTC Richard Agojo PA, LTC Roy Granados PA, and their personnel. PCOL Narciso Paragas from the Sulu Provincial Police Office led his team, which included PLTCOL Kris Contad Gutierrez, PLTCOL Rajiv Ali, and their personnel.

2. **Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Meeting.**

The Co-chairs of the JBMAF convened on 20 June 2024 at PNP PPDC Conference Room to discuss the initial planning for the rollout of the MNLF Transformation Program in Sulu Province. They also reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement and its financial plan between the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and OPAPRU regarding the implementation of the validation, verification, and profiling of 500 MNLF combatants and their firearms in Sulu for FY 2024.



In attendance were GPH JBMAF Co-chairs PCOL Joseph Arguelles, Acting Chief of the PNP Peace Process and Development Office, and COL Ferdinand Romano PAF, Assistant Chief of the AFP Peace and Development Office. Also present were PCOL Ebreo, PLTC Heinrich Alafriz, and other PNP personnel, as well as MAJ Henry Bual PA, Tsg Lourence Bautista, and other AFP personnel. Personnel from the 11th Infantry Division and Sulu Provincial Police Office participated virtually.

Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, Head of the MNLF PPO and Head Secretariat, along with Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security Component, represented the OPAPRU.

Confidence-Building Measures

1. **Strategic Communications Planning Workshop.** The OPAPRU and the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) conducted a joint Strategic Communications Planning workshop at the NAC office on 03 May 2024 in PICC, Pasay. The workshop was facilitated by Dir. Darwin Wee of OPAPRU's Communications and Public Affairs Service

(CPAS). Representatives from the various peace tables involved with the amnesty program and the NAC secretariat participated.

The communications plan aims to promote the amnesty program to the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Communist Party of the Philippines/New People's Army/National Democratic Front (CPP/NPA/NDF), and Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPMP/RPA/ABB). Key goals of the meeting included simplifying the application process, ensuring applicants are well-informed, securing stakeholder support, and showcasing the Marcos administration's commitment to peace.

The overarching message, *“Amnesty is more than just a legal process, it is a symbol of our collective commitment to leave behind the wounds of the past and forge a future built on understanding and forgiveness”*, emphasizes amnesty as a collective move towards understanding and forgiveness. Core strategies involve inspiring slogans, identifying key spokespersons, and targeting potential applicants and their communities. Further, identified milestones include the publication of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), the establishment of Local Amnesty Boards (LABs), mass oath-taking, and ceremonial filings.

2. **National Amnesty Commission (NAC) – OPAPRU Coordination Meeting.** The NAC and OPAPRU convened for a coordination meeting on 07 May 2024 to discuss the rules of procedure for the amnesty application and areas of coordination between the two agencies. Commissioner Jamar Kulayan presented a step-by-step procedure for the application process. In response, the four peace tables presented their respective action plan for coordination with the NAC. Each peace table detailed their approach to addressing and responding to requests and coordination efforts from NAC, highlighting the existing mechanisms and processes they could leverage to support NAC operations.



3. **Participation in the conduct of the 16th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting.** Presided by NAC Chairperson Leah Tanodra-Armamento on 15 May 2024 at PICC, Pasay City, the NAC Secretariat discussed significant updates from the Commission,



noting key accomplishments such as the opening of a new office in Cotabato and receiving its first amnesty applicant, the first-ever for this administration's amnesty program. Updates on the Memoranda of Agreement with the Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), National

Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), and Commission on Elections (COMELEC) were also discussed, along with efforts to establish new LAB locations. Coordination with OPAPRU was highlighted, particularly the publication of the IRR, the addition of a LAB in Lucena and the coordination plan with the different peace tables of the OPAPRU. The need for a new PNP representative in Davao and collaboration with the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) for data on political prisoners were also addressed during the meeting.

Additional matters discussed included integrating the amnesty process into the Integrated Community Case Management (ICCM) Caravan, updates on Department of

Justice (DOJ) circulars, and a MOA with BuCor. The meeting concluded with a reminder regarding upcoming events for the NAC, including LAB members oath-taking, the signing of the MOA with NCMF and PNP, and the request for updating with the TWG members on the Rules of Procedure of the application process.

4. **Orientation on TP and Amnesty Program for the MNLF Combatants.**

The OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO conducted an orientation on the MNLF Transformation Program and Amnesty for the MNLF leaders and members on 27 May 2024 in Barangay Buhanginan, Patikol, Sulu. The activity was graced by Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano,



Chair of the GPH Management Committee; BGEN. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Chair for Security Subcommittee, GPH Management Committee; and Uttoh Salem Cutan, Chair of the MNLF Management Committee, along with BGEN Alexander Macario (ret) and Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Head of the GPH-MNLF PPO, as well as, Mr. Marlon Peria and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal, GPH-MNLF-PPO personnel.

The activity aimed to achieve the following objectives: (1) to inform the MNLF combatants on the ongoing efforts of the GPH relative to the Transformation Program; (2) to orient them about the ongoing acceptance of the amnesty program applications and its salient features, and how these two efforts are ways of GPH to help uplift and transform their lives; and, (3) to encourage participation and support from the MNLF combatants and their families.

Mr. Al-Sherwin Alpha of the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) in Sulu provided an orientation on the amnesty program, focusing on the guidelines of the provision and responding to combatants' inquiries regarding the process.



As a commitment of the GPH to the MNLF combatants, PA Cesar Yano emphasized the value of working together to make these efforts successful and to achieve the collective goal of long-lasting peace in the country.

The activity fostered a sense of hope and possibility among the community members, encouraging them to participate actively in these initiatives. The positive response and engagement from the community indicates a strong foundation with the hope for a successful implementation of these programs, contributing to the peace and development of Jolo, Sulu.

Community Healing and Reconciliation

1. **Series of Iftar “*breaking of the fast*” activities during the Holy Month of Ramadhan in Six (6) Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Communities in BARMM.** The OPAPRU annually spearheads solidarity activities during the Holy Month of Ramadhan to advocate rebuilding the social relations affected due to conflicts. In support of OPAPRU's Strategic Thrust, these endeavors aim to promote social healing, unity, and reconciliation, with a particular focus on communities in the Bangsamoro region. This year, the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO conducted a series of IFTAR (*breaking of the fast*) activities in partnership with GPH-MNLF peace mechanisms and the members of the Bangsamoro Parliament representing MNLF.

These initiatives were held in different MNLF communities in mainland provinces, namely, Camp Khominie, Sitio Pinagayao, Talisawa, Datu Abdulla Sangki, Maguindanao del Sur on 02 April 2024; Camp Ibrahim Sema, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte on 03 April 2024; Camp Omar Moctar, Gadungan Sapad, Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte on 04 April 2024 and Camp Amai Romsik, Barangay Bayaban, Butig, Lanao del Sur on 06 April 2024. For Island provinces, it was held at Camp Jikiri, Barangay Pasil, Indanan, Sulu on 03 April 2024, and Sitio Teggep, Barangay Masola, Isabela City on 05 April 2024.



Information drives regarding Amnesty Proclamation No. 406 were also held, with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) as resource persons. This initiative follows the successful concurrence on Amnesty Proclamation No. 406, by both the House of Representatives and Senate, on the granting of amnesty to members of the MNLF.

On 03 April 2024, the PAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., graced the Iftar at Camp Ibrahim Sema, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. The PAPRU expressed his gratitude to Chairman Muslimin Sema and other leaders of the MNLF Central Committee for their active cooperation, dedication, and determination to promote sustainable peace and development in the MNLF communities and Bangsamoro as a whole. He encouraged everyone to continue to actively engage in peace programs that aim to improve the quality of life through the Transformation Program. He stressed that Iftar is not just an ordinary solidarity gathering but rather a symbol of a strong union that fosters cooperation and respect for each other.



The PAPRU was accompanied by Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano, Executive Director Jordan Bayam, and Dir Jana Jill Gallardo. Also present were MNLF Central Committee Chairman Minister Muslimin Sema, Chair Uttoh Salem Cutan, MP Romeo Sema, MP Omar Yasser Sema, Chair Bainon Karon, MNLF Management Committee Members, MNLF Commanders and members, representatives from Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the Philippine National Police (PNP).



Meanwhile, Nur Ainee Lim, Secretariat of MNLF Peace Coordinating Committee, along with Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, OPAPRU GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, representatives from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police

(PNP) participated in the Iftar held at Sitio Pinagayao, Talisawa, Datu Abdulla Sangki, Maguindanao del Sur; Gadungan Sapad, Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte; and Barangay Bayaban, Butig, Lanao del Sur, together with the MNLF leaders, commanders and members.

Furthermore, attendees for the Sulu Iftar included MGen Ignatius Patrimonio, Commander of 11th Infantry Division and Joint Task Force Orion; PLTCOL Kris Conrad Gutierrez, Deputy Provincial Director for Operations of Sulu Provincial Police Office; Dr. Charisma Ututalum, PhD, President of Sulu State College; Hj. Alandoni Hassan, Chairperson of Lupah Sug State Revolutionary Committee; Prof. Alphata Untih,

speaker of MNLF National Congress of the Mindanao State University (MSU) Sulu, and Mr. Al-Sherwin Alpha of the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) Sulu under the National Amnesty Commission (NAC).

For Basilan, it was graced by MP Muslimin Jan Jakilan, Chairperson, MNLF Basilan State Committee/BTA, BARMM; COL Abdurahman Jhovel (ret.), Co-Chair, Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF); PLTCOL Dennies Gimena, Deputy Provincial Director for Administration, Basilan; LTCOL Adolf Ian Garcerin INF, Commander, 4th Special Forces Battalion; Ms. Rabia Salapuddin, Local Amnesty Board Basilan, NAC; Ms. Jeanette Rojas, Para-legal, NAC; and Nurmina Munjalal, Barangay Chairperson, Masola, Isabela City, Basilan.

2. Solidarity Activities for Eid'l Adha in Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Communities in Island Province.

On 16 - 17 June 2024 in Sulu Province, the OPAPRU organized activities to engage with the MNLF in Sulu during the "Festival of the Sacrifice," Eid'l Adha, the holier of the two Islamic holidays celebrated worldwide each year that honors the willingness of Ibrahim (Abraham) to sacrifice his son as an act of obedience to God's command.

OPAPRU provided support, including 7 sacks of rice for Barangay Buhanginan, Patikul; and 10 sacks of rice for Barangay Buansa, Indanan, along with 30 kilograms of chevon (goat meat) per community. Furthermore, OPAPRU partnered with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) FO IX to distribute 110 family packs to households in Barangay Buhanginan, Patikul, and One Hundred Eighty (180) packs to Barangay Buansa, Indanan. This assistance aims to augment the requirements of the community to fully celebrate Eid'l Adha. The distribution was led by BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), Co-chair of the Peace and Security Sub-committee, and Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, Head of GPH-MNLF PPO, together with their teams. Also present were personnel from DSWD FO IX, led by Ms. Maria Cristina Sakili, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) 11th



Division, Joint Task Force Orion.

3. Solidarity Activities for Eid'l Adha in Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Communities in Mainland Provinces.

On 25-27 June 2024 in Central Mindanao, the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO recently conducted community visits in three areas: North Cotabato, Maguindanao del Sur, and Sultan Kudarat. These three areas were affected by natural and man-made calamities. In Brgy. Kayaga, Kabacan, North Cotabato, a total of 121 MNLF members and their families were adversely affected by strong winds and thunderstorms. In South Upi, Ganassi, and Maguindanao del Sur, some 50 MNLF members and their families were displaced due to clan war (*Rido*). Similarly, a total of 319 MNLF members and their families in Lagandang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat were forced to evacuate following armed clashes



between MNLF and MILF commanders. In addition, the GPH-MNLF PPO distributed 490 food packages to communities in celebration of Eid'l Adha.

This distribution was made possible through the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office Region XII which generously provided the 490 family food packs. Each food pack contained essential items such as 6 kilograms of rice, 10 tin cans of assorted goods, and 10 sachets of coffee.



Also, the BARMM Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) augmented 1 sack (25 kg) of rice, 6 cans of sardines, 3 cans of tuna, corned beef, and 6 sachets of instant coffee to support 50 MNLF families in South Upi, Ganassi, Maguindanao del Sur. In solidarity, the OPAPRU added 5 kg of rice per family to ensure that MNLF families could still observe post Eid'l Adha festivities despite the challenges they have recently faced.

III. PROGRAM 3: PEACE PROCESS WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF THE PHILIPPINES/ NEW PEOPLES ARMY/NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC FRONT (CPP/NPA/NDF) and Effective Implementation of the Whole-of-Nation Approach to Address Local Communist and Other Armed Conflicts pursuant to EO 70

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 (NTF-ELCAC), 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: (Track 1) community consultations and problem-solving sessions; and (Track 2) local peace dialogues with Communist Party of the Philippines/ New People’s Army/ National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) towards reaching local peace settlements. These interventions will pave the way for the implementation of a Transformation Program (TP) for former rebels (FRs), their families, and communities to address their needs so that their return to the mainstream of society will be sustained, and that they will remain resilient against the recovery efforts of the CPP-NPA-NDF. It entails convergence of national and provincial programs that will assist FRs in their reintegration to their families, and communities.

For the 2nd Quarter of FY 2024, the program highlights the following accomplishments:

- a) Spearheaded the TP Planning Workshop in nine (9) provinces namely: Camarines Norte, Agusan del Sur, Rizal, Batangas, Antique, Davao Del Sur, Davao Occidental, Surigao Del Norte and Ilocos Sur. In total, thirty- seven (37) provinces have drafted their TP Plans since its mainstreaming inception in 2023. TP Refinement Writeshop was also conducted for three (3) provinces namely: Catanduanes, Albay, and Davao Oriental developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that are responsive to the needs of the FRs, along the four (4) components, as well as the projected timelines, and area of implementation.
- b) Collaborated with the Provincial Local Government of Surigao del Norte and Zamboanga del Sur in the official launching and commencement of the operationalization of their respective Provincial Peace Centers (PCs).
- c) Collaborated with 53rd Infantry Battalion (IB) on 14 June 2024 at Pagadian City in conducting confidence-building and initial socio-economic assistance through

distribution of 50kgs rice of sacks to 163 FRs during the RDC-RPOC IX meeting to memorialize the renewed relationship between FRs and the security sector.

- d) Commemorated the 3rd Year Anniversary of Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur as Insurgency-Free Province. During the celebration, the Presidential Adviser for Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., announced the establishment of the PC in the province.
- e) On 20 May 2024, a Plaque of Recognition was given to the OPAPRU during the 43rd Anniversary of 5th Infantry Division (ID) for its continued and unending support for the government's efforts on peace and reconciliation.

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

1. **TP Planning Workshops** were conducted in nine (9) provinces for this quarter. The TP Planning Workshop aimed to initiate the implementation of the TP that is participatory and inclusive among the FRs, including their families and the community. At the end of each workshop, participants were expected to produce an output which will be consolidated and included into a finalized TP plan by the Povincial LGU. This shall also serve as a venue to harmonize all the program interventions of the FRs by the province signifying Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) principles.

Below were the series of the conducted Transformation Planning Workshop for the 2nd Quarter of 2024:

Date	Province	Location
02 – 04 April 2024	Camarines Norte	One Platinum Hotel, Daet, Camarines Sur
03 – 05 April 2024	Agusan Del Sur	Mabe's Savory Place, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur
16 – 18 April 2024	Rizal	Brgy. Pansol, Calamba, Laguna
	Batangas	
21 – 23 May 2024	Antique	JLC Hall, Antique Provincial Capitol
04 – 07 June 2024	Davao Del Sur	Sun My Hotel, Davao del Sur
	Davao Occidental	
19 – 20 June 2024	Surigao Del Norte	Rejuzhalem EY Miner's Suites, Borromeo Street, Surigao City
25 – 28 June 2024	Ilocos Sur	Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative, Ban-Aw Resort, Candon City, Ilocos Sur

On each TP Planning workshop, member agencies of Regional and Provincial Task Forces to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, FRs, and other key stakeholders converged to craft their provinces' respective TP Plans. Key authorities collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the returning rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region. The activity also served as an avenue to strengthen partnerships between key actors relative to the TP. Various topics were also discussed, ranging from the security situation of the province, the status of national and local peace efforts implemented, social preparation of concerned agencies, and other pertinent topics relative to TP.

On the other hand, the following provinces, after having their TP Workshop, recently conducted the TP Refinement Writeshop:

Date	Province	Location
29 April – 04 May 2024	Albay	Provincial Capitol of Albay, Legazpi City, Albay
	Catanduanes	Kemji Resort and Restaurant, San Isidro, Catanduanes
13 – 14 June 2024	Davao Oriental	Conference Room, Provincial Engineering Office, Provincial Capitol, Mati City

To further refine the drafted TP Plans during the Planning workshop, a refinement session is conducted. The writeshop focused on the discussion of Project, Activity and Plans (PAPs) laid down during the TP Planning Workshop. Participants also discussed the implementation of the TP in the province. The OPAPRU, through the Area Management Unit (AMU), provided technical assistance on crafting the province's refined TP Plan. The activity is foreseen to improve the feasibility and adaptability of the TP Plan.



2.

Centers (PCs). The PC aims to act as repository that will integrate all Government Peace initiatives and shall ensure the hasty implementation of crafted TP plan of the province. It provides FRs with resources and support to help them reintegrate into society. On 21 April 2024, Zamboanga del Sur commemorated its 3rd year anniversary as an insurgency-free province, Secretary Galvez announced that the PLGU, in collaboration with OPAPRU, will be establishing PC in the province. During the activity, Secretary Galvez awarded the Php5 Million Pesos cheque as support to the operationalization of the PC.



Held at the Provincial Government Center, Barangay Dao, the activity was graced by different government agencies, security sector, and local leaders. They revisited the journey of the province in sustaining its peace. Among the dignitaries were Governor Victor Yu of Zamboanga del Sur, Secretary Galvez of OPAPRU, and other representatives.

On 21 May 2024, the second PC was successfully launched in Surigao del Norte. The event was graced by the Surigao del Norte Governor Robert Lyndon Barbers and OPAPRU Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation, Atty. Wilben Mayor.

The PAPRU acknowledged the significant and meaningful contribution of Surigao del Norte in advancing the peace policy agenda of the national government.



“Surigao del Norte was identified as one of our agency’s priority areas in the implementation of the Transformation Program for former

rebels. And by all indicators, the province has certainly come a long way since the program was rolled out in 2022,” Secretary Galvez said.

The Peace Adviser highlighted that the Surigao Provincial Government and OPAPRU shall assemble all stakeholders and partner agencies to collaborate on building a sustainable solution for peace through the established Peace Center.

“Together, we can amplify the impact of these initiatives to ensure that peace is not just an absence of conflict, but a tangible reality that brings out positive change in the lives of our people,” Sec. Galvez said.

For the Aurora PC, a preparatory meeting was conducted during OPAPRU’s visit to Aurora to discuss the launching of the PC in the province on 16 July 2024. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), Provincial Planning and Development Office, DILG, OPAPRU, 91IB, and Special Project Team members.

3. **LPE Cascading and Orientation.** As complementary effort for the TP Planning Workshop and the operationalization of PCs, a series of orientations are being done as part of the mainstreaming of LPE. On 23 May 2024, the Zinundungan Valley in Cagayan conducted a successful Cascading and Orientation on LPE. The event brought together a diverse group of participants dedicated to promoting peace in the region.



Representatives from the Philippine National Police (PNP), the Philippine Army, the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), the OPAPRU, and the Department of the Interior and Local Government-Rizal (DILG) were all present. Barangay officials, the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), the LGU of Rizal, and the Jesus Miracle Crusades also played a part in this gathering.

B. Support to ELCAC Mechanisms

1. **Conduct of the 1st NTF-ELCAC Executive Committee (ExeCom) Meeting.** In continued support of the OPAPRU to the NTF-ELCAC, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., as designated Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) for Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), participated in the 1st NTF-ELCAC ExeCom Meeting on 04 April 2024 at the Heroes Hall, Malacanang Palace. CORDS and Heads of the 12 Clusters renewed their oath as member agencies of the NTF-ELCAC. Attending key leaders strategized towards sustained efforts in addressing security concerns.



The meeting focused on a briefing on Executive Order No. 70, updates on the Presidential Directive on Barangay Development Plan, and designation of CORDS to

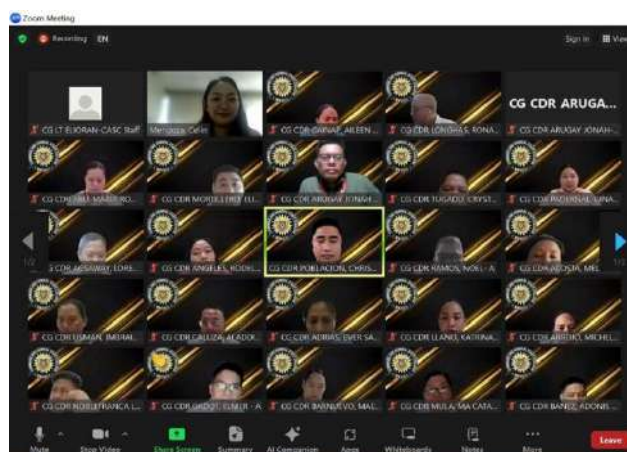
lead the 17 Joint Regional Task Forces. Vice-president Sara Duterte presided the conference and provided directions relative to sustaining internal peace of the nation.



2. Amnesty Program Meeting. On 10 June 2024, a coordination meeting with Davao City LGU's Peace 911, Public Attorney's Office, the AFP, and the PNP regarding the Amnesty Program for FRs of CPP-NPA-NDF. The LCT-FISU Mindanao presented and discussed the following points: (1) objectives of the amnesty program; (2) case folders and other documents; (3) responsibilities of each agency; and (4) timelines.

As a result, a Technical Working Group will be established by the Davao City LGU's Peace 911 to be followed by the arrangement of the Case Folder and Amnesty Application Workshop which will be facilitated by the OPAPRU.

3. Orientation for the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG) and Philippine Airforce. On 26 July 2024, Ma. Celin Mendoza served as resource person for the LPE and its TP as well as on the National Peace Engagement (NPE) for the orientation provided to the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG). On 16 April 2024, Atty. Wilben M. Mayor and Director Emmanuel Santos, Jr. presented the same topics to the Philippine Air Force (PAF). These initiatives not only showed the support of the OPAPRU to the Security Sector but also strengthened its relationship with partners. Moreover, it helped with the mainstreaming of LPE and its TP.



C. Former Rebels (FRs), their Families and Community Empowerment

1. Saad Na Balay Project. To demonstrate the commitment of different stakeholders to support the reintegration and transformation of FRs, an initial coordination meeting for the Saad Na Balay Project in Matuguinao, Samar was held last 15 April 2024. The meeting was co-chaired by Mayor Aran Boller and BGen Efren Morados, Commanding Officer of the 803rd Bde. Matuguinao is under the AOR of LTC Marvin Maraggun of the 19IB who co-facilitated the convening of stakeholders.



The establishment of the Joint Project Management Committee, consisting of the LGU and various National Government Agencies, as a primary agenda of the meeting, showed the collaborative effort to ensure the effective implementation of this peacebuilding initiative. Moreover, the

drafting of a Memorandum of Partnership Agreement further solidified the commitment

and cooperation among the agencies involved. TESDA will commit capacity building in masonry and carpentry. This will enable them to actively participate in the construction process and embrace the spirit of Bayanihan in working together with the 543ECB, PNP, and Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP) which will handle the project site development.

The groundbreaking of Saad Na Balay also took place in Dolores, Eastern Samar, simultaneously with the coordination meeting with the support of BGen Lenart Lelina of the 801st Bde and the presence of Cong. Marcelino Libanan. This highlights the multi-location efforts to facilitate housing projects for peacebuilders, with previous projects successfully implemented in San Jose de Buan, Samar, Can-avid, and Dolores, in Eastern Samar.

2. Participation in the Serbisyo Caravan.

Aside from the provision of new houses for FRs and their families, another way to empower them and the community is through the Serbisyo Caravan. The initiative provides access to government services in hard-to-reach areas. It aims to make people from different community groups and the government more united by providing services to the people affected by the CPP-NPA-NDF insurgency. By working closer together, the program aims to address the root causes and drivers of conflicts and build stronger camaraderie within the community. This will address the reasons why some people join the rebel groups.



Below were the series of the conducted Serbisyo Caravan for the 2nd Quarter of 2024:

Date	Province	Location
04 May 2024	Antipolo	Sitio San Joseph, Brgy. San José, Antipolo City
27 May 2024	Cagayan	Brgy. Masi, Rizal, Cagayan
20 June 2024	Masbate	Brgy. Poblacion, Masbate, Bicol

The Serbisyo Caravan in Antipolo was initiated by the 80th IB and was participated by the 2nd ID, the 202nd BDE, the Philippine National Police Rizal Provincial Office, the NICA 4A, the OPAPRU, and the Local Government Unit of Antipolo. On the other hand, Serbisyo Caravan in Cagayan was participated in by Major General Audrey Pasia, Commander of the 5th ID, who served as the Guest of Honor. Her presence highlighted the importance of collaboration between government agencies and the military in promoting peace and well-being in communities. And recently, another caravan was conducted in Brgy. Poblacion, Masbate, Bicol. Residents from Masbate received services from the following stakeholders and agencies: PNP, PSA, P/MSWDO, PhilHealth, SSS, AKO-BICOL Party List, DA, PCA, DTI, TESDA, DAR, PDRMO and the LGU. The caravan was also attended by the Provincial Governor of Bicol, Gov. Marites C. Dela Rosa.

3. **Confidence-Building and Initial Socio-Economic Assistance.** A ceremonial rice distribution was conducted by the OPAPRU in partnership with the 53rdIB on 14 June 2024 in Pagadian City. Fifty (50)-kilo sacks of NFA rice were distributed to the 163 FRs from Zamboanga del Sur. This gesture signifies the government's commitment and support for the FRs and their families as they reintegrate into the community.

Prior to the rice distribution, the 2nd Quarter Joint RDC-RPOC IX Meeting was conducted to discuss important points and to celebrate the regional declaration of Zamboanga del Sur as insurgency-free. During the meeting, updates on the anti-terrorism campaign in Region IX, updates on peace and order and public safety, updates on anti-illegal drugs operations, presentation of the Annual Investment Program (AIP), and the Zamboanga Peninsula top forty (40) priority projects were discussed.

In the afternoon, MOA signing on the declaration of Region IX comprising the three (3) provinces cleared (Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga del Sur and Zamboanga del Norte) took place.



In addition, to support the AFP sustainment program to People's Organizations (POs), a collaborative meeting was conducted on 20 June 2024. The meeting was attended by representatives from invited partner agencies. Among of them were the following: Captain Norsal Dimaporo, RN, Col. Eric Culvera, LtCol. Edward Dompol, Dir. Emmanuel Santos Jr., Mr. Chrisol Catalino, Dir. Arnulfo Bajarin, Mr. Renard Torrecampo, and staff from DILG Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP), Department of Agriculture (DA), ELCAC and AFP-Peace and Development Office (AFP-PDO).

Salient discussions revolved around the status of POs, challenges on management, rationalizing the numbers, its sustainment, and how to harmonize different agencies' interventions.

At the culmination, the body agreed to conduct a follow-up meeting to come up with the AFP PDO Framework. All agencies whose mandates include PO intervention are to be invited.



D. Celebrating Peace, Unity and Reconciliation Milestones



The OPAPRU was given a plaque of recognition for its unending support for the implementation of the Government's Efforts on peace and reconciliation during the 43rd Founding Anniversary of the 5th ID of the Philippine Army in Upi, Gamu, Isabela. Lt. Gen. Roy M. Galido, Commanding General of the Philippine Army, commended the soldiers for their service and dedication to the country.

During the event, soldiers who played a key role in successful campaigns against rebels were recognized.

Governor Elias C. Bulut, Jr. was also awarded for his continuous support in promoting peace and security. Lastly, a wreath-laying ceremony was held to honor fallen soldiers of the 5th ID, AFP.

❖ **CROSS-CUTTING THEMES**

1. **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** The program is in pursuit of integrating and reflecting GAD and WPS to all LPE and TP facilitation and program documents. The program incorporated WPS into its refreshed Program Governance System (PGS) Roadmap and Scorecard. This ensures that the 4 pillars of WPS are well reflected across the program's key results area. This includes but is not limited to in the involvement and participation of women in Local Peace Panels and LPE Teams, Orientation of WPS to PTF-ELCAC as well as during TP Planning, and formulation of WPS responsive TP Plans. Program 3 also actively participates in various GAD/WPS trainings and activities to ensure promotion and further program integration, through the capacitation of the technical staff. Moreover, program 3, has shifted the TP to be more GAD/WPS responsive with the evolving the design as a direct GAD intervention.
2. **Mainstreaming CSPP in LPE-TP Plans.** As part of mainstreaming LPE and its TP at the local level, CSPP orientation and discussions were part of the program design of the TP planning workshop conducted for thirty-seven (37) PLGU partners, since its inception. Peace partners were trained to make their plans conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting and responsive in identifying their PAPs. A CSPP facilitator from the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) facilitated the CSPP orientation which included discussions on the basic concepts, areas of assessment and its application in formulating interventions. It was further emphasized that formulated plans for the FRs must be CSPP compliant.

IV. PROGRAM 4: PEACE PROCESSES WITH THE REBOLUSYUNARYONG PARTIDO NG MANGGAGAWA NG PILIPINAS/ REVOLUTIONARY PROLETARIAN ARMY/ ALEX BONCAYAO BRIGADE (RPMP/RPA/ABB) & WITH THE CORDILLERA BODONG ADMINISTRATION – CORDILLERA PEOPLES LIBERATION ARMY (CBA-CPLA)

GPH – RPMP/RPA/ABB PEACE PROCESS

A. Oversight by Implementing Mechanisms

1. **Conduct of the 1st Iloilo Site Coordinating Team (SCT) meeting.** The GPH-RPA and CPLA Peace Process Office (GPH-RCPPO) participated in the 1st Iloilo Site Coordinating Team (SCT) meeting at Casa Real, Provincial Capitol in Iloilo City on 17 April 2024. Discussed were several agendas, namely: 1) draft Executive Order (E.O.) for SCT Creation, where discussions centered around the creation of the SCT for the Iloilo Province; 2) land acquisition updates from the National Housing Authority (NHA) and livelihood updates from the DSWD; Iloilo Provincial LGU's commitment to allocate additional funds for site development; requirements for additional fund to complete the road project in Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo, request for funding of the Livelihood Reinforcement Grant (LRG) from the Provincial Social Welfare Office, follow-through on the KAPATIRAN's ongoing application for KAPATIRAN's accreditation in Janiuay Municipality; 3) plans for the Peace Month celebration in September 2024; and 4) follow through on the meeting with Provincial LGU and the next SCT meeting planned for the last week of June 2024.



2. **Conduct of site visit in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.** OPAPRU units conducted a site visit at the KAPATIRAN Settlement Site in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental on 29 April 2024, where ongoing implementation of commitments for sixty-four (64) members of the KAPATIRAN is being undertaken. Present were Dir. Christina Loren Umali, GPH-RCPPO, Dir. Emmanuel Santos, GPH-CPP-NPA-NDF Peace Process Office (GPH-CPPO), Mr. Joey Olpindo, International Cooperation and Partnership Office (ICPO), Mr. Dominique

Monido, GPH-RCPPPO, and representatives from the 47th Infantry Battalion, Philippine Army and GPH-RCPPPO Field Office. The site visit resulted in the orientation of the team on the status of the Government's implementation of the component on social and economic reintegration of the KAPATIRAN, particularly the establishment of a settlement site which entails the provision of housing, tenurial security, security arrangement, livelihood assistance, access to road, water, and electricity, among others.

3. **Courtesy call and site visit in Naic, Cavite.** The OPAPRU, through the GPH-RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office (GPH-RCPPPO) organized a courtesy call between the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), KAPATIRAN, Naic Municipal and Cavite Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office, regional line agencies, Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Regional IV-A and Central Office, National Housing Authority (NHA) – Region IV, AFP Peace and Development Office (AFP PDO), PNP Peace Process Development Center (PPDC) in Naic, Cavite on 07 May 2024 with Naic Mayor Ruperto Dualan. OPAPRU and KAPATIRAN officials presented the ongoing implementation of the Peace Agreement with the KAPATIRAN, which includes the 22 KAPATIRAN members from the KAPATIRAN-NCR Chapter who were granted housing in Bronzeville, Naic, Cavite. The site visit in Naic, Cavite, was aimed at following through on the commitment of the LGU's support of KAPATIRAN livelihood projects and request for the creation of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)



for the Naic Settlement Site as the implementing mechanism structure for the convergent and holistic delivery of commitments to the KAPATIRAN in Cavite; assess the needed security support to the KAPATIRAN in the area, and explore possible additional support from available Government programs such as Listahanan and Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) for the KAPATIRAN-NCR members.

4. **Site visit in Ivisan, Capiz.** Members of the KAPATIRAN conducted a site visit of the Capiz Small Coconut Farmers' Cooperative (CASCOFAMCO) in Ivisan, Capiz, on 09 May 2024. KAPATIRAN members based in Ibajay, Aklan, visited the CASCOFAMCO to observe and learn the company's production procedures and processes being adopted by the cooperative for their production of premium coco oil, the value chain being adopted by the cooperative that involves the Capiz coco growers, government agencies such as the Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Department of Science and Technology (DOST), and Department Agrarian Reform (DAR), financial institutions such as the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), and professions involved in accounting and organizational management. KAPATIRAN members were provided feedback on the Coco Mill facility in Ibajay and how to improve the facility's ongoing test-run operations.
5. **Meeting of the Tanjay City SCT.** OPAPRU participated in the 1st convening of the Tanjay City SCT at the SP Session Hall, LGU Tanjay, Tanjay City on 16 May 2024. The situation updates and ways to progress with the deliverables relative to establishing the KAPATIRAN Site in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy San Miguel, Tanjay City were

discussed by member agencies/offices. Present were Mayor Jose Orlino, SCT Chair, Ms. Maria Veronica Tabara, Co-Chair, JEMC, and Members of the Tanjay SCT and GPH-RCPPPO Field Office. Thereafter, GPH-RCPPPO also participated in the 1st convening of the Cauayan SCT at the SB Session Hall, LGU Cauayan, Municipality of Cauayan, on 17 May 2024. The meeting resulted in identifying ways forward relative to the establishment of the KAPATIRAN Congregated Site in Sitio Binacay, Brgy. Talacdan, Municipality of Cauayan by member agencies/offices. In another meeting, members of the Local Site Coordinating Team (SCT) in Tanjay City Negros Oriental convened at the multi-purpose hall of the Satellite Market facility of the settlement site in Tanjay, Negros Occidental on 22 May 2024. PA Cesar Yano and Executive Director Cesar De Mesa addressed the participants in the site visit and meeting. Area Coordinator Ms. Jennifer April Casalem provided an overview of projects in the Settlement Site that are being implemented, including the eco-tourism view deck and restaurant project proposed by the Tanjay LGU. Among issues raised were the transfer of the CDU detachment, availing of feeds, Level III water system in the Tanjay Settlement Site, resolution for the tilapia production project, compliances for housing projects such as tree-cutting permits and permits for KAPATIRAN livelihood projects.

6. Courtesy call on Gov. Manuel Sagarbarria, Negros Oriental and on Mayor Benjie Miranda, Kabankalan City. The JEMC and OPAPRU officials made a courtesy visit to Governor Manuel Sagarbarria of Negros Oriental at the Governor's Office, Provincial Capitol, Dumaguete City, on 23 May 2024. The JEMC apprised the Governor of the government's ongoing peace process with the KAPATIRAN and the implementation of the components of the CID. The agenda and results of the discussion were as follows: The Provincial Government committed to provide Php5M support for establishing the Tanjay Settlement Site and the livelihood of the KAPATIRAN. Gov. Sagarbarria instructed the PPDO and PEO to fast-track the preparation of POW and other pertinent documents relative to the completion of the Gymnasium and construction of the café building as additional support to the livelihood of KAPATIRAN. Governor Sagarbarria committed two (2) transport vehicles to be donated to the KAPATIRAN Chapter. In addition, Gov. Sagarbarria encouraged the KAPATIRAN to establish a cacao plantation at the PDC Site as the Provincial Government pushes the chocolate industry in Negros Oriental, one of the flagship programs of the Provincial Government for economic development. Gov. Sagarbarria updated the body that the Provincial Legal Office has reviewed the draft Executive Order reconstituting the Provincial Site Coordinating Team (SCT). Gov. Sagarbarria assured his continued support of the peace process. The JEMC also made a courtesy call with Mayor Benjie Miranda in Kabankalan City on 23 May 2024. PA Yano expressed his appreciation for the support of the LGU in implementing the KAPATIRAN peace process. The JEMC also invited DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjusay in the courtesy call to share with the group an overview of the results of the DSWD benchmarking activity in Kabankalan City on 22-24 May 2024.

B. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements

In partnership with the AFP PDO, a survey was administered among the KAPATIRAN members in Bronzerville, Naic, Cavite, on 07 May 2024. The data gathering aimed to identify the group's needed security support. The AFP PDO committed to providing OPAPRU with the security survey results to determine an intervention plan for the KAPATIRAN in the area.

C. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN members

Livelihood and Employment

1. **Coordination and assessments in Kabankalan and Cauayan, Negros Occidental.** The OPAPRU led the coordination meeting with the LGUs of Kabankalan and Cauayan, Negros Occidental, on the results of the Social Welfare Development Indicators (SWDI) Assessment administered by DSWD through its social workers in

Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental on 08 April 2024. Ninety-four (94) KAPATIRAN households in Cauayan and Kabankalan were assessed as level 2 (subsistence). Twenty-three (23) households that were not evaluated were scheduled to be assessed by the third week of April 2024. DSWD plans to conduct follow-through activities to raise the current well-being to level 3. The interventions include projects, activities, programs for women and youth, and profiling of the KAPATIRAN members. The intervention plan was presented to the respective city and municipal social welfare and development officers of Kabankalan and Cauayan for additional support, particularly logistics and technical assistance. The DSWD is also scheduled to conduct a Focused Group Discussion (FGD) with the KAPATIRAN members of the Kabankalan Chapter on 20-22 May 2024.

2. **Participation in the Tanjay City, Negros Oriental Peace and Order Council (POC) Meeting.** The OPAPRU participated in the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council (POC) Meeting in Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 11 April 2024. The meeting agenda included a discussion on the Peace and Order Situation by the Security Sector; a discussion of the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO); the City Health Office (CHO); and the Philippine National Police (PNP) concerning appropriate interventions for mentally unstable persons.
3. **Test run of the Coco Oil Mill project for the Ibajay, Aklan Peace and Development Community (PDC) settlement site.** On 17 April 2024, the Coco Oil Mill facility underwent a test run at the Ibajay Peace and Development Community (PDC) Settlement Site in Brgy. Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan. Notable attendees included members of the Site Coordinating Team (SCT)-Aklan, Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) officials, and KAPATIRAN-Aklan representatives.



The primary objective of the test run was to evaluate the machines' capacity to extract 50 liters of cooking oil from 500 coconuts. Technical issues hampered the initial test run of the Coco Mill but were eventually addressed with the assistance of technical



persons from the Provincial Engineering Office and the electricity provider. The following were the proposed decision points from the facility testing: replacement of the desheller and two shredders (to be taken back by the 2nd Party) with four (4) graters with needed food grade materials plus conveyor to the expeller to minimize handling, at no cost to the KAPATIRAN, preparation and signing of the required legal document (Supplemental/Amendment) contract by the KAPATIRAN and the Fabricator, and for the KAPATIRAN to request the 2nd party to continue its other commitments of facilitation and training assistance for operationalization of the Coco Mill.

4. **Ceremonial turnover of supplies for forest guards in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental and Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.** OPAPRU led the ceremonial turnover of supplies for Forest Guards at the City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental on 18 April 2024. Present were Provincial Environment and Natural Resource Office (PENRO) Negros Oriental Head Viernov Grefalde, Ms. Maricor Katada, and Ms. Sharon Tan of CENRO Dumaguete. The turnover activity was aimed at facilitating the provision of complementary support to the eighteen (18) KAPATIRAN Forest Guards who are serving as stewards of environmental conservation and sustainability efforts in the KAPATIRAN settlement site in Negros Oriental. Turned over were water backpacks, jackets, boots, solar lights, flashlights, a two-way radio set, tent, raincoats, and power banks that were funded under the Community Peace Dividend Fund (CPDF) of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID). Another turnover activity was conducted at the CENRO Kabankalan in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental, on 22 April 2024. Present were Ms. Lucia Salazar, Division Chief, CENRO Kabankalan, Ms. Jennifer April Casalem of the GPH-RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office (GPH-RCPPPO), and twenty-six (26) KAPATIRAN Forest Guards. Turned over were waterproof bags, jackets, raincoats, boots, solar lights, flashlight, two-way radio sets, tents, and power banks. The provision of supplies was funded under AECID's CPDF.
5. **Courtesy call on Mayor Ruperto Dualan of Naic, Cavite.** During the courtesy call of the JEMC, OPAPRU, AFP PDO, and PPDC to Naic Mayor Ruperto Dualan in Naic, Cavite, on 07 May 2024, Mayor Dualan committed to facilitate the application for a business permit of the KAPATIRAN, once the organization has finalized its business plan for its roving panaderia. The LGU also committed to facilitate KAPATIRAN's application for a Motorized Tricycle Operation Permit (MTOP) for its existing tricycle and two additional tricycles that will be used for its roving panaderia. DSWD Central Office, Program Management Bureau (PMB), and Field Office IV-A conducted the profiling of fifteen (15) members of the KAPATIRAN-NCR Chapter using the Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) Tool to assess and monitor the well-being of households to be considered for the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps). SWDI is a case management tool developed by DSWD to measure the household's level of well-being in economic sufficiency and social adequacy, whereby specific indicators are rated by case managers and household beneficiaries as survival, subsistence, and self-sufficiency stages or levels.
6. **Participation in the City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) meeting in Tanjay City, Negros Oriental.** GPH-RCPPPO participated in the Tanjay City Peace and Order Council (CPOC) regular meeting at the City Public Market Conference Room in Tanjay City on 20 June 2024. The members of the CPOC were present at the meeting. The meeting was presided over by Assistant City Administrator Atty. Jay Herrero in behalf of CPOC Chairman, City Mayor Jose "Pepe" Orlino. Discussed during the meeting were updates on the Peace and Order situation and Public Safety by AFP and PNP, respectively. GPH-RCPPPO raised the sustainability of the support regarding rice subsidy being provided to CAA-1 members under the supervision of the 11th Infantry Brigade of the Philippine Army.
7. **Participation in the DSWD Case Management activity in Talisay City, Negros Occidental.** GPH-RCPPPO participated in the DSWD Roll-out Training on the Case Management Guide at Nature's Resort, Talisay City, on 26 June 2024. The activity

included DSWD FO VI representatives, the Social Work Officer in charge of the KAPATIRAN, the concerned Local Social Worker and Development Officer, and the AFP. GPH-RCPPO provided an overview of the RPA Peace Process and the Localized Peace Engagement and also addressed some of the questions and issues brought up by the committee in the open forum discussions.

Establishment of Settlement Sites

1. **KAPATIRAN Negros Oriental Chapter General Assembly and Meeting in Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 08 May 2024.** The KAPATIRAN Negros Oriental Chapter held a General Assembly to present and discuss the draft Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF) and 5-Year Work and Financial Plan (5YWFP) at the Satellite Market, PDC Site, Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental on 08 May 2024. Present were representatives from City Environment and Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Dumaguete and PENRO Negros Oriental, KAPATIRAN members, Negros Oriental Chapter, Brgy. Council of San Miguel, Tanjay City, and PDC Claimants. Discussed were the Community and People's Organization (PO) Profile overview, proposed VMGO, updated community/land-use map, and the five-year work and financial plan. The PDC claimants asserted their rights to the land parcel within the PDC and the benefit-sharing agreement. Tension ensued during the meeting. The organizers will set a follow-up meeting and validation of the disputed areas within the PDC Site.
2. **Site Validation in Cauayan, Negros Occidental for the KAPATIRAN.** Representatives from the 542nd ECB PA, KAPATIRAN officers, the Cauayan chapter, and GPH-RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office – Field Office conducted a Site Validation of the KAPATIRAN Congregated site in Sitio Binacay, Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan, Negros Occidental on 09 May 2024. The 542nd ECB will update the Site Development Plan (SDP) as part of due diligence and preparatory works. The SDP will be an input to the documentary requirements being fast-tracked for the MOA with the AFP for the construction of housing units for the KAPATIRAN within the 16-hectare presidential-proclaimed site.



3. **Ground survey in Culasi, Antique on 15 May 2024.** A ground survey activity in the proposed on-site settlement for the KAPATIRAN-Culasi Chapter was undertaken in Brgy. San Juan, Culasi, Antique on 15 May 2024. Participants in the survey included representatives from the 552nd Engineering Construction Battalion, Philippine Army, Mr. Amazon Estoloso, KAPATIRAN-Culasi Chapter President, Mr. Romulo del Rosario, OPAPRU area coordinator, and Mr. Larry Italia, OPAPRU Coordinating Staff. The survey was aimed at determining and delineating the area, access road, and actual mapping for housing units intended for

onsite residences from among the KAPATIRAN Culasi Chapter, final assignment of 39 profiled members considering its category on chapter, cluster, and sub-group per onsite and in-situ arrangement, water source to the proposed site, other development to be incorporated on-site, particularly of facility needed to be designed as income generating project and for livelihood activity.

4. **Technical Committee Meeting on the Culasi Settlement Site, Culasi, Antique on 03 June 2024.** GPH-RCPPPO participated in the meeting organized by the Technical Committee to establish the Settlement Site at the Office of the Mayor, Culasi, Antique, on 03 June 2024. Culasi Mayor Jeffrey Lomugdang led the meeting attended by KAPATIRAN Chapter Leader Amazon Estoloso; Sr., Brig. Gen. Maynard Camarao, Commander of the 53rd Engineer Brigade; LTC Jessie Rose Austria, Acting Commanding Officer, 552nd ECB, PA; Cynthia Blancia, Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Office, DENR Antique; Romulo del Rosario and Larry Italia of the GPH-RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office (GPH-RCPPPO). After the meeting, the team conducted a survey to determine the site's technical details. Commitments were made by the stakeholders on the next steps which will include the installation of access to electricity and tapping of water sources during the housing construction, logistical arrangements, soil testing and sampling, issuance of the Sangguniang Bayan Resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into the MOA with OPAPRU and the deed of donation, issuance of resolution and certification by the Site Coordinating Team and PENRO about the Culasi Settlement Site, logistical arrangements for the land preparation of the site, and finalization by the 552nd Engineer Construction Battalion of the Site Development Plan.
5. **JEMC Meeting with KAPATIRAN Kabankalan Chapter in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental.** The JEMC and OPAPRU team met with the KAPATIRAN Kabankalan Chapter Officers/Members on the issues and concerns of the Chapter in the Kabankalan Site in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental on 23 May 2024. Matters discussed included the partnership with Central Philippine State University (CPSU) for the KAPATIRAN Chapter's livelihood projects and the potable water scarcity test for the Tanjay Settlement Site. The meeting aimed to discuss with CPSU possible assistance and technology they can provide for the KAPATIRAN through their extension services and research and development office to assist in implementing livelihood projects for the KAPATIRAN. The JEMC conducted an ocular inspection of the site's current water source. The JEMC will explore possible water project funding with DPWH and CPSU within the year.
6. **Meeting held on 18 June 2024 on the MOA for the road construction in Janiuay, Iloilo.** The Area Management Unit – Western Visayas presented before the Sangguniang Bayan of Janiuay Municipality on 18 June 2024 the proposed Memorandum of Agreement between OPAPRU and the Municipality of Janiuay for the road construction leading to the KAPATIRAN Site. The project costs Php10M and will be implemented in 2024 with funding under PAMANA FY 2024. It facilitates the completion of the establishment of the KAPATIRAN Site in Janiuay, Iloilo which will help normalize and transform RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG or KAPATIRAN members.
7. **GPH-RCPPPO conducted a meeting with the local offices of the DENR and LGU of San Carlos City on 18 June 2024 to firm up the Special Use Agreement in the Protected Area (SAPA) for the KAPATIRAN Site in Sitio Nangka, Brgy. Bagonbon, San Carlos City, Negros Occidental.** The SAPA is the recommended tenurial instrument for the KAPATIRAN Site in San Carlos City. Present in the meeting were Forester Jodelyn Ramos of the Northern Negros Natural Park (NNNP)-Protected Area Management Office (PAMO); Ms. Elvira Hildore - LGU-City Environment Management Office (CEMO); Mr. Raul Morales - LGU City Planning and Development Office (CPDO); Engr. Dhebeth Suralta – Site Coordinating Team (SCT) Secretariat/CPDO; and, OPAPRU staff Ms. Marianila Fabul and Jayson Encinares. Forester Ramos of NNNP-PAMO guided the participants on the application process and briefed the OPAPRU on the necessary documentary requirements and the

standard procedure, highlighting the allocation percentages for the different areas: 10% for structures, 30% for agroforestry/production areas for fruit-bearing trees or high-value crops, and 60% for reforestation areas. The NNNP informed the OPAPRU of the earliest potential convening of the NNNP Protected Area Management Board (PAMB) on 15 August 2024 to schedule the agenda for the KAPATIRAN sites' tenurial instruments. In the interim, OPAPRU will conduct a meeting with Protected Area Superintendent and Officer-in-Charge of PENRO Negros Occidental Joan Nathaniel Gerangaya to present the available and existing PAMB resolutions, certifications and other documents attached in the Completed Staff Work (CSW).

8. **GPH-RCPPPO conducted a consultation meeting with DepEd in Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental, on 28 June 2024** to discuss the proposed establishment of an elementary school on site in the KAPATIRAN Site. Present was Atty. Nonielon Pescadera, DepEd, Ms. Jewelyn Cadigal, Extension Services Focal, and Ms. Jonalyn Dela Cerna, DepEd. The opening of classes for grades 5 and 6 at the PDC School Annex in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan has been deferred, while awaiting the signing of the Usufruct granting DepEd at least a 1-hectare lot area for establishing an onsite elementary school. The DepEd, OPAPRU, CENRO, and the Local SCT will schedule a Site Survey on 03 July 2024.

Community Peace Dividends (CPD)

1. **The OPAPRU led the site visit, consultation meeting, and awarding of farmers' associations in Ilog and Kabankalan City, both in Negros Occidental on 04 April 2024.** The activities are part of implementing the Community Peace Dividends component of the 2019

Clarificatory Implementing Document to the 2000 Peace Agreement. The Canlamay Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Farmers Association (CARBFA) and the Tagukon Farmers Association were awarded Cycle 2 PAMANA SLP Grants in Brgy. Canlamay, Municipality of Ilog and Kabankalan City, both in Negros Occidental.



2. **The OPAPRU provided technical assistance by way of providing an orientation to members of the Barangay Council and representatives of 13 identified barangays** on the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) - Kapit-Bisig Laban sa Kahirapan-Comprehensive and Integrated Delivery of Social Services (KALAHI CIDSS) PAMANA guidelines and participatory situational analysis (PSA) in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental on 05 April 2024. The stakeholder meeting was part of the social preparation of DSWD. The 13 barangays that will be receiving assistance include Pinaguinpinan, Bantayan, Carol-an, Camingawan, Inapoy, Hilamonan, Oringao, Orong, Tagoc, Tagukon, Tan-awan, Tampalon, and Salong, with a total project cost of PhP21M from PAMANA.
3. **GPH-RCPPPO participated in the blessing ceremony and launching of the Pinggot Vendors Association's project at the Brgy Hall, Pinggot, Municipality of Ilog, Negros Occidental on 21 May 2024.** The vendor's association launched its purified water refilling business to serve the community's needs. The LGU of Ilog representatives, DSWD Field Office VI, Pinggot Vendors Association, and Brgy Council of Pinggot were present at the activity.
4. **The Area Management Unit with the Department of Social Welfare and Development, through the Sustainable Livelihood Program in Iloilo Province,**

attended the project launching and the Movement for Agrarian and Rural Advancement (MARA) oath-taking ceremony at Brgy. Danao, Janiuay, Iloilo for their Mini-Grocery Store on 28 June 2024. The association was organized and received its initial funds for its first project in 2016. In 2023, they received their succeeding tranche for their agricultural supply store, and on 08 February 2024, they received an additional Php300,000.00 for their Mini-Grocery Store project. The SLP PAMANA Program is a sustainment of the Community Peace Dividend component of the KAPATIRAN peace process, which provides grants to communities affected by conflict.

D. Restoration of Civil and Political Rights (Support to the Amnesty Program)

1. In response to a directive during the interpellations of the Amnesty Proclamations by Senate Minority Leader Aquilino “Kiko” Pimentel III, the OPAPRU was assigned the task of providing updates to the Senate regarding the government’s existing peace agreements. This responsibility led to two significant meetings. The first meeting was convened for the Senate’s Committee on National Defense and Security, Peace, Unification, and Reconciliation, and the second meeting specifically involved the Office of Senator Kiko Pimentel, with Senator Pimentel in attendance on 24 April 2024. Discussions centered around the government’s remaining deliverables and commitments. During these discussions, Director Christina Loren Umali from the GPH-RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office highlighted key accomplishments and ongoing efforts related to the GPH-RPM-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process. These efforts aim to fulfill the commitments outlined in the 2000 Peace Agreement and the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document.



2. **The OPAPRU and the NAC held a joint meeting to discuss concerns and areas of collaboration for the Amnesty Program at the PICC on 10 May 2024.** Focusing on a collaborative and results-oriented approach, the conference explored various directives and strategies to expedite program execution. The following are the updates from the meeting: 1) the Amnesty Proclamations’ IRR is targeted to be published at the end of May 2024; 2) the Local Amnesty Boards in the BARMM, CAR, Regions III, IV-A, VIII, IX, X, and XI will be strengthened, 3) NAC to publish an Amnesty Roadmap to supplement communication efforts and ensure close coordination with the NAC for the timing of the conduct of IECs.
3. **GPH-RCPPPO participated in the 17th meeting of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC).** Discussed were the updates on recent activities conducted since the 16th NAC Meeting, updates on the progress of the MOAs being forged with concerned agencies such as Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), Commission on Elections (COMELEC), Bureau of Corrections (BuCor), and the courtesy calls to be made with LGUs such as Baguio City, Tacloban and Catbalogan, Samar, and, piloting of Amnesty applications during caravans to be spearheaded by Program 1 in July 2024. Operational details on the issuance of travel authorities of participating lawyers from DOJ and process flow for the verification process for MILF applicants.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

1. **OPAPRU participated in the coordination meeting with the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Provincial Government of Negros Oriental at the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), Capitol Area, Dumaguete City, on 17 April 2024.** Discussed was the implementation of the Transformation

Program for the former rebels, their families, and communities in Negros Oriental. Present in the meeting were Engr. Ingo Mercado, PPDO; Maricar Olague, DILG; Atty. Jay Nacao, Chair of Special Joint Task force Octopus; Hilton Edrial, Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO); Juniel Guath, Area Manager, Area Management Unit (AMU)-Western and Central Visayas; Cathy Pascua, AMU-Western and Central Visayas. Ms. Guath of AMU provided an overview of the OPAPRU's Mandate, the LPE and the Transformation Program Framework. The meeting resulted in finalizing the target date and listing participants for the TP planning workshop, as well as the logistics and other necessary preparations.

2. **AMU-Western and Central Visayas made a courtesy call to Brigadier General Joey Escanillas of 302nd Infantry Brigade, PA, on 17 April 2024.** The call included Ms. Juniel Guath, Area Manager, AMU; CPT Michael Dela Torre, Operations Officer; and, Ms. Cathy Pascua, AMU. The AMU discussed with Brig. Gen. Escanillas OPAPRU's proposed TP planning and other future initiatives for peace and development in Negros Oriental. Immediately following the courtesy call, the team went to the newly completed halfway house located in the vicinity of the 302nd INFBDE in Camp Leon Kilat, Tanjay City, Negros Oriental.
3. **GPH-RCPPPO participated in the Transformation Program Planning Workshop for the Province of Antique at the JLC Hall, Provincial Capitol, Municipality of San Jose Buenavista, Antique on 21-23 May 2024.** Present in the meeting were PLGU of Antique representatives, representatives from the DSWD, DICT, TESDA, DILG, NTF ELCAC, DOJ, NCIP, PhilHealth, KAPATIRAN Special Project Team Representatives, Security Sector Representatives - AFPPDO, 301st Brigade, 82nd IB, NICA, PNP, Panay Peacebuilders and former rebels and the AMU. The participants were divided into groups and assigned tasks into 4 Clusters: Security, Confidence Building Measures, Social Healing and Reconciliation, and Socio-Economic Component. Each cluster identified existing programs and projects in the province. Discussions on proposed projects with considerations on scope and budget were made, and the proposed TP Plans were documented and presented to the participants.
4. **The OPAPRU and JEMC team met with Negros Oriental State University (NORSU) officials in Dumaguete City on 22 May 2024.** President Joel Limson met with the JEMC officials. Merivic Catada and PA Yano relayed their appreciation of OPAPRU, led by PAPRU Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr. on the partnership for the M&E of KAPATIRAN projects and raised possible expansion of the project into actual tapping of the research and extension services of NORSU to implement viable livelihood projects for the KAPATIRAN. Dr. Limson is set to retire by July 2024 but assured the JEMC and OPAPRU team that he will request the same support from the incoming NORSU President. The JEMC and Edir. Cesar De Mesa guided GPH-RCPPPO to work on the list of the KAPATIRAN Children to be requested for educational assistance.
5. **The JEMC conducted a consultation meeting with Central Philippine State University (CPSU) President, Dr. Aladino Moraca in Kabankalan City on 24 May 2024.** The JEMC relayed their appreciation for the support of the CPSU in the M&E and assistance in implementing livelihood projects and interventions at the KAPATIRAN site, including muscovado sugar production. It was noted that the implementation of muscovado and other agri-farm projects be continued. President Moraca asserted their M&E assessment of the Tanjay Site, pointing out the failure of the projects due to scarcity of water. PA Yano requested from Dr. Moraca possible technologies that may be used for the site given that the CPSU has been successful in its rainwater collector, benefitting twenty (20) KAPATIRAN members who already transferred onsite. Dr. Moraca is committed to assisting OPAPRU and will conduct a technical study of the existing water source to evaluate its potential for 64 KAPATIRAN households. Dr. Moraca toured the JEMC/OPAPRU team of CPSU's facilities. The facilities included the (i) Muscovado Processing area, (ii) Vermicast composting Area, (iii) Citronella Oil Processing Area, (iv) Bamboo Processing Area and Showroom, and (v) Machine Fabrication processing area. PA Yano appreciated the tour of the facilities

and raised the possibility of the KAPATIRAN chapters adopting the technologies for their livelihood.

6. **Area Management Unit-Western and the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) Regional Office on 11 June 2024.** The AMU was met by Assistant Regional Director Sr. Superintendent Marie Rose Laguyo. The LAB Iloilo Secretariat discussed the mandate of the National Amnesty Commission, the function of the Local Amnesty Board, and the procedure for the application for amnesty. At the meeting, there were discussions on collaboration among offices to obtain the list of persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) who committed crimes to further the political beliefs of former rebels (CTG and RPMP/RPA/ABB). Also present in the meeting were representatives from OPAPRU, Head of the Area Management Unit in Western Visayas Ms. Juniel Guath, Area Coordinator Ms. Hennie Dionela, member of the Local Amnesty Board Fr. Ildelfonso Cachuela, representing the religious sector, and Prosecutor Flosemer Gonzales, representing the Office of the Regional Prosecutor.



SUPPORT TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF EO 70

GPH-RCPPPO participated in the 1st Semester Provincial Task Force ELCAC Meeting for CY 2024 organized by the Provincial Task Force ELCAC at the Session Hall, Capitol Building, Bacolod City, on 27 June 2024. The meeting, which was presided by Governor Eugenio Lacson of Negros Occidental, resulted in the following: reporting of updates from DILG Negros Occidental Provincial Director Teodora Sumagaysay on the implementation of the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) and the upcoming activities of the Provincial Task Force, and the list of Projects for FY 2025 Support to the Barangay Development Program (SBDP), reporting of the 303rd Infantry Brigade on the status of insurgency in Negros Occidental, reporting of the AMU Western Visayas on the operationalization of the peace center and updates on the Initial draft of Negros Occidental Transformation Program (TP) Plan, and GPH-RCPPPO addressing some of the concerns brought out by the PTF ELCAC Chair Gov. Lacson on the operationalization of the Peace Center.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES (GPH) - CORDILLERA BODONG ADMINISTRATION - CORDILLERA PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY (CBA-CPLA) PEACE PROCESS

A. Socio-economic Component

1. **On 9 May 2024, OPAPRU consultants and personnel participated in the RDC-Agriculture sub-sectoral committee TWG meeting** to enhance the proposal to

elevate and reconstitute the agriculture sub-sectoral committee as a sectoral committee in the RDC-CAR.

2. **OPAPRU personnel participated in the 2nd quarter RDC-INFRACOM Regular Meeting last 16 May 2024 in Baguio City.** The following were the discussion points: 1) presentation of the Salient features of the Kennon Road FS; 2) review and approval for RDC endorsement for the municipality of Alfonso Lista, Ifugao, along with sub-committee reports on transportation, water, and social infrastructure; 3) energy, and information and communications technology. The meeting also discussed the Regional Development Report of the Infrastructure Chapter and projects flagged under the Regional Project Monitoring Committee (RPMC) alert mechanism. The committee also inquired about the submitted RDC infrastructure projects to OPAPRU PAMANA-NPMO, to which the personnel conveyed the concerns to PAMANA-NPMO for appropriate action.

B. Security Aspect

1. **On 16 May 2024, Director Christina Loren Umali attended the first meeting of the CORDS with members of the Cordillera Administrative Region Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (CAR RTF-ELCAC).** It served as the platform to present a brief overview and advance the Regional Task Force's strategies and initiatives. A walkthrough on the structure and functions of the CAR RTF-ELCAC for the appreciation of the Secretary and reiteration that the CORDS would assist in the designated region's concerns and issues with other Departments, the Office of the President and other concerned agencies were reviewed. An open forum ensued where the Secretary was apprised of several concerns of the region and the task force. There are still remnant guerilla fronts, especially in the mountains of Kalinga and Abra, and white areas in urbanized cities and municipalities, serving as staging areas of the organization's fronts to recruit and disseminate their ideologies. The next task force meeting was set for 21 June 2024.

C. Confidence Building

The OPAPRU actively participated in the 57th Mountain Province Founding Anniversary and 17th Lang-ay Festival on 07 April 2024. The event was conducted alongside LGU partners, led by Congressman Maximo Dalog, Jr. and Governor Bonifacio Lacwasan, Jr., along with their constituents. It was held under the theme *“Strength in Diversity: Celebrating Inclusivity and Solidarity.”*

During the gathering, various officials delivered impactful messages, emphasizing the importance of inclusivity and unity in the face of diversity. They also highlighted the significance of awareness and the reflection of indigeneity amid changing times. Additionally, heartfelt tributes were paid to the province's esteemed elders and leaders.

On behalf of Secretary Galvez, OPAPRU's Presidential Assistant Atty. Wilben Mayor conveyed his warm greetings. Notably, he underscored the historical significance of the Sipat or the 1986 peace pact. This landmark agreement played a pivotal role in establishing the Cordillera Administrative Region. Furthermore, Presidential Assistant Atty. Mayor acknowledged the Provincial Government's

crucial role in implementing the peace pact and their unwavering commitment to achieving sustainable peace, progress, and development within the locality.



Executive Director Cesar De Mesa served as the guest of honor at the event on behalf of Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. on the 58th Founding Anniversary and ***Gotad Ad Ifugao*** last 18 June 2024. In the message read, the Secretary highlighted OPAPRU's commitment to preserving the province's identity, fostering local pride, and promoting solidarity through various projects under the PAMANA Projects and the ELCAC-LPE initiative, including the Transformation Program (TP) for former rebels. Different officials of LGU Ifugao, OPAPRU Consultants, GPH-RCPPO-CPLA Division and CPAS personnel, JEMC members, representatives of regional line agencies, and other guests participated in the event.



D. Healing and Reconciliation

1. On 04 April 2024, the OPAPRU actively participated in a round table discussion (RTD) on the updates on House Bill 3267, the ***Act Establishing the Cordillera Autonomous Region***. This bill is sponsored by the Institute on Autonomy and Governance in collaboration with the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)—Philippines and the Cordillera Alliance for Autonomy, Peace, and Development, Inc. (CAAPDI). The focus of this RTD was House Bill 3267.

During the RTD, stakeholders engaged in meaningful discussions, sharing perspectives and insights on the ongoing pursuit of regional autonomy. Notably,

the Office of Mayor Benjamin Magalong underscored the region's unwavering commitment to independence, a cause deeply rooted in the aspirations of the Indigenous Peoples.

MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan drew parallels between the Cordillera Organic Act and the Bangsamoro Organic Law, emphasizing the critical role of fiscal autonomy provisions. Additionally, the discussions delved into the intricacies and significance of financial mechanisms in achieving regional autonomy. This collaborative effort fosters dialogue, understanding, and progress toward a more autonomous and harmonious region.



2. **On 13 June 2024, the Regional Development Council (RDC) Cordillera 2nd Quarter meeting was attended by OPAPRU Consultant Cameron Odsey, by LGU Abra, Kalinga, LGU Mountain Province, Tabuk City LGU, representatives from the LMP National President's Office, regional line agency heads, and representatives and private sector representatives.**



At least 14 proposals, resolutions, and project endorsements, including regional and inter-regional matters from various RDC sectoral committees, were presented, discussed, and approved. Concerns regarding the 37th Cordillera Month celebration were also addressed, with the Province of Abra as the host for this year. Additionally, the RDC officials signed an agreement with regional power companies to manage funds from the Department of Energy (DOE).

E. Oversight of Implementation Mechanisms

1. **The OPAPRU-RCPPO CBA-CPLA Division convened a regular meeting on 12 April 2024 to update the Regional Adviser on Peace and Security (RAPS)/consultants on the latest developments related to the OPAPRU Interim Organizational Structure and the Normalization Program's implementation.** The meeting agenda included discussions on FY 2024 deliverables, task assignments, planning for an upcoming meeting with CBA-CPLA leaders/critical members, and other pertinent topics. During the meeting, an agreement was reached to schedule the CBA-CPLA Meeting on 29 May 2024, followed by the JEMC 2nd Quarter Meeting on 30 May 2024. Additionally, the OPAPRU-RCPPO will conduct a preparatory meeting with OPAPRU officials before these events. Furthermore, a transition plan will be developed during the 3rd quarter for presentation to the JEMC during the year-end meeting.



2. **In preparation for implementing the Impact Assessment for the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, the RCPPO Field Personnel, along with BGen Soliba (Ret), RAPS for CAR; and, with Mr. Cameron Odsey, Consultant for Socio-economic Concerns, held a meeting with Mr. Stanley Anongos, Jr., Dean of the College of Social Sciences at Benguet State University (BSU) last 19 April 2024.** This meeting formalized the partnership for conducting the study within the year. An overview of the peace process and the study's terms of reference were presented during the meeting. BSU is expected to provide an official response or acceptance by May 2024 to allow the designated office time to study the proposed research, including the literature and references provided. A research team will also be created to conduct the study within the timeframe. The OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, with consultants and Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning Service (MEALS), held a meeting with Benguet State University (BSU) relative to the conduct of an Impact Assessment Study for the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process. He was joined by Prof. Stanley Anongos, Jr., and his team on 24 May 2024. The meeting discussed BSU's research frame, Internal Operating Budget, methodologies, work plan, interview questionnaires, guide questions, and interview guide. A follow-through activity will be held to finalize the study proposal.
3. **The OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, conducted the 2nd Quarter Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) Meeting and post-meeting with CBA-CPLA members last 13 June 2024 in Mountain Province.** Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, RCPPO Director Christina Loren Umali, OPAPRU Consultants, JEMC executive committee members, and other regional line agencies were present during the event. The meeting highlighted OPAPRU's transition plan to a comprehensive peace process for the Cordillera Region, hence implementing the Transformation program. The meeting also included presentations of JEMC member agencies' accomplishment reports and addressing concerns needing stakeholders' support. The JEMC CPLA has inquired about the Bantay-Gubat's security of tenure, to which OPAPRU reiterated the ongoing coordination with DENR central office since FY2023. Also discussed during the meeting were other concerns regarding program implementation.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

1. **The OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, organized the 1st convening of the Cordillera Administrative Region – Regional Task Force – Local Peace Engagement Cluster for CY2024 last 07 June 2024.** The meeting focused on the status of LPE initiatives in the region; situation updates on urban/ white areas, the proposed creation of a Local Peace Panel in the city, and the implementation of CSP (Community Support Program), Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP), and the Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD), in the different target areas. MGen. Edgardo De Leon, OPAPRU RAPS, presented the post-armed conflict imperatives to sustain the Gains and Attain Lasting Peace, highlighting the significance of Peace Centers as a mechanism for holistic peace campaigns. As a way forward, the member agencies have recommitted to LPE initiatives in the region, while DILG committed to coordinating with the Baguio LGU to create an LPP, among others. Among the attendees of the meeting were Regional Director Araceli San Jose, DILG-CAR; Joint Task Group – Baguio Commander Virgilio Noora; heads and representatives from member agencies, namely, PIA, NCIP, DOJ-RO1, NICA, DAR, Presidential Management Staff for the Cordillera Region, Baguio LGU, AFP, PNP, NIA, DSWD, DPWH.



2. **On 13 June 2024, the OPAPRU, in partnership with the Joint Task Group Baguio, organized an IEC among the local chief executives of different barangays in Baguio City to level off and increase their awareness of the Localized Peace Engagement initiatives.** The IEC included the presentation of the EO 70 by DILG, the LPE, and its Transformation Program from OPAPRU. As a way forward, Engr. Rocky Aliping, ABC President, inquired about recalibrating their WFPs to accommodate LPE PPAs. DILG agreed and emphasized addressing insurgencies or potential insurgencies in



various barangays. The ABC president also highlighted insufficient resources, such as budget, among barangays, necessitating a revision of their WFP. The participants during the activity were Col. Virgilio Noora, Commander, Joint Task Group Baguio; LTC Dominador Valerio, Executive Officer, JTG Baguio; Sesvir Castañeda-Lopez, DILG-CAR; OPAPRU Regional Adviser for Peace and Security–

CAR BGen Bismarck Soliba (ret.); Charlotte Matias - LCT-FISU-AMU-NL, and 22 selected barangays of the city.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

1. **OPAPRU Consultant and personnel participated in the 2nd Quarter Meeting of the Sectoral Committee on Development Administration and Good Governance meeting on 23 May 2024.** The discussion evolved in the 2023 Full Year Regional Development Report on Governance Sector, presentation of the convergence program in the ELCAC barangays, updates relative to the conduct of the 37th Cordillera Month Celebration, and other matters such as updates on Peace, Security, and Order; and Illegal Drugs.
2. **The GPH-RCPPPO CPLA Division participated in the 2-day DILG–CAR led capacity building training for E-CLIP Implementers on 17-18 April 2024.** The activity was participated by the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), regional offices, and local government units from regions I, II, III, NCR, and the Cordillera Administrative Region. Said training aimed to enhance policy gaps on processes and procedures of firearms remuneration under the ECLIP as well as the DILG-DND Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2021-01 'Implementing Guidelines on the Provision of DILG-Administered Package of Assistance for Former Rebels (FRs) and Formers Violent Extremists (FVEs) under the ECLIP.'



3. **On 24 April 2024, the GPH-RCPPPO CPLA Division participated in the Interface meeting with Stakeholders and Partners relative to the implementation of Program Salaknib Tan Namnama: Saving/ Protecting and Giving Hope.** The activity aimed to establish dynamic and strong engagement among the stakeholders for support provisions and filling in the resource gaps in primary education, strengthen the commitment of community partnership for better delivery of primary education service, leverage collective expertise, resources, and efforts to address challenges, seize opportunities, and create sustainable solutions that benefit all involved parties.

The activity also sought to level-off and update partners on various engagements, accomplishments, and plans for the succeeding years—joined by multiple regional line agencies, Civil Society Organizations, i.e., Philex Corporation, China Bank, and Global Peace Foundation-Philippines, among others. OPAPRU, as a recognized partner, assured its support to the program. Moreover, Mr. Odsey led the Ceremonial Commitment among the stakeholders.



4. **The OPAPRU, through the GPH-RCPPPO CPLA Division, participated in the RTF-ELCAC Strategic Communications Cluster Meeting on 20 June 2024.** The Philippine Information Agency (PIA) held the meeting. The cluster met to harmonize and enhance strategic communication methodologies to communicate the government's peace and development initiatives effectively. The meeting involved presentations from the Joint Task Group – Baguio highlighting their accomplishments using various media platforms and IECs on programs and activities within the city. Col. Virgilio Noora, Commander, Joint Task Group Baguio further affirmed that the region's number of CTG leaders and operations is decreasing. DILG gave updates on implementing the Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP), the Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD), and the Support to Barangay Development Programs (SBDP). DSWD provided updates on implementing its regular programs in support of EO 70. OPAPRU shared its PAMANA Infrastructure Projects and its Transformation Program. DTI informed the body that they have two programs for ELCAC barangays, which include the *Negosyo Serbisyo sa Barangay* and the *Pangkabuhayan sa Pagbangon* and the *Ginhawa* Program.



5. **The GPH-RCPPPO participated in the 2nd quarter meeting of the Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC).** The meeting was facilitated by co-chairperson Dr. Ferdinand Gonzales, who attended the meeting with OPAPRU-RCPPPO and the GAD focal point system of regional line agencies and civil society organizations. Dr. Gonzales emphasized the compliance of LGUs with the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG), noting that planning should be gender-responsive. The meeting also discussed creating a TWG for the GAD Seal. Meanwhile, OPAPRU, DOLE, DTI, LGU Abra and LGU Kalinga, and CSOs, namely, Transcending Institutions and Communities, Igorota Foundation, and MOVE were included in the TWG for the 18-Day Campaign against VAW. The agenda discussed providing an online template for commitments and the agenda for the 2025 WFP to be addressed in the next quarter meeting. PCW also reiterated the finalization of the regional GAD agenda, which the body has concurred on for strategic planning in August 2024.

6. **From 26 to 28 June 2024, the GPH-RCPPPO assisted PAMANA-NPMO in conducting social preparation activities to implement PAMANA Projects in Ifugao and Kalinga provinces.** This activity aimed to orient and update the community on OPAPRU mandates and programs, including the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) program, as well as on the concept of Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting—Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM). The target barangays for implementation under PAMANA FY2024 are among the 232 areas covered by the Five-year Normalization Program (5YNP). The activity also included the launch of PhilHealth *Konsultasyong Sulit Tama* (Konsulta) in Tabuk City, Kalinga. The Universal Health Care Law mandates this comprehensive outpatient benefits program. It focuses on protecting the health of every Filipino by preventing chronic illnesses, detecting complications early, and providing affordable drugs and medicines. GPH-RCPPPO coordinated with PENRO Kalinga to ensure the presence of *Bantay Gubat* personnel and the Joint Expanded Monitoring Committee (JEMC) in Kalinga to ensure the presence of CBA-CPLA members sponsored under PAMANA-PhilHealth.



7. **The GPH-RCPPPO participated in the Cordillera Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) 2nd Quarter meeting last 24 June 2024.** Present were Police Regional Office-CAR Director PBGen. David Peredo Jr.; DILG Regional Director Araceli San Jose; and Philippine Army 503rd Brigade Commander BGen. Romualdo Raymund Landingin Jr. The PRO-CAR reported a generally peaceful Cordillera with a 15.15% decrease in crime incidents compared to last year. The agenda of the meeting was the presentation and discussion of AFP's updates on the campaign against communist terrorist groups, as well as the Secretariat's presentation of the RTF-ELCAC cluster accomplishments.



8. **On 26 June 2024, the GPH-RCPPPO launched the month-long celebration for the 37th Cordillera Month celebration in SM Baguio through Kapihan sa Baguio-PIA.** The rollout shared the lineup throughout the month to honor the rich tapestry and cultural diversity of the Cordillera Region. The regional and national line agencies committed to a meaningful celebration and support for autonomy.

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

A. Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Former Violent Extremists (FVEs)

1. OPAPRU through SHAPEO commenced the implementation of the Transformation Program for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) through the engagement with the Provincial Government of Lanao Del Sur and members of the Lanao del Sur Enhanced-Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) which resulted to the conduct of Rehabilitation Activities for 181 FVEs.

The implementation of the Transformation Program for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) in Lanao Del Sur is on-going through the collaboration with the Provincial Government of Lanao Del Sur through the Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD), Armed Forces of the Philippines 103rd Brigade and the members of the ECLIP. For the second quarter, a series of coordinations and preparatory meetings were conducted for the MOA Signing between OPAPRU and LGU of Lanao del Sur and the 2-day Rehabilitation Activities for the FVEs.



Participants during the ECLIP Meeting on 24 April 2024.

Coordination Meetings were conducted with the 103rd Infantry Brigade 1st ID on 15-17 April 2024 to finalize the list of the FVEs, the profiling of remaining FVEs and the logistics concerns during the 2-day Rehabilitation Activities.

Moreover, OPAPRU through SHAPEO regularly participates in the ECLIP Committee composed of the Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD), Provincial Development Office (PDO), AFP 103rd Brigade, Philippine National Police (PNP), BARMM Ministry of Local Government (MILG), Thuma Inc. and PWC. The ECLIP is the existing mechanism at the provincial level that is focused in the implementation of programs for the rehabilitation and reintegration of the Former Rebels (FRs) and FVEs.

Last 23 April 2024, the meeting was conducted to finalize the schedule of the rehabilitation program for the FVEs of Lanao del Sur which leads to a 2-day rehabilitation activity to be held at the 103rd Brigade. This also marks the finalized 250 names of FVEs to be assisted with transformation support and will have its awarding ceremony along with signing of MOA ceremony with LDS provincial LGU.

The agreements and ways forward during the meeting were the following:

- 1) PSWD agreed to conduct profiling during the rehabilitation activities;
- 2) OPAPRU to transmit a vetted MOA to the provincial LGU for their review;
- 3) 13-14 May 2024 will be the rehabilitation activity schedule; and,
- 4) 16 May 2024 tentative schedule for MOA signing between OPAPRU and LDS Provincial LGU.



2. Meeting of OPAPRU SHAPEO with Governor Mamintal Alonto Adiong Jr. of Lanao del Sur. To ensure that the LGU appreciates the Transformation Program on FVEs and expedite the signing of the MOA, a meeting was conducted with Governor Mamintal Adiong Jr., on 07 June 2024 in Marawi City. The meeting discussed the upcoming programs for the Rehabilitation Activities for Former Violent Extremists

(FVEs) in Lanao Del Sur and the Memorandum of Agreement between the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur and OPAPRU on the Prevention and Transformation of Violent Extremism (PTVE) and Localizing the Normalization Implementation (LNI) program. Necessary modifications were agreed by both the Governor and OPAPRU to the proposed changes in the MOA before finalizing the agreement. The OPAPRU team also had the opportunity to visit the temporary halfway house.

3. Rehabilitation Activities for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) in Lanao Del Sur.

Finally, after several months of preparations, the Rehabilitation Activities for the FVEs was implemented on 10-11 June 2024 in Marawi City. The two-day deradicalization and rehabilitation activity was in collaboration with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office



(PSWDO) of Lanao del Sur and the AFP 103rd Brigade. The event included orientations on PTVE programs, psycho-social support, and community-building activities for former violent extremists (FVEs), with 181 participants over the two days. The event also featured sessions on marketing strategies led by BARMM's Ministry of Trade, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) R10 - TUPAD Project with employment enrollment, and guidance on forming cooperatives provided by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA). Additionally, the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur distributed 25 kilograms of rice to each participant.

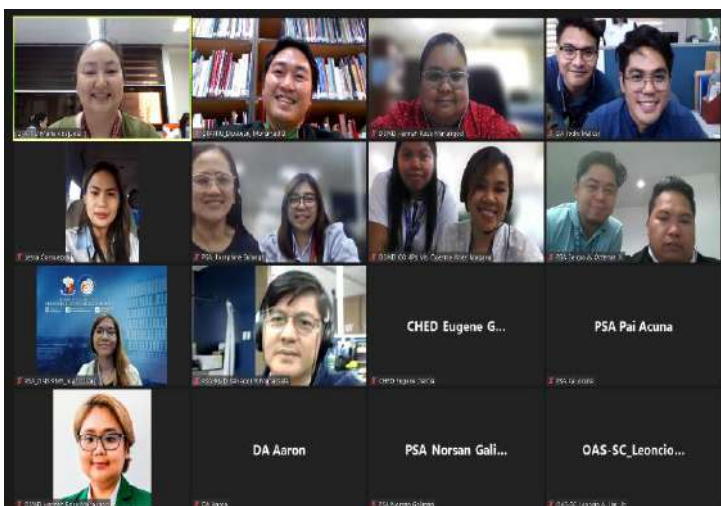
4. Strengthened networking and collaboration at the national and local levels for the implementation of the TP for FVEs. To maximize the support of other National Government Agencies on OPAPRU's PTVE Program, the SHAPEO convened an Inter-Agency Meeting for the integration of government programs into the Transformation Programs for FVEs. This meeting was conducted via videoconference on 16 April 2024 which were attended by representatives from the five national government agencies, namely: Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), and Department of Agriculture (DA). Each agency presented their current programs and projects that could be integrated to the TP for FVEs and for Victims of Terrorism (VoT).

a) DSWD

- 4Ps Program - Enrollment of new beneficiaries via the National Household Targeting System for Poverty Reduction (NHTS-PR). OPAPRU can submit a list of FVE names for cross matching with the 4Ps database and potential inclusion in the 4Ps database.
- Social Protection under EO 70 - Accessible programs for former rebels and their families.
- b) DTI - Business development opportunities and required the formation of cooperatives for FVEs to qualify for DTI's entrepreneurship and training programs. OPAPRU needs to formally request these programs through DTI's Office on Special Concerns.
- c) PSA - Proposed a streamlined process for issuing civil registration and e-Phil ID documents to FVEs through a one-stop shop or caravan. OPAPRU needs to send a letter of intent to PSA requesting for civil registration, including national ID registration for FVEs and their families, specifying in the letter the estimated number of registrants.
- d) CHED - discussed the UNIFAST program, recommending that OPAPRU communicate via a formal letter to include educational subsidies in the TP for FVEs.
- e) DA - Highlighted DA's agri-related training and support programs, advising OPAPRU to register FVEs as farmers to access these resources.

The meeting successfully outlined potential collaborations and procedural steps necessary for integrating government support into the TP for FVES and VOTs.

The next steps included the formal requests to be given to the said five agencies to formalize the inclusion of their programs in the TP that will be followed-up by high-level meetings of the Executives to finalize the programs that will be made accessible to FVEs and VoTs.



Participants during the Inter-Agency Meeting for the TP for FVEs via online platform.

5. **Implementation of Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region X to FVEs and VoTs in Lanao Del Sur.** In parallel, coordination and collaboration with local government offices were conducted by the SHAPEO team particularly in the preparation and implementation of TUPAD.

On 17 April 2024, the first meeting with the Provincial Director of DOLE Region X together with the Marawi Compensation Board was conducted in MSU, Marawi City. The meeting focused on the implementation details of the TUPAD Program for FVEs and VOTs, including profiling, compensation, and program orientations. It was agreed that SHAPEO will provide DOLE with the list of 192 FVEs already profiled by the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) while the remaining 58 unprofiled FVEs will be completed soon, rounding up the total to 250 FVEs.



OPAPRU, DOLE X and MCB personnel during the discussion on TUPAD.

The TUPAD Program will run for 20 days, compensating FVEs in Lanao del Sur at PhP361.00 per day, totaling PhP7,220.00 per individual. OPAPRU will also provide DOLE with an endorsement letter in lieu of the Joint AFP-PNP Intelligence Committee (JAPIC) List current unavailability.

Victims of Terrorism (VoTs) in Lanao del Norte and Region X will also participate in TUPAD for 20 days, receiving PhP428.00 per day, totaling PhP8,560.00 per individual. Of the 72 VoTs, 36 from Region X will be directly profiled by DOLE based on the provided list. The MCB will issue the endorsement letter to DOLE for this group.

More so, organized groups of FVEs and VOTs can avail themselves of the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program, provided they are registered as cooperatives by the Cooperative Development Authority (CDA) or as associations by the BARMM Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE). The meeting established a clear framework and timeline for integrating FVEs and VOTCs into the TUPAD Program, reinforcing the government's commitment to support the reintegration of these individuals through meaningful employment and livelihood opportunities.

The Orientation of TUPAD by DOLE Region X was also included in the 2-days Rehabilitation Activities with the 181 FVEs last 10-11 June 2024 in Marawi City.

6. **Improved capacity and networks of SHAPEO through the participation in capacity building and Inter-Agency Meetings, Conferences and Fora at the local and international levels.** The SHAPEO represented OPAPRU in several local and international fora and conferences that were platforms for networking of different agencies and organizations working on and or contributing to the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP PCVE). These participations improved personnel knowledge and skills in implementing the PTVE program.



Participants during the Training on Supporting Gender-Responsive Interventions in Complex Conflicts Settings.

The SHAPEO representatives attended the Pilot Training on Supporting Gender-Responsive Interventions in Complex Conflicts Settings organized by the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID) And Global Center on Cooperative Security on 17-19 April 2024. The said training aimed to familiarize and equip local practitioners with the necessary knowledge, tools, resources to fund, design, implement, monitor, and evaluate gender-responsive P/CVE interventions.

The participants who were composed of members from the different MSU systems around Mindanao, as well as participants from OPAPRU-SHAPEO, DILG, and CHR,

had the opportunity to engage with expert practitioners from various regional and international backgrounds and shared their experiences and lessons learned in the effective implementation of gender-responsive interventions.

Another training attended was the Ministry of Home Affairs - International Centre for Political Violence and Terrorism Research (MHA-ICPVTR) Workshop entitled The Reintegration Conundrum: Understanding the Dynamics of Reintegrating Violent Extremists into Society on 13-16 May 2024 in Singapore City. Through the PTVE Program of SHAPEO, OPAPRU was part of the Philippine delegation that attended as well as presented the updates and progress of the Philippines on deradicalization and PCVE. The Philippines presented the legal bases for the PCVE and deradicalization programs, national policies such as the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP PCVE), as well as efforts with partner NGAs and CSOs. Aside from the many accomplishments and milestones the Philippines has reached, the presentation also included the different challenges faced in reintegrating FVEs. This was a great sharing experience as the Philippines seemed to be one of the countries that are more advanced in PCVE work.



Participants during the MHA-ICPVTR Workshop in Singapore.

In another venue, the OPAPRU was invited by the PCID to participate in the roundtable discussion about the Deradicalization Programs in Conflict Areas in the Philippines held on 23 May 2024 at the Astoria Plaza, Quezon City. International speakers, representatives from non-government groups and national government agencies, as well as former Senator Gringo Honasan, attended this gathering. There is still more to be done to properly comprehend the ideas and workings of counterterrorism measures, even with the present deradicalization initiatives in the Philippines.

Another part of the discussion was about the current programs on countering and preventing violent extremism and terrorism, which mainly focused on short-term financial assistance, livelihood opportunities, among other efforts of the public and private stakeholders. This session emphasized the importance of the political will of the elected leaders, collaborative undertakings, and resource mapping to come-up with authentic government support and prevent terrorism recruitment.

Another event that was attended by OPAPRU through SHAPEO was the International Development and Security Cooperation (IDSC) Roundtable Discussion on The “Deradicalization of The Violent Extremists in Achieving Lasting Peace in Marawi on 24 May 2024 at the University of the Philippines Diliman-Asian Center. The focus of the discussion was on the “Whole of Nation” approach, as well as the gaps seen by all sectors and how the Philippines can address this in achieving lasting peace in Marawi.



Participants during the International Development and Security Cooperation (IDSC) Roundtable Discussion On The "Deradicalization of The Violent Extremists in Achieving Lasting Peace in Marawi."

7. Revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) through the formation of the Technical Working Group (TWG) and identification of Focal Persons who will convene and lead the planning and implementation of the BUC activities.

Faith-based leaders and organizations have significant roles in sustaining the gains of the peace process in the BARMM as well as in the prevention and transformation of VE. They also need to work together to have greater impact in the Transformation of FVEs and Victims of Terrorism, thus the revival of the BUC is important in safeguarding and sustaining the gains of the peace process in Mindanao including the BARMM.

On 29-30 April 2024 the first meeting of the focal persons and TWG was convened in Cotabato City. Participants in the meeting came from the representatives from the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Evangelical Churches, and Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta' (BDI) BARMM. The Draft Concept Note of the Revitalization of the BUC was discussed, and updates were included in the document. A Planning of the major activities was conducted providing details to the planned Retreat of the Key Bishops and Ulama and the First Major Dialogue.



Participants during the First Meeting of the Bishop-Ulama Conference Focal Persons and Technical Working Group (TWG) Members on 29-30 April 2024.

This was followed-up by another meeting on 04 June 2024. The meeting was held at the OPAPRU Office in Awang Road, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte, focusing on clarifying roles and addressing organizational matters. Following productive discussions, Uz. Abdulhakar A. Musa was appointed Chairperson, with Fr. Clifford L. Baira, DCC as co-chairperson. Roles within the TWG's three groups were designated based on competencies. Mr. Edgardo B. Ramirez was appointed Senior Technical Specialist, Mr. Emran G. Mohamad of BDI as Lead Activity Facilitator for Organizational Development and Operations, Fr. Francis June A. Imperial of the Episcopal Church as Lead Facilitator for Administrative Support, and Uz. Talal A. Sabpa and Pastor Daniel E. Calubiran of the Evangelical Church as Co-Lead Facilitators for Linkages and Partnerships. Furthermore, the FP and TWG approved

the final draft of the Concept Note, which is set to be presented at the Dialogue Meeting of the Key Bishops and Ulama tentatively scheduled for the first week of August 2024.

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



Participants during the Second Meeting of the BUC Focal Persons and TWG Members on 04 June 2024.

B. Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IPHR)

For this quarter the IPHR program of SHAPE focused on the engagement with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) together with the continuation of the activities with the Agusan Del Norte Indigenous Peoples Women's Organization (ANIPWO).

1. **Strengthened engagements with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) at the local and national levels and other partners on IPHR.** On 04 April 2024, OPAPRU led by Executive Director Susana Guadalupe Marcaida met with the NCIP to discuss the operationalization of the Indigenous Peoples Healing & Reconciliation (IPH&R). The meeting was aimed to conduct an inter-agency direction setting of the IPH&R Framework to operationalize a whole-of-government approach to Healing & Reconciliation (H&R) for former rebels of Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs), their families, and communities belonging to Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs).

NCIP provided an update on the status of the H&R initiatives within their agency, noting that OPAPRU had successfully implemented IPH&R in 2021. However, due to some delays, the current execution of H&R has been scaled back to basic activities within IPRAMT8, a key NCIP program. There was a strong push for expanding this into a comprehensive program in collaboration with OPAPRU and the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), aiming to integrate elements from the Transformation Program, PAMANA, and IPRAMT8 into a unified government H&R framework. Additionally, it was agreed that funding would be provided under PAMANA in partnership with NCIP.

Specific interventions discussed included the establishment of Indigenous Peoples (IP) Student Dorms within Peace Centers at some State Universities and Colleges (SUCs). The meeting also emphasized the crucial role of youth and women-led Indigenous Peoples' Societies (IPS) in the program's implementation. Advocacy efforts were highlighted for including the first Former Rebels (previously referred to as Rebel Returnees) in benefit schemes and other support services.



The agreed output was the drafting and eventual release of a Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) for IPHR Inter-Agency Operationalization, which would facilitate the adoption of an inter-agency IPHR framework across various agencies such as DILG, OPAPRU, NCIP, and the Commission on Higher Education (CHED). This framework aims to systematically address the IPHR's five core components alongside the 11 Building Blocks.

2. **Meeting with the Local Conflict Transformation (LCT) and Peace Sustainability (PS) Clusters for the finalization of the IP Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) Framework.** An internal meeting in OPAPRU attended by heads and representatives of the LCT and PS Clusters was conducted last 25 April 2024 to discuss the finalization of the IPHR Framework. The SHAPEO presented a brief background of the Framework and the planned Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) that will be drafted and issued by the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) and OPAPRU.

It was agreed in the meeting to update the names and terminologies especially those being used by OPAPRU and furnish NCIP. Although there was a discussion on the title of one of the processes, it was then agreed to retain what has been written and let the IPHR be a living document considering that the processes are currently being tested if relevant and applicable to partner IP communities like the Agusan Del Norte IP Women's Organization (ANIPWO). The framework will be updated once the processes have been completed in ANIPWO and targeted Indigenous Cultural Communities in Mindoro and Zamboanga del Norte.

3. **Technical Exploratory Discussion of Indigenous Peoples Healing & Reconciliation (IPH&R) with the Young Southeast Asian Leaders Initiative (YSEALI) Amplify 8.0 onward Peace Partnership.** On 24 June 2024, the SHAPEO participated in the YSEALI Amplify 8.0 exploratory peace meeting attended by the multidisciplinary team composed of representatives from the Research and Development Division of the Commission on Higher



Education, Angat Pinas, Inc., GoodGovPH, American Chamber Business Leadership Program and WITECH Batangas alongside other stakeholders working for peace.

The meeting focused on the discussion of Indigenous Peoples Healing & Reconciliation (IPH&R) framework and how it aligns to the developmental plans of the organization. The components of the *"IPeace: Youth for Peace! Series of Rights-based Peacebuilding, Healing & Reconciliation Session"* with the IPH&R framework was detailed, emphasizing the capacitation of indigenous youth scheduled for 27 July, 31 August, and 28 September 2024. The IPH&R discussion identified potential entry points and funding opportunities from YSEALI and other partners to support OPAPRU initiatives.

Key areas that were identified for potential support included resource mobilization, expertise sharing, and network enhancement to bolster the IPH&R framework's effectiveness. Furthermore, a package of initiatives that were discussed from AMPLIFY were educational programs, grant opportunities, and community policing measures.

As a way forward, the YSEALI AMPLIFY 8.0 actively agreed to facilitate the submission of the requirements for accreditation as one of OPAPRU's official peace partners, particularly in the mission of enhancing the rights and living conditions of Indigenous communities, to be submitted in the last week of July 2024.

4. **Agusan del Norte IP Women's Organization (ANIPWO) Data Analysis and Development Framework Formulation (Phase 3) cum Organizational Development (Phase 4)**

From 17-28 June 2024, the SHAPEO in collaboration with the NCIP, conducted the Phases 3 and 4 of the ANIPWO Data Analysis and Developmental Framework Formulation cum Organizational Development. This initiative, aimed at supporting the Agusan Del Norte Indigenous Peoples Women Organization (ANIPWO), included comprehensive data analysis and the formulation of a developmental framework to address the needs and concerns of the indigenous women community.

The Phase 3: Data Analysis revealed critical insights into the community's demographics and socio-economic status. Significant findings included the following:

- a) **Types of Disabilities among Household Members:** the analysis highlighted that 23.4% of individuals suffer from deafness, 18.1% from muteness, and 13.8% from mental illnesses. These high prevalence rates underscore the urgent need for enhanced healthcare services, early intervention programs, and community support mechanisms.
- b) **Primary Livelihoods of Households:** the data showed that 64.3% of households rely on farming, making it the dominant livelihood. However, this also indicates a vulnerability to agricultural risks, necessitating diversification and support for other income-generating activities.
- c) **Additional Sources of Income:** a notable 55.9% of households reported having no additional sources of income, emphasizing the economic vulnerability of the community. Among those with supplementary incomes, animal husbandry and small-scale retail were common, highlighting areas for potential development and support.
- d) **Employment Dynamics:** the study revealed that 69.8% of employed household members are husbands, while 21.9% are wives, reflecting traditional gender roles.
- e) **Skills and Talents:** the analysis showed a strong presence of entrepreneurial skills (34.8%), performing arts (dancing 45%, singing 38%), and leadership (42%).



During the Phase 4: Organizational Development, key stakeholders, including the Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD), Commission on Human Rights (CHR), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Tourism (DOT), and Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) of Agusan del Norte, participated in discussions to finalize the ANIPWO Developmental Framework. This

framework encompasses community development plans and committee structures focused on rights, health, social welfare, livelihood, and ecotourism. The two-phased activity led to the output of the finalized developmental framework, supported by empirical data, which provides a strategic roadmap for the holistic development of ANIPWO. It aims to enhance healthcare access, diversify income sources, and promote gender equality in employment.

The finalized framework containing the organization's mission, vision, and community development plans for 2024-2028, also leverages data-driven outputs, anchoring on the community's inherent skills and values (Gifts of the mind, heart and hand) to foster social cohesion and peace sustainability. This also produced a total of five (5) committees working on: 1) Grievances, 2) Cultural Preservation, 3) Livelihood and Finance, 4) Health, and 5) Social Welfare. For the ways forward, the Phase 5, which entails the capacity development and service linkages for the community, this is set to happen in September 2024.



C. National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security and National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAP WPS & NAP YPS)

For this quarter, the SHAPEO focused on the preparation and continuation of the second Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEAL) Workshop, cascading of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 to national government agencies, regular convening of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSC WPS) and the preparation for the International Conference on WPS.

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

Meeting with OPAPRU Programs on Women, Peace and Security Initiatives. To prepare for the upcoming 2nd Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Development Workshop scheduled on 20-21 June 2024, a preparatory session was conducted together with OPAPRU Program Heads and UN Women personnel and consultants. It oriented the Program Heads on various Women, Peace,

and Security (WPS) initiatives being undertaken by the OPAPRU such as the implementation of the NAPWPS 2023-2033, establishment of a WPS Center of Excellence, and the conduct of the International Conference on WPS. The meeting successfully laid the groundwork for the second MEAL Workshop and reaffirmed the commitment of Program Heads to the WPS initiatives.



2. **Conduct of the 2nd Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Development Workshop for the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033.** The two-day workshop was held on 20-21 June 2024, focused on refining the outcome statements and action points of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 into a comprehensive results chain. Attendees included OPAPRU Programs, representatives from agencies forming the MEAL Technical Working Group, and UN Women. The event aimed to enhance the effectiveness of the NAPWPS by establishing clear and measurable mid-term outcomes and indicators.



Mr. Miki Jacevic, a consultant from UN Women, led an insightful session on the significance of indicators in formulating a MEAL Plan. His presentation emphasized how indicators are crucial for tracking progress, ensuring accountability, and providing a clear picture of the NAPWPS impact. He provided a comprehensive explanation of the different types of indicators and illustrated each type with practical examples, making it easier for participants to understand the distinctions and applications of each type of indicator.

Ms. Milagros Rimando, another UN Women consultant, presented findings from a recent mapping of plans, policies, and indicators relative to WPS. The discussion that followed explored the implications of these findings for indicator selection, reinforcing the importance of aligning new indicators with established policies.

The workshop concluded with a discussion on the next steps for finalizing the MEAL Plan and Framework, as well as announcements on future WPS-related activities.

3. **Strengthened collaboration with the DFA, PCW and PCID for the 2024 International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (ICWPS).** The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), OPAPRU and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) together with the PCID shall be spearheading the 2024 International Conference on WPS. A Technical Working Group (TWG) was organized, and several meetings were already conducted in the preparation for the said event.
4. **Technical Working Group Meeting on the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security.** The most recent technical working group (TWG) meeting for the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security was held on 24 May 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The meeting was attended by all members of the TWG, namely: OPAPRU, the Department of Foreign Affairs United Nations and Other International Organizations (DFA-UNIO) and Office of Civilian Security (DFA-OCS), the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women), and the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID).

The DFA-UNIO presented updates on venue and procurement, as well as on the working program. Translation booths will be provided for French, Spanish and Arabic speakers. After a proposed timeline of activities was presented by the DFA-UNIO, the DFA-OCS, OPAPRU, PCW, and PCID discussed updates on their respective preparations for their assigned thematic sessions. Through the discussion, the body agreed to extend all thematic sessions, save for the special session to be headed by PCID, to a duration of 2 hours each and to have a sign language interpreter present and recorded during the sessions. This allows for the organizers to further deepen the discussions and improve their interactivity.

The next section of the meeting revolved around partner engagement through discussion on the Conference logo, Involvement of the National Steering Committee on WPS (NSCWPS), and a planned Partners' Briefing. The TWG decided to hold a logo making contest for the Conference's logo and have prominent women in the arts to judge said contest. The concept will be developed by the DFA-UNIO and posted by the PCW. Furthermore, the DFA-UNIO will explore having a "Philippine corner" during the event at the PICC wherein the Agencies may showcase their achievements and projects on WPS. Lastly, the DFA-UNIO shared that they are planning to hold a Partners' Briefing on 25 June 2024 to further involve other stakeholders in the Conference design and proceedings.

Meeting of OPAPRU, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) on the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (ICWPS). On 27 June 2024, the three heads of DFA, OPAPRU and PCW met at the DFA Office to further discuss the updates and preparation for the ICWPS. In attendance in the meeting were OPAPRU led by Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., together with Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima, PA David Diciano, and EDir. Susan Marcaida; DFA led by Secretary Enrique Manalo together with Asec. Ma. Teresa Almojuela and PCW led by Chair Ermelita Valdeavilla.

Asec. Almojuela presented the briefing and updates of the conference. The following were the agreements during the meeting:

- a) The Outcome Manila Document shall be adopted on Day 3 not on Day 1. This is to integrate key points during the 3 days' discussions. DFA will also provide OPAPRU and PCW a copy for review before releasing the Draft in August 2024.
- b) On the thematic Sessions: Session 1 and 2 shall be co-led by DFA and OPAPRU. DFA, OPAPRU and PCW to write Secretary Amenah Pangandaman of DBM to be involved in Session 3.
- c) A National Organizing Committee (NOC) shall be organized for the event with OPAPRU as chair and DFA as vice chair. This is especially for the security of the ministers who will be participating in the event.

- d) A Press Conference will be conducted in September 2024 with the presence of the three agency/department Secretaries of OPAPRU, DFA and PCW.
- e) Next meeting of the principals will be in August 2024. Next meeting of the TWG will be on 30 July 2024.
- f) Localization and mainstreaming of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033.

5. Philippine Navy NAPWPS 2023-2033

Orientation. On 24 April 2024, SHAPEO provided a comprehensive presentation on the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 to members of the Philippine Navy GAD Focal Point System. The session centered on empowering women in peace and security efforts, detailing the action plan's development journey and emphasizing its new key features. Additionally, it highlighted the nexus between WPS and GAD. The activity provided OPAPRU with a significant platform not only to orient participants but also engage in conversations regarding future collaborations.



6. NAPWPS Orientation with the Department of National Defense (DND).

On 18 June 2024, the SHAPEO provided a comprehensive presentation on the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 to more than one hundred (100) personnel of the Department of National

Defense (DND) and its Bureaus. The activity aimed to familiarize the participants on the concepts and principles of Gender and Development (GAD), NAPWPS, Men Opposed to Violence Against Women (MOVE), and Safe Spaces Act (SSA). The SHAPEO presentation centered on empowering women in peace and security efforts, detailing the action plan's development journey and emphasizing its new key features.

Additionally, it highlighted the nexus between WPS and GAD. The activity provided OPAPRU with a significant platform to not only orient participants but also engage in conversations regarding future collaborations.



7. **Meeting with the Researchers from Badan Riset Dan Inovasi Nasional (BRIN), Indonesia.** OPAPRU through representatives from SHAPEO and IPPO welcomed the three visitors from Indonesia on 26 June 2024. Two representatives were researchers from BRIN who were conducting research on Women, Peace and Security in the region as reference for their Foreign Policies being developed.



The SHAPEO presented a brief background about OPAPRU and the work on WPS and Gender, while the IPPO representative also shared the mandate of their office. The BRIN researchers provided three guide questions in advance of which the team provided responses to. The discussions focused on the role of Filipino women involved in peace and conflict resolution, the role of Filipino women in post conflict situation especially in the Localization of the NAPWPS, role of women in peacekeeping, importance of increasing women's participation in the peace process, peacekeeping orientation for women, general policy on gender mainstreaming and promoting peace through gender equality.

8. **Improved Participation and Collaboration of NSCWPS Members through Regular Meetings and Capacity Building Activities**

NSCWPS Quarterly Meetings. Two Quarterly Meetings and one Special Meeting was conducted by the members of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) on 2, 18 April and 27 June 2024.



The First Quarterly Meeting was attended by 16 NSCWPS Member Agencies, namely: the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG),

Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of National Defense (DND), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), National Electrification Administration (NEA), Philippine National Police (PNP), Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR), Department of Health (DOH), National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), and Department of Budget and Management (DBM). At this meeting, the NSCWPS discussed various matters, including the following: (1) the assessment by civil society on Women, Peace and Security issues; (2) the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security on 28-30 October 2024; (3) the preparation of the National Report for the Beijing Platform for Action +30; (4) the specific contributions of the NSCWPS to the NAPWPS 2017-2022 Country Implementation Report; (5) Amendments to Executive Order 865; (6) Capacity Building for the development process of the Agency-Specific Action Plan (ASAP); and (7) the development of the MEAL Framework and Plan for the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033, which included the finalization of the members of the Technical Working Group and their Terms of Reference.

During the meeting, the NSCWPS Member Agencies agreed to: (1) provide inputs on suggested side events for the International Conference on WPS by 16 April 2024; (2) submit their NAPWPS implementation reports covering 2017 to 2022 to the OPAPRU and the PCW to harmonize the findings for the accomplishment of the BPfA+30 and 2017-2022 NAPWPS reports; (3) assign one representative to attend the Workshop on Agency-Specific Action Plans on 25 April 2024; (4) set a target timeline for activities leading to the finalization of the amended Executive Order 865; and (5) submit their preferred schedules to the NSCWPS Secretariat for their respective bilateral meetings regarding their agency's implementation of the NAPWPS.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NSCWPS) was held on 27 June 2024 at the PICC. The NSCWPS discussed several key topics, including the following: 1) Multi-Stakeholder Implementation of the NAPWPS 2023-2033; 2) Alignment of the NAPWPS with international frameworks such as UNSCR 1325 and 1820, as well as regional initiatives like ASEAN; and, 3) Updates on the Development of the MEAL Framework and Plan.



On 18 April 2024, a Special Meeting of the NSCWPS was convened. As the Chair of the NSCWPS, OPAPRU took the lead in proposing amendments to Executive Order 865, which established the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security to implement UN Security Council Resolutions 1325 and 1820. The proposed amendments aimed to strengthen and expand the NSC's composition by formally incorporating relevant agencies tasked with peace, security, and development initiatives, and notably, civil society organizations (CSOs) engaged in or supporting the WPS agenda. On 18 April 2024, OPAPRU convened a meeting to finalize these amendments along with other pertinent documents for submission to the Office of the President. Following the submission of the Amended EO to the Office of the President in mid-May, OPAPRU will initiate a meeting/briefing with the Office of the Deputy Executive Secretary for Legal Affairs (ODESLA).

Agency Specific Action Plan Workshop. As part of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 operationalization, OPAPRU, in collaboration with the Ateneo De Manila University and the Asia Pacific Partnership for Atrocity Prevention-Gender Working Group, conducted a workshop on formulating agency specific action plan (ASAP) for the member agencies of the NSCWPS as well as for OPAPRU Programs. The activity took place on 25 April 2024 at the Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City.



The lecture was led by Associate Professor Dr. Ma. Lourdes Veneracion. This workshop assisted the participants in formulating, aligning, and identifying specific programs, projects, and activities (PAPs) aligned with the action points outlined in the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS), to which they are accountable to.

Bilateral Meeting with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on the NAPWPS.

On 14 June 2024, OPAPRU, together with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), held separate meetings with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD). These meetings



reaffirmed the commitments of the executives and heads of units critical to the implementation of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS), including those from Planning, Human Resource Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation offices, among others. Additionally, the meetings discussed the agencies' current WPS initiatives across the four pillars of the NAPWPS, along with the corresponding action points assigned to each agency. Furthermore, the meetings identified various entry points for the implementation and localization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

9. **Participation in Local and International Conferences, Fora and Capacity Building Activities on WPS.** SHAPE personnel participation both in local and international conferences and capacity building activities that contributed to the improved knowledge and skills in the operationalization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

Gender in Health and Climate Security Workshop. The Pacific Forum's second Gender in Health and Climate Security Workshop, sponsored by the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command Office of Women, Peace and Security and in partnership with the Coral Triangle Center, was held in Bali, Indonesia from 29 April to 02 May 2024. This event brought together forty-four (44) defense and security personnel and representatives from the government and civil society organizations (CSOs) implementing their country's women, peace and security (WPS) agenda, from Fiji, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, of which SHAPEO was one of the participants, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The event offered an exploratory and interactive platform to discuss gender mainstreaming, gender-responsive, and gender transformative policies during health and climate crisis events and natural disasters; and to co-create a customizable gender, climate, and disaster risk assessment tool.

The participants also discussed a set of twelve (12) indicators whereby a gender-climate-security (and health) nexus analysis is particularly pertinent. These indicators include Early Warning, Healthcare, Water Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Food Security, Recent Shocks, Employment and Poverty, Standard of Living, Life Expectancy, Education, Infrastructure, State Fragility, and Long-Term Adaptation. These sessions enabled participants to interact and share their own unique domestic contextual expertise, perspectives, and suggestions for gender transformative disaster response.

Participation to the Ateneo De Manila University Roundtable Discussion on Women, Peace and Security in Southeast Asia. On 04 May 2024, OPAPRU through Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisma participated in a roundtable discussion organized by Ateneo De Manila University titled *"Enhancing Women's Roles in Peace and Security: Critical Considerations in Southeast Asia."* The event aimed to bring together seasoned individuals from UN Women, ASEAN, regional women leaders involved in peace and security initiatives, and representatives from the Philippines'

NSCWPS. This academic forum sought to explore and address the challenges, opportunities, and strategies for promoting women's participation in peacebuilding and conflict resolution efforts within the Southeast Asian context. OPAPRU's participation provided an opportunity to share the government's strategies and efforts in effectively operationalizing the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS). Additionally, it showcased the agency's initiatives on gender and NAPWPS mainstreaming, capacity building, conflict prevention, conflict resolution, addressing violence against women, and regional cooperation.

Participation to Technical Working Group Meetings and Activities for the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (BPfA) +30. On 12 April 2024, SHAPEO participated in the 1st Technical Working Group Meeting on the Development of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) +30 Progress Report, focusing on Dimension 5: Peaceful and



Inclusive Societies. The discussion revolved around OPAPRU's initiatives over the past five years in advancing the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, particularly in the critical areas of concern on women in situations of armed conflict, women's human rights, and the girl child, highlighting various programs, projects, and activities aligned with the BPfA's objectives.



On 03 May 2024, the SHAPEO participated in the 2nd Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on the Development of the Beijing Platform for Action (BPfA) +30 Progress Report, focusing on Dimension 5: Peaceful and Inclusive Societies. The PCW presented their regional consultation sessions across various areas of the Philippines, highlighting key points and outputs.

Subsequently, the OPAPRU was tasked with facilitating the validation of consolidated inputs obtained by the PCW from member agencies of Dimension 5.

The primary objective of the discussion was to validate the submissions provided by TWG members and to solicit additional inputs from other participants. The validation process involved the following considerations: 1) clarification on whether the initiatives are at the policy, program, or activity level; 2) determining the timeline of implementation, ensuring alignment with the period of 2019-2024; 3) assessing the impact of these initiatives on addressing the Issues and Questions outlined in Column 1 of the template; 4) identifying initiatives that also address other pertinent Issues and Questions in the same column and realigning them accordingly.

On 06 May 2024, the SHAPEO participated in the national validation of the inputs on the BPfA +30 Progress Report facilitated by the PCW. The event presented the overview of the BPfA +30 national review process. Following this



presentation was a ceremonial signing of support for the review of the BPfA and the advancement of the action agenda in line with the Sustainable Development Goals. Participants were then grouped according to their assigned Dimensions to finalize their inputs for the report. The presentation for Dimension 5: Peaceful and Inclusive Societies was delivered by OPAPRU and WeACT 1325.

Research Launch: Reconstructing masculinities: Gender dynamics after conflict in Aceh, Maluku and Bangsamoro, Mindanao. Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo shared the OPAPRU's reaction to the research study entitled, "Reconstructing Masculinities: Gender dynamics after conflict in the Bangsamoro " on 22 May 2024 at the Novotel Araneta City.

This 3-year collaborative research study was conducted by the Sasakawa Peace Foundation along with Integral Knowledge Asia, Conciliation Resources, Philippine Legislator's Committee on Population and Development, among others.

Director Gallardo provided a contextualization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 and shared that this latest, most inclusive iteration of the NAP includes action points that address masculinities and provide for gender-responsive peace initiatives. Further, she elaborated on current peace programs implemented by the Philippine government using a community-centric, gender-based lens that takes into careful consideration the issues and concerns and issues of all genders within the peace and development focus areas.

Other reactors to the research study included: Mr. Neil Ryann Rodil of the Philippine Commission on Women; Atty. Ishak V. Mastura, Member of the Parliament of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority; representative from the Armed Forces of the Philippines Gender and Development Office; and Ms. Karen Tañada, Executive Director of the Gaston Z. Ortigas Peace Institute, a member organization of WEACT 1325.

Participation to the Corporate Evaluation of UN Women's Support to Women's Participation in Peace Process. OPAPRU through Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida participated in the Corporate Evaluation of UN Women on 14 May 2024. The evaluation aimed to assess UN Women's support for women's participation in peace processes between 2018 and 2023 and to understand the lessons learned from this support. The findings will be used for strategic decision-making, organizational learning, and accountability, and will inform the UN Women's Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) portfolio. OPAPRU was identified as one of the respondents for this evaluation because the agency has been a key government partner in implementing the UN Women's WPS agenda in the Philippines.

10. **Strengthened engagements and networking with international and local peace partners on the promotion and mainstreaming of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS).**

Philippine Youth Development Plan Youth Focal Persons (YFPs) Meeting for the Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Framework.



On 13 May 2024, a meeting was organized by the National Youth Commission (NYC) at the West Avenue Suites, Quezon City. During the meeting the NYC presented the proposed Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEAL) Framework of the Philippine Youth

Development Plan (PYDP). The Results Matrix of the MEAL Framework will be disseminated to agencies for comments and inputs. The NYC also introduced the creation of the Communications Group for the implementation of the PYDP. Agencies are requested to submit Youth Focal Persons (YFPs) which will be the communication officers of agencies implementing the PYDP. A TOR will be drafted by NYC enumerating the roles and responsibilities of YFPs.

2nd Meeting of the Inter-Agency Council for Children in Situations of Armed Conflict.

Members of the Inter-Agency Council for Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (IAC-CSAC) held a meeting to discuss the development of the proposed CSAC e-Course, an online learning platform on CSAC that will



be lodged with the Human Rights Institute (HRI) – an online platform by the CHR that was established as a continuing program of research, education, and information to enhance and respect the primacy of human rights. The target participants of the CSAC e-Course are national government agencies implementing CSAC Programs and Local Government Units. The development of the CSAC e-Course is part of the CSAC Advocacy and Communications (AdvoComm) Plan for Republic Act No. 11188 otherwise known as the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Act. The first draft of the CSAC e-Course program containing the topics which will be discussed in the course requirement was developed and presented during the meeting for the inputs and comments of member agencies. The development of the CSAC e-Course shall serve as a guide for agencies and organizations in developing plans and programs related to CSAC.

Alignment Meeting between the National Youth Commission (NYC) and the OPAPRU.



A bilateral meeting between NYC and OPAPRU was conducted on 16 May 2024 to discuss the future of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033. Presidential Assistant Atty. Wilben Mayor and Commissioner Robert Raphael Fanlo presided over

the meeting which was participated by the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) of OPAPRU; and the Planning, Monitoring and Evaluation Division (PMED) and Social Marketing Division (SMD) of the NYC.

The meeting discussed the current status of the Proposed Executive Order on the creation of the National Steering Committee on Youth, Peace and Security (NSCYPS) and the preparation of the Memorandum of Agreement between OPAPRU and NYC to implement and roll out the NAPYPS as an interim arrangement while waiting the approval of the Proposed Executive Order.

Meeting with Save the Children Philippines, Inc., Program 1 and Program 2 for areas of collaboration.

A technical meeting between Save the Children Philippines, Inc. (SCP) and OPAPRU was conducted on 21 May 2024 at the 4F Conference Room, Pasig City to discuss possible areas of collaboration between SCP and OPAPRU.



The meeting was attended by Mr. Mykel Patcho and the SCP Team from the BARMM Field Office, participants from the GPH-Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Peace Process Office, GPH-Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Peace Process Office, and the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO). The SCP presented their list of programs and activities for 2023-2024 in the BARMM such as the Kauyagan Project, Project Sindao and the BARMM Policy and Advocacy Project. To implement the proposed partnership, a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between SCP and OPAPRU is being developed.

Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Mainstreamed

1. **Two (2) National Government Agencies completed the CSPP Training for integration into their Program Plans and Implementation**

Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Training Batch 2 with the Department of Agriculture - Philippine Rural Development Project (DA-PRDP).

On 07-09 May 2024, SHAPEO organized the CSPP Training Batch 2 with the DA-PRDP and the valuable support of the World Bank Mindanao Peace Lens Team. The comprehensive 3-day training began with insightful messages from Deputy Project Director Noel T. Provido of the Project Support Office in Mindanao and Senior Agriculture Economist and Team Leader for PRDP World Bank Mio Takada.

The success of the first CSPP Training in 2022 paved the way for its expansion in 2024. PRDP personnel Jennifer Canda-Sakilan (RPCO-BARMM) and Donna Valles (RPCO-Davao) shared their experiences and reflections on CSPP mainstreaming to



motivate the trainees. Ms. Canda-Sakilan shared that CSPP is “beneficial at various stages of PRDP implementation”.

Consequently, Ms. Valles imparted that “CSPP surfaced the efficiency and areas for enhancement of existing

mechanisms”. The recent training carried the theme "Biyaheng CSPP with DA PRDP" and saw the active involvement of 51 participants. The geographic representation was diverse, with attendees from all regional Social and Environmental Safeguards (SES) Units, plus some from the National Project Coordination Office SES. During the training, participants delved into the fundamental concepts related to CSPP. A caselet

based on the PRDP SES context facilitated the application of these concepts through the Five CSPP Steps. Meanwhile, the training team was composed of personnel from SHAPEO, PDSKMS-KMPIS, and GPH-CNN Peace Process Office - all part of OPAPRU's CSPP resource pool and training facilitators. The trainers were under the guidance of CSPP specialist Ma. Victoria Maglana.

Second Level Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Training with the Department of Social Welfare and Development - Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD-SLP).

OPAPRU conducted a subsequent training session for the DSWD Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD SLP) from 20-23 May 2024. This 3-day training aimed to expand upon the initial CSPP training held in September 2023, which primarily focused on introducing fundamental CSPP concepts. Both training sessions were arranged at the request of the DSWD SLP National Program Management Office.



OPAPRU's 3-personnel training team from the CSPP Resource Pool delivered the lectures and facilitated the learning process. During two dedicated sessions, participants revisited previously covered CSPP concepts. Pre-training materials and interactive processing strengthened their understanding. Consequently, the training team introduced the Five CSPP Steps through lectures and workshops. The group activities included crucial discussions on real-life scenarios related to EO 70 and PAMANA, which are being dealt with by DSWD SLP. The training had the full support of officials from the DSWD Central Office and DSWD X - Northern Mindanao. DSWD Undersecretary Alan A. Tanjuszay, responsible for Inclusive and Sustainable Peace and Special Concerns, delivered an opening video message, encouraging the participants to understand CSPP and implement it to overcome challenges in achieving SLP objectives. On the second day, Assistant Regional Director for Operations Ronald Ryan R. Cui, representing Regional Director Ramel F. Jamen, emphasized the importance of a peace-focused approach for DSWD personnel. Additionally, Miramel Garcia-Laxa, the SLP NPMO Program Manager, reiterated the need to enhance the agency's role in promoting peacebuilding efforts.



Meeting with The AFP Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO) on Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP).

On 25 April 2024, SHAPEO met with the AFP PDO led by Capt. Norsal Dimaporo PN (Chief, AFPPDO) at the AFPPDO office in Camp Aguinaldo. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the implementation of the Post-CSPP Training survey. An overview of CSPP was provided and

SHAPEO requested support from AFPPDO to distribute the questionnaire to identify eligible AFP personnel. A list of AFP personnel who completed the training workshops from six AFP units (4ID, 5ID, 6ID, 7ID, 8ID, 9ID, and 10ID) was also shared.

Consequently, Captain Dimaporo highlighted that only 14 members from the AFPPDO Executive Session in 2021 continue to serve the organization. Given the crucial CSPP principles and topics, he stressed the need for the current AFPPDO personnel to undergo the CSPP Basic Course with capacity development to conduct the training themselves in CMO schools. He indicated the possibility for the organization to have it in the last 2 weeks of June 2024, at the earliest. Agreements with AFPPDO were on

the following: 1) on 26 April 2024, SHAPEO will provide AFPPDO with the online survey link, and an e-copy of the list of trained personnel; 2) AFPPDO will roll-out the survey to the different personnel via their current AFP units; 3) conduct of a CSPP Training for the new assigned officials in AFPPDO. Explore the possibility of a ToT since they are also facilitating peacebuilding training for their ground personnel.

2. **Mainstreaming of the Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promotion (CSPP) in Four (4) Transformation Program Planning for Former Rebels.**

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office provided support to the Conduct of the four (4) Transformation Program Planning Workshops covering six (6) provinces:

- Agusan del Sur Provincial TP Planning-Workshop – 01-05 April 2024
- Rizal and Batangas TP Planning Workshop – 15-19 April 2024
- Davao Del Sur and Davao Occidental TP Planning Workshop – 04-07 June 2024
- Surigao del Norte TP Planning Workshop - 18-21 June 2024.

The Planning-Workshop was attended by the Provincial Government Units, Partner Implementing Agencies and Friends Rescued (FRs). During the Planning-Workshop, SHAPEO discussed the key concepts of Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP), Women, Peace and Security (WPS), Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) and Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) Framework which shall serve as a guide for the identification of plans, activities and programs during the crafting of the Transformation Program.

CROSS-CUTTING THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

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

1. **Continuous strengthening of the mechanism on GAD through the conduct of Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (GFPS) Meetings and Capacity Building.**

Conduct of Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training (GCST). The GCST, conducted last 17-19 April 2024 in Binangonan, Rizal, was completed by twenty-four (24) new OPAPRU personnel; nineteen (19) are females and six are males. The Training aimed to sensitize and enhance the participants' appreciation and participation in gender and development.



The GCST, facilitated by SHAPEO, was envisioned to touch base on topics that will deepen each participant's understanding of the concepts of gender and conflict sensitivity, the differential impacts of conflict on men and women, in consideration of the vulnerabilities of the sectors, the importance of women's participation in various systems, intersectionality, and social inclusion, and scan the organization's environment for gender concerns and emerging gender issues and concerns. This three-day training is crucial in ensuring that the agency adheres to the principles

of gender equality and takes into consideration the differing needs and experiences of its internal and external stakeholders in support of the Comprehensive Peace Process.

Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System (GFPS) Regular Meetings. Three (3) Monthly Meetings were conducted in the months of April to June 2024. On 24 April 2024, the GAD Focal Point System convened the 3rd Regular Meeting, which representatives from the OPAPRU program offices attended face-to-face and via Zoom videoconference. The meeting had a fruitful discussion about the reconstitution of the Committee on Decorum and Investigation (CODI) to address sexual harassment cases in the organization; the design of the GAD Corner on the OPAPRU website; the crafting of the GAD Roadmap; and the creation of the GFPS sub-committees on learning and management, advocacy, and audit.

The 4th Regular Meeting was conducted on 22 May 2024 which presented the proposed duties of GFPS in the TWG for the International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security (ICWPS) that will be conducted on 28-30 October 2024. The ICWPS is organized by the DFA, OPAPRU and PCW. The SHAPEO will organize subcommittees for the ICWPS on conference management, program management, and strategic communications. The timeline and content creation of the GAD Corner was also discussed, and the body will be provided with the memorandum that covers the creation, maintenance, and guidelines for the said initiative of the GFPS. The draft subcommittee's tasks and responsibilities was also presented and minor changes were considered and will be included in the final version.

On 19 June 2024 the OPAPRU GFPS-TWG conducted the 5th Regular Meeting which discussed the current undertaking and plans of the OPAPRU GFPS including the following: 1) creation and maintenance of the proposed GAD Corner on its content themes, template, date of launching, among others; 2) raising the idea of having a GAD Awarding Mechanism; 3) Inputs to the draft amendment of the GFPS policy; 4) matters to discuss on the GFPS Executive Committee Meeting; and, 5) Proposed agenda for the GFPS TWG 6th Regular Meeting.



The 2nd Quarter OPAPRU GAD Focal Point System Executive Committee (GFPS-ExeCom) Meeting was held on 25 June 2024 at 10th Floor Conference Room, OPAPRU Central Office and via Zoom videoconference. The meeting was presided by the Executive Director for Peace Sustainability and ExeCom Head, Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida. In this meeting, salient points were discussed and agreed including: 1) conduct of a Special Meeting to review the proposed amendment of the Office Order No. 212, series 2023: GFPS Policy incorporating the creation of GFPS-TWG sub-committees, its mandates, composition, and proposed projects; 2) creation of a small group committee to study the data at hand for the recognition of offices to GAD during the upcoming OPAPRU General Assembly; 3) submission of list of WPS activities which corresponds to the NAPWPS Sub-Action Points; 4) support statement for the Pride Month Celebration;

and, 5) approval of the proposed GAD Mainstreaming Roadmap for the next quarter ExeCom meeting.

OTHER ACTIVITIES



*Participants during the TP Planning Workshop in Surigao Del Norte.
SHAPE provided support on the CSPP.*

1. **Participation in the DOST's Development of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in Health Research Agenda 2023-2028.**

On the 14 April 2024, OPAPRU, through SHAPEO and DPAPRU representatives, attended DOST's event on the development of the Disaster Risk Reduction and Climate Change Adaptation in Health Research Agenda 2023-2028. Along with key persons from the health and environment sector, consultative plenaries were held for brainstorming and vetting of the proposed national research themes and priorities. Through the expertise of Dr. Ma. Paz Corrales, suggestions were relayed on the contextualization of the regional agenda, incorporating reproductive health. Insights on the importance of psychosocial welfare were raised by SHAPEO, where they lobbied that environmental impacts are further triggered by the stability of the mental health receptors, citing changes in lifestyle as mediating interventions in adapting to the heat index, for example. Ways forward include establishing a Technical Working Group (TWG) for the expert collaboration for the final version of the DRR and CA in Health Research Agenda 2023-2028.



2. **National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC) 2024 2nd Quarter Full Council Meeting.**



On 26 June 2024, Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (PAPRU) presided the NDRRMC 2024 conduct of the 2nd Quarter Full Council Meeting held

at the 3rd Floor, OCD New Administrative Building, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The Department of Health (DOH) presented the updates on the BARMM Measles Outbreak Vaccination Program and thanked the PAPRU for his assistance in responding to the security concerns of the Measles Vaccination in the BARMM.

3. **Participation in the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute (MPI) Trainings.** Six (6) SHAPEO personnel completed the MPI Trainings with the courses on Introduction to Conflict Transformation (ICT), Conflict Resolution Skills: Mediation and Dialogue (CRS), Dealing with Trauma in Times of Crisis, and Introduction to Monitoring, Evaluation, And Learning with A “Peace Positive Lens” (MEL).

The Introduction to Conflict Transformation course is part of the foundation curriculum offered by the MPI which introduced participants to conflict transformation theories and approaches that have the potential to improve understanding and strengthen relationships between communities in conflict. The interactive and experiential nature of the course provided participants with a deeper understanding of conflict dynamics and the importance of addressing root causes. The Introduction to Conflict Transformation course equipped participants with a solid foundation in conflict transformation theories and practical skills, preparing them to contribute to peacebuilding efforts within their respective professional roles and communities.



The course on Conflict Resolution Skills: Mediation And Dialogue (CRS) focused on imparting practical skills in mediation, negotiation, and dialogue. Throughout the training, participants were introduced to various conflict resolution skills, styles, and concepts. They engaged in numerous case studies, simulations, and role-playing exercises related to negotiation, mediation, and dialogue. The introductory course of Introduction to Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning with a “Peace Positive Lens” (MEL) or MELPP was designed to cater to practitioners to deepen their understanding of essential MELPP processes. The course enabled the participants to practice evaluative thinking; design better humanitarian, development, or peacebuilding projects; monitor, evaluate, and learn from those projects; prepare for project and program evaluation more effectively; and improve practice and accountability to all concerned parties.

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

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

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

The program's sustained pertinence is conspicuous in Chapter 13 of the latest PDP for 2023-2028, bearing the title "Ensure Peace and Security and Enhance Administration of Justice." This chapter accentuates Outcome 1, laying emphasis on the safeguarding and sustainable development of conflict-affected communities through diverse interventions, encompassing rehabilitation and catch-up development.

To achieve the goals of the PDP, President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. emphasized in his budget message for fiscal year 2024 that PhP5.3 billion has been allocated for the PAMANA Program, aimed at advancing peace and economic development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The implementation of this program will be carried out by the OPAPRU, with PhP5 billion specifically designated for social infrastructure projects. These projects include roads and bridges (PhP4.2 billion), water supply systems (PhP569 million), evacuation centers (PhP176 million), fish ports (PhP35 million), and flood control systems (PhP10 million).

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

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

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

A. CONSTITUENCY BUILDING

In the exercise of its oversight and implementing functions, the OPAPRU through the PAMANA-NPMO shall ensure the conduct of regular inter-agency, bilateral, and multilateral coordination meetings with implementing partners to discuss both the physical and financial progress of project implementation and address project implementation issues as needed.

1. Signing of Memoranda of Agreement by and between OPAPRU and DPWH, as well as OPAPRU and NHA

The OPAPRU and agency heads of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and the National Housing Authority (NHA) inked a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in a bid to enhance their collaboration with the OPAPRU in the implementation of the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) projects in priority peace and development focus areas.

The signing of the MOA by and between the OPAPRU and the DPWH, as well as the OPAPRU and NHA marked another significant milestone in the national government's efforts to bring greater peace, development and stability in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDAs).

Under the agreement, the OPAPRU desires to engage the technical service of the DPWH and NHA in the implementation and construction of infrastructure projects under the PAMANA Program. A total of 51 projects consisting of roads, bridges, community infrastructures, and water system will be implemented by the DPWH. As with the NHA, these include pilot housing projects in Camp Bilal and Camp Abubakar.

B. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

1. **Engagements and Discussion on PAMANA interventions with the Department of Agriculture (DA).** The recent engagements with the Department of Agriculture (DA) included the designation of a DA National Focal Person (NFP) to the PAMANA Program. The PAMANA Program, the flagship initiative of the OPAPRU plays a crucial role in supporting Philippine peace processes nationwide. Acting as a vital pillar of support, it sets the stage for collaborative efforts towards sustainable development and harmony. Within this program, the DA has designated Undersecretary Zamzamin L. Ampatuan, through Special Order No. 579, s. of 2024, with the role of National Focal Person (NFP) for PAMANA. Alongside the Peace and Agricultural Development Initiative, the NFP's mandate extends to advancing agri-fishery initiatives in coordination with OPAPRU. Furthermore, the DA also convened a meeting with the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO as regards the proposed Agri-PAMANA initiatives for the succeeding years, held last 14 May 2024 at the DA Central Office in Quezon City. The meeting was initiated to address the collaborative efforts between OPAPRU and the DA in enhancing the implementation of the PAMANA program. The meeting was designed to also review the current status of PAMANA projects and identify areas needing improvement or realignment.
2. **Dialogue Meeting on Tawi-Tawi Seaweed Industry.** The BARMM Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) led a dialogue meeting on the Tawi-Tawi Seaweed Industry. The meeting was attended by executives from the OPAPRU and the Provincial Local Government Unit of Tawi-Tawi. Notable attendees included Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity; and, Mr. Termizie G. Masahud, Director of the Ministry of Trade, Investment, and Tourism (MTIT) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The meeting featured presentations on the current state of the Tawi-Tawi seaweed industry and the draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) among the Department of Agriculture (DA), OPAPRU, and LGU Tawi-Tawi. The discussions primarily focused on the funding requirements for seaweed production in Tawi-Tawi. As a result, several projects were slated for delivery and construction, including a seaweed warehouse (₱10M), four seaweed dryers (₱10M), nine seaweed cages (₱18M), and 27 hectares of seaweed farms (₱11.5M). Moving forward, a tripartite MOA is being drafted among the provincial LGU, OPAPRU, and BFAR under the DA.
3. **Engagements and discussion on PAMANA interventions with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).** The OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO and DSWD were able to discuss the programming for the Fiscal Years (F.Y.) 2024 and 2025 under the PAMANA initiative. The DSWD Office of the Undersecretary for Inclusive and Sustainable Peace (OUSISP) emphasized the importance of creating

and funding RPMUs. These units would enhance the implementation of the PAMANA interventions, particularly in terms of monitoring, ensuring alignment with social welfare and development mandates. OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO highlighted recent collaborative efforts with the Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) and emphasized its strengthened partnership with the National Housing Authority (NHA).

As part of this collaboration, OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO proposed transferring DSWD's shelter programs to these agencies, aiming to enhance the provision of psychosocial services. Considering the current priorities of the Comprehensive Peace Process, which include reinforcing and enhancing livelihood in identified barangays, OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO recommended realigning grants from shelter programs to the Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).

This strategic shift aims to better address the livelihood needs of communities involved in the peace process. As a result, the coordination meeting provided a platform for OPAPRU and DSWD to align their strategies and priorities for the effective implementation of PAMANA in the coming fiscal years. The discussions centered on enhancing monitoring mechanisms, optimizing agency partnerships, and aligning program priorities with the evolving needs of communities engaged in the peace process.

4. **Bilateral Exploratory Meeting on PAMANA interventions with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE).** The OPAPRU led by Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., met with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) and the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) to discuss and identify areas of collaboration in addressing work and employment challenges faced by communities, particularly in the BARMM. During the meeting, Secretary Galvez provided an overview on the current initiatives of the OPAPRU, particularly through the PAMANA Program. This program focuses on promoting peace and development in peace and development focus areas.

Secretary Galvez highlighted the challenges faced by communities, including the reluctance to avail skills and capacity training due to lack of resources to support their families. This issue underscored the need for comprehensive support mechanisms to empower communities economically. With this, the DOLE highlighted the Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) Program and the DOLE Integrated Livelihood Program (DILP). These programs aim to provide temporary employment and livelihood opportunities to vulnerable sectors of society.

5. **Joint Consultative Meeting on PAMANA interventions between OPAPRU-DA-BARMM Government.** The BARMM government and its provincial governors met with the OPAPRU and the DA on 22 April 2024 to present the provinces' proposed agricultural projects in its aim to strengthen convergence efforts in the implementation of the PAMANA Program. The convergence meeting focused on DA-led interventions that may be introduced in the BARMM; the introduction of high-value crops in response to damages caused by previous calamities; the implementation of large-scale irrigation projects that are projected to cover 46,000 hectares of land in the area; and the rehabilitation of the seaweed industry in the Zamboanga-Basilan-Sulu-Tawi-Tawi (ZAMBASULTA) area.

The PAMANA Program will be carried out hand in hand with the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program, which seeks to facilitate partnerships between and among local government units and national government agencies in the implementation of local peace and development projects. OPAPRU, led by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and the DA headed by Secretary Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr. spearheaded the consultative meeting. The BARMM government delegation was led by Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim. In attendance were Maguindanao del Norte Governor Abdulraof Macacua; Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman Salliman; Tawi-

Tawi Governor Yshmael Sali; Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform, Mohammad Shuaib Yacob; and other representatives.

6. **Bilateral Exploratory Meeting on PAMANA interventions with GoNegosyo.** The OPAPRU, through the leadership of PAMANA-NPMO, Director J. Anthony B. Peña engaged in an exploratory discussion with GoNegosyo for the PAMANA Program. GoNegosyo is the advocacy arm of the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE), a non-stock, non-profit organization that advocates for a change in mindset and attitude. The organization believes that Filipinos can address poverty in the country by engaging in entrepreneurship and developing an optimistic, passionate, creative and innovative, resourceful, diligent and persevering character. The organization provides relevant GoNegosyo programs including a free nationwide mentorship program designed as a quick-stop mentoring platform for capacity-building development of entrepreneurs through onsite mentorship encounters across the country. They also provide programs that aim to sustain and scale up the agri-business in the country through their Kapatid Agri Mentor Me Program (KAMMP).
7. **Attendance to the Exploratory Conversation with International and Local Partners in support to the research confluence on land governance in BARMM.** The exploratory meeting, attended by international partners such as the Asian Foundation, World Bank, and various Non-Government Organizations, provided insights into research findings and experiences related to land rights, displacement, and transitional justice in the Bangsamoro. Ms. Maria Carmen F. Fernandez shared results from household-level mapping in Marawi City and Maguindanao, contributing valuable perspectives to the discussion. Additionally, the meeting addressed ongoing harassment issues, with OPAPRU Executive Director Cesar De Mesa committing to investigate the matter promptly.

In addition, the meeting highlighted that a proposed research would be conducted in coordination with the OPAPRU, involving the 36 barangays identified for peace and development focus areas in the BARMM. Further, the research presentation by DAR USec. Amihilda Sangcopan highlighted several critical issues surrounding land governance in the BARMM and covered ongoing challenges such as land grabbing, *rido* (clan feuds), harassment, and displacement of indigenous communities, of which these issues are being tackled by the PAMANA Program under its Pillar One.

C. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. **Conduct of Social Preparation Activities for FY 2024 PAMANA projects.** The Social Preparation (SocPrep) Phase of the PAMANA Program was carried out in accordance with the perfected agreements between the OPAPRU and partner implementing agencies for FY 2024 PAMANA projects. The activities were aligned with the established Implementing Guidelines on the PAMANA Priority Infrastructure Project - Interventions, the PAMANA Manual of Operations, the operations of the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO, and the commitments and priorities of the Comprehensive Peace Process. The SocPrep activities were conducted across peace and development focus areas, covering 125 projects for FY 2024. Participants included M/CLGUs, BLGUs, camp coordinators, other implementing agencies, and direct beneficiaries from the communities.

The successful conduct of the SocPrep phase will result to more empowered communities where beneficiaries will develop a strong sense of ownership and accountability. Furthermore, partner communities are now better equipped to engage with and benefit from the project interventions while having an improved understanding of the project objectives and implementation processes. Below are the schedules of the social preparation activities:

Activity	Date	Venue
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SOCIAL PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR FY2024 PAMANA PROJECT BENEFICIARIES	20-24 May 2024	Albay
	03-07 June 2024	Masbate and Sorsogon
	03-07 June 2024	Maguindanao Del Norte
	03-07 June 2024	Mt. Province
	03-07 June 2024	Negros Oriental
	10-14 June 2024	Lanao del Sur
	10-14 June 2024	Negros Occidental
	10-14 June 2024	Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao del Norte
	10-14 June 2024	Ifugao
	10-15 June 2024	Camarines Sur

2. **Project Field Monitoring of PAMANA projects in previous years.** In compliance with the mandate of the OPAPRU which serves as the oversight of the PAMANA Program, the PAMANA-NPMO spearheaded the conduct of Project Field Monitoring and Final Site Inspection of FY2017 and FY2020 PAMANA Projects in Oriental Mindoro and Eastern Samar:

Activity	Date	Venue
PROJECT FIELD MONITORING AND FINAL SITE INSPECTION OF FY2017 AND FY2020 PAMANA PROJECTS	06-10 May 2024	Oriental Mindoro
	10-17 May 2024	Maslog, Eastern Samar

The project monitoring and final site inspection of PAMANA FY2020 was conducted from 06-10 May 2024 in Oriental Mindoro. This inspection cover details and observations made at the Mongos Mangyan Elementary School, the Health Centers in Brgy. Lisap and Brgy. San Ignacio, and the solar lighting project in the City of Mansalay. The final site inspection of the PAMANA FY2020 projects in Oriental Mindoro highlights the positive impact these initiatives have had on the local communities.

The site validation of Panic-an Bridge and the site monitoring of PAMANA FY2017 projects, specifically the Hinolaso 1, 2, 3 Bridges, and Villahermosa Bridge was conducted from 10-17 May 2024 in Maslog, Eastern Samar. The current state of the Panic-an Bridge includes an existing structure: 10-meters wooden bridge. As for the required modification, the bridge needs to be elevated by 1.5 meters to align with the ongoing road upgrade. Elevating the bridge is essential to ensure seamless connectivity and safety for vehicular traffic. As for the PAMANA FY2017 Bridge projects monitored were: (a) Hinolaso 1 Bridge, (b) Hinolaso 2 Bridge, (c) Hinolaso 3 Bridge, and (d) Villahermosa Bridge.

3. **PAMANA Ceremonial launching, groundbreaking and inauguration activities**

CEREMONIAL GROUNDBREAKING OF FMR PROJECTS IN AGUSAN DEL NORTE. Governor Ma. Angelica Rosedell Amante of Agusan del Norte led the ceremonial groundbreaking of four (4) farm-to-market roads in the province. This activity marks a critical step in the pre-implementation phase of the PAMANA Program, as outlined in the PAMANA Operations Manual. The farm-to-market road projects include:

- Upgrading, Improvement, and Construction of the Afga-Sitio Linao-Linao Farm-to-Market Road with Bridge (Phase 1) in Brgy. Lower Olave, Buenavista, Agusan del Norte (PHP 85,000,000.00);
- Upgrading, Improvement, and Construction of the Balang-Balang-San Antonio-Kaunlaran Farm-to-Market Road (Phase 1) in RTR, Agusan del Norte (PHP70,000,000.00);
- Upgrading, Improvement, and Construction of the Kaunlaran-Masundong-Sumubaya Farm-to-Market Road (Phase 1) in RTR and Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte (PHP 92,000,000.00); and
- Upgrading, Improvement, and Construction of the Mahaba-Belwang Farm-to-Market Road (Phase 1) in Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte (PHP70,000,000.00).

The completion of these farm-to-market road projects is anticipated to significantly enhance road network connectivity, facilitating easier access for recipient communities to essential social services provided by the national government. This improved access is expected to play a crucial role in addressing the needs of conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas, thereby contributing to the attainment of just and lasting peace in the Province of Agusan del Norte.

CEREMONIAL INAUGURATION OF THE MALITUBOG-MADRIGAO IRRIGATION PROJECT IN PIKIT, NORTH COTABATO (CAMP RAJAMUDA). The PhP 5.1 billion worth of irrigation project is expected to service and irrigate 10,541 hectares of agricultural lands in Central Mindanao. This irrigation project is anticipated to increase crop yield and agricultural productivity and enhance food security in the area. The peace investments of the DA and NIA complements the current interventions of the GPH and MILF parties geared towards transforming former MILF camps into peaceful and productive communities, to aid communities towards their normalization through enhanced agricultural support (e.g., improved irrigation systems). Significantly, this activity symbolizes strong commitment of the government to prioritize and capitalize peace interventions for exponential effect to benefit impoverished agricultural communities, including MILF communities in Camp Rajamuda and neighboring Buliok Complex (stretching from Pikit, Cotabato to Pagalungan, Maguindanao del Sur) which was historically heavily affected during the 2003 all-out war.

4. **Capacity Building initiatives in relevance to PAMANA interventions**

CONFLICT-SENSITIVITY AND PEACE PROMOTION (CSPP) - CITIZEN-LED MONITORING TRAINERS' ORIENTATION TRAINING. The PAMANA program's objective is to contribute to the peaceful enhancement of living conditions in isolated, hard-to-reach, and vulnerable communities in the nation. In order to ensure accountability and transparency in implementing the PAMANA program, the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO conducted an Orientation Training for Citizen-Led Monitors from 20-24 May 2024. The CLM also known as "Peace Watch" ensures that citizens have access to information to know public services and affairs that concern them. The participation of citizen-led monitors from communities directly benefiting from the PAMANA projects enable the co-production and co-construction of decisions, plans and processes between the government and locals. This accountability mechanism enables citizens to inquire, while encouraging the government to respond, upholding the principle that a public office is a public trust.

PAMANA CONSTRUCTION OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (COSH) TRAINING. The COSH Training conducted by the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) served as a pivotal initiative for OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO staff, field personnel from various peace process offices, and area management units (AMUs) to responsibly oversee PAMANA Projects across various peace and development focus areas. This training was crucial as it fulfilled the mandatory requirements outlined in the Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Standards and DOLE Department Order 13, ensuring that organizations involved in construction should engage adequately trained safety officers. Throughout the five-day program,

participants delved into a comprehensive curriculum designed to enhance their understanding and implementation of OSH protocols. The training sessions covered a wide spectrum of topics essential for maintaining safe working environments in construction settings. Emphasis was placed on the development and enforcement of OSH programming, policies, and guidelines tailored to the unique challenges of project implementation sites. Discussions included practical strategies to mitigate risks prevalent in PAMANA's infrastructure projects. The completion of the COSH Training will allow the participants to bolster their capacity to uphold stringent safety standards across PAMANA's extensive portfolio of hard infrastructure projects. The training's comprehensive approach and interactive learning sessions have further strengthened the PAMANA Program's commitment to safeguarding the well-being of its workforce and ensuring the continued success and safety of its initiatives in communities across peace and development focus areas.

5. Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms

CASCADING OF REVISED PAMANA PROJECT BILLBOARD TEMPLATE.

Following the rigorous implementation of various PAMANA projects this fiscal year, and in its aim to revitalize its transparency and accountability mechanisms, the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO) sought to revise the current template of project billboards being used and required during implementation. In consonance with the rebranding of the PAMANA Program and the ongoing revisiting of its policies, it was apparent that its transparency, and accountability mechanisms, including billboard requirements, need revision for the following specific grounds: a) it does not bear the new logos of the OPAPRU, the PAMANA Program and the current administration brand "*Bagong Pilipinas*"; b) "Fund Transfer" in the old template is proposed to be removed to avoid confusion in inputting figures since this template requires monthly updating; c) old template lacks readability due to the poor choice of typeface and smaller font sizes. The enhancements in the design of the billboard aims to inform the public and provide project details, adhering to accountability and transparency in every bit and piece of implementation.

D. POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

1. **OPAPRU-DA PAMANA Joint Memorandum Circular Writing Workshop.** The DA, in collaboration with the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO, hosted a writing workshop for the conceptualization of the DA-PAMANA Joint Memorandum Circular on the Implementing Guidelines on the Implementation of *Agrikultura para sa Pamayanang Masagana* (AGRI-PAMANA) Program. This workshop aims to align the mandates of the PAMANA Program and the DA and to thereafter draft a joint policy issuance pertaining to the collaborative implementation of PAMANA projects. Said writeshop facilitated the drafting of a set of guidelines that shall govern the execution of various agri-fishery projects with due consideration of the implementing dynamics of both agencies laterally and vertically. As such, this workshop became a crucial step in ensuring the program's effective implementation, especially those which tackle agri-fishery interventions. The collaborative effort between OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO and DA in developing policies and guidelines are essential to ensure alignment and coherence in the implementation of the program. The said activity was attended by Undersecretary Zamzamin L. Ampatuan, National Focal Person for Agri-PAMANA.

VII. PROGRAM 7: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

A. POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

1. **Revised Rules on Visits of Foreign Governments and International Organizations to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao.** The OPAPRU, through the IPPO and Program 1, is currently working with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and members of the security sector, particularly the Department of National Defense (DND), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), in updating the Guidelines on

Visits of Foreign Governments and International Organizations to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM), first issued in August 2010 and revised in April 2022.

The revision of the Guidelines is being proposed to take into consideration the positive developments in the security landscape in Mindanao and the increased interest of various foreign governments and international organizations (FGIOs) to support peace and development in Mindanao. It aims to: (1) revisit and update list of designated CAAMs; (2) clarify from the law enforcement agencies the specific parameters used to classify areas as conflict-affected; and (3) simplify the approval process for FGIO visits to CAAMs.

2. **Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (PPDM) Programme with the European Union (EU).** The EU, in partnership with the OPAPRU, the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Government, is implementing a new programme entitled, “Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (PPDM).” The PPDM Programme, which amounts to EUR 27 million and which will be implemented from 2024 to 2030, aims to contribute to consolidating and sustaining peace gains, increasing resilience, and reducing sources of conflict and instability in Mindanao. The Specific Objectives of the Programme include the following: (1) Good Governance; (2) Normalization/Implementation of Peace Agreement; and (3) Human Security/Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus. The BARMM will implement SO 1 (worth EUR 6 million), BARMM SO 2 (EUR 7.5 million) and MinDA SO 3 (EUR 11.5 million).

The IPPO, in partnership with the Program 1 offices, provided inputs to the European Union’s new proposed intervention, particularly on the selection of the implementation agency for the programme, especially since it is an intervention that builds upon the current peace-related programs of the EU implemented in partnership with the OPAPRU and the BARMM Government, among others, namely: the Peace and Development in the BARMM (PD-BARMM) Programme, Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme, Bangsamoro Agro-Enterprise Programme (BAEP), and the Mindanao Peace and Development (MinPAD-RISE) Programme.

3. **Project for Promoting Digital Birth Registration of Populations in the BARMM with the Embassy of Japan and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.** On 11 June 2024, the OPAPRU witnessed the signing of the Exchange of Notes between the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines and the UNHCR on the “Project for Promoting Digital Birth Registration of Populations at Risk of Statelessness in the BARMM.” Through the project, which has a total funding of USD 5.4 million and which will be implemented for 30-months, the Japanese Embassy and UNHCR will be providing the BARMM with necessary equipment and technical assistance for digital birth registration. Awareness raising activities will also be conducted relative to the project. The OPAPRU, through the IPPO, provided policy guidance to the UNHCR and the Embassy of Japan on the use of the phrase “at risk of statelessness in BARMM” to refer to the project that it would be implementing together. The said phrase was removed from the press releases of the Project.
4. **Socio-Economic Assistance for Bangsamoro Normalization Process with the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).** The OPAPRU, through the IPPO, has been discussing with the JICA the possible extension of the project, “Socio-Economic Assistance for Bangsamoro Normalization Process” (SEE Bangsamoro). The project provides livelihood skills training for Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) and their Communities by strengthening the coordination and implementation capacity of the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) of the BARMM Government.
5. **Programme for the Urgent Improvement of Socio-economic Infrastructure in Bangsamoro Region of the JICA.** The JICA has recently launched a 1.8 billion-Japanese yen grant project entitled “Programme for the Urgent Improvement of Socio-

economic Infrastructure in Bangsamoro Region" which aims to further promote the peace process and stabilize communities in BARMM through urgent reconstruction of the Provincial/City Manpower and Development Center (PCMD) in Marawi City, development of the Regional Manpower Training Centers in the Municipality of Sultan Kudarat and Basilan, and improvement of farm-to-market roads in some barangays in conflict-affected areas. The OPAPRU, through the IPPO, is currently reviewing said project, for endorsement to the relevant government agencies.

B. NETWORK BUILDING

For the 2nd quarter of 2024, the IPPO continued to engage its 33 international partners and 12 private sector partners:

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS
<p><u>22 Foreign Governments and Intergovernmental Entities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Embassy 2. Embassy of Brunei Darussalam 3. Canadian Embassy 4. Embassy of Colombia 5. Embassy of Germany 6. Embassy of Indonesia 7. Embassy of Japan 8. Embassy of Malaysia 9. Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 10. Embassy of Qatar 11. Embassy of the Royal Norwegian Government 12. Embassy of South Korea 13. Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain 14. Embassy of Switzerland 15. Embassy of Turkiye 16. Embassy of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland 17. Embassy of the Delegation of the European Union in the Philippines 18. Embassy of the United States 19. United States – Department of State 20. Japan International and Cooperation Agency (JICA) 21. United States Institute for Peace (USIP) 22. World Bank <p><u>United Nations and its Attached Agencies</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. International Organization on Migration (IOM) 24. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 25. UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) 26. UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) 27. UN Entity for the Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) 28. World Food Programme (WFP) <p><u>5 Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 29. The Asia Foundation (TAF) 30. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) 31. Conciliation Resources (C-R) 32. Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) 33. Principles for Peace (P4P) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. McDonald's Philippines 2. SM Supermalls 3. Ayala Corporation Health 4. Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation 5. Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) 6. Affordable Private Education Center, Inc. (APEC) 7. Advancement for Rural Kids (ARK) 8. Zuellig Family Foundation (WFP) 9. Ayala Foundation 10. TBWA Worldwide – SMP 11. Kennemer Group 12. Advancement of Rural Kids (ARK)

C. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

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

D. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

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

E. CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

The IPPO was able to coordinate with the Asian Productivity Organization (APO) to discuss possible partnership on capacity development of OPAPRU personnel.

F. STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

For this quarter, the IPPO was able to secure for the OPAPRU partnerships with the Manila Bulletin where Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. now has a column that is published on a weekly basis. The IPPO was also instrumental for the partnerships with media bodies that the Communication and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) was able to engage this quarter.

VIII. MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING OPAPRU BUSINESS PROCESSES

A. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPITAL

1. **Policy Development, Strategic Planning, Legal and Legislative Services: Draft bill on OPAPRU transformation to Department of Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (approved PAPRU-level).** A roundtable discussion (RTD) with the OPAPRU Program Directors, senior technical officers, and area management unit (AMU) representatives was conducted on 30 April 2024. The RTD aimed to hold a close discussion and exploration of transforming the agency into a D/CPRU. It likewise served as an avenue for the participants to find a common ground in the similar issues and trends they encounter in the implementation of their programs, activities, projects (PAPs) on the ground and to share their ideas and provide recommendations for the contents of the draft bill on the OPAPRU transformation into a D/CPRU.

This initiative ensured that a whole-of-OPAPRU approach was embedded in the process of drafting an inclusive legislative document for the possible creation of a D/CPRU, and resulted in the identification of unique products and services that the department/agency can offer, determining its challenges and potential risks, and emphasizing sustainability measures.



2. **Writeshop Relative to the Drafting of the Bill on OPAPRU's Transformation into a Department/Commission of/on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity.** A three-day Writeshop was held on 04-06 June 2024 to draft a bill on the OPAPRU's transformation into a Department. The activity aimed to gather Programs 1-8 Directors/ Officers-in-Charge and their designated senior technical officers to develop the possible provisions of the draft bill. It involved a collaborative approach where writers from different OPAPRU programs/units worked simultaneously on developing their own versions of the draft bill. The activity resulted to revision of the of draft bill that will be built upon. The activity was facilitated by Dr. Jennifer Santiago-Oreta, former Assistant Secretary of then Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPAPP) from 2011-2016.
3. **Organizational Systems and Processes: Implemented PGS interventions (internal) for Proficiency Stage**

Approval of 2023-2025 Basic Governance Documents (BGDs). On 17 April 2024, the PAPRU approved the Agency's 2023-2025 Basic Governance Documents (BGDs) which is a product of the Strategy Refresh from October 2022 to October 2023, reflecting the significant developments in the peace policy environment, along with lessons drawn from the Programs' reflective practices and regular assessments. This visionary document shall serve as the official reference for guiding all Clusters and Programs in setting their goals, commitments, and measures until 2025.

Oath-Taking of Multi-Sector Governance Council. On 25 June 2024, the OPAPRU through the OSM formally launched its reconstituted Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) through an oathtaking ceremony held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). This activity is a significant milestone in engaging the broadest network of stakeholders, serving as a public declaration of their commitment towards our shared vision of "Sustained peace and development for transformed Former Armed Groups, their communities, and for all Filipinos." The ceremony also formalized their commitment to perform their duties and responsibilities as enshrined in the MSGC 's Terms of Reference. This inclusive involvement helps address various concerns, fosters collaboration, and propels sustainable peace, thereby amplifying the legitimacy and acceptance of the public on the comprehensive peace process by winning their hearts and minds.



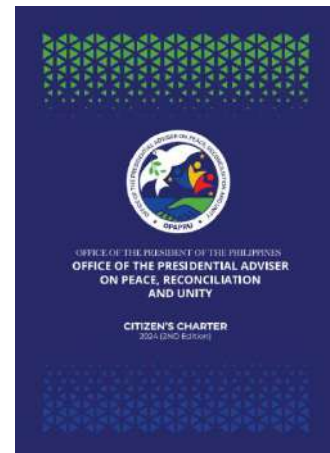
4. **Capacity Development on Performance Governance System PGS.** The OSM, through PDSKMS, prepared a completed staff work for the participation of OPAPRU personnel on the Governance Boot Camp (GBC): Master Class which is a capacity development Training of OPAPRU personnel on Performance Governance System (PGS) facilitated by the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) on 12-15 May 2024 at the Crimson Hotel, Alabang, Muntinlupa. The training resulted to generating and equipping participants with ideas and skills on addressing sustainability issues, including managing the organization's scorecard, harmonizing the PGS with other government-mandated management systems, navigating institutional changes, effectively disseminating information across the organization, and developing mechanisms for enhanced collaboration with internal and external stakeholders.



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

Publication of updated Citizen's Charter Handbook.

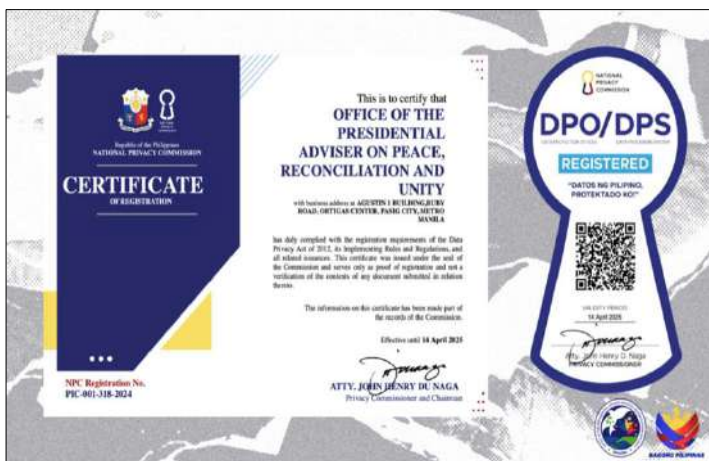
The PDSMD initiated the updating of the OPAPRU's Citizen' Charter to reflect changes in line with the adoption of the recently approved Interim Organizational Structure in accordance with Office Order No. 66, along with their respective mandates and functions. In June 2024, the final layout of the Citizen' Charter Handbook has been transmitted to the publisher for printing. The Citizen's Charter serves as a fundamental reference for both internal and external stakeholders of the Agency, facilitating streamlined processes and transactions to enhance efficiency in service delivery to the public.



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

Registration of OPAPRU's Data Protection Officer (DPO) and Data Processing Systems (DPS) with the National Privacy Commission. Republic Act 10173 also known as the Data Privacy Act of 2012 mandates all organizations, public and private, to institutionalize privacy policies and security measures to protect personal data and

information. The OPAPRU consistently maintains the operationalization of its privacy policies in adherence with RA 10173. Since the very first implementation of the Agency's Data Privacy Manual and Privacy Management Framework in 2021, the OPAPRU has made significant milestones in embedding the culture of respect for privacy, pursued through convergent interventions, policies and trainings to protect the



Agency's data subjects, all while ensuring effective flow of information and service-delivery. On 14 April 2024, the Agency successfully updated its registration with the National Privacy Commission (NPC), in compliance with the newly released circular mandating personal information controller (PIC), such as OPAPRU and other offices, to register all designated Data Protection Officers (DPO) and Data Processing Systems (DPS), for the Commission's monitoring.

Implementation of Vulnerability Assessment and Penetration Test (VAPT) of OPAPRU's Public Facing Software utilized for Personal Data Processing. In view of the need to continuously implement and operationalize the established data privacy and security measures, the PDSKMS, in coordination with the LLS, spearheaded a third-party VAPT with the Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center (CICC). The VAPT is a security measure designed to evaluate Agency software that is utilized to process personal data and information for vulnerabilities and threats. The results of the VAPT shall facilitate the innovation of new security measures intended to strengthen the culture of respect for privacy in the Agency, and open opportunities for the improvement and protection of internal processes.

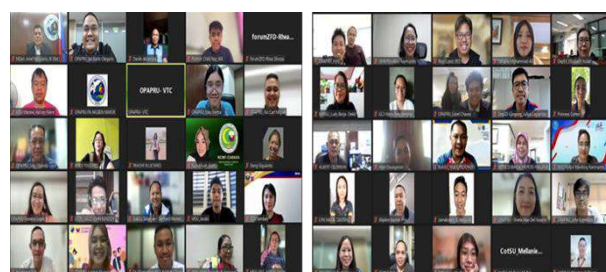
7. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: Philippine Education for Peace and Sustainable Development Framework and Roadmap developed

Pre-work for the 3rd National Peace Education Summit. The 3rd National Peace Education Summit, centered around the theme: “Harnessing the Transformative Power of Peace Education in Educational Reforms and Societal Harmony”, represents a crucial continuation of the dialogues initiated during the 1st and 2nd National Peace Education Summits, marking a concerted effort to deepen the integration of peace education across various levels of learning as well as in societal issues and concerns.

KMPID, in close coordination with the National Peace Consciousness Month 2024, has already finalized the Concept Note and has secured approval of the conduct of the event and its budgetary requirements.

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

Learning and Reflection Session on the National Peace Engagement with CPP-NPA-NDF. Following the recent communique between the GPH and CPP-NPA-NDF, it is imperative for OPAPRU’s stakeholders’ particularly those from the academe and other learning institutions to be abreast in the recent developments tackling the Philippine comprehensive peace process and strategies of GPH to sustain peace. It is



with this reason that PDSKMS organized a Learning and Reflection Session delving on the recent directives and progress regarding the anticipated national peace dialogue between the GPH and the CPP-NPA-NDF on 03 May 2024. The said LRS was participated in by 133 peace educators, advocates from various learning institutions in the country. In essence, by involving the academe in this process, the aim is to foster a comprehensive understanding of the peace-building efforts, address pertinent issues, and ultimately contribute to the realization of lasting peace in the Philippines.

9. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building:

Partnership with at least 4 peace, research, and/or academic institutions established

Peace Education University Tour at Mindanao State University Sulu. To boost peacebuilding efforts and promote peace education in the farthest corners of Mindanao, a Peace Education University Tour at the Mindanao State University – Sulu was conducted on 15 May 2024. The Peace Education University Tour highlighted discussions aimed at taking stock on the gains of the comprehensive peace



process, identify challenges, and ways forward for the peace processes and continuing the dialogue for peace educators and stakeholders on further strengthening peace education, instilling non-violence among learners and individuals, and peacebuilding in communities.

The Peace Education University Tour conducted at MSU Sulu, exemplified a concerted effort to promote peace education as an essential component of peacebuilding initiatives. Grounded in the belief that education plays a pivotal role in nurturing understanding, empathy, and conflict resolution skills, this activity resulted in broadening of awareness and meaningful dialogue within the academic community. The activity sought to exchange best practices, and advocate for peace education in alignment with the goals outlined in Executive Order 158 and the mandate of OPAPRU. It further resulted in the establishment of a partnership with Mindanao State University (MSU)–Sulu in the promotion of Peace Education and on the comprehensive peace process.

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

Completed Review of the Submitted Research Papers for the 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference 2023 - June 2024. A total of 19 research papers from the Academe, Civil Society Organizations, and Private Organizations were endorsed for anonymous review to five (5) reviewers.

A total of 12 will be published for the Conference Publication, and 10 of these will be presented to the annual Peace Research Conference, tentatively set to be conducted in October 2024.

TITLE
A situated curriculum framework for Peace Education Capacity Building Program: Lessons form education policies, Communication Theory, and local peace practices
Former Rebels; Implications for Reintegration
Examining the Philippines' NAP-PCVE from the Women, Peace, and Security Lens
Cultivating Masculinities for Peace: A Review of Peacebuilding Literature Regarding Masculinities and Conflict in the Philippines
How do teachers teach peace? Approaches to Peace Education in Mindanao, Philippines
Responding to the Call for Peace: Community's Impression on Student-Teachers Deployment in MNLF Community School
Evaluating the Impact of PAMANA Program on Household Incomes in BARM: A Difference-in-Differences Analysis
Peaceful Transformation in Sulu: The Role of Masjid Talipao Proper in Local Peacebuilding
Peace Research Initiative: Assessing Public Satisfaction with the Services of the 52nd Engineer Brigade of the Philippine Army in Eastern Mindanao for Shared Solutions and Citizen Engagement"
Patriotism and Marawi Liberators: Well-Being, Psychosocial Support and Interventions
Veils of Valor: Sustaining Peace through BIWAB's Journey in Social Enterprise
Changing Mindset: The Influence of Pre-Service Teachers on Students' Interest Towards Education
Attributes and Contributions of Peace Education Leaders: Towards an Emerging Model
Experiences of Camp Abubakar Community on Vegetable and Fish Production Technology: An Exploratory Study
Indigenous Knowledge Management: An emerging role of contemporary Kalinga women in preventing and transforming the consequences of a tribal war
Participatory Photography for Peace
Logistics and Supply Chain Management Auditing System in The Local Government Unit Level Towards Real-Time Rehabilitation Services
Implementation and Sustainability of Human Rights-Related Extension Activity: Basis for an Enhancement Program
Role of Learning Ecosystem for Natural Ecosystem : A case study of BAWORN (Home, Temple, and School) from Forest Monastery

11. **Submission of the Inputs to the SONA 2024 to the Presidential Management System - June 2024.** In line with the commitment to communicating the gains of the comprehensive peace process, OPAPRU submitted its Accomplishment Report covering July 2023 to May 2024, along with a one-page statement for the SONA, to the Presidential Management System. These submissions were great attestations to the current administration's numerous achievements in pursuing peace, reconciliation and unity.

12. **Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning : 1 Annual State of the Philippine Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (SOPPRU) Report published.**
Endorsement of the final draft of the State of the Philippine Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (SOPPRU) Report 2023.

13. **Peace Resource Administration and Management: At least 700 internal and external library clients for 2024 served (physical and online). Library clients served.** As of June 2024, the Ambassador Manuel T. Yan Peace Resource Center (AMTYPRC) has made significant progress towards this target. The total number of unique online clients for the 2nd quarter of the year stands at 171. Additionally, 21 physical clients have been served during this period. This gives 192 internal and external library clients served from April-June 2024.



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

New titles of peace resource materials AMTYPRC collection added

As of June 2024, we have acquired 7 new titles, leaving 23 titles to be procured for the rest of the year. The titles of the acquired books are:

1. *Women, Peace and Security: Repositioning Gender in Peace Agreements*
2. *The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace and Security*
3. *Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men*
4. *World Politics of Peace and War: Geopolitics in Another Key: Geography and Civilization*
5. *Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse*
6. *The Art of Meditation*
7. *Comparing Peace Processes (Routledge Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution) 1st Edition*



Peace Resource Administration and Management: 100% of Peace Resource and Amnesty-Related Requests acted upon. Amnesty-related request processed – April-June 2024: Two (2) Amnesty-related requests received for the 2nd quarter of 2024.

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

Draft Completion of the Concept Note for the establishment of the Philippine Institute for Peace and Development (PIPD). The first draft of the Concept Note for the establishment of the Philippine Institute for Peace and Development (PIPD) is available and for further discussion with the rest of the unit.

15. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: Gawad Kapayapaan Operationalized

Operationalization of Gawad Kapayapaan. On 01 May 2024, the Gawad Kapayapaan 2024 Secretariat opened the public and internal nomination for this year's Gawad Kapayapaan Awards. The nomination period ran from 1 – 30 May 2024. The public nomination officially received five (5) nominees. On the other hand, the Gawad Kapayapaan 2024 Selection Committee has decided to extend the internal nomination until 18 July 2024. The Selection Committee is scheduled to assess and deliberate the nominees on 29 July 2024. The final list of nominees will be endorsed to PAPRU for

his final approval. The Awardees are set to receive their awards at the closing of the National Peace Consciousness Month on 27 September 2024.



Support Activities

1. **Continuous provision of policy inputs.** The OPAPRU, through the PDSMD remains committed in advocating for the Government's Peace Agenda in accordance with the President's directives as stipulated in the Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023-2028, the Eight-Point Socioeconomic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies. As of June 2023, the Agency has successfully provided its inputs and/or recommendation to the Review and Updating of RA 9285 or Alternative Dispute Resolution Act of 2004, National Security Strategy 2023-2028, President's Report to the People (PRP) 2023-2028, State of the Nation Address 2024.

Celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM). The office order for the establishment of a Core Organizing Team of the 2024 NPCM celebration was approved by the PAPRU last 03 May 2024. Relatedly, details on the general concepts and budget projections were presented to the Management Committee Meeting last 26 April 2024 and to the Joint Executive-Management Committee meeting last 06 May 2024. The PDSMD as NPCM secretariat facilitated the approval of the NPCM Mother Memorandum on 20 June 2024. Thereafter several committee meetings were conducted to form up for details and prepare for the NPCM activities.

2. **Secretariat Support to ASEAN-Institute of Peace and Reconciliation Advisory Board Member from the Philippines.** The KMPID has continuously provided secretariat support to Executive Director Andres S. Aguinaldo, in his capacity as the Philippine Representative to the ASEAN-IPR Advisory Board. The unit has provided administrative and technical support to EDir Aguinaldo in preparation for the 14th ASEAN-IPR Advisory Board Meeting which took place on 21 June 2024 in Jakarta, Indonesia – the first under this year's Chairmanship of Lao PDR. The Meeting discussed the Institute's priority areas as well as initiatives to further/actively engage with the Institute's stakeholders in different ASEAN Member States.



CROSS-CUTTING THEMES AND ACTIVITIES

1. **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** The PDSKMS is committed to ensuring that all its programs, projects and activities are gender and conflict-sensitive and puts a premium on highlighting women, peace and security. This is pursued by ensuring that WPS concerns as well as GAD-related concepts are integrated in the various services being rendered by the unit, including in the policy inputs provided internally and externally. The PDSKMS ensures that all its interventions take into account the meaningful involvement of all its target participants regardless of gender, including internal activities as well as trainings for the PDSKMS personnel.
2. **Mainstreaming of CSPP.** The PDSKMS utilizes the CSPP tools institutionalized for planning and programming activities of the Agency, when applicable. It likewise ensures that the Agency continuously mainstreams CSPP in the provision of policy inputs, program and framework development both internally and externally. Part of the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda is the mainstreaming of culture of peace and CSPP approaches in the agency's plans, programs and activities. Hence, as the lead agency in advocating the CSPP practice and as an integral strategy at the core of its efforts, it is foremost crucial that CSPP is embedded in the work of OPAPRU, and in realizing such, PDSKMS endeavors to capacitate relevant external stakeholders in mainstreaming CSPP in the performance of their duties and functions through its projects and capacity building endeavors. Most importantly, in designing activities, PDSKMS ensures the adoption of CSPP Principles.
3. **Stakeholder Participation.** The PDSKMS constantly involves the Executive and Management Committee as well as the Programs and Units in all of its undertakings. It also engages National Government Agencies (NGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other peace partners in its initiatives to seek their inputs and guidance. Additionally, the Service works with consultants and resource speakers on its activities that require expertise.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING SERVICE (MEALS)

1. Data Quality for OPAPRU Results Framework assessed

FY 2024 1st Semester Strategy Review. As part of the semesterly assessment of OPAPRU PGS accomplishments, The MEALS, in collaboration with the Office for Strategy Management (OSM), conducted the FY 2024 1st Semester Strategy Review on June 24, 26, and 28, 2024. The Strategy Review was divided into three (3) sessions: MEALS Summary Presentation, Special Joint-Executive and Management Committee Vetting Session and Final Cluster Presentations to the PAPRU. The presentations highlighted each cluster's accomplishments per program component, along with their FY 2025 projections and ways forward. MEALS is currently consolidating the individual cluster presentations and aims to submit the full strategy review report for approval within July.

2. Assessment report on 2 internal processes/systems

Inception Workshop for the Cross-Validation Study on Financial Management Service (FMS) processes. As part of the preparations for the conduct of the FMS Cross-Validation Study, an Inception Workshop was conducted on 24 April 2024, on the 3rd floor, OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas. The workshop aimed to present, discuss, and finalize the objectives of the follow-through study conducted by MEALS on FMS processes. The proposed study encompassed time and motion studies, client satisfaction assessments, and consultations between FMS and other program offices, services, and units. Following the workshop, MEALS revised the study design based on the recommendations and suggestions gathered from participants. Moreover, to advance the study, MEALS conducted focus-group discussions (FGDs) and surveys with the clusters as part of the data-gathering process.

3. **Cross Validation Study Result Vetting Session.** After conducting the Inception Workshop and gathering data, MEALS held a vetting session with representatives from FMS, GASS, and PDSKMS to discuss the results of the cross-validation study. MEALS then presented the data and findings gathered from the OPAPRU participants. The attendees provided insights, clarity, comments, and recommendations on the findings, which MEALS is currently integrating into the enhanced report. MEALS aim to present the enhanced report to the ManCom within July.
4. **Initiated OPAPRU RDE Studies. GPH-CBA-CPLA Impact Evaluation Study.** The MEALS, in collaboration with the RCCPO, met with representatives from Benguet State University (BSU) on 04 June 2024, to discuss the proposed impact evaluation design and logistical requirements. The MEALS submitted its comments and recommendations to RCCPO and is currently awaiting further updates.

ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

5. OPAPRU TAM utilized by all Programs

Presentation of the Feedback and Response System (FRS) during the Adoption and Roll-Out of Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting – Citizen-LED Monitoring Relative to the Implementation of FY 2024 PAMANA Projects - Training of Trainers. MEALS participated in the Adoption and Roll-Out of Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting – Citizen-LED Monitoring Relative to the Implementation of FY 2024 PAMANA Projects - Training of Trainers on 20-24 May 2024, in the Harold Hotel, Quezon City.

The MEALS presented an overview of the OPAPRU Feedback and Response System (FRS) as a tool for enhancing transparency and accountability within OPAPRU, particularly relevant to the roll-out of CSPP-CLM of PAMANA. During the discussion, AMUs and other participants provided valuable insights and suggestions for utilizing the system including the integration of FRS into project orientations.

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

Population of Data / System Enhancements / Orientation on the Automated Program Dashboard. As the system administrator for the Automated Program Dashboard, MEALS proactively maintain the dashboard and provides technical support to programs for its utilization. Moreover, to ensure the accuracy and availability of data, MEALS periodically validates encoded data.

For system enhancements, MEALS improved the strategy review tool, scorecard module, and financial data interface while simultaneously providing orientation sessions for both new and existing users. Moving forward, the MEALS, in collaboration with the ICTD and FMS, is exploring the possibility of syncing the National Government Accounting System (NGAS) with the dashboard for more accurate, real-time financial accomplishment reporting.

B. FINANCE / RESOURCES

1. **Trainings on Public Financial Management, Planning, Programming and Budgeting for OPAPRU Technical Personnel.** With an objective to capacitate all Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) members in the Agency, the Planning, Programming and Resource Management Service (PPRMS), in collaboration with the Budget and Management Bureau-D of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM), conducted a Public Financial Management (PFM) Learning Session on 22 April 2024.

This learning session aimed to equip technical staff with basic knowledge of budgeting, fiscal planning and developments in budgeting which are necessary for effective decision-making in oversight of expenditures and implementation of Programs, Activities, Projects (PAPs).



To promote strategic enhancement and alignment in the implementation of Performance Governance System (PGS) in the Agency, the PPRMS also spearheaded a Learning Session on 21 and 23 May 2024 to reorient and refresh

the PBAC members on the proper completion of modules (including PAPs Listing, PGS Targets, PGS Scorecards, etc.) in the Automated Program Dashboard, aligning to their deliverables under the Performance Governance System (PGS).

2. **FY 2025 Agency Budget Preparation.** The PPRMS coordinated, reviewed, and consolidated the OPAPRU Budget Proposal for FY 2025. This proposal was formally submitted to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on 19 April 2024. All budget documents were meticulously encoded and submitted through the DBM Online Submission of Budget Proposal (OSBP) system, ensuring a 100% completion rate.

3. **Continuous Monitoring of OPAPRU Program Physical and Financial Accomplishment Report.**

In line with the institutionalization of the Program Performance and Budget Execution Review (PPBER), the PPRMS has consistently facilitated regular Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) meetings. These meetings and performance checkpoints are designed to establish a systematic approach to reporting the implementation of program and unit PAPs, as well as fund utilization status, in alignment with data from the Financial Management Service (FMS) and program data and implementation status.



The status of funds of the OPAPRU (and NAC) for FY 2024 regular fund and FY 2023 continuing fund are as shown (for the month end of June 2024):

OBLIGATION RATE: 95.37% - AS OF 30 JUNE 2024

1 st SEMESTER	ALLOTMENTS	OBLIGATIONS	UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT	% OF BUDGET UTILIZATION
Regular Fund FY 2024	6,207,873,683.54	6,040,166,738.84	167,706,944.70	97.30%
NAC FUND FY 2024	47,759,054.50	27,497,791.63	20,261,262.87	57.58%
Continuing Fund FY 2023 - OPAPRU	137,474,849.25	55,402,265.65	82,072,583.60	40.30%
Continuing Fund FY 2023 - NAC	28,308,208.50	1,121,172.45	27,187,036.05	3.96%
Grand Total:	6,421,415,795.79	6,124,187,968.57	297,227,827.22	95.37%



The PBAC mechanism also ensures that programs effectively track their financial performance and expenditures, ensuring alignment with the agency's physical targets for FY 2024. During the second quarter, the PPRMS conducted the following meetings, focused on monitoring of fund utilization, status of fund transfers and other concerns pertaining to PAPs and funds:

- **08 May 2024, 5th Senior PBAC Meeting:** Addressed the FY 2024 status of financial accomplishments as of March 31, 2024, including the FY 2024 Regular Fund and the FY 2023 Continuing Fund, and reviewed the status of fund transfers as of the first quarter for FY 2024 GAA and FY 2023 GAA.
- **10 June 2024, 6th Senior PBAC Meeting:** Presented the status of fund transfers and fund utilization as of May 31, 2024.
- **13-26 June 2024, Junior Program Level PBAC Meeting:** Focused on reassessing the first semester FY 2024 budget for all OPAPRU programs under their FY 2024 GAA regular fund and FY 2023 GAA continuing fund.

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