



## **FY 2023 THIRD QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT** **(July – September 2023)**

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### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) aligns to the **Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2023 – 2028** in Chapter 13, Ensure Peace and Security and Enhance Administration of Justice. The PDP **Subchapter 13.1, Ensure Peace and Security** outlines the Strategy Framework and Strategies which OPAPRU and its partner implementing agencies contribute to in the outcomes. The OPAPRU contributes to **Outcome 1: Conflict-affected communities and conflict-vulnerable areas protected and development sustained**.

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

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

**Program 1: Peace Process with the MILF and Implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro.** For this period, the Peace Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines and the MILF met for the first time under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., to tackle pending concerns and items for approval to renew their commitment to the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). Further, the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) convened its 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting to discuss and resolve IGR issues between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. For the third quarter of 2023, series of meetings and mutually reinforcing activities were held to discuss the preparations for the upcoming Baranggay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) in October 2023. Several activities to be highlighted in this quarter were the different initiatives to promote the National Peace Consciousness Month, the convening of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) to gather commitments from concerned agencies on the socioeconomic projects for MILF decommissioned combatants and the 33 core barangays, and the Completion of the 3rd Phase Decommissioning.

**Program 2: Peace Process with the MNLF.** For the period, the focus of interventions were on the capacity-building for socio-economic activities for MNLF combatants, initial community scanning for priority areas in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani. Validation of 1,260 MNLF combatants were carried out in Lanao del Sur and Basilan; the documentation of 467 firearms in Basilan; and the provision of initial socio-economic packages for 460 MNLF combatants.

**Program 3: Localized Peace Engagements.** Executive Order No. 70 “Institutionalizing a Whole of Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict, and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework” was issued on 04 December 2018. The OPAPRU supports this mandate through the mainstreaming of Localized Peace Engagements (LPE) which entails the execution of two tracks: (a) community consultations and problem-solving sessions; and (b) local peace dialogues with CTG towards reaching local peace settlement with the group. These

interventions will pave the way for the implementation of a Transformation Program (TP) for former rebels, their families, and communities 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 CTGs. It entails convergence of National and provincial program that will assist Former Rebels in their reintegration to the community, their families, and communities.

**Program 4: Peace Process with the RPM-P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA.** Guided by the 2019 RPM-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN peace process roadmap and supported by the Transformation Program mechanisms, the implementation of the deliverables to the 727 members of the KAPATIRAN under the 2019 CID was sustained for the 3rd Quarter of 2023. This is in line with the Government's commitment to lay the foundation for the continuous development, sustainable economic growth and peaceful living conditions for the RPM-P/RPA/ABB members, their families and their communities. Major accomplishments were attained in terms of the interventions towards the continued monitoring, review and planning of the implementation mechanisms such as the Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), conduct of meetings with the partners in the academe for the capacity-building of KAPATIRAN Youth; use of the Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) Assessment of the KAPATIRAN members in Aklan; completion of the PDC and Congregated Sites in Western Visayas; monitoring and evaluation activities on Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) in Kabankalan, Himamaylan, Binalbagan and Cauayan in Negros Occidental.

**Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding.** The program supported the Marawi recovery efforts and promoted gender and social inclusion. It closely collaborated with 18 external stakeholders to advance peace and security, gender equality, women's rights, and community development. The SHAPE office has been actively working to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism. It contributed to the development of the Implementation Plan and strengthened its partnerships with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism - Project Management Office, and the Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center. SHAPEO engaged with various stakeholders, such as RUSI Europe and the Department of Education. Moreover, aligned with its Healing and Reconciliation (H&R) thrust, SHAPEO played a vital role in supporting the Marawi recovery efforts and is consistently developing the H&R Program for Lanao del Sur and Basilan. Additionally, the organization conducted a dialogue with Indigenous Peoples representatives from Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte in the Cebuano language, using the Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) approach.

**Program 6: PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA).** For this period of reporting, the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO) facilitated the turnover of FY 2017 and FY 2028 completed PAMANA-DPWH projects in CARAGA region. These projects comprised of farm-to-market roads, roads with bridges spanning the provinces of Agusan and Surigao. The NPMO continued to spearhead the engagements with stakeholders, partner implementing agencies and communities. The approval of the OPAPRU FY 2024 programs and budget includes the PAMANA PhP5 billion comprised of agricultural productive projects, water systems, and infrastructure such as roads, bridges and housing projects for transitioning former rebels, their families and their communities.

**Program 8: Peace Education, conduct of the National Peace Month Celebration.** For the period, the OPAPRU focused on continuing efforts for Peace Education interventions and on the National Peace Month Celebration (NPCM) FY 2023 activities that were carried out nationwide in observance of the annual Peace Month consciousness. This year's NPCM with the theme "*Ang Kapayapaan ay Responsibilidad ng bawat Mamamayan*" calls on all Filipinos to be responsible to protect, help push forward and sustain the gains of the Comprehensive Peace Process.

**Continuing OPAPRU external and internal management and improvement of business process.** Continuing efforts to improve the external engagements and internal business processes to cater to core programs of the agency were likewise carried out.

# **THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS**

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

### **A. PEACE PROCESS WITH THE MILF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO**

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

#### **POLITICAL ASPECT**

For this period, the Peace Implementing Panels of the Government of the Philippines and the MILF met for the first time under the administration of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., to tackle pending concerns and items for approval to renew their commitment to the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). Further, the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) convened its 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting to discuss and resolve IGR issues between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government.

#### **NORMALIZATION PROGRAM**

For the third quarter of 2023, series of meetings and mutually reinforcing activities were held to discuss the preparations for the upcoming Baranggay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) in October 2023. Several activities to be highlighted in this quarter were the different initiatives to promote the National Peace Consciousness Month, the convening of the 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) to gather commitments from concerned agencies on the socioeconomic projects for MILF decommissioned combatants and the 33 core barangays, and the Completion of the 3rd Phase Decommissioning.

#### **POLITICAL ASPECT**

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



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

2. **Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Technical Meeting.** On 07 July 2023 via videoconference the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) Secretariat held a Technical Meeting to discuss developments and updates, the Proposal for BNTF Extension, and BNTF Operations Manual. The said technical meeting was attended by representatives from the OPAPRU, DOF, World Bank, and from the country donors – Australian Embassy, Canadian Embassy, UK Embassy.
3. **Conduct of the 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Entry of the MILF and MNLF Members into the PNP.** On 19 July 2023 via videoconference the TWG on the entry of the MILF and MNLF Members in the PNP convened for its 7<sup>th</sup> meeting via videoconference to discuss the resolutions/agreements made in the 14<sup>th</sup> IGRB Meeting on 01 June 2023 in General Santos City. Co-chaired by Usec. Alfredo Bayan from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) and Minister Raissa Jajurie from the Ministry of Social Services and Development - BARMM, the meeting was attended by TWG members of the NAPOLCOM, PNP, DILG, and DBM, as well as TWG members from the Bangsamoro Parliament. OPAPRU, as the National Government IGRB Secretariat was represented by Dir. Ishmael Bahjin.
4. **Meeting of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and GPH Mechanisms**



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

5. **First Organizational Meeting of the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB).** On 20 July 2023 at the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB) convened for its first meeting to discuss and approve its Terms of Reference and its Joint Secretariat. The BSDB members from Bangsamoro also presented its Comprehensive Framework for Sustainable Development. Co-chaired by Secretary Arsenio Balisacan of NEDA and BARMM Senior Minister Abunawas Vol-Al-Haq Maslamama, the meeting was attended by BSDB members from the National Government and Bangsamoro Government.
6. **Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) Joint Secretariat.** On 25 July 2023 via videoconference, the Joint IGRB Secretariat convened to discuss the updates and status of Intergovernmental Relations issues in preparation for the upcoming 15<sup>th</sup> meeting of the IGRB on 27 July 2023 in Pasay City. The said meeting

was attended by NG-IGRB Secretariat Co-Head PA Wilben Mayor, BG-IGRB Secretariat Co-Head Atty. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, the members of the Secretariat from the National Government, and the Bangsamoro Government.

- 7. Conduct of the 15<sup>th</sup> IGRB Meeting.** On 27 July 2023 at PICC, Pasay City, the IGRB convened for its 15th meeting to discuss pending issues and other matters on intergovernmental relations (IGR) raised to the IGRB. Co-chaired by Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman and Minister Mohagher M. Iqbal, the meeting was attended by members and resource persons from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government. On the side of the OPAPRU, present were Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr.; Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano; Presidential Assistant Wilben M. Mayor, as Co-Head of the IGRB Joint Secretariat; Executive Director Jordan S. Bayam; and Director Ishmael I. Bahjin.
- 8. Coordination Meeting for the Creation and Composition of the Philippine Congress – Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) Secretariat.** On 07 September 2023 via videoconference, the Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) attended a meeting with the Philippine Legislative Liaison Office (PLLO), representatives from the Philippine Congress, and Bangsamoro Parliament Secretariat to discuss the creation and possible composition of the permanent secretariat of the PCBPF, and convening of the created Technical Working Groups. Present during the meeting were: Presidential Assistant Wilben Mayor and Director Ishmael Bahjin from OPAPRU; Undersecretary Bernardino Sayo from the PLLO; Atty. Noel Tiampong from the Office of Representative Yasser Balindong; and Representatives from the Bangsamoro Parliament Secretariat.
- 9. Bangsamoro Trust Fund (BNTF) Government of the Philippines Steering Committee Meeting.** On 20 September 2023 at OPAPRU Fourth Floor Conference Room, the BNTF GPH Steering Committee met to discuss the issues and comments on the BNTF Revised Operations Manual. Attendees from OPAPRU were Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, Presidential Assistant Cesar Yano, Director Ishmael Bahjin.
- 10. Sixth Meeting of the National Government Technical Working Group (TWG) on Cabatangan Properties.** On 20 September 2023 via videoconference, the TWG on Cabatangan Properties held its Sixth Meeting to discuss and review the Terms of Reference of the TWG, the latest updates on the work of the TWG, and the pending issues of the TWG. Present during the meeting were Atty. Duque and Director Farrah Naparan, and Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano from OPAPRU; Assistant Secretary Elizabeth N. Lopez De Leon from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); Assistant Secretary Achilles Gerard C. Bravo from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

## **NORMALIZATION PROGRAM**

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

On 07 July 2023 the Joint Normalization (JNC) Secretariat facilitated the preparations for the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) Workshop on 20 July 2023. The Catholic Relief Services (CRS) invited the GPH Mechanisms through the JNC Secretariat for a Scoring Online Workshop on the 89 stipulations of the CAB. The output of the meeting was presented and shall be used during the following PAM Workshops. On 20 July 2023 at the Chardonnay, Pasig City, the OPAPRU in collaboration with the CRS conducted the Peace Accord Matrix Mindanao Training and Workshop for GPH mechanisms. The activity aims to come up with a joint scoring of the Normalization indicators, capacitate members of the JNC Secretariat and Peace Mechanisms on Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) methods for data gathering, consolidation, and analysis and develop an initial analysis of the status of the Normalization commitments. During the meeting, the CRS informed the body that they will conduct a similar activity with the MILF Mechanisms

which will be followed by a joint GPH-MILF Workshop for the final scoring of the stipulations. The analysis based on the joint scoring will be instrumental for drafting the first PAM Mindanao report which the JNC Secretariat hopes to release in the coming months.

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

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



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



On 10 August 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the ICCMN convened its 10th meeting on 10 August 2023 at PICC, Pasay City Co-Chaired by the PAPRU and the SAP and attended by all 30 ICCMN member agencies. The meeting resulted in gathering commitments from concerned agencies on the socioeconomic projects

for DCs and the 33 core barangays. Further, the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) also committed to work together with ICCMN agencies in drafting a Unified Communication Plan for the ICCMN. The ICCMN Secretariat, headed by Dir. Orbeso and Usec Domingo of OSAP, shall be drafting the directives from this meeting for the signature of the Co-Chairs. The cluster discussed the implementation and programming of the socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned combatants and their communities, and the six (6) previously acknowledged camps; the creation of a project management office; proposed visit to MILF camps; and communication strategy of Normalization.

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

**6. Conduct of the 25<sup>th</sup> Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Meeting.** On 31 August 2023 in Quezon City, the JNC held its 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, which served as a platform to discuss the guidance from the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panels to the JNC on the Redeployment of AFP and the JNC SALW Program through the UNDP ASPIRE Project. Also, key deliverables of the JNC such as the Peace Accords Matrix M&E System for the GPH-MILF Peace Process, Donors Forum for Normalization Program, and matters relative to the deployment of the Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) were discussed. As a way forward, the JNC will request for the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panel the following: 1) to authorize the JNC to lead the resource mobilization efforts and conduct donor's forum to mobilize support to all Normalization programs and not just for those within the purview of the JNC, 2) to facilitate the approval of the proposed Criteria and Parameters on Redeployment of AFP, and 3) to approve the proposed launch of the Peace Accords Matrix M&E System for the GPH-MILF Peace Process in partnership with Kroc Institute and Catholic Relief Services as well as the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advancing Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE) in partnership with UNDP.

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

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

## **Security Aspect**

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



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



3. **Inter-Cabinet Cluster on Normalization (ICCMN) Security Cluster Meeting.** On 21 July 2023 at the Chardonnay by Astoria, Pasig City the security sub-cluster of the ICCMN convened for a meeting to discuss the guidance arising from the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panel Meeting. Included in the discussions were the actions points for the AFP Redeployment, security situation for the upcoming SK and Barangay Elections, the resumption of the Phase 3 decommissioning, and amnesty.
4. **National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs): Enhancement of Capacity and Knowledge on Normalization and Program on the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups.** From 26-28 July 2023 at the Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the NTF-DPAGs continuously conducted activities to capacitate and develop the knowledge and awareness of the Local Government Units (LGUs) relative with the implementation of the Normalization Process particularly the program on the DPAGs.

The Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) as the lead agency of the Task Force and a member of the National Secretariat together with the OPAPRU, and the Philippine National Police (PNP) Directorate for Operations, provided updates on Normalization, local security situation, parameters in identifying PAGs, and updates on the different lines of efforts of NTF-DPAGs.



5. **Courtesy Call and Meeting with Pigcawayan OIC Mayor.** On 01 August 2023 at the Mayor's Office of the Municipal Hall of Pigcawayan, Cotabato the GPH AHJAG Chair PMGEN Victor K. Wanchakan had his courtesy call and meeting with Pigcawayan OIC Mayor Niel Jake V. Casi.

The incoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) was one of the agenda and the peace and security of the Special Geographic Areas (SGA) Barangays under BARMM. The said meeting resulted in an exchange of opinions and suggestions for a smooth and transparent BSKE 2023 in BARMM and SGA.



6. **Final Security Coordination Meeting for the Completion of Phase 3 Decommissioning**

A final security coordination meeting was held on 01 August 2023 at the Peace Room, OPAPRU DOS, Maguindanao and via videoconference to firm up the security-related activities for the completion of Phase 3 Decommissioning, particularly in the Opening Ceremony scheduled on 03 August 2023. Further, the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) presented the point of origin of the combatants.



## 7. Setting up of the Pre-Assembly Processing Area (APA), Simulation Exercise of Normalization Wide Verification and Decommissioning, and Pre-APA Registration



The JNC Secretariat set up the pre-registration site at the pre-APA site on 01 August 2023 in Camp Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao Del Norte. This was in preparation for the upcoming resumption of Phase 3 Decommissioning. This was followed by the Simulation of the Normalization-wide Verification and Decommissioning Simulation Exercise on 02 August 2023 facilitated by the Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB) with Joint Normalization Mechanisms conducted at APA 5, Old Capitol, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. The Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities (TFDCC) together with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) XII Normalization Team ran through the application and readiness of its Biometrics Registration and Verification (BRaVe) System. After which, the JNC secretariat processed the pre-registration of 130 combatants from the 101st Base Command. The 130 combatants are composed of 117 males and 13 females. Furthermore, the Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) provided technical assistance for the transport of decommissioned MILF firearms from SASA in Camp Abubakar, Barira to APA Site in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao Del Norte, said firearms were utilized for the exhibit during the Opening Ceremony of the Completion of 3rd Phase Decommissioning.



## 8. Completion of Phase 3 Decommissioning Process

The Opening Ceremony of the Completion of Phase 3 MILF Decommissioning was conducted on 03 August 2023 at APA 5, Old Capitol, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao. The program was attended by Special Assistant to the President Antonio Lagdameo Jr., BARMM Chief Minister Ahod Ebrahim, IDB Chair Suat Akgun, GPH Implementing Chair Cesar Yano, MILF Implementing Mohagher Iqbal, PA David Diciano, DSWD Usec. Alan Tanjusay, GPH-TFDCC Chair Atty. Laisa Alamia, and



Normalization Mechanism heads and focals. Local and international partners also joined the said program. During the second day of the pre-APA, the JNC secretariat processed the pre-registration of 260 Combatants from the Pagilidan Provincial Committee, 101<sup>st</sup>, 121<sup>st</sup>, and 122<sup>nd</sup> Base Commands. Of the 2,600 combatants, 234 are males and 26 are females. As for the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of the pre-APA registration, the JNC secretariat processed the pre-registration of 260 combatants from the Political and Provincial Committees of Momungan, Moro, Munai, Pagilidan, and Padang Karbala. Of the 260 combatants, 249 are males and 11 are females. Whilst 260 combatants from the 117<sup>th</sup> Base Command and Provincial Committees of Padang Karbala, Palawa Gurain, Salaginto, and Saber Radapan. Of the 260 combatants, 257 males and 3 females were processed during the fourth day.



9. **Special VTC Meeting between GPH CCCH AND GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair and Secretariat.** On 08 August 30 August 2023 via VTC, both the GPIIP and the CCCH discussed the ceasefire-related incidents in Ungkaya Pukan, Basilan last November 2022; accompaniment to 1st SFBn, PA in Maguing, Lanao del Sur last February 2022; and Datu Paglas Incident last June 2023. The CCCH presented significant information about the background of said events.
10. **Coordination Meeting for the United Nations Illicit Firearms Flow Questionnaire.** On 15 August 2023 at the Hinirang Hall, PCTC, Camp Crame, Quezon City, the OPAPRU attended the Coordination Meeting for the United Nations Illicit Firearms Flow Questionnaire last 15 August 2023. The meeting was a briefing on how the invited agencies/units shall answer the questionnaire given by the UNODC and UNODA. The OSETC requested OPAPRU to provide data gathered from the projects under the Normalization Program. The OPAPRU explained the limitations it has on the said data and has recommended that the data needed shall be requested from the PNP and the AFP.
11. **Meeting with Midsayap Cotabato Commission on Elections (COMELEC) Officer.** On 15 August 2023 at the COMELEC Office, Midsayap, Cotabato, GPH AHJAG Chair PMGEN Victor K. Wanchakan had a meeting with Midsayap Cotabato COMELEC Officer Ramon Jaranilla. Said meeting discussed the possible situation during the conduct of the incoming BSKE 2023 in Midsayap and nearby municipalities under BARMM SGA.
12. **Conduct of activities relative to Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker.** On 17-18 August 2023 at Radisson Blu Hotel, Cebu City, the OPAPRU through the MILF Peace Process Office, attended the 2nd technical meeting for the creation of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker. The Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker is part of the commitments/support of the USIP beneficial in understanding the sources of violent conflicts in the BARMM, strengthening intergovernmental and interagency efforts, and creating an evidence-based tool that shall help with keeping the security, peace, and order in the Bangsamoro. The Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker shall be a platform for monitoring, analyzing, and visualizing conflict dynamics across the BARMM that primarily focuses on tracking the BARMM's violent peace spoiler actors, the nature and number of violent incidents, and the impact of surrender/disengagement activities on conflict patterns. It will give users a model for understanding the complex interplay of factors that can drive

the ebb and flow of violence in the BARMM and a solid evidence-based for informing strategic policy decisions. During the training, PMGen Wanchakan and Col. Mamon presented the respective data of the PNP and CCCH on the incidents monitored within the Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM).

The second day of the technical meeting for the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker concluded with the proposed template to be utilized by the participating entities. The body also agreed to come up with a governance framework that will cover and entail the responsibilities and limitations for data sharing and agreements.



On 26 August 2023 [via VTC], the 2<sup>nd</sup> technical meeting was held with the core group members of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker to discuss the succeeding activities and ways forward of the team. The Conflict Tracker architecture was also reviewed by the principals which shall be used by the specialists in encoding the data. On 13 September 2023 and 21 September 2023 at OPAPRU Peace Room, DPWH Res. Compound, DOS, Maguindanao Del Norte and at the 4F Conference Room, OPAPRU, Ortigas respectively, the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) conducted training for Specialists from MILF PPO, JNC Secretariat, Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), Joint Peace and Security Team (JPST) and Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH). The training presented the data framework which has been established to guide the development of the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker. USIP's objective is to establish the Bangsamoro Conflict Tracker intended to be a model for understanding the complex interplay of factors that can drive the ebb and flow of violence in the BARMM and a solid evidence-based for informing strategic-policy decisions. Mr Andrew Mines, Program Specialist of the USIP, facilitated the training.



13. **Briefing on ASPIRE for WESMINCOM.** On 22 August 2023 at the Bautista Hall Conference Room, WESMINCOM, the JNC GPH in partnership with the UNDP conducted a briefing for the WESMINCOM on the ASPIRE Program. The UNDP discussed the program design of the ASPIRE Program while Gov. Jim Hataman-Salliman provided context for the SALW Program in Basilan. Mr. Hernandez and MGen Felicidadario (Ret.) provided inputs on what will be the role of the WESMINCOM in the ASPIRE Program.

- 14. Basilan Stakeholders Consultation on ASPIRE.** On 23 August 2023 at Kasinnahan Hotel and Resorts, Isabela City, Basilan, the JNC in partnership with the UNDP and the Provincial Government of Basilan conducted a Basilan Stakeholders Consultation for the ASPIRE Program. In attendance were Basilan Governor Jim Hataman-Salliman, Mayors of Al-Barka, Hadji Muhtamad, Lantawan and Tabuan-Lasa, Provincial Director of Basilan Police, and the Deputy Commander of 101st Brigade. The UNDP gave a briefing on the ASPIRE Program while Gov. Jim Hataman-Salliman and Mr. Ariel Hernandez gave additional inputs on SALW and the ASPIRE Program and what will be the role of the LCEs and LGUs. Senior Usec. Isidro Purisima and PA Dave Diciano expressed the commitment of the national government in maintaining Peace and Security in the BARMM as well as the importance of the participation of LGUs in the implementation of the Normalization Program.



- 15. Meeting of the GPH-TWG on AFP Redeployment.** On 24 August 2023 via videoconference, the GPH TWG on AFP Redeployment led by JNC-GPH Member and GPH TWG Head, LtGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret) held a meeting to revise the Criteria and Parameters for redeployment in line with the comments of the GPH-MILF Peace Implementing Panel. The Armed Forces of the Philippines-Peace and Development Office (AFP-PDO) presented the consolidated comments and recommendations of the AFP and PNP on the criteria and parameters for the Redeployment of AFP Forces.
- 16. Courtesy Meeting with the Chief of the Philippine National Police.** On 30 August 2023 at the Hinirang Hall, Camp Rafael T. Crame, Quezon City, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel paid a courtesy visit to the Chief of the PNP, Police General Benjamin C. Acorda Jr. The meeting entailed a briefing on the CAB highlighting the Security and Confidence Building Measures components of the Normalization wherein the PNP is actively involved. Furthermore, security measures during the conduct of the upcoming Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) were one of the major agenda addressed.
- 17. Inter-agency coordination for the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs) 13th Oversight Committee Meeting (OCM) in Zamboanga City and Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advanced Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE) launching in Basilan.** On 12-14 September 2023 via Zoom, the NTF-DPAGs Secretariat met online to initially identify the logistical and technical preparation for the conduct of the 13th Oversight Committee Meeting. A follow through meeting with the Task Forces and Task Groups was convened to cascade and verify details with the ground units of the task force. Further the MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat together with the GPIIP Secretariat, JPSC, and CCCH set a meeting to discuss the security and movement concerns relative to the conduct of the 13th OCM in Zamboanga City and the ASPIRE launching in Basilan. The meeting was attended by the representatives from DILG, DOJ, DSWD, AFP, and the PNP.

**18. Workshop for the Information, Education, and Communications (IEC) Campaign on Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration, and Recovery for Advancing Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE)**



On 25 September 2023 at the Blue Lotus Hotel, Davao City, the JPSC attended the Workshop for the Information, Education, and Communications (IEC) Campaign on Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration, and Recovery for Advancing Human Security in BARMM, known as ASPIRE. The core purpose of this workshop was to harness diverse insights and expertise, sculpting an IEC campaign that resonates deeply with the distinct socio-cultural nuances of the Bangsamoro region. This will elevate the deliberations, help ASPIRE forge a campaign that is not only potent but also culturally attuned. Furthermore, this workshop was poised to be a dynamic platform for exploring collaborative prospects and identifying support channels for the envisioned initiatives launching in the imminent future.

**19. Meeting with the Third Party Monitoring Team**



On 12 September 2023 at the GPH CCCH Office, Cotabato City, Col. Joel Mamon (Ret.), CCCH-AHJAG Head Secretariat, presented the status of the ceasefire violations protested by both the GPH and MILF; rido and other security related incidents monitored; and the challenges and ways forward of the GPH CCCH.

**20. Virtual Meeting with MILF AHJAG core member and JCMP members of Lanao del Norte.** On 12 September 2023 via Zoom, a meeting was held which discussed the updates on the on-going Focused Military Operation in Lanao del Norte and the efforts of the GPH and MILF Ceasefire Mechanism in the area to prevent untoward incidents between the GPH and MILF forces during the conduct of operations.

**21. Meeting with NP relative to Capacity Development Training of JPSTs.** On 12 September 2023 at the JPSC Office, Brgy. Tamontaka, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the JPSC Secretariat staff had a meeting with Mr. Muamar Alim and Ms. Macy Sally Daproza of Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) met to discuss future partnerships in line with the capacity development programs for the JPSTs. Initially, for the period of August 2023 until July 2024, the NP has allotted P1.9M budget for the conduct of Refresher Course Training for the remaining eight (8) JPST teams.



## 22. 1st Commander's Coordination Meeting

On 16 September 2023 at 103rd Infantry Brigade, Campo Ranao, Marawi City, the JPSC Secretariat and CCCH/AHJAG staff along with MP Jannati Mimbantas, BTA BARMM; Commander, Task Force Marawi; CO, 5IB; CO, 51IB, PA; CO, 55IB; CO, 32IB, PA; Commander Alim Mujahid Dimaampao, Commander, 103rd Base



Command, BIAF-MILF; and other MILF members of Peace Mechanisms attended the 1st Commander's Coordination Meeting with a theme: "Sustaining Peace and Security Gains." The activity was spearheaded by the United States Institute for Peace (USIP) and hosted by 103rd Infantry Brigade, PA. This aimed to create a Joint Quick Response Team (JQRT) composed of members from AFP/PNP and BIAF-MILF that will monitor and identify election hotspots in LDS for the upcoming BSKE 2023. Subsequently, the forum also discussed possible means of preventing election-related violence, ongoing *rido* issues in Lanao, and advancing local insurgent surrenderees / reintegration efforts.

## 23. Peace Dialogue of the 921 Battalion of Philippine Army and 118 Brigade Command and the BIAF-MILF.

On 16 September 2023 at Brgy. Pamalian, Shariff Saydona Mustapha, Maguindanao del Sur a peace dialogue was held in relation to the proposed establishment of the AFP outpost in Brgy. Pamalian which was agreed upon by the concerned AFP and MILF commanders in concurrence with the GPH and MILF CCCH/AHJAG. During the dialogue, the 118BC and 105BC both expressed its commitment to help the AFP deployed in the area for the maintenance of peace and security in the area.



## 24. Regional Peace and Order Council Meeting of Region XI.

On 18 September 2023 at Arcadia Active Lifestyle Center, Ecoland, Davao City, the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) Meeting of Region XI was held wherein the following were presented: the Security updates by the 10ID, PA; PNP preparation for the BSKE 2023; BSKE 2023 updates by the COMELEC Region 11, and the updates on the Implementation of Executive Order No. 39 by DA Region XI.

## 25. JPST Conflict Resolution Initiative.

On 18 September 2023 at Tipo-Tipo, Basilan, the JPST Tipo-Tipo personnel in collaboration with the Local Government Unit headed by Mayor Arcam Istarul, Municipal Mayor, Tipo-Tipo Municipality initiated the settlement between BPATs led by Malik Tahaljim and MILF group led by Hataman Indanan held

at the Mayor's Office, Tipo-Tipo in relation to the strafing incident that transpired at Sitio Lower Bancuang, Brgy Bangcuang, Tipo-Tipo, Basilan on 12 September 2023.

## 26. CCCH Meetings with the Security Sector



The CCCH met and discussed with BGen Allan Hambala PA, the acting commander of the 10th Infantry Division of the Philippine Army; PBGen Wilson Soliba, DRDA, PRO 11 and PCol Allan Manibog of Area Police Eastern Mindanao on 18 September 2023 in Davao City relative to the proposal to exclude the Davao Region

from the AHJAG area of coverage and the subsequent deactivation of AHJAG Team 5. It was agreed further that the proposal be tackled in roundtable discussions with the ceasefire mechanisms.

## 27. Meeting with UNDP-SPAN on JPST station repairs



On 21 September 2023 via videoconference, the JPSC Secretariat Head Mr. Carl Jerrick Sol and Amenodin M. Samporna, together with Mr. Allen Mariano, Quindra, Joel Bobis, and Clarisse Tuazon of UNDP conducted a joint meeting via zoom regarding the repairs of JPST stations.

## 28. Courtesy Visit and Meeting with MBLT-5 of the Philippine Navy



On 22 September 2023 at the MBLT-5 Headquarters, Rosary Heights 9, Cotabato City, updates on the brewing conflict due to political differences were discussed. The MBLT-5 also presented its deployment plan for the upcoming BSKE 2023 and the MILF and MNLF members who are running for Barangay posts in Cotabato City and Datu Blah Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. Further, the GPH CCCH also informed the group on the upcoming activities of the CCCH in relation to BSKE 2023 which includes the signing of the Guidelines of Mutual Understanding for Ceasefire-related functions of CCCH for BSKE 2023 and the signing of Pledge of Commitment with MILF commanders within the area of operations of MBLT-5.

## 29. NTF-DPAGs Meeting with the Task Force Western Mindanao (TFEM) and Task Forces Eastern Mindanao (TFEM).

On 25 September 2023 via Zoom, the NTF-DPAGs Secretariat facilitated a meeting with the TFWM & TFEM which is a composite of members from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP). The meeting focused on discussions to secure support for the operations of the TFEM & TFWM.

- 30. Eight Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Entry of MILF and MNLF Members into the Philippine National Police (PNP).** On 25 September 2023 via videoconference, the TWG on the Entry of MILF and MNLF Members into the PNP held its eighth meeting to discuss the on-going recruitment for the second batch of MILF and MNLF applicants to the PNP, the issue on the five-year application period, and the matter of the quota for CY 2024. The meeting was presided by Undersecretary Alfredo Bayan of the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and BARMM Minister Raissa Jajurie of the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD). The TWG members from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government were all present during the meeting.

### ***Socio-economic Development Aspect***

- 1. Capacity-Building Activities under Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS-DC) Project.** On 11-14 July 2023 at the New Dawn Hotel, Cagayan De Oro City, the OPAPRU SDU - TFDCC personnel attended a capacity building training for local civil registrars hosted by the Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services Incorporated (IDEALS Inc.). They were also given time to discuss the socioeconomic development program for the decommissioned combatants and their communities. This was to help the local civil registrars (LCRs) to understand their crucial role in providing civil documents to the decommissioned combatants and in sustaining the civil registration rates in their respective areas.



- 2. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Skills Training Induction Program (TIP) and Profiling and Validation of Decommissioned Combatants and Next-of-Kin under PROACTIVE Project**

On 12-13 July 2023 in Talayan and Guindulungan, Maguindanao Del Sur; and Pikit, North Cotabato, the profiling and training induction program under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) was conducted for 78 decommissioned combatants and next-of-kin who will undergo skills training on Photo Voltaic Installation NC II (Solar Training), Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II, and Dressmaking NC II.



- 3. Basic Geographic Information (GIS) Online Training.** On 17-21 July 2023 via Zoom, Mr. Hassan Abdurajak, IT and GIS Specialist of the OPAPRU Socioeconomic Development Unit attended the Day 1 of by National Mapping and Resource

Information Authority (NAMRIA) Online Training on Basic Geographic Information System (GIS) using QGIS.

4. **Meeting of GPH Panel-Socioeconomic Study Committee with TFDCC and Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT).** On 02 August 2023 at the Peace Room, OPAPRU DOS, Maguindanao, the GPH TFDCC and JTFCT attended the meeting of the GPH Panel-Socioeconomic Study Committee where socioeconomic programs for the MILF decommissioned combatants and the Six Camps were discussed. JNC Chair, Mr. Ariel Hernandez and JNC members PA David Diciano and LtGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), attended the meeting to discuss and recommend for approval the components, implementation framework, and funding strategies for the socioeconomic development packages for decommissioned combatants and camps transformation.

5. **Ceremonial Graduation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) Completers**



On 03 and 10 August 2023 at Buluan, Maguindanao Del Sur, and Malabang, Lanao Del Sur, a graduation ceremony for 296 completers under the Functional Literacy Program for Decommissioned Combatants and their next-of-kin was conducted.

6. **Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Socioeconomic Development Sub-Cluster Meeting.** On 04 August 2023 via videoconference, the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Socioeconomic Development Sub-Cluster was convened to discuss the contribution of the agencies to the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro.
7. **Meeting with the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC).** On 16 August 2023 via videoconference, the GPH TFDCC held a meeting with the PHIC to discuss the implementation of health insurance premium for decommissioned combatants including the timeline of registration.
8. **Preparatory Meeting with UNDP and Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education of Bangsamoro Autonomous and Muslim Mindanao - Technical Education Skills Development (MBHTE-TESD) Lanao.** On 18 August 2023 via videoconference, a preparatory meeting with UNDP and MBHTE-TESD Lanao was conducted to discuss the implementation of Technical Vocational and Education Training (TVET) for the decommissioned MILF combatants under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention, and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) in Lanao del Sur.
9. **PROACTIVE Training Induction Program and Profiling for the Decommissioned Combatants and Monitoring of Ongoing Skills Training in Lanao del Sur.** On 21-25 August 2023, the Training Induction Program and Profiling of TVET beneficiaries as well as the monitoring of ongoing trainings in Lanao del Sur was conducted under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE). Areas visited were Butig, Binidayan, Calanogas, Masiu, Lumba Bayabao, Mulondo, Wato Balindong, and Marawi City.



**10. Joint GPH-MILF TFDCC Secretariat Meeting.** On 22 August 2023 via videoconference, a joint GPH-MILF TFDCC Secretariat Meeting was conducted to discuss housing assistance for decommissioned combatants. The MILF TFDCC Secretariat committed to provide a land title for additional one (1) hectare for the housing assistance of decommissioned combatants for 2024.

**11. Meeting with the Department of Education (DepEd).** On 07 September 2023, GPH TFDCC Chair Atty. Laisa Alamia met with Department of Education (DepEd) Assistant Secretary G. H. Ambat to discuss the implementation of Alternative Learning System (ALS) for decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin. The ways forward identified were the drafting and review of the Memorandum of Agreement between OPAPRU and DepEd; and conduct of technical meeting to discuss pre-implementation activities.



**12. Meeting with BARMM Ministry of Health (MOH) and Department of Health (DOH)**



On 12 September 2023 at MOH, BARMM Compound, Cotabato City and via videoconference, GPH TFDCC and JTFCT Secretariat met with the BARMM Ministry of Health (MOH) and the Department of Health (DOH) to discuss preparations for the site visit and ceremonial turnover of the Rural Health Units (RHUs) with Birthing Facilities in the previously acknowledged six MILF Camps.

**13. Meeting on Socio-economic Concerns.** On 12 September 2023 at the TFDCC Office, OPAPRU, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, EDir. Cesar De Mesa, GPH-JTFCT Co-Chair and Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation, joined the meeting on Socioeconomic Concerns attended by PA Cesar Yano, Chair of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel, Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan, GPH Study Committee on Socioeconomic Concerns, and Col. Joel Mamon (Ret), CCCH/AHJAG Head Secretariat. The TFDCC presented the data on the Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) in the Camps and updates on the projects and programs in the Camps. On 14 September 2023, Atty Laisa Alamia, GPH TFDCC Chair presented options for socioeconomic packages for the decommissioned combatants and their communities to the GPH Socioeconomic Study Committee chaired by DA USec. Zamzamin Ampatuan and with members PA David Diciano, and USec. Alan Tanjusay. The meeting was also attended by MGen. Ariel Felicidadario III, LGen. Danilo Pamonag, Dir. Wendell Orbeso, and Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan.

#### **14. Meeting with Tiyakap Kalilintad Incorporated (TKI) and Kutawato Greenland Initiatives Inc. (KGII)**



On 14 September 2023, the GPH TFDCC Secretariat met with Tiyakap Kalilintad Incorporated (TKI) and Kutawato Greenland Initiatives Inc. (KGII) to discuss the study grant program for the decommissioned combatants.

#### **15. Meeting with TESDA Region 12**

On 19 September 2023, GPH TFDCC Secretariat held a meeting with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Region 12 to discuss the implementation of skills trainings and identify social preparation activities.

#### **16. Series of Courtesy Call for the Conduct of Re-engagement Activity**

On 20 September 2023 at PLGU Basilan; Al-barka Municipal Hall; and Zamboanga City, a series of Courtesy Calls were conducted to PLGU Basilan Gov. Hadjiman Hataman Salliman; Al-Barka Municipal Administrator Mahmod Kitabin; Zamboanga City Mayor John Dalipe and DSWD IX Regional Director in relation to the conduct of re-engagement activity for decommissioned combatants in their area of jurisdiction. On 20-22 September 2023 at Sitio Bakisung, Brgy. Cambug, Al-Barka, Basilan, a total of 709 Decommissioned Combatants were re-engaged in the Province of Basilan.



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

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



## ***Transitional Justice and Reconciliation***

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

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

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



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

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

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



A technical-level meeting with the DILG was held on 01 August 2023 at the OPAPRU Conference Room, Agustin 1 Building, Pasig City to share updates and discuss their deliverables to the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) Roadmap. The meeting was attended by DILG representatives from the Program Management Office on Preventing, Countering Violent Extremism (PMO-PCVE) and the Office of the Undersecretary for Mindanao Affairs and Special Concerns (OUMASC). The DILG's PMO-PCVE signified intentions to share its efforts on the Community-based Restoration and Reconciliation Program (CBRRP) which can be built on for the proposed development of a Community-based Reparation Program. Following are possible entry points across the pillars of the Dealing with the Past (DwP) framework that were also explored for consideration and further discussion by the concerned bureaus within the DILG and approval by the head of agency:

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

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

## 3. Exploratory Meeting on the Proposed Development and Rollout of Modules on Philippine and Bangsamoro History, the Bangsamoro Conflict/Struggle and Peace Processes which include Transitional Justice for the Bangsamoro Police.

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

Discussions were focused on the review of the Program of Instruction (POI) of the Philippine National Police Training Institute (PNPTI) for the Bangsamoro Police wherein the following topics were integrated as a result of several meetings with PNPTI

since 2021: History of the Mindanao Conflict; Bangsamoro Peace Process; Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB); Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL); Normalization; Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (MILF)/Transformation Program/Healing and Reconciliation (MNLF); Understanding the Culture of Peace and Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion; and, Understanding *Rido* and *Rido* Settlement.

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

Recommendations from the aforesaid SMEs include the following:

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

### ***Confidence-Building Measures***

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



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

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



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

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

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

On 08-16 July 2023 in Maguindanao del Sur, and Maguindanao Del Norte; 18-24 July 2023 in Lanao Del Sur, Lanao Del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay; and 26-31 July 2023 in North Cotabato and Basilan, the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities (TFDCC) together with the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) and Balay Rehabilitation Center (BRC) conducted the Community Sessions Promoting Self-care, Healing and War-to-Peace Mindset Transition for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities which benefitted 600 decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin.

The activity included a pre-activity assessment (including orientation of facilitators; group workshop for the historical timeline of major events in the community and focus

group discussion about community problems brought about by conflict and emergency situations; and key informant interviews with community leaders and duty bearers); courtesy call with local chief executives; and actual conduct of community sessions.

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



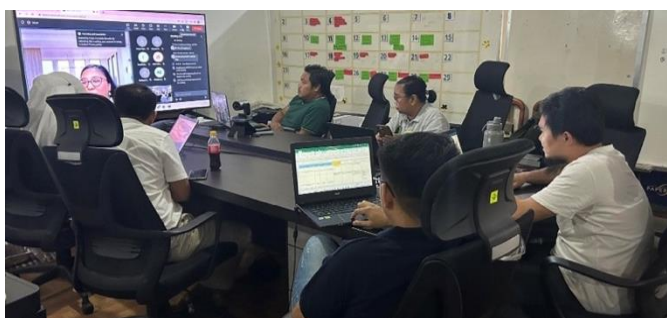
#### **4. Conduct of the 8th National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting**

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

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

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

On 11 July 2023 at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte the GPH JTFCT Secretariat represented by Ms. Rane Sinsuat and Mr. Bryan Arevalo met with Mr. Ever Abasolo, Consultant of World Bank under Bangsamoro Normalization



Trust Fund, Mr. Hadzer Birowa of Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue Operations Manager and Mr. Mohaimen Usman of MILF JTFCT Secretariat at OPAPRU Office in Awang, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte and discussed the update on the enhancement and formulation of the updated Camps Transformation Investment Program.

#### **6. Meeting with World Bank Transport Task Team.** On 12 July 2023 at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte the GPH JTFCT Secretariat represented by Ms. Rane Sinsuat, Mr. Bryan Arevalo, and Mr. Azeddin Ibrahim met with World Bank Transport Task Team via Zoom and discussed the Roads to Development - Farm-to-Market and Access Roads (R2D) Project as well as the criteria for the said project and list of proposed sites.

The R2D Task Team was led by Mr. Pratap Tvgssshkr, Senior Transport Specialist who was accompanied by Ms. Hope Arandela Gerochi, Infrastructure Specialist Mr. Clemens Portenlaenger, Senior Transport Specialist, and Mr. Ever Abasolo, BNTF World Bank Consultant. The meeting was also attended by Dir. Ismael Guamel, MAFAR Assistant to the Minister for Operations (Agriculture Sector) and Ms. Shaira Salik of MILF JTFCT Secretariat.

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

On 13 July 2023 at the OPAPRU Peace Room, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte the GPH JTFCT Secretariat represented by Ms. Rane Sinsuat, Mr. Bryan Arevalo, Mr.



Azeddin Ibrahim, and Ms. Soada Watamama met with PhilFIDA Region 9 OIC Regional Director Zabdiel Zacarias and discussed the proposed technical site visit in the identified areas for abaca production within the Camps Abubakar and Bilal. The next steps were outlined, including the coordination of site visits, scheduling of consultation sessions, and data collection activities.

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

The GPH JTFCT Secretariat facilitated the Coordination Meeting on Abaca Production Project in the MILF Camps via Zoom videoconference. The meeting aimed to brief all stakeholders about the objectives, expectations, and logistical arrangements for the technical site visit tentatively scheduled on 31 July to 09 August 2023. Detailed plans and schedules were discussed, including the roles and responsibilities of each participating group.



The meeting was attended by the Philippine Fiber Industry Development Authority (PhilFIDA) Region 9 OIC Regional Director Zabdiel Zacarias, Commander of the 1st Marine Brigade BGen Eric Macaambac, Commander of 2nd Mechanized Brigade BGen Anthon Abrina, Engr. Muhaimin Ali of MAFAR Maguindanao, JTFCT MILF Secretariat and Camp Coordinators of Camps Abubakar and Bilal.

## 9. Post Assessment Meeting on the Mediator's Training for Camp Badre

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

## 10. TFCT Assessment Planning & Team Building

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



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

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

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

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

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



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

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



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

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

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



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

15. **Meeting with the LGU Mayors in Barira, Maguindanao.** On 15 September 2023 at the 1st Marine Brigade, Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, EDir. Cesar De Mesa, GPH-JTFCT Co-Chair and Executive Director for the Bangsamoro Transformation, and Col. Joel Q. Mamon, CCCH/AHJAG Head Secretariat, visited the 1st Mechanized Brigade at Barira, Maguindanao del Norte to meet-up the LGU Officials and to follow-up on the requirements of these LGUs for the PAMANA Projects in the previously acknowledged Camp Abubakar. They had a meeting with the Municipal Mayors, Municipal Engineers and MPDC Officials in the municipalities of Pagalungan and Datu Montawal together with the Camp coordinators both from the GPH and the MILF. The accompanying JTFCT Staff were Mr. Azeddin Ibrahim, Ms. Soada Watamama and Ms. Cristal Joy Morante.
16. **Coordination Meeting between the Ministry of Health - BARMM and the OPAPRU.** On 12 September 2023 at the Ministry of Health-BARMM, BGC, Cotabato City, the JTFCT Secretariat, represented by Engr. Bryan Arevalo, participated in the Technical-Level Coordination Meeting between the Ministry of Health - BARMM and the OPAPRU

on the conduct of Ceremonial Turnover of the 6 RHUs in the MILF Camps with the Medical Caravan and PhilHealth Registration. Present in the meeting were Ms. Anisa Alonto Matuan, MPA, Chief of the MOH Planning Office, the Engineers in-charge of the Implementation of the RHUs of MOH-BARMM, Engr. Junsar Abduhasad and the TFDCC staff.



## **17. Pre- implementation Meeting of Infrastructure Project for Camp Abubakar and Camp Omar**

On 21 September 2023 at the Pagana Hotel, Cotabato City, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) organized a Pre- Implementation Meeting for the construction of projects in Camp Omar and Camp Abubakar, attended by the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFC), Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), Barangay Saniag LGU, and the Contractor, Plumbs Construction. Representing the GPH-JTFC Secretariat were Ms. Soada Watamama, the Focal Person for the UNDP Projects and Ms. Johora Guiaman, the Camp



Facilitator of Camp Omar. This activity is a part of the PROACTIVE Project, a two-year initiative co-funded by the European Union (EU) and UNDP with the goal of assisting the efforts of the camps to develop and to foster economic growth.

## **OTHER ACTIVITIES BY PROGRAM 1: GPH-MILF PEACE PROCESS**

### **1. Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training**

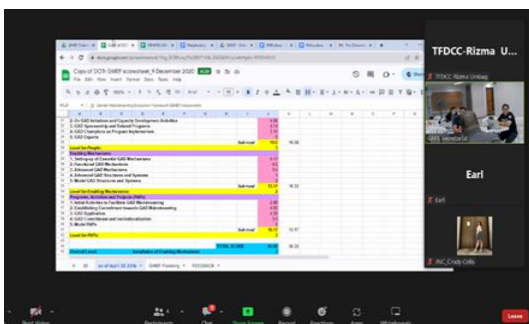
The Program 1 personnel participated in the Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training (GCST) workshop organized by the OPAPRU Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) on 17-19 July 2023 in La Union. The workshop focused on leveling off and evaluating the knowledge on gender and conflict sensitivity. The training program discussed sex and gender, manifestation of gender bias, gender and socialization, and spectrum of sexism based on lived realities. The second day focused on gender-based violence, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, and sex characteristics (SOGIESC), culture of peace and do no harm, and gender mainstreaming. The OPAPRU representatives also shared their thoughts and contributed some GAD-related insights during the workshop activities.

### **2. GAD Mid-Year Planning and Assessment**

On 19-21 July 2023 in La Union, Program 1 personnel participated in the 3-day Gender and Development (GAD) Mid-Year Planning and Assessment. The first day of the assessment focused on leveling off and evaluating the knowledge on GAD planning process and gender analysis. The OPAPRU presented the MILF PPO's

Accomplishments for the 1st Semester of 2023. During the second day of the assessment, the activity highlighted the challenges, actions taken, good practices, and learnings related to GAD. The last day of the assessment focused on the Harmonized Gender and Development Guidelines (HGDG) of projects that may be attributed to the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW). The OPAPRU presented the HGDG checklist for OPAPRU Program 1 projects in areas under armed conflict. Together with SHAPEO, the OPAPRU also evaluated the dimensions, results, pointers for improvement, and MOVs related to Program 1 projects.

3. **Women Insider Mediators-Rapid Action and Mobilization Platform (WIM-RAMP) Peace Dialogue.** On 12 August 2023 at the Pagana Kutawato Grand Hall, Cotabato City, Ms. Asmerah Lontua of the GPH TFDCC presented the GPH-MILF Process during the activity on Women Insider Mediators-Rapid Action and Mobilization Platform (WIM-RAMP) Peace Dialogue with Peace Partners and Stakeholders facilitated by UNDP and Bangsamoro Women Commission.
4. **Empowering Women as Peace Advocates: Building Resiliencies and Preventing Violent Peace Spoiler Recruitment by Strategic Communication and Capacity Building (SCCB).** On 15 August 2023 at the Holiday Inn Suites, Makati City, the OPAPRU participated in Empowering Women as Peace Advocates: Building Resiliencies and Preventing Violent Peace Spoiler Recruitment by Strategic Communication and Capacity Building (SCCB); held at the Holiday Inn & Suites, Makati. The said activity was a venue to analyze how gender biases have shaped the understanding of women in conflict, and how peace-building practices affects gender dimensions of peace spoiler propaganda targeting female audiences, and how peace spoilers exploit gender dynamics at the local level to recruit both men and women.
5. **Administration and Facilitation of Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment for the GAD Focal Point System-Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG).** On 12 September 2023, the Program 1 units in the OPAPRU joined the Initial Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment for the GAD Focal Point System-Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG) facilitated by the SHAPEO. The initial assessment was conducted on 17 August 2023 and was continued on 12 September 2023. The continuation focused on four key entry points such as Policy, People, Enabling Mechanism, and Programs, Activities, and Projects (PAPs).



6. **Specialised (Re)integration Training Course.** Dir. Wendell Orbeso of OPAPRU's MILF Peace Process Office, served as a trainer on the area of Political (Re)integration for the Specialized (re)integration training course, sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and organized by the Barcelona International Peace Center (BIPC) jointly with the Transition International (TI) of the Netherlands. The activity aimed to bring together global practitioners, policymakers, researchers, and donors to share experiences and develop a common understanding of possible and innovative approaches to re(integration). The OPAPRU also highlighted the Bangsamoro Peace Process to generate interest from countries and donors present.

## 7. Campaign on Promoting Community-Wide Culture of Peace and Nonviolence



On 11-13 July 2023 the JNC-GPH Secretariat was invited by the Nonviolent Peaceforce to give updates on the Normalization Program during the LGU-led Campaign on Promoting Community-Wide Culture of Peace and Nonviolence. The activity was a three-part Campaign for the barangays within Maguindanao del Sur and Maguindanao del Norte.

- 8. Mobilizing Local Expertise on Mediation Training.** In behalf of the GPH JTFCT Secretariat, Ms. Baimon Atong, Camp Facilitator for Camp Badre and Ms. Soada Watamama attended the Mobilizing Local Expertise on Mediation Training on 11- 13 July 2023 and on 24-26 July 2023 held at Sunrise Resort, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato, and EM Manor Hotel, Cotabato City. The training objective was to prevent, mitigate, and resolve conflicts through dialogue and mediation that supports and empowers the various sectors in the Bangsamoro, particularly in the six (6) previously acknowledged MILF camps. This activity is part of the DE-CONFLICT: Dialogue and Engagement in Communities to Foster Peaceful Camps Transformation Project by the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (HD).



## 9. EU Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Training Workshop

On 21 September 2023 at the Manila Peninsula Hotel, Dir. Wendell Orbeso presented the GPH-MILF Peace Process: Case Study on the Disengagement and Reintegration Programme for Former Rebels during the EU Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Training Workshop. The workshop aimed to allow representatives from national authorities and civil society who are non-P/CVE experts to enhance their understanding of P/CVE concepts and to provide methods, tools and approaches to design and implement P/CVE programming, to examine the Philippines' unique challenges and to explore the P/CVE models in a space of mutual exchanging learning experiences.

- 10. Peace Advocacy and Communication Workshop.** On 22 September 2023 via Zoom, Dir. Wendell Orbeso presented Updates on the GPH-MILF Peace Process during a workshop organized by Save the Children under their Enabling Atmosphere for Children and Youth Network for Peacebuilding Goals (SENANG) Project funded by the EU. The workshop aimed to enhance children and youth peace leaders' knowledge and skills in influencing state policies on children's participation in peace

processes and peace advocacy work, as well as design innovative peace advocacy strategies that promote active engagement, empowerment, and leadership opportunities for marginalized children. During the workshop, queries were raised by the participants on the following topics: a) Enactment of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code; b) OPAPRU actions relative to the upcoming Barangay Elections in October 2023; c) Amnesty for the MILF; d) Scholarships for MILF DCs and their next-of-kin; e) Economic Development for BARMM; f) Programs for orphans in the SPMS; and, g) Peace Education.

## 11. Virtual Exchanges between the Colombian Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN) and OPAPRU



The four-part activity was in relation to the project of the Colombian Embassy in Strengthening institutional capacities in reincorporation and normalization for former combatants in the Philippines, based on the Colombian experience. Its objective is to exchange knowledge, experiences, and best practices between Colombia and the Philippines in the reincorporation and normalization of former combatants to strengthen opportunities for sustainable development. The second meeting delved into the topics and exchanges on the income generation and economic sustainability, productive projects, access to lands/housing, and discussion on Socio-Economic Component of the Normalization Program. The third meeting were presentations on: 1) Psychosocial Interventions for the Decommissioned Combatants and Their Communities, and 2) Women Empowerment and Gender Approach in the Bangsamoro presented by Atty. Laisa Alamia, Chair, GPH TFDCC. The second part were presentations from Colombia on: 1) Community Reincorporation, 2) Psychosocial Attention and Family, and 3) Women Empowerment and Gender Approach. Lastly, the fourth and final technical meeting presented the Contributions for the Implementation of the Peace Agreement of the Colombia in Peace Fund (FCP), FCP's Structure, Open Government, Digital Transformation and Data Management for Peace, Multi-Partner Trust Fund, and Lessons Learned. On the other hand, the OPAPRU presented topics on the GPH-MILF Peace Process Resource Mobilization and Funding, Monitoring and Evaluation, and Challenges. There were also Q&A sessions at the end of the presentations.

## B. GPH-MNLF PEACE PROCESS

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

### *Security Component*

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

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

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



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

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



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

**4. Meeting with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for the Enrollment of Profiled MNLF combatants.** A videoconference was arranged for the OPAPRU and PSA officials. The participants included representatives from the central office, provincial offices in Basilan, Maguindanao, and Lanao del Sur, as well as their regional office in BARMM. During the



videoconference, the OPAPRU provided a comprehensive briefing on the Transformation Program and recent developments in the peace process. As part of their commitment, the PSA expressed their willingness to intervene in addressing delayed birth/marriage registration and enrollment to the Philippine Identification System (PhilSys).

5. **Meeting of the PAPRU with the MNLF Sema and Misuari Groups.** A meeting was held with the MNLF Leaders, attended by Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. with PA David Diciano and PA Wilben Mayor. Also present were representatives from the MNLF Sema Group, including Minister Muslimin Sema, Deputy Chief Minister Albakil "Thong" Jikiri, and MP Romeo Sema. Additionally, representatives from the MNLF Misuari Group, namely Deputy Minister Nur Ainee Lim, were also in attendance. The main objectives of the meeting were to discuss the MNLF Transformation Program, with a particular focus on the upcoming verification, validation, and profiling of the MNLF Combatants and their families. The meeting aimed to address the socioeconomic intervention of the government for the benefit of the MNLF Combatants.
6. **Conduct of the 4<sup>th</sup> Joint Management Committee Planning Meeting.** From 25-27 July 2023, the 4th Joint Management Committee meeting discussed the planning of the GPH MNLF for the upcoming verification, validation, and profiling of the MNLF Combatants and their families. The meeting objectives were as follows: 1) discussion of issues, concerns, and compliances regarding the initial list submitted by the MNLF Management Committee; 2) presentation and approval of the process flow for the verification process by the JBMAF and the profiling process by the OPAPRU; and, 3) presentation of the calendar of activities related to the verification and profiling process. During the meeting, both the GPH and MNLF reached a resolution outlining the necessary requirements to comply with the successful conduct of the profiling of the MNLF Combatants.



7. **Joint Verification Team and Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat Meeting.** On 04 August 2023, the JBMAF Secretariat convened the Joint Verification Teams (JVETs) to discuss the finalization of the Verification and Profiling process flow as well as the upcoming gun ban relative to the barangay election in October 2023. The meeting was presided over by Col. Noel Buncab PN (M) of the AFP Peace and Development Office.
8. **Consultation with the MNLF Leaders and Commanders in North Cotabato on the Revised Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms for the Security Component of the MNLF Transformation Program.** On 08 August 2023, the OPAPRU consulted MNLF Leaders and Commanders at MNLF Camp in Barangay Kilada, North Cotabato concerning the revised security arrangements in the Transformation Program. The consultation meeting aimed to brief the commanders accurately and laying emphasis on security in the Special Geographical Area. The next steps included spreading the program from 08-11 August 2023, representatives' submission to JBMAF by 11 August 2023, profiling MNLF Arms by 15 August 2023, and prioritizing camps for potential socio-economic efforts.



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

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



## 10. Agency Planning for the MNLF Transformation Program

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



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

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



### 13. Joint Verification Group Training

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



**14. Meeting with Eight Municipal Mayors of Basilan Province** On 17 August 2023, the JBMAF Secretariat and the OPAPRU met with Mayor Hanie Bud of Maluso; Mayor Talib Pawaki of Hadji Mohammad Ajul; Mayor Alkam Istarul of Tipo-Tipo, Mayor Alih Salih of Akbar; Mayor Asina Nanuh of Hadji Muhtamad while the LGU of Isabela; and Lantawan sent their representatives. The Mayors and representatives were briefed on the MNLF Transformation Programs specifically on the conduct of verification and profiling processes in the province.

### 15. Courtesy Call to Municipal LGU of Hji Mutahmmad

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

The Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT) conducted simulation exercises on the assembly areas and processing sites for the conduct of verification of MNLF firearms. Approximately 150 combined personnel from the AFP, PNP and the MNLF participated in the activity which was simulated in Akbar and in Tuburan Brgy Hall, Hji. Mohammad Ajul. Also in attendance were BGen Buenaventura Pascual (Ret) Security Sub-Committee Co-chair, EDir Cesar De Mesa, Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation, Col. Noel Buncab PN(M) of the AFP PPDO, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security MNLF Transformation Program.

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

The culmination of the verification of MNLF firearms and munitions was conducted in Maluso Brgy Hall, Maluso, Basilan Province. A total of 467 MNLF firearms were verified (stenciled and accounted) during the three-day verification of MNLF firearms and munitions. The aforementioned activity was graced by Maluso Mayor Hanie Bud, BGEN Buenaventura Pascual, LTC Abel Potutan, 64IB Battalion Commander, COL



Abdurahman Jhovel, JBMAF Co-Chair, COL Noel Buncab of AFP PDO, PLTC Heinrich Alafriz of PNP PPDC and Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security for MNLF Transformation Program. The entire conduct of the verification of MNLF firearms was conducted by the Joint Verification Groups (JVeGs) from the AFP, PNP, and the MNLF, a mechanism of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBDAF).

## ***Socio-economic Component***

### **1. Meeting with MSU Technical Working Group (TWG) Members in the Implementation of Community Projects in the Provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, and Sarangani**

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



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

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



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



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

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



**7. Courtesy Call to Basilan State University.** In relation to the collaboration between OPAPRU and Mindanao University Systems for the MNLF Transformation Program, involving socio-economic assessment and community processes in priority MNLF communities, the MSU-Sulu Institute of Peace and Development, led by Prof. Rashmie Estino, along with a team including Prof. Abdullah Mohamad, Prof. Altamir Alamudin, Prof. Mahmoudhar Hassan, and Prof. Radam Yusop, joined the OPAPRU for the visit to Basilan State College (BaSC) on 16 August 2023. They met with BaSC President Dr. Haipa Abdurahim-Salain, Faculty President Alsad Lahaman, Director for Extension Sadam Pasio, and other officials to discuss the upcoming collaboration between MSU and BaSC for the MNLF Transformation Program implementation in Basilan.

**8. Courtesy Call to Mayor Sittie Djalía A. Turabin-Hataman.**

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



**9. Initial Community Scanning to Seven (7) Priority Barangays in Basilan Province.** The OPAPRU along with the MSU Sulu Institute of Peace and Development Mindanao Sulu team led by Prof. Rashmie Estino, together with Prof. Abdullah Mohamad, Prof. Altamir Alamudin, Prof. Mahmoudhar Hassan, and Prof. Radam Yusop, embarked on a series of initial community scans in seven (7) priority barangays in Basilan Province from 16-19 August 2023. The barangays include Masola in Isabela City, Lubukan Hji. Muhtamad, Tuburan Mohammad Ajul, Lahi Lahi Tuburan, Semut Akbar, Boheh Piang Albarka, and Kuhun Albarka. The MSU-IPDM established connections with MNLF leaders and identified prevalent issues in these communities.



## 10. Conduct of Initial Community Scanning in Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani with Mindanao State University – General Santos

The OPAPRU MNLF PPO and MSU General Santos have conducted initial community visits in Brgy. Trans, Lebak and Brgy. Talok Odi Lumasal, Maasim, Sarangani to brief the MNLF Communities about the purpose of the community scanning in line with the activities set to be implemented under the Transformation Program. Prof. Mario Aguja and Chair Uttoh Salem Cutan gave their messages and called for active participation for these activities.

Additionally, the MSU and OPAPRU MNLF PPO team also met with Lebak Mayor Fredrick Celestial for a courtesy call and to orient him about the basic objectives of the activity and as well as the Transformation Program.



### ***Confidence-Building Measures***

#### **1. Conduct of the 9<sup>th</sup> National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Meeting**

The OPAPRU attended the 9th NAC Meeting. Updates were provided on the establishment of Local Amnesty Boards (LABs). Staff and Chairpersons for LABs in Sulu, Cotabato, and Basilan were identified, pending discussion and approval. Once finalized, it will be conveyed to OPAPRU. A fully constituted LAB in Isabela City, Basilan, had pilot testing, while one in Pagadian City was underway, hosted by Mayor Samuel Co. For Sulu, Commissioner Jamar Kulayan liaised with the Provincial Governor for a possible location in Maimbung, Sulu. Cagayan de Oro was also considered for the LAB.



- 2. Orientation of the LAB Members from Davao, Cagayan, and Cotabato.** The activity is hosted and facilitated by the National Amnesty Commission (NAC). Various participants from Cotabato, Cagayan, and Davao convened for a two-day workshop to undergo brief orientation on the NAC and LAB structure and functions. Further, the orientation also discussed formulating rules and regulations. The OPAPRU's participation in the NAC operations was also discussed, such as a potential meeting with the OPAPRU Peace Table Directors in October to align upcoming activities and participation of the NAC and OPAPRU in the said activities; list of peace table focals, and other requirements.

## **C. LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENTS (LPE)**

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

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

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

1. Provided technical assistance to three (3) provinces (Sorsogon, Camarines Sur, and Masbate) in developing their respective Provincial TP Plans that is responsive to the need of the Former Rebels (FRs) that reflects the four (4) components of the TP, as well as the projected timelines, and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the local plans of the provinces.
2. The five (5) Special Project Teams (SPTs) from Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, Zamboanga Peninsula, Bicol, and National Capital Region (NCR) participated in an orientation and planning activity. It served as an avenue for the SPT leaders and members to formulate their work and financial plan that contains the set of activities, timelines, and projected expenses for the remaining months of FY 2023. The plans aided them in organizing their work and identifying the competencies they need to develop so they can adeptly perform their tasks. The SPTs were established to serve as transformation agents in operationalization of the TP.
3. OPAPRU forged a partnership with the National Food Authority (NFA) for the prepositioning of rice assistance for former CTG rebels amounting to PhP 9,998,800.00 with 7,142 bags of 50 kgs. of rice. This endeavor is to provide initial confidence-building measure for the FRs and their families as part of the TP. To date, a total of one thousand one hundred fifty-four (1,154) sacks of rice were distributed to FRs in the target areas of the TP.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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



- **Coordination Meeting with PLGU Camarines Sur and MLGUs of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Camarines Sur and the 83<sup>rd</sup> IBPA Regarding the Conduct of LPE Track 1 and 2 Activities Relative to the TP | 7-11 August 2023**

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



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

- **Transformation Planning Workshop for the Province of Masbate**  
29 – 31 August 2023 | Villa Caceres Hotel, Naga City Camarines Sur

On 29 – 31 July 2023, a total of 75 representatives of RTF and PTF ELCAC and other key stakeholders converged at The Villa Caceres for the TP Planning Workshop for the Province of Masbate. Attendees collaborated to create a

comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the returning rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region. During the workshop, attendees engaged in discussions covering a range of topics, including the province's security situation, the progress of national and local peace initiatives, social preparations by concerned agencies, and other relevant areas related to the TP.

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



- **Transformation Program Planning Workshop for the Province of Sorsogon** | 05-07 September 2023 | Villa Isabel, Sorsogon City. Representatives of PTF and RTF ELCAC, former rebel group and other key stakeholders converged at Villa Isabel, Sorsogon for the TP Planning Workshop for the Province of Sorsogon held from 5 to 7 September 2023. Representatives of RTF and PTF ELCAC member agencies, and local authorities collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the former rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region.

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



## 2. Conduct of activities by the Special Project Teams (SPTs)

- **Special Project Teams NCR Planning Session**

3-4 August 2023 | OPAPRU Central Office, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Situation Room

Members of the SPT NCR convened to formulate action plans relative to their areas. With the guidance of Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisma, EDir. Susan Marcaida and MGen (Ret) Ariel Felicidadario, SPT NCR formulated activities to counter CPP/NPA/NDF activities in the targeted areas. Senior Usec. Purisma also provided guidance on the function and direction of SPT members and on the assessment of CPP/NPA/NDF movement and identifying possible activities in response. At the end of the activity, the SPT were able to submit their action plans for review.



- **Special Project Team (SPT) Orientation and Planning**

24-25 August 2023 | Discovery Suites Hotel, Pasig City

An Orientation and Planning Activity was conducted to serve as an avenue for the SPT leaders and members to formulate their work and financial plan that contains the set of activities, timelines, and projected expenses for the remaining months of FY 2023. The plans aided them in organizing their work and identifying the competencies they need to develop so they can adeptly perform their tasks. A total of 26 SPTs participated from the five (5) Regions in Luzon, Visayas, and Western Mindanao. During the activity, they were also capacitated on the key business processes and templates they will encounter as they go about the implementation of their plans.

## 3. Partnership with the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) and Philippine Information Agency (PIA) to Boost the National Government's Information Campaign on its Anti-Insurgency and Peacebuilding Efforts in the Country | 30 August 2023 | Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City



The OPAPRU has forged a partnership with the (PCO) and the PIA to boost the national government's information campaign on its anti-insurgency and peacebuilding efforts in the country. The partnership between OPAPRU, PCO, and PIA aims to increase the awareness of local journalists and government information officers in 13 target regions on the government's LPE and TP. In particular, the goal is to effectively communicate LPE and TP down to the grassroots level by creating a dynamic and adaptable communication system that is not only limited to disseminating vital information, but also

tailor fits key messages to various stakeholders, build the public's trust through collective endorsement, and counter misinformation.

The collaboration was formalized through a Memorandum of Agreement signed by Presidential Peace Adviser Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., PCO Secretary Atty. Cheloy E. Velicaria-Garafil, and PIA Director-General Jose A. Torres, Jr.



#### 4. Palawan's Unity for Peace and Transformation Program

20 September 2023 | Palawan Provincial Government Office

The Area Managers for Region IV-B and the OPAPRU's LPEO conducted a coordination and leveling off meeting in Puerto Princesa, Palawan. The meeting focused on the TP for FRs, their Families, and Communities, coupled with a site visit for the PAMANA Housing Project, aimed at uplifting the lives of former rebels and contributing to community growth. The meeting, attended by a representative of Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Palawan with key stakeholders from various sectors, served as preparatory activity prior to the TP Planning Workshop. The discussion included how to synergize efforts in implementing the TP and the housing project. Among the topics discussed is the stakeholders' role and roadmap in the success and sustainability of both the TP and the housing project. The meeting in Palawan highlighted the value of collective action in achieving peace and development. The engagement fostered enhanced collaboration among government agencies and stakeholders in line with effective and efficient implementation of the TP and the housing project.



#### 5. Distribution of assistance for 'Friends Rescued'



As part of confidence-building of former rebels, a total of 7,142 sacks of rice were procured from the National Food Authority (NFA) for the friends rescued in different areas in the country. This aims to provide immediate assistance for FRs towards reintegration into mainstream society. OPAPRU, through the AMUs, coordinated the rice distribution activities in focused areas. To date, a total of 1,159 FRs have

received sacks of rice: NCR – 5, Region II – 143, Region VIII – 308, Region IX – 208, and Region XI – 495).

## **Support to ELCAC Mechanisms and Program Management**

In continuous pursuit to refine and streamline the mainstreaming of the LPE and its TP, Program 3 performed several activities to continuously develop skill and capacities of the program's mechanisms as well as refine existing policies. Listed below are the series of activities:

- 1. Local Conflict Transformation (LCT) - Field Implementation Support Unit (FISU) Convention** | 24 – 25 July 2023 | Privato Hotel, Shaw Boulevard, Ortigas, Pasig City. On 24 to 25 July 2023, the OPAPRU, through the LPEO, spearheaded the convention of the Local Conflict Transformation (LCT) - Field Implementation Support Unit (FISU). The activity was graced by Cluster Heads of the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability, representatives of AMU - Northern Luzon, South Central Luzon, Eastern Visayas, and Eastern Mindanao, and the Director for Regions 10,11,12, and 13.

The participants reflected on the first semester accomplishments of the AMUs, taking stock of what was accomplished and learned, as well as the pressing issues encountered and corresponding recommendations. The TP



milestones and the operationalization of SPTs were also discussed to apply the actual practice of the AMUs on how the said subjects were designed.

It also served as a platform to reorient field officers on the business processes on finance, administration, human resource management, and feedback and response with the aim to improve efficiency and address recurring issues. Steps to integrate Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) were likewise discussed, geared toward improving the responsiveness of the program.

- 2. Revisiting the Strategic Directions of LPE and its TP through a Convergence Meeting among Regional Advisers on Peace and Security** | 03-04 August 2023 | OPAPRU Central Office 10<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Room

On 03-04 August 2023, the Regional Advisers for Peace and Security (RAPS) were gathered in a Convergence Meeting in the OPAPRU Central Office, Pasig City. The meeting served as an avenue to solicit inputs and recommendations from the RAPS to further develop and refine and updated the RAPS Terms of references, SPT involvement in LPE and its TP framework as well as the strategies to execute them.



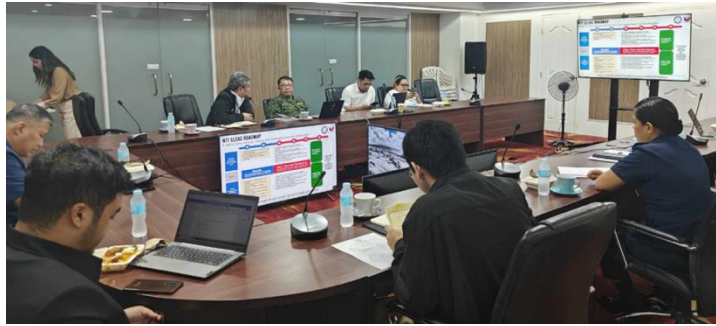
- 3. Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (ISAFP) Security Briefing for OPAPRU Executives and Directors** | 15 August 2023 | Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay City. On 15 August 2023, Program 3 facilitated the ISAFP Security Briefing for OPAPRU's Executive and Management Committee to keep them abreast on overall national security concerns.



#### 4. LPE Cluster Technical Working Group (LPE-TWG) Meeting

20 September 2023 | OPAPRU Central Office, Kapayapaan Conference Room

On 20 September 2023, the technical working group (TWG) of the LPE Cluster convened at the OPAPRU Central Office to discuss the direction setting and enhancements to the mainstreaming of LPE and its TP.



The meeting was hosted by OPAPRU and was presided by Mr. Rene Valera of the DILG. Representatives from the PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PNP-PPDC) - PMAJ Fredelin E. Francisco and PMSG Michael Dela Cruz, AFP Peace and Development Office (AFP- PDO) - CAPT. Ferdinand C. Buscato, Ms. Hannah Rose Manaligod of DSWD, Noel Kristoffer A. Boado of the Department of National Defense (DND), and Dir. Alexander Umpar of NTF-ELCAC attended the meeting. Among the topics discussed were the cluster's action planning workshop design relative to the scheduled NTF-ELCAC IMPLAN Formulation and revisions to the LPE guidelines with TP Planning Workshop. At the culmination of the meeting, attendees agreed on the action plan relative to the topics discussed.

#### **Other activities by Program 3: LPE**

1. **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** Currently, the program is in a pursuit to integrate and reflect GAD and WPS to all LPE and TP facilitation and program documents. As a commitment, a workshop-assessment session with SHAPEO was conducted to review the current stand of LPE program relative to its compliance to GAD and WPS. Result surfaced that TP activities by practice adheres to WPS and GAD, however the need to explicitly reflect it to reports, and other program documents need to be improved.

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

2. **Mainstreaming CSPP in LPE-TP Plans.** As part of the efforts in mainstreaming LPE and its TP at the local level, Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) orientation and discussion were part of the program design of the TP planning workshop conducted to five (5) PLGU partners. Peace partners were taught to make their plans CSPP-responsive in identifying their Program, Activities and Projects (PAPs). The 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.

#### **D. PEACE PROCESS WITH THE RPM-P/RPA/ABB AND CBA-CPLA**

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

Guided by the 2019 RPM-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN peace process roadmap and supported by the Transformation Program mechanisms, the implementation of the deliverables to the 727 members of the KAPATIRAN under the 2019 CID was sustained

for the 3rd Quarter of 2023. This is in line with the Government's commitment to lay the foundation for the continuous development, sustainable economic growth and peaceful living conditions for the RPM-P/RPA/ABB members, their families and their communities.

Major accomplishments were attained in terms of the interventions towards the continued monitoring, review and planning of the implementation mechanisms such as the Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), conduct of meetings with the partners in the academe for the capacity-building of KAPATIRAN Youth; use of the Social Welfare and Development Indicators (SWDI) Assessment of the KAPATIRAN members in Aklan; completion of the PDC and Congregated Sites in Western Visayas; monitoring and evaluation activities on Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) in Kabankalan, Himamaylan, Binalbagan and Cauayan in Negros Occidental.

Efforts for the continuation of the peace process with the Nilo Dela Cruz Group (NDCG) were also sustained through the conduct of consultation meetings with the Provincial Government of Iloilo and the NDCG.

Gender and Development mainstreaming activities were also sustained in Kabankalan, Cauayan, in Negros Occidental, which included GAD and Violence Against Women and Children (VAWC) Act orientation and three-day training on peacebuilding that benefited ninety (90) KAPATIRAN Chapter members and next-of-kin in Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental. Stakeholder's participation in the observance of the 2023 National Peace Consciousness Month were also demonstrated through the various activities conducted in Western Visayas in support of the comprehensive peace process, including the culmination activity inside the Kabankalan Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental participated in by at least sixteen (16) partners from the different LGUs, national line agencies, security sector and KAPATIRAN.

### ***Implementing Mechanisms Operationalized***

#### **1. Operationalization of the Transformation Mechanisms [Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), Socio-Economic Reintegration Cluster (SERC), Site Coordinating Teams (SCT)]**

The Kabankalan Site Coordinating Team (SCT) conducted its 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Meeting in Kabankalan, Negros Occidental on 18 August 2023. The meeting resulted in the following: review and finalization of the Three (3) Year SCT Plan, levelling off of SCT member agencies on their commitment to the KAPATIRAN and the Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site in Brgy. Locotan; discussion of the issues and concerns arising from the implementation of the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID); and finalization of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Celebration activities. The NPCM activities included a Medical Mission, distribution of Educational Assistance to the KAPATIRAN, MOA signing between KAPATIRAN and Department of Education (DepEd) relative to the Usufruct of the PDC Annex Elementary School Extension, Turnover of Site Development in Locotan PDC and inauguration of the completed Livelihood Center in the PDC Site.

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

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

2. **Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements.** During the courtesy call meeting held on 12 July 2023 between Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and AFP peace partners, particularly the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFP PDO) Chief Capt. Norsal Dimaporo PN and 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Brigade Commander Brigadier General Maynard G. Camarao, PA. Capt. Dimaporo reported on the progress of the Security Arrangement for the KAPATIRAN settlement sites through the Community Defense Units (CDUs). These include the anticipated graduation of CDUs undergoing training as CAFGU Active Auxiliary-1 (CAA-1) in October 2023, and the Transition and Sustainability Plan Fund to be approved by the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division Commander Brigadier General Marion Sison.
3. **Implementation of Interventions for the Transformation Framework** OPAPRU provided an orientation on the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda to the representatives of different LGUs of Iloilo and Antique at the Centennial Hotel in Iloilo City on 22 August 2023. The activity was aimed at providing orientation to the LGUs on the Community-Based Restoration and Reconciliation (CBRR) Program and the Five-Point Peace Agenda of OPAPRU. During the Plenary Session, the conduct of a Transformation Planning in Antique and Iloilo was raised to address issues and concerns in the interventions and harmonized Transformation Plan for insurgent returnees.

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

## ***Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members***

### **1. Livelihood and Employment**

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



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

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

## **2. Establishment of Settlement Sites**

A courtesy call meeting was held on 12 July 2023 between Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and AFP peace partners, particularly AFP PDO Chief Capt. Norsal Dimaporo PN and 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineer Brigade Commander Brigadier General Maynard G. Camarao, PA. The RCCO discussed the completion of Phase 1 of the Housing and Site Development project for RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG-KAPATIRAN, with 53 housing units awarded and site development completed in Ibajay, Aklan, Tanjay, Negros Oriental, and Kabankalan, Negros Occidental. Secretary Galvez requested continued support to complete the 393 additional housing units and site development in Panay and Negros Islands.



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

### *a) Ibajay PDC Settlement Site, Ibajay, Aklan*

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

### *b) Tanjay PDC Site, Tanjay, Negros Oriental*

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

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



*c) Kabankalan PDC Site, Kabankalan, Negros Occidental*

A site validation and consultation meeting with City Environment & Natural Resources Office (CENRO) Kabankalan was held at the Kabankalan PDC Site, Negros Occidental on 20 July 2023. The site validation and consultation meeting with CENRO Kabankalan addressed the following key agenda. First, a 1-hectare area survey was carried out for sugarcane production, aligned with the Muscovado Livelihood of KAPATIRAN-Kabankalan Chapter. Although not initially included in CRMF, it was noted that the sugarcane project could be revised to align with the Muscovado project. Land preparation for this endeavor will commence on 01 August 2023, guided by Central Philippine State University's (CPSU) expertise. Second, the proposed staking and survey of an additional 220-hectare area for the KAPATIRAN PDC Site expansion area are tentatively scheduled to be conducted by August to September 2023. Dialogue sessions with existing claimants in the area will be conducted after the survey. In the meeting's other matters, OPAPRU addressed concerns raised by the CDUs of Kabankalan Chapter. OPAPRU further discussed progress on the Kabankalan Site Development with the Company Commander of 542nd ECB, identifying the completion of such by August 2023 and turnover by September 2023, coinciding with the Peace Month Celebration.

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

The RCCO led the culmination activity of the 2023 National Peace Consciousness Month in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City on 29 September 2023 where three major activities were undertaken, namely: the turnover of completed Site Development in Kabankalan PDC Site in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental spearheaded by the 542<sup>nd</sup> Engineer Construction Battalion (ECB), groundbreaking of the Multi-purpose Building Project and inauguration of the completed Livelihood Center of KAPATIRAN Kabankalan Chapter. The initiative is under the Socio-Economic Reintegration Component of the 2019 CID, particularly the establishment of settlement sites as a strategy for economic mainstreaming. Participating agencies include the Provincial Local Government of Negros Occidental, Local Government of Kabankalan, Barangay Local Government of Locotan, DepED, DENR, TESDA, DILG, DSWD, CPSU, 47<sup>th</sup>

IB, 542<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Battalion, 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Battalion, PNP, Yusay Foundation and Lion's Club of Kabankalan. Officials present included Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Jose V. Lacson, 6<sup>th</sup> District Representative Cong. Mercedes K. Alvarez, 302<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade Commander Brig. Gen. Joey A. Escannillas, 53<sup>rd</sup> Engineering Brigade Commander Brig. Gen. Maynard G. Camarao, Office of the Schools Superintendent DepEd OIC Ms. Michell L. Acoyong, CESO VI, Brgy. Locotan Barangay Captain Zhar Wrigley Dayon and KAPATIRAN Kabankalan Chapter Chairperson Rudy T. Traso.



*Turnover of Ginger Production Center, Kabankalan, Negros Occidental, 29 Sep 2023*

#### *d) Iloilo Congregated Settlement Site*

On 07 July 2023, an External Appraisal was conducted for the proposed settlement site in Sitio Camansi, Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo, aiming to assess the land value of where the Iloilo Congregated Site will be established catering to 33 KAPATIRAN Members in Iloilo. The External Appraisal Team, comprised of representatives from the National Housing Authority (NHA), two (2) External Appraisers, OPAPRU, Community Defense Unit (CDU) members, and Municipality of Janiuay, Iloilo conducted a comprehensive inspection. The final assessment results are expected to be released before 31 July 2023, and the endorsed cost will be submitted for approval to NHA Central office. The appraisal findings will also be crucial in the forthcoming negotiations with the landowner, ensuring transparency and progress in the housing project. A meeting was held with the NHA-Region VI at the NHA Region VI Office, Iloilo City on 19 July 2023 to discuss the status of the shelter program for the KAPATIRAN in Negros and Panay Islands. The status of the proposed settlement sites in EB Magalona and Bago City, Negros Occidental under the community-based initiative approach was discussed. NHA and OPAPRU agreed to support KAPATIRAN members in organizing as a homeowners' association to meet the requirements for developing the EB Magalona Settlement Site. Further, updates on the land acquisition for the proposed Congregated Settlement Site in Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo were provided. The meeting was attended by NHA Regional Manager Hermes Jude Juntillo, Atty. Solinap, and Acht. Vergie Ramos, Milo Ibrado-JEMC, Edir Susana Marcaida - Head, LCT Cluster, and RCCO - Iloilo Field Office represented by Ms. Hennie Dionela.



*Meeting with the NHA-Region VI  
19 July 2023 | NHA Region VI Office, Iloilo City*

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

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

A site validation and consultation meeting of Provincial Environmental and Management Office (PEMO) with the KAPATIRAN-Cauayan Chapter Officers was conducted at the Cauayan Congregated Site in Cauayan, Negros Occidental on 21 July 2023. The Site Validation and Consultation Meeting between the PEMO and the KAPATIRAN Cauayan Chapter Officers focused on the discussion of geo-tagging the congregated site for the proposed tree planting activity and distribution of fruit-bearing trees by PEMO of Negros Occidental, as well as identifying activities where PEMO could support KAPATIRAN and the congregated site. The results revealed that PEMO allocated budget for seedling distribution in five (5) KAPATIRAN sites across Negros Occidental. KAPATIRAN identified a communal area for the proposed tree planting activity at the Congregated site, and individual members will receive four grafted fruit-bearing seedlings for planting in their respective areas. A demo/training on grafting propagation is scheduled for October 2023. Additionally, the PEMO plans to include a small watershed rehabilitation for the KAPATIRAN congregated site in the 2024 Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) Peace and Order and Public Safety (POPS) Plan, aligned with the proposed eco-tourism project of KAPATIRAN.

### **3. Community Peace Dividends**

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

The CPSU administered a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) among the officers and members of five (5) Sustainable Livelihood Program Associations (SLPAs), in Binalbagan (Brgy. Payao and Brgy. Biao) and Ilog (Canlamay, Balicotoc, Tabu), Negros South on 4-5 August 2023. The FGD is part of the M&E of SLPs in CPD Barangays of Negros South. The CPSU team was led by Dr. Angelie Rose Lumba, Head of Research and Development and assisted by four (4) technical Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) personnel. The SLPAs were assessed to establish a baseline on: (a) what project has been awarded and implemented, and (b) the current state or status of the project and its impact to the organization and individual members. The individual members were interviewed to obtain the demographic profile of respective SLPA. CPSU likewise identified activities to increase capacities of SLP members and strengthen their organization. The results of the monitoring and

evaluation activity and CPSU's recommendations for capacity-building interventions will be submitted to OPAPRU for possible funding of activities.



*Site Validation and Consultation Meeting with CENRO  
20 July 2023 | Kabankalan PDC Site*

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

The OPAPRU participated in the monitoring activity of the SLP projects in Binalbagan (Brgy. Santol) and Cauayan (Brgy. Inauayan and Linaon) on 12, 16 and 17 August 2023, in partnership with CPSU, DSWD, Cauayan LGU. The SLP Associations (SLPAs) that were monitored included Sitio Inapugan Farmworkers Association (SIFAWA), Inauayan Vendors Association (IVA), and Sojoton Linaon Small Association. CPSU administered individual interviews and Focus Group Discussions to assess the SLPAs as to organizational structure, management system, and impact of the project (individual/group). Intervention activities to further increase the capacities of SLPA officers and strengthen their organization were mapped out because of the activity.

### ***Peace Process with the Nilo Dela Cruz Group***

A consultation meeting was held with Provincial Administrator Raul Bantias of PLGU - Iloilo on 19 July 2023 to address the re-engagement with the Nilo Dela Cruz Group (NDCG). The meeting took place at the Iloilo Provincial Capitol wherein updates on the RPM-P/RPA/ABB peace process with the Tabara Paduano Group (TPG) now known as KAPATIRAN and the NDCG were discussed. The meeting resulted in the decision to arrange a meeting between the Office of the Provincial Administrator and the NDCG, to be facilitated by OPAPRU, to move forward with the said group's application for Amnesty.

OPAPRU led the continuation of peace dialogue with the Nilo Dela Cruz Group (NDCG) based on the 2000 Peace Agreement and 2002 Clarificatory Document at the Eon Centennial Hotel, Iloilo City on 15 September 2023. Present in the meeting were Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) official Mr. Milo S. Ibrado, Jr., Regional Adviser on Peace and Security Retired Major General Rene Glen Paje, Provincial Government of Iloilo representatives, RPM-P/RPA/ABB and CBA-CPLA Concerns Office (RCCO) headed by Dir. Christina Loren B. Umali, Western Visayas Field Office

Staff, Area Management Unit – Western Visayas. NDCG members were in attendance. The meeting focused on discussions concerning security issues and possible formulation of JEMC for the engagement with the NDCG.

#### Other activities by Program 4

- 1. Mainstreaming GAD** - an orientation-seminar on Gender and Development, Anti-Violence Against Women and Their Children (VAWC) Act of 2004 and Basic Governmental Processes was held at the Covered Court, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City on 21 September 2023. Aside from GAD and VAWC, the sixty (60) KAPATIRAN Women from Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters were oriented on Government processes and requirements on availing Local Government services such as medical and burial assistance, Solo Parent Program and Social Pension Program for Senior Citizens. Six kilos of rice and groceries were distributed by the Kabankalan LGU to the 60 KAPATIRAN women participants. The activity was part of the National Peace Consciousness Month celebration and was aimed at increasing the capacities and awareness of KAPATIRAN Women on GAD and Philippine laws that promote the protection of women and children, and for processes to access readily accessible Government services.
- 2. A Training Workshop on Short Film Documentation, Storytelling and Writing Production** with the KAPATIRAN Youth in Negros South (Negros Oriental, Kabankalan and Cauayan) was conducted at the Central Philippine State University (CPSU) Main Campus, Brgy. Camingawan, Kabankalan City on 20-22 September 2023. Thirty (30) KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin from Negros Oriental, Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters of Negros South underwent a Three-day training on Short Film Documentation, Storytelling and Writing Production held at CPSU Main Campus, Kabankalan City last 20-22 September 2023. Anchored on the Pillar 1 of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), the training workshop made possible the introduction to actively engage KAPATIRAN next-of-kin in peacebuilding activities and provided an avenue to develop their skills and strengthen their capacities in partnership with CPSU's Development Communication and Information Office (DCIO) and Radyo Muscovado 100.5 Sweet FM. Participating NGO Hope Builders Organization Negros Island Inc provided an orientation on Personal Development and Youth Empowerment as part of the program for the KAPATIRAN Youth, while some CPSU officials provided a tour of CPSU's Facilities on the first day of the training, namely: Muscovado Processing area, (2) Vermicast composting Area, Citronella Oil Processing Area, Bamboo Processing Area, and the Tagukon Agricultural Tramline project implemented by CPSU.
- 3. The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Unity Peace Ride Caravan 2023** was conducted in Kalibo, Aklan on 24 September 2023 in observance of the National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration. OPAPRU Western Visayas Field Office participated in the conduct of the "Unity Peace Ride Caravan 2023" organized by the Aklan Police Provincial Office Personnel, and participated in by seventeen (17) Municipal Police Stations, two 2 Mobile Force Company of Aklan under the direct supervision of P/Colonel Victorino Romanillos, Jr., as well as the Kalibo Bikers Rally & Brotherhood of Aklan Riders. The peace ride caravan participants expressed their voluntary support in the observance of the peace consciousness month and the promotion of a culture of peace.



4. The OPAPRU participated in the **conduct of the inter-agency consultation meeting relative to the crafting of the Indigenous Peoples Comprehensive Development Plan (IPD)** in Madalag and Libacao, Aklan on 15 August 2023. Present in the meeting were representatives of DENR, DOH, AFP PA, PNP, OPAPRU, PLGU-Aklan, LGUs of Libacao and Madalag, NCIP-RO6, and IP/ ICC /IPOs from Madalag and Libacao. Follow-through activity is tentatively scheduled on the first week of September 2023 at the Aklan Training Center, Brgy. Old Buswang, Kalibo.

## **E. SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING**

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

The program supported the Marawi recovery efforts and promoted gender and social inclusion. It closely collaborated with 18 external stakeholders to advance peace and security, gender equality, women's rights, and community development.

SHAPEO has been actively working to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism. It contributed to the development of the Implementation Plan and strengthened its partnerships with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism - Project Management Office, and the Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center. SHAPEO engaged with various stakeholders, such as RUSI Europe and the Department of Education. Moreover, aligned with its Healing and Reconciliation (H&R) thrust, SHAPEO played a vital role in supporting the Marawi recovery efforts and is consistently developing the H&R Program for Lanao del Sur and Basilan. Additionally, the organization conducted a dialogue with Indigenous Peoples representatives from Cabadbaran, Agusan del Norte in the Cebuano language, using the Conflict-Sensitive and Peace Promoting (CSPP) approach.

SHAPEO has successfully implemented gender and social inclusion activities in collaboration with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Technical Working Group of the National Steering Committee on Women's Peace and Security. It has proposed and received affirmation for the Everyday Peace Indicators of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security. Additionally, it has provided resources and training to promote Gender, Peace, and Security while embedding CSPP. Within OPAPRU, it facilitated the Conduct of the Gender and Development Mid-Year Assessment and Planning, the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework Assessment, and the Reconstitution of the Gender Focal Point System.

### ***Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Former Violent Extremists Communities***

1. **Contributed to the Development of the Implementation Plan of the National Action Plan-Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE) Community-Security, Justice and Peace (SJP) Cluster.** The OPAPRU, through SHAPEO, contributed to the development of the Cluster Implementation Plan of the NAP-PCVE Community-Security, Justice, and Peace (SJP) Cluster. The event took place on 8-10 August 2023, and was attended by technical personnel



from various National Government Agencies (NGAs), moderated by DILG, which leads the implementation of the NAP PCVE in the Philippines. The Implementation Plan identified interventions based on the programs, projects, and activities that are currently being implemented in several NGAs. The primary programs of OPAPRU that contribute to the whole-of-government approach to PCVE include the localization of NAP-PCVE in the BARMM ministries and LGUs, implementation of the peace agreements in various peace tables, normalization/transformation programs for former armed groups, and social healing and peacebuilding, and PAMANA.

The SJP Implan is still in progress and a cluster meeting is required to identify interventions where agencies can converge their efforts.

## **2. Strengthened networking with the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism – Project Management Office (PCVE-PMO) on PCVE Program and Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center (ATC-PMC).**

On September 6, 2023, OPAPRU, represented by the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Executive Director and SHAPEO, met with the DILG PCVE-PMO to discuss the convergence of PCVE implementation across both departments. The focus of the discussion was on the Rehabilitation and Reintegration Programs for former rebels and violent extremists.



During the meeting, the agencies presented their implementation plans for the NAP PCVE. Additionally, a briefing was given on the Community-Based Restoration and Reconciliation (CBRR) Module, which was recently rolled out in the local government units. Other initiatives of the DILG were also discussed. The OPAPRU is considering providing support to the CBRR under SHAPEO's CSPP capacity building program and the agency's transformation program.

The DILG provides the leadership and is responsible for implementing the NAP PCVE intervention programs throughout the government. These programs aim to address political, economic, cultural, psychosocial, and religious factors of radicalization that lead to violent extremism. The OPAPRU is a member of the NAP PCVE working groups, including the sub-clusters on the following vulnerable groups: Community and Learning Institutions, and the following cabinet clusters: Participatory Governance, Human Development and Poverty Reduction, and Security, Justice and Peace.

In a subsequent event during the courtesy call of Undersecretary Abraham A. Purugganan of the ATC-PMC with the PAPRU on September 22, 2023, he emphasized the role of ATC-PMC in harmonizing all counter-terrorism programs of the government and evaluating program progress.

The meeting discussed the need to prioritize the assessment of the situation in the BARMM region, particularly the rehabilitation of Marawi City, which may affect the upcoming BARMM Election. To mainstream peace education in conflict-affected communities, OPAPRU can visit schools. Peace education will be incorporated into all curricula, and schools will be designated as "zones of peace."

- 3. Engaged with different stakeholders on PCTVE for capacity building and networking.** The SHAPEO took part in the EU Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (P/CVE) Training Program organized by RUSI Europe<sup>1</sup> under the European Union on September 20-21, 2023. The program brought together P/CVE practitioners from various government agencies, academia, and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) to discuss topics related to violent extremism (VE), including the situation in the Philippines on violence and terrorism, cross-border collaboration with Malaysia and Indonesia to combat VE, gender in P/CVE interventions, EU and international strategies and approaches, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E), and the GPH-MILF Peace Process, with a case study on Disengagement and Reintegration.

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



*Participants during the PCVE Training Program*

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

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

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

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

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<sup>1</sup> **RUSI Europe** is an international research institute, independent of government, and is committed to objectivity, integrity and impartiality in all of its work

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



*During the Asset-Based Community Development (ABCD) Activities*

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

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

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

### ***Dialogue and Resolution of Issues***

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



*During the CSPP Discussion of the 14 IP representatives from Agusan del Norte.*

## **Gender and Social Inclusion**

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

Series of meetings with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the co-chair of OPAPRU in the NSCWPS, on 13 July and 06 September 2023 were conducted in preparation for the activities related to the updating of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS). OPAPRU represented by Executive Director Susana Marcaida and SHAPEO personnel met with the PCW led by Atty. Kristine Rosary E. Yuzon-Chaves to also discuss the WPS in ASEAN, specifically, the Regional Plan of Action (RPA) and the ASEAN Institute of Peace and Reconciliation (AIPR) Advisory



*During the OPAPRU and PCW Co-Chair Meeting on 06 September 2023.*

Board's roadmap on Peace and Reconciliation and to explore opportunities for levelling-off of the alignment of the strategic directions and engagements within the ASEAN, as well as the WPS Global Focal Network. The operationalization of the PCW-OPAPRU (then OPAPP) JMC 2014-01, including the general roles of the of the NSCWPS, and the specific roles of PCW and OPAPRU was also revisited. This explored the use of the Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring System (GMMS) in terms of extracting the GAD Budget allocation and utilization within the implementation period of the NAPWPS 2017-2022, identify success stories and best practices, and initiate their documentation.

Areas of proactive collaboration in relation to the review of the GAD Budget allocation and utilization of the NSCWPS in their implementation of the NAPWPS 2017-2022 were also identified. Other matters discussed were the ASEAN Commission on Women arrangements for PCW and OPAPRU; the inclusion and participation of the PCW Northern Mindanao Office and the Regional Gender and Development Councils in the formulation and implementation of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace

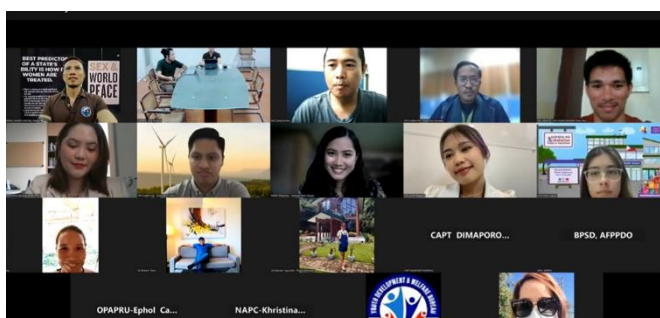
and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033; and possible enhancements on the monitoring and evaluation of WPS Initiatives of National Government Agencies. In addition to these, OPAPRU and PCW agreed on dates to conduct consultations in pursuit of finalizing the NAPWPS 2023-2033. On September 21, 2023 the NAPWPS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



*Members of the National Steering Committee on Women and Peace and Security*

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

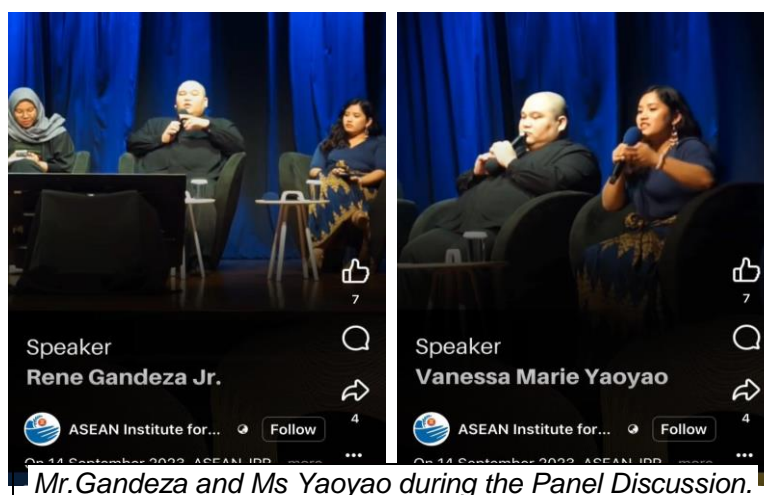
2. **Affirmation of the Everyday Peace Indicators of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) by the Multi-Stakeholder Consultation Meeting.** During the 15th Multi-stakeholders Consultation Meeting on August 31, 2023 via virtual conference, the inputs to the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033 were discussed. The proposed Executive Order on the creation of the National Steering Committee on Youth Peace and Security (NSCYPS) was also presented, along with the Everyday Peace Indicators to the Action Points which was affirmed. Attendees included various national government agencies, non-governmental and civil society organizations, international partners, members of the academe and other stakeholders involved in the drafting of the NAPYPS. It was agreed that the entire document will be routed to Multi-stakeholders for their approval. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss forthcoming events for Youth, Peace, and Security, including the Youth, Peace, and Development Summits in Lucena, Marawi, and Maguindanao. Furthermore, they talked about the Regional Consultation Meeting with the Bangsamoro Youth Commission for the Regional Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security (RAPYPS).



*Online Participants during the Multi-Stakeholder Meeting of the NAPYPS.*

**3. Engaged with the ASEAN Institute on Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN IPR) as Speaker at the ASEAN IPR Discussion Series 2023: Lessons Learned in Developing National Action Plan (NAP) on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS).**

On September 14, 2023, the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation collaborated with the Embassy of the Netherlands in Jakarta to commemorate the International Day of Peace. The event focused on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS) and included a panel discussion and a simulation.



The purpose of the activity was to encourage youth engagement and participation while sharing experiences and learning in the development and implementation of the Philippine National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS). OPAPRU through SHAPEO and Ms. Vanessa Marie Yaoyao, one of the writers of NAPYPS, participated and provided recommendations to other ASEAN countries on how they can develop their own NAPYS. After the Peace Education Summit on September 27, 2023, OPAPRU and the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) representatives met with the ASEAN IPR. The agencies discussed possible areas of collaboration, including a Women, Peace and Security focused event in Manila with Philippine representatives to UN Women.

**4. Strengthened collaboration with the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO) through the Peace Symposium 2023**

The Peace Symposium 2023 was conducted by the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO) in partnership with OPAPRU and the Philippine National Police (PNP). The event aimed to recognize the contributions of various peacebuilding actors toward conflict resolution and the promotion of positive peace within domestic and international contexts. The theme of the activity was “The Synergy of Peacebuilding Actors in Sustaining the Gains of Peace”.

During the symposium, four speakers presented on different topics related to peacebuilding. The first presentation focused on the regional peacebuilding perspective, with the case of Indonesia, Philippines and Thailand as examples. The second presentation was on the topic of gender equality and its role in achieving sustainable peace. The third presentation highlighted the importance of youth and civil society organizations in peacebuilding, while the fourth presentation discussed the crucial role of interfaith religion in promoting harmony across faiths.



The event was attended by representatives and executives from various offices and units in OPAPRU, as well as SHAPEO personnel. The PAPRU also attended the symposium and delivered a message of support to all the peacebuilders and peacemakers from government, CSO, and other stakeholders.

### **Other Program 5 Activities**

#### **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS**

The SHAPEO made significant progress in promoting and mainstreaming Gender and Development and Women, Peace and Security to both external stakeholders and internal to OPAPRU.

- 1. The SHAPEO served as Resource Persons to 3 agencies in promoting knowledge and mainstreaming Gender, Peace and Security.** On July 12, 2023, a lecture and short workshop were conducted to provide technical support to the Philippine National Police - Directorate for Police Community Relations (PNP-DPCR) regarding Gender, Peace, and Security. The main topic of the workshop was the drafting of the PNP Agency Specific Action Plan (ASAP) on Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) for 2024. The workshop was held at Camp Crame in Quezon City and was attended by 35 female and 25 male PNP personnel from headquarters, as well as 20 female and 45 male PNP staff from the regional police offices who joined the event virtually through videoconference. Similarly, a lecture-presentation on Gender, Peace, and Security was conducted by SHAPEO on 25 July 2023 via videoconference for the Pre-Departure Orientation Seminar (PDOS) Batch 3-2023 of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). The orientation was aimed at educating departing migrant workers about work standards, the general profile of the country of destination, stages of an OFW's life abroad, health and safety, travel tips, airport procedures, and government programs and services. The event was attended by 42 participants. Furthermore, Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, along with two SHAPEO personnel, participated in the Department of National Defense Gender and Development (GAD) Executive Briefing for Third Level Officials on September 15, 2023, at the DND Building, Camp General Emilio Aguinaldo, Quezon City. The event was attended by DND Third Level officials led by Senior Undersecretary Irineo C. Espino.

The briefing contributed to the DND's capacity to effectively advance the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) Agenda by utilizing their role as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NSCWPS) and in their operations through operationalizing the NAPWPS (National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security) Pillars in their interventions and programs. This, in turn, will contribute to the Department's critical role in updating the fourth generation of the NAP. Executive Director Marcaida, in her presentation, discussed the following subjects to increase the awareness, appreciation, and support of the agency's top officials on gender and NAPWPS mainstreaming:

1. Provided a brief background on NAPWPS and the status of the ongoing updating of the 2023-2033 NAPWPS.
2. The DND's role as a key agency in the Women, Peace, and Security sector, particularly as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security.
3. Presented ways forward in strengthening the DND's institutional capacity on WPS and its involvement in the crafting and implementation of the NAPWPS and identifying areas for collaboration.

In another occasion, on September 26, 2023, SHAPEO conducted a lecture on the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework for the Office of Air Force Gender and Development (OAFGAD) during the PAF Gender and Development Assembly CY 2023. The purpose of the lecture was to raise awareness and commitment to Gender and Development among the PAF GFPS and GFPC Members of all PAF Units, promoting a culture of inclusivity and equality.



## **2. OPAPRU Personnel completed the First Batch of the Annual Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training (GCST)**

The SHAPEO facilitated the Annual GCST for all units and mechanisms to fulfill OPAPRU's commitment to gender-responsive programming as well as enhance the capacity of the workforce to address gender-related issues. Attended by 20 OPAPRU personnel, the training covered key topics such as understanding the concepts of gender and conflict sensitivity, analyzing the impacts of conflict on women and other marginalized groups, promoting women's participation in decision-making processes, and integrating gender perspective into conflict transformation programs. After completing the training, the participants are expected to actively contribute to the planning and execution of their respective Program's GAD and WPS initiatives.



## **3. Facilitated the Conduct of the Gender and Development (GAD) Mid-Year Assessment and Planning**

During the GAD Mid-Year Assessment and Planning for FY 2023, 14 members of the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) attended with the aim of improving OPAPRU's performance in the implementation of its projects and activities related to GAD, women, peace, and security. The GFPS evaluated their respective programs by completing the Mid-Year GAD Assessment Pre-work, which they presented and discussed.

The assessment and learning from the GAD and WPS implementations during the first semester provided valuable input for planning the remaining activities to be executed in the second semester, including the activities that were not carried out during the first semester.

## **4. Facilitated the Conduct of the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment of the OPAPRU.** In order to promote gender mainstreaming in the OPAPRU's four areas of focus, namely people, policy, enabling mechanisms, and PPA, the SHAPEO-WPS, in collaboration with the Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System's Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG), organized and facilitated the Gender Mainstreaming Evaluation Framework (GMEF) Assessment on 17 August and 12 September 2023.

During the assessment, OPAPRU received a score of 17.52 for the Policy Entry Point of the GMEF Tool, which indicates a Level 3: GAD Application. This score is a significant improvement from the 2016 baseline score of 14.17, which was at Level 2: Installation of Strategic Mechanisms.

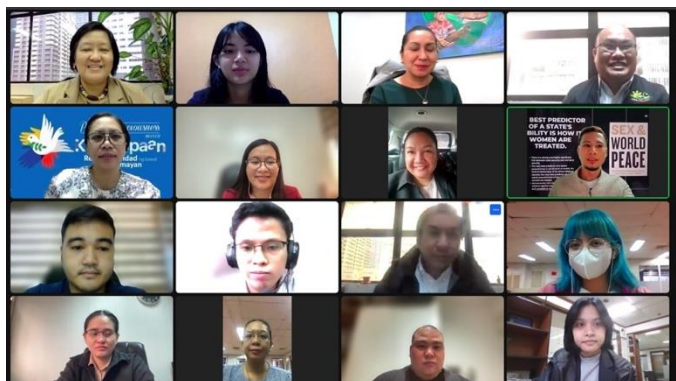
The second session was dedicated to completing the remaining entry points, which are People, Enabling Mechanisms, and Programs and Projects (PAPs). OPAPRU's overall GMEF score for 2017 to 2022 is 77.41, which is at Level 3: GAD Application and represents a considerable improvement and in the upper percentile compared to the previous score. The GFPS will be collating Means of Verification (MOVs) to support the initial scores assigned to each Entry Point. Once the MOVs are collected, the GMEF Assessment will be presented to the GFPS Executive Committee for approval and then forwarded to the PCW for validation. The administration of the GMEF tool was facilitated by Atty. Mylen Gonzales-Esquivel, who is the Executive Director of Children Study Center at Miriam College and a pioneer member of the Philippine Commission on Women National GAD Resource Pool (PCW-NGRP). The GMEF organizational assessment will cover the period from 2017 to 2022, as the baseline report of OPAPP was in 2016.



*Session with Atty. Esquivel on GMEF Assessment.*

##### **5. Facilitated the Reconstitution of the OPAPRU Gender Focal Point System (GFPS) and conduct of the first Executive Committee Meeting.**

As part of its mandate and commitment to ensure gender mainstreaming in the OPAPRU, the GFPS Executive Committee (ExeCom), through the GFPS Secretariat, convened the members of the ExeCom on 04 September 2023 to update the body on the status of GAD and NAPWPS implementation and harmonize all efforts with the strategic objectives of the agency in support to the peace process. The meeting was presided by EDir. Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LTCPS) and Head of the GFPS ExeCom. The agenda of the said meeting included the proposed amendment to Office Order on the Reconstitution of the GFPS, the initial GMEF Assessment on Policy Entry Point, Calendar of GAD and WPS-related Activities, and other matters. Pursuant to PCW MC 2011-01, the Executive Director reiterated the need to convene the GFPS and amend the previously issued Office Order to clarify the roles and responsibilities, composition and structure of the GFPS to enable it to function as a mechanism for catalyzing and accelerating gender mainstreaming in support of the peace process.



## **F. Program 6: P Ayapa at M Asaganang PamayaNAn Program.**

### **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 and bilateral coordination meetings with implementing partners to discuss both the physical and financial progress of project implementation and address project implementation issues as needed.

#### **1. Ceremonial signing of Memorandum of Agreement between the OPAPRU and Mindanao State University (MSU) system**

In order to facilitate the implementation of the PAMANA Projects under Special Provisions of the General Appropriations Act of Fiscal Year 2023, for the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Peace Process, the OPAPRU and the Mindanao State University (MSU) System witnessed a ceremonial signing for the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) amounting to PhP 158,250,000.00 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). In the twenty-five priority barangays of MNLF in the Provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, and North Cotabato, the MSU shall promote community processes, project execution, and monitoring. The MSU system must carry out profiling and data collection of confirmed and verified MNLF combatants. Capacity-building, monitoring, assessment, accountability, and learning are also included.

#### **2. Inauguration of Samar Pacific Coastal Road (SPCR) project in Laoang, Northern Samar**

Secretary Manuel M. Bonoan of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) invited the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity to attend the Inauguration Ceremony of the Samar Pacific Coastal Road (SPCR) in Palapag, Northern Samar last July 14, 2023. The SPCR Project was funded by the Government of Korea (GOK) under the Korea Export-Import Bank Economic Development Cooperation Fund (KEDCF) Loan Agreement No. PHL-14 and Government of the Philippines (GOP). The ceremony marks the opening to the public of the 11.607-km road, including 3 bridges to link the so-called “Pacific Towns” and eventually establish a circumferential road loop of Samar Island. The circumferential road will serve as the final link to the connectivity of road networks from the Province of Eastern Samar to Northern Samar.

#### **3. Talakayan: Policy Forum and Workshop on Upholding the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons**

The PAMANA-NPMO participated in the “Talakayan: Policy Forum and Workshop on Upholding the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs)” organized by the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Victims of Disasters Calamities (VDC). The NAPC-VDC invited speakers from various government agencies and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to discuss the current policy situation and programs for IDPs in the country. The NAPC-VDC and UNHCR advocated for the enactment of policies and programs specifically designed to address the concerns and situations of IDPs. A UNHCR Protection Officer emphasized the importance of having a national policy for IDPs, as it is a concern that affects all people regardless of their current status. Government agencies such as the OPAPRU, DSWD, and DOLE were able to discuss their current programs that provide assistance to vulnerable sectors of society, including IDPs. The PAMANA-NPMO represented the OPAPRU to discuss the peace process, peace-building initiatives, and socio-economic development in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas in the country.

#### 4. Peace Investment Budget of OPAPRU for FY 2024

On 26 September 2023, the House of Representatives (HOR) approved the proposed 7 billion worth of socio-economic and peace-building initiatives under the FY 2024 Budget. The projects are intended for the implementation of various programs and projects in peace agreement areas, Bangsamoro areas as well as conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas in the country.

Of the PhP7 billion budget for FY 2024, PhP5 billion of which were allocated and programmed for the implementation of the PAMANA Program. The PAMANA Program budget shall be implemented in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas as endorsed by the different OPAPRU Peace Tables. The approval of the OPAPRU budget including the PhP5 billion for the PAMANA Program reflects and emphasizes the need to sustain the gains of the whole-of-nation approach of the government in attaining just and lasting peace.

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

Date	Activity	Venue
August 14-20, 2023	Project monitoring visit of road projects in the province of Masbate under the FY 2022 PAMANA-OPAPRU program	Province of Masbate
September 3-5, 2023	Rapid assessment of proposed housing projects in Camps Bilal, Munai, Lanao del Norte	Camp Bilal, Munai, Lanao Del Norte
September 13-15, 2023	Site validation of proposed housing projects for former rebels	Province of Palawan

As a result of the project monitoring visit of road projects in the province of Masbate, the joint monitoring team certifies that out of the 8 projects, four (4) project areas were 100% physically completed and the remaining four (4) projects were 50% physically completed. Furthermore, the conduct of the rapid assessment of the proposed housing projects focused on the review and finalization of the camp transformation plan/master development plan of the Camp Bilal with the presence of Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament Member, Abdullah Macapaar. Said comprehensive plan shall provide alleviation interventions to the decommissioned combatants and their affected communities.

As to the site validation of proposed housing projects for former rebels in the province of Palawan, only twenty (20) applicants are approved out of the total eighty-four (84) applicants for the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) due to lacking documentary requirements and available land. As a result of the joint monitoring assessment, it was found that the proposed land for the housing project of the former rebels is contested by a group of indigenous people as their ancestral land. There is a need to resolve the existing dispute concerning the area or look for other available lands.

#### PAMANA PROJECT TURN-OVER

1. **Preparatory activities for the mass turnover of completed FY 2017 and FY 2018 PAMANA-DPWH PROJECTS in CARAGA region.** In preparation for the mass Turn-Over of completed FY 2017 and FY 2018 PAMANA-DPWH Projects in Caraga Region, the OPAPRU, in collaboration with the PAMANA-NPMO and Area Management Office - Eastern Mindanao, conducted joint project inspections and coordination meetings with

the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Agusan del Norte and City Local Government Unit (CLGU) of Cabadbaran, involving the Security Sectors.

Ten (10) roads and bridge projects, totaling PhP 1.440 billion, were completed across four provinces in the CARAGA Region. These projects were successfully carried out through the partnership between OPAPRU and the Department of Public Works and Highways – Regional Office XIII (DPWH RO XIII). These projects, comprising two farm-to-market roads, five roads with bridges, two roads, and one road rehabilitation, were initially funded in 2017 and 2018 under the PAMANA Program, spanning the Provinces of Agusan del Norte, Agusan del Sur, Surigao del Norte, and Surigao del Sur. The completion of these infrastructure projects has had a significant impact on the lives of CARAGA Region residents, particularly those in remote areas, by enhancing access to essential goods and services, ensuring prompt delivery of commodities, improving connectivity, and ultimately enhancing their overall quality of life.

## **2. Preparatory activities for Project turnover of completed FY 2020 PAMANA projects in Region 4A**

The OPAPRU, in close coordination with the PAMANA-NPMO and Area Management Office for Southern Luzon (AMO-SL), conducted joint project monitoring and final inspection visits for FY 2020 PAMANA Projects in the Municipalities of Rosario and San Juan, Batangas. This activity ensured the readiness and completeness of projects slated for turnover to the beneficiary communities in Barangay Leviste, Rosario, and Brgy. Bulsa, San Juan, Batangas, during the National Peace Consciousness Month celebration in September 2023. These projects include the construction of Day Care Centers, implemented by the Local Government Units (LGUs) of Rosario and San Juan, Batangas.

## **TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY MECHANISMS**

The PAMANA-NPMO conducted Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Planning and PAMANA Program Orientation for the representatives of the Manobo and Mamanua tribes located in Brgy. Puting Bato, Cabadbaran City, Agusan del Norte.

The participants were oriented on how the Philippine comprehensive peace process is conducted between the different peace tables and the Government, its commitments, and its milestones throughout the years. The conduct of the basic CSPP Planning and Orientation has also given insight to the participants on how peace workers and advocates conduct themselves to be conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting involving whole of society and empowering the youth and women.

The participants also underwent the PAMANA basic orientation which involved a discussion on the history of the program, how it works, and how the projects are implemented resulting in strengthening the partnership of the community with the OPAPRU and the Government bringing further collaboration and active participation and involvement of communities in the comprehensive peace process.

## **G. Peace Education and other Program 8 interventions**

For the 3rd Quarter, KMPIS provided support and conducted major deliverables for external and internal peace partners and stakeholders. The activities conducted for the third quarter are aligned with the refreshed strategic roadmap and scorecard of KMPIS. The following activities were conducted and outputs produced:

1. Conduct of the Online Learning and Reflection Session on Future Proofing Peace Education through Effective Cybersecurity Measures in the Academe (23 August 2023)

2. Conduct of the 2nd National Peace Education Summit with the theme, “Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines” (25-28 September 2023)
3. OPAPRU Participation to the ASEAN-IPR University Tour 2023 at the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta (18 August 2023)
4. Facilitated OPAPRU Participation to the Discussion Series on “Lessons Learned in Developing a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security” jointly organized by ASEAN-IPR and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands (14 September 2023)
5. Shortlisting and Panel Interviews of the Final Nominees for the Gawad Kapayapaan Peace Partner Champions (19 July 2023 & 1<sup>st</sup> Week of August 2023)
6. Conduct of the Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Awards as part of the Culminating Activities of the National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration (29 September 2023)
7. Crafting of the KAPAYAPAAN Newsletter for July, August, and September Content (July-September 2023)
8. Provision of Technical Assistance to various Programs on the development and operationalization of the RDE Agenda 2023-2028 (July-September 2023)
9. Crafting and Approval of the Research, Documentation, and Evaluation (RDE) Agenda 2023-2028 (07 September 2023)
10. Conduct of the 3<sup>rd</sup> OPAPRU Peace Research Conference 2023 (07-08 September 2023)
11. 988 internal and external library clients for 2023 served (physical and online)
12. OPAPRU e-Library interface updated and enhanced to cater the peace-resource information needs of internal and external clientele
13. 13 new acquisitions added to AMTYPRC Collection
14. Nineteen (19) Peace Resource materials circulated, and three (3) Amnesty-Related Requests acted upon.

### ***Peace Capacity and Constituency-building***

#### **1. Conduct of the Online Learning and Reflection Session on Future Proofing Peace Education through Effective Cybersecurity Measures in the Academe.**

With instability and threats growing in cyberspace, this online learning and reflection session conducted on 23 August 2023 via Zoom videoconference shed light to an issue of increasing importance to peace, and support peace education community of practice (COP) in capacity-building, networking and socialization. Moreover, addressing cybersecurity threats strengthens confidence-building measures, promotes preventive activities and conflict resolution initiatives.

This learning session was actively participated in by sixty-three (63) online attendees (36 females and 27 males) coming from different schools, colleges and universities from all over the country.



2. **Conduct of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Peace Education Summit with the theme, “Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines” (25-28 September 2023):** Anchored on theme, “Reigniting Education for Peace and Sustainable Development towards a Resilient Philippines”, the 2nd National Peace Education Summit once again gathered peace education champions from all over the Philippines to share and discuss matters of paramount importance to peacebuilding and peace education. Over the course of the Summit, attendees coming from different National Government Agencies (NGAs), Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), different schools, colleges and universities, were engaged in meaningful dialogues, exchanged valuable experiences, and explored innovative approaches to peace education. These exchanges were essential in equipping educators and professionals with the tools needed to empower communities and individuals with the principles of peace and unity.

NGAs that presented their peacebuilding efforts and programs aimed at supporting peace education included the DILG, CHED, DepED, TESDA and OPAPRU, The Bangsamoro agencies including the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education and Ministry of Public Order and Safety. In a panel discussion, representatives from the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao Office, United Nations Development Programme, and Pagdakit Alang sa Pag-ama sa Kalinaw, Inc. explained how genuine peace can trigger sustainable development in communities.

In a separate panel discussion, universities shared their teaching strategies, which are designed to make peace education more interactive and interesting to their students. These universities included the Cavite State University, Bicol University, Siliman University, Bukidnon State University, Western Mindanao State University, and Mindanao State University - Iligan Institute of Technology. Another panel discussion was participated in by the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation, Ambassador Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja and Mindanao State University, Raihan Yusoph who shared lessons learned in establishing a peace institute. The 2-day summit was attended by 139 onsite participants and almost 220 online participants, coming from different line agencies, civil society organizations, DepEd Regional Offices, Higher Education Institutions and other learning institutions.



3. **OPAPRU Participation to the ASEAN-IPR University Tour 2023 at the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta.** Bringing the spirit of the 56th ASEAN Day and the 78th Indonesian Independence Day celebration, the ASEAN Institute for Peace & Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) convened another leg of its University

Tour, this time to the University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta (UMJ). Organized by the current Chair of ASEAN and ASEAN-IPR, Indonesia, this leg of the University Tour also brought the spirit of Indonesia's chairmanship theme of ASEAN in 2023 – "ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth." Up to 120 students from University of Muhammadiyah Jakarta participated in this leg of the ASEAN-IPR University Tour, where it was also graced by the presence of Members of the ASEAN-IPR Governing Council (GC)/Permanent Representatives to ASEAN, Members of the ASEAN-IPR Advisory Board (AB), Executive Director of ASEAN-IPR, as well as leadership and faculty members of the University. Executive Director Andres S. Aguinaldo, Jr., representative from the Philippines was represented by Director Rowena T. Lopez and Mr. Rio Carl Miguel from the Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Service.



4. **Facilitated OPAPRU Participation to the Discussion Series on “Lessons Learned in Developing a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security” jointly organized by ASEAN-IPR and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands.** KMPIS facilitated OPAPRU's participation to the Discussion Series on “Lessons Learned in Developing a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security” jointly organized by ASEAN-IPR and Embassy of the Kingdom of Netherlands held on 14 September 2023, which aimed to raise awareness on the role of youth in peacebuilding and contribution towards developing National Action Plan (NAP) on Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). The discussion series further aimed to explore the process of mapping as well as implementing the NAP in other countries, particularly the recent experience of the Philippines. Reflecting from the lessons learned, the discussion explored the feasibility of developing a NAP on YPS in Indonesia. In coordination with the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO), OPAPRU sent Ms. Vanessa Marie Yaoyao (representative from the NAPIPS Youth Core Writers) and Mr. Rene Gandeza Jr. (PDO V from SHAPEO) to share the lessons learned in developing the National Action Plan (NAP) on Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) during a panel discussion, as the Philippines is the only ASEAN member state with such a plan.
5. **Conduct of the Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Awards.** To culminate the celebration of National Peace Consciousness Month, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity held its Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Award on 29 September 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center. This year's awardees included Former Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita, Aklan Governor Florencio “Joeben” Tumbocon Miraflores, and the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). The Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Award gives recognition to the nation's peace exemplars who have significantly contributed in pushing forward and sustaining the gains of the comprehensive Philippine peace process over the years. Gawad Kapayapaan aims to recognize select peace advocates, champions and exemplars for the "critical role they have played in achieving peace in the country," as well as highlight the accomplishments, milestones, and innovative peacebuilding programs that have been carried out in building on the gains of the comprehensive peace process in the country.



6. **Provision of Technical Assistance to various Programs on the development and operationalization of the RDE Agenda 2023-2028.** The KMPIS has provided continuous technical assistance to Programs with regards to the development of their RDE Priority Themes. In the operationalization level, Program 1 and Program 3 have already coordinated topics that they plan to move in 2023 and in 2024—advancing some of the Program’s identified RDE Priority Themes.

## OTHER KEY OPAPRU ACTIVITIES

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

OPAPRU units supported and participated in the different activities in the celebration of the NPCM FY 2023 which commenced on 01 September 2023 during the Opening Ceremony and Declaration of Palawan Island as Insurgency Free. This was followed by the Peace Bell Ringing at the Quezon City Memorial Circle on 05 September 2023, KaPEACEtahan Opening Ceremony at the Trinoma Mall on 06 September 2023, OPAPRU 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary on 19 September 2023 and the Closing Ceremony and Awarding of the Gawad Kapayapaan on 29 September 2023.



## 2. Ringing of Peace Bell and Candle Lighting Ceremony

On 05 September 2023 at the Quezon City Memorial Circle, as part of events promoting the National Peace Consciousness Month with the theme: Kapayapaan Responsibilidad ng Bawat Mamamayan, the MILF PPO together with the HRMS facilitated the conduct of the Ringing of Peace Bell ceremony. The activity also highlighted the candle lighting and pledge made by the attendees which ranged from various peace stakeholders which included leaders of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, Moro National Liberation Front, KAPATIRAN, representatives from the OSAP, Congress, Quezon City LGU, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Philippine National Police, civil society organizations, international organization, and members of diplomatic corps.



## 3. OPAPRU Peace Research Conference

On 07 September 2023 at the Chardonnay by Astoria, the OPAPRU conducted the 3rd OPAPRU Peace Research Conference. The Topics discussed during the first day revolved on building resilient communities through preventing and countering violent extremism and radicalization. Whilst second day of the conference includes panel discussion on synergistic efforts on PCVE in a sectoral approach (NGA, Security/Women, Academe, INGO/WPS, NGO/IP/YPS). The OPAPRU research, documentation, and evaluation (RDE) agenda 2023-2028 was also presented. The activity was a platform to present different line efforts of the government in ensuring peace in the country. Likewise, selected SHAPEO personnel participated in the Peace Research Conference on 7-8 October 2023 where twelve research papers were presented, all focused on the theme of "Building Resilient Communities and Preventing Violent Extremism". These papers were grouped into four sub-themes, each showcasing different peace-building efforts on the ground to address the challenges of recruiting peace spoilers from vulnerable communities and sustaining peace efforts to reintegrate rebel returnees into society. The annual Peace Research Conference mainly serves as an avenue for knowledge advancement on various interventions, replicable practices, and strategies from different sectors of society on peacebuilding. For 2023, the 3rd OPAPRU Peace Research Conference focused on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (PCVE) with the theme, "Building Resilient Communities: Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism and Radicalism."

A total of 12 research papers were presented in the Peace Research Conference, from Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao, and even internationally with presenters from Australia and France. The event was also graced by a Keynote Speech from the Armed Forces of

the Philippines (AFP), presentation of the NAP-PCVE by DILG, and a Panel Discussion on Synergistic Efforts on PCVE—with panel discussants coming from the AFP, DILG, United Nations Women, Mindanao State University (MSU) System, and Propelling Our Inherited Nation Through Our Youth Inc. (Pointy). Up to 150 physical participants joined the event, complemented by around 250 online participants.



#### 4. KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair 2023

In celebration of the 2023 National Peace Consciousness Month, the OPAPRU organized the KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair at TriNoma Mall in Quezon City from September 6-8, 2023. The three-day event featured participation from peace partners, including government agencies, local governments, academia, and non-governmental organizations, showcasing successful peace initiatives from various regions. The opening ceremony was attended by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., who envisioned the Peace Fair as a flagship activity for the National Peace Consciousness Month, emphasizing the collective efforts towards promoting a culture of peace and harmony. Also, present during the opening ceremony were Representative Joey Salceda of the 2nd Congressional District of Albay and Abdulkader Alsufi from the National Coordinating Body of Clubs for UNESCO of the Philippines (NCBCUP), who delivered messages of peace. The event concluded with performances by cultural groups and a closing speech by Director J. Anthony B. Peña of the PAMANA-NPMO expressing gratitude to all contributors, highlighting the importance of such initiatives in fostering a culture of peace nationwide.

**Regional KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair 2023 (Bicol leg).** The OPAPRU collaborated with Bicol University to host KaPEACEtahan sa Bicol, the first regional leg of the annual peace fair. The event began with a brief opening program, led by Director J. Anthony B. Peña of the PAMANA NPMO and the principal of Bicol University College of Education Integrated Laboratory High School (BUCELHS). The main event featured symbolic activities, including the Bike for Peace initiative with around twenty cyclists riding to the primary event venue. The booths displayed local products, educational armory exhibits, and academic booths. A Meet and Greet Session with the Presidential Adviser engaged approximately 200 students, mainly pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Peace Studies. The event also featured a Peace Concert with local bands, including performances from the AFP and PNP, and concluded with an audio-video edit of KaPEACEtahan sa Bicol, highlighting the day's activities.

**Regional KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair 2023 (Mindanao State University – General Santos City Campus).** The OPAPRU, in collaboration with MSU - General Santos City Campus, organized the Regional KaPeacetahan Peace Fair at the campus. The event involved students from MSU, who are part of the unique Peace Education Program. The fair featured various activities, including a bike for peace, a peace walk, a shout for peace competition, and an exhibit showcasing the comprehensive peace process in the Philippines. The active involvement of Mindanao's youth, particularly in General Santos City, helps raise awareness about the government's peace initiatives and nurtures them as future peace advocates and builders for the country.

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

### Organizational Capital

The third quarter of 2023 for the Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS) has been filled with successful implementation of activities relative to the achievement of the Service's Performance Governance System (PGS) commitments and priorities, the continued discharge of its mandates, and the faithful provision of technical and administrative support to the OPAPRU's flagship programs and the Agency's internal transformation and improvements. Moreover, the PDSMS has particularly engaged with various agencies in the formulation and approval of policies relative to national and regional security, peace education, and the mainstreaming of the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda.

At the organizational level, the OPAPRU remains committed in ensuring the consistent collaboration of all units in policy and program development, and implementation – such as, but not limited to the formulation of the IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework, updating and enhancing of privacy policies, development of OPAPRU's inputs to various ASEAN-related documents, formulation of inputs to the National Counter-Terrorism Strategy of the Philippines, among others. Moreover, the PDSMS remains active in the Agency's move to ensure streamlined processes will be optimized in the use of all available resources, refocus and realign its priorities, and religiously comply with all government and international standards and protocols. This includes the creation of enabling mechanisms to continue the ISO-QMS efforts and comply with the Anti-Red Tape Act, and the Data Privacy Act.

#### 1. **Approved Healing and Reconciliation (H&R) Framework and Process for Indigenous Peoples for the Transformation Program for Former CPP/NPA/NDF.**

On 14 July 2023, the Technical Working Group (TWG) convened meetings with the Localized Peace Engagement Office (LPEO) and the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) to discuss and finalize the IP H&R framework and narrative. Subsequently, it held meetings with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) on 17 July 2023, and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) on 8 August 2023, to gather additional inputs and secure their concurrence. All feedback and comments received from these activities have been incorporated into the document. The final document has been forwarded for endorsement to the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Cluster, pending approval and operationalization.



#### 2. **Implemented PGS Interventions.**

The Office of Strategy Management (OSM), led by the PDSMS, conducted Pre-Final Vetting Sessions for the Refreshed Performance Governance System (PGS) Documents. On 3 July 2023, two Clusters and four Programs were able to present their refreshed Basic Governance Documents (BGDs): the Bangsamoro Transformation (BT) and Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Clusters, along with Programs 1, 2, 3, and 6. On July 10, 2023, the OSM continued the



session, during which the frameworks of the remaining Programs were presented by their respective Administrators.

3. **Updated, published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen's Charter.** The updated OPAPRU Citizen's Charter was submitted to the Anti-Red Tape Authority (ARTA) in August 2023. The PDSMS is currently facilitating the printing of handbooks and tarpaulins to be distributed to the units.
4. **Updated, enhanced and operationalized data privacy manual and privacy management framework with data and information security measures.** In view of the Agency's commitment to foster the culture for respect for privacy, the OPAPRU remains committed in steadfastly implementing the spirit and aims of the R.A. 10173 or the Data Privacy Act (DPA) of 2012 and the Data Privacy and Compliance Framework issued by the National Privacy Commission. To this end, the OPAPRU has created enabling policies that shall propel the agency in its goal of embedding in its operations the fundamental respect for privacy and anonymity. On 18 September 2023, the enhanced OPAPRU Data Privacy Manual (DPM) and Privacy Management Framework (PMF), in collaboration with the OPAPRU offices, services, and units, was approved by the PAPRU. The DPM and the PMF dictate all agency endeavors that are envisioned to process and utilize personal data. The DPM as well as the PMF will be complemented with the previously and recently approved Information Security Policies (ISP) on Breach Response Protocol and Standard Utilization of Consent and Assent Forms, both policies were also approved by the PAPRU on 18 September 2023.
5. **Continuous provision of policy inputs.** The OPAPRU, through the PDSMS, remains committed in advocating for the Government's Peace Agenda in accordance to the President's directives as stipulated in the PDP 2023-2028, the Eight-Point Socioeconomic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies. From July – September 2023, the Agency has successfully provided its inputs and/or recommendations to the following:
  - President's Report to the People 2022-2023
  - Zero Draft of the ASEAN Vision 2045
  - Zero Draft of the Chairman's Statement of the 13th East Asia Summit (EAS) Foreign Ministers' Meeting
  - House Bill No. 969, "*Strengthening the Mindanao State University System as a National Peace University*"
  - National Counter-Terrorism Strategy
6. In support to the celebration of NPCM, the PDSMS served as a resource person during the **Lecture Series on Peace organized by the DILG**. During the lecture, OPAPRU presented the updates on the peace process, 5-Point PRU Agenda, and its mechanisms and programs promoting the culture of peace through citizen's participation.
7. **Transparency and Accountability Mechanism (TAM).** As of the third quarter, there was no external feedback received or encoded through the Feedback and Response System (FRS) web-based platform. This can still be attributed to operational concerns such as the departure or transfer of designated FRS coordinators, the lack of knowledge on the FRS by external stakeholders, and their preference to use traditional methods to submit feedback. As a response, the



MEALS conducted an orientation on the FRS for the Localized Peace Engagements Office (LPEO) and the Local Conflict Transformation – Field Implementation Support Unit (LCT-FISU) on 25 July 2023 in Pasig City.

- 8. Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting Citizen-Led Monitoring (CSPP-CLM).** Following the creation of the CSPP-CLM TWG during the LCTPS Catch-up planning activity, the MEALS facilitated the 1<sup>st</sup> TWG meeting on 8 September 2023 at the Chardonnay by Astoria. One of the major agreements of said meeting is the crafting the office order on the creation of the CSPP-CLM TWG and its respective terms of reference. As of 15 September 2023, the MEALS has already provided inputs to the draft document and is awaiting its endorsement to the Executive Director for LCTPS.
- 9. Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced and/or maintained**
  - *Clarificatory Implementing Document Information System (CIDIS).* As part of the regular of updating of the CIDIS, the MEALS, in collaboration with the RPMP/RPA/ABB-CBA-CPLA Concerns Office (RCCO), migrated the following datasets to the system: PhilHealth, Community Defense Units, CID Projects and CHED beneficiaries. Moreover, the MEALS is currently integrating additional data fields in the CIDIS to accommodate the data requirements of RCCO and produce more accurate reports.
  - *Automated Foreign Governments and International Entities' (FGIEs') Travel to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) System.* Following the initial discussions with the International Cooperation and Partnerships Office (ICPO) on the development of the automated system, the MEALS has already commenced with phase 1 of the system development which is the creation of the online clearance request form that can easily be accessed by FGIEs. Version 1 of the system is expected to be fully operational by October 2023.
- 10. Development of the Conflict Vulnerability Index System (CVI).** As discussed during the previous Office for Strategy Management (OSM) meetings, the MEALS has crafted an initial concept note, Gantt Chart, Terms of Reference and Contract on the CVI and submitted it to the OSM TWG for review and inputs on 18 August 2023. A follow through meeting was conducted on 4 September 2023 with the PDSMS to discuss the next steps on the CVI.
- 11. Research, Documentation and Evaluation (RDE).** The MEALS met with the KMPIS on 18 September 2023 to discuss the operationalization of the RDE 2023-2028 Agenda following its approval by the PAPRU on 7 September 2023. The MEALS will help the KMPIS cascade the RDE through its inclusion of the RDE on its presentations / engagements and provide assistance to the programs on finalizing the design of their submitted topics. Further, the MEALS presented the RDE to the ManCom during the 13<sup>th</sup> regular ManCom Meeting last 25 September 2023. For the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, it is expected that the RDE will be included in the Planning and Budgeting Guidelines for FY 2025 onwards.

### **Human Capital**

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

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

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

The following were the highlights of accomplishments for the period:

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



- 3. Conduct of the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> OPAPRU Blood-Letting Activity.** On 03 August 2023, the HRMS, in partnership with the Philippine Red Cross – Rizal Chapter, Rizal Province Branch, spearheaded the conduct of the 2023 1<sup>st</sup> OPAPRU Blood-Letting Activity held at the 3F Conference Room. A total of 33 blood units were collected from the volunteer blood donors of the OPAPRU – Central Office. This activity was conducted

in observance of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Month in August and in adherence to the PAPRU's guidance to conduct such activity pursuant to Republic Act No. 7719 or the National Blood Services Act of 1994. The activity promoted the participation of the OPAPRU in voluntary, non-remunerated blood donation.



4. **OPAPRU 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary Celebration.** On 19 September 2023, the HRMS led the celebration of the OPAPRU's 30<sup>th</sup> Founding Anniversary at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) in Pasay City. The event provided a festive venue to celebrate the 3-decade accomplishments and milestones of the OPAPRU on its mandate to manage, direct, integrate, and supervise the



implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Process in the country. Further, the event highlighted the recognition and appreciation of selected OPAPRU personnel for their significant contributions as peacebuilders and peace advocates. Loyalty Awards were conferred to 15 employees, Service Awards to 22 personnel, and Posthumous Awards to 3 personnel.

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

the CCSS Form shall serve as a mechanism for the HRMS' Feedback-Response System. The CCSS was structured based on the ARTA's prescribed model for the satisfaction survey form.

### **Finance/Resource and Administrative Services**

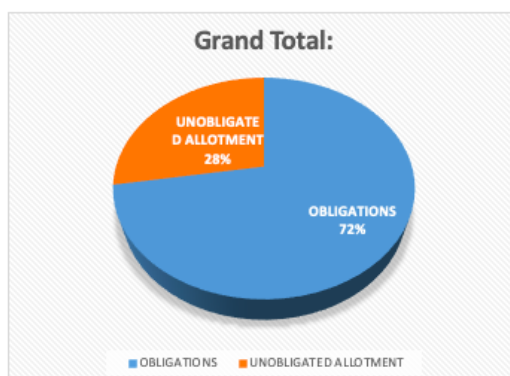
1. **Process Review – Financial Management.** The MEALS issued memorandum 23-4170 dated 07 August 2023 on the Participation of the Finance Resource Cluster in the FY 2023 Process Evaluation of OPAPRU Core Process: Financial Management – Budget Execution. As of the reporting period, the MEALS is conducting data gathering. It is expected that the Key Informant Interviews (KIIs) and report writing to be conducted by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Moreover, said KII will be in collaboration with the Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS).
2. **OPAPRU and NAC FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal.** The OPAPRU and the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) continues to attend budget hearings and sessions in defense of its FY 2024 proposed budget. The House of Representatives on 26 September 2023, approved the proposed PhP7 billion “peace investment budget” of OPAPRU, including for the NAC, during the HOR budget deliberation. The OPAPRU, led by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., was not interpellated nor questioned during the said deliberation, which lasted for only two minutes. Rep. Mercedes Alvarez of the 6<sup>th</sup> District of Negros Occidental, sponsored the OPAPRU proposed budget. Alvarez reaffirmed Congress' continued and full support to the Comprehensive Peace Process. Secretary Galvez emphasized that the peace investment will be utilized to fund transformation, rehabilitation and socio-economic programs that aim to uplift the lives of former rebels, their families and communities.



3. **Conduct of Early Procurement Activities (EPA) for FY 2024.** To ensure the conduct of timely procurement of support services such as the security services, office space, petroleum and fuel, and other requirements, the agency started to conduct EPA for FY 2024. The submission to the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) Secretariat of the EPA signifies due diligence for the efficient allocation of resources and fulfillment of administrative support functions.
4. **Budget Utilization Status (as of September 2023).** For the period, the OPAPRU has an obligation rate of 72.36% or PhP1.5 billion obligation of the over PhP2 billion allotment for FY 2023.

## OBLIGATION RATE: 72.36% - AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2023

PAP	ALLOTMENTS	OBLIGATIONS	UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT	% OF BUDGET UTILIZATION
Regular Fund FY 2023	1,961,164,000.00	1,447,666,394.02	513,497,605.98	73.82%
Continuing Fund FY 2022	73,480,120.73	24,651,994.25	48,828,126.48	33.55%
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>2,034,644,120.73</b>	<b>1,472,318,388.27</b>	<b>562,325,732.46</b>	<b>72.36%</b>



### Communicating Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda

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

#### 1. Peace Month 2023 activities

The CPAS along with the Policy Development and Strategy Management Service (PDSMS) and the Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Service (KMPIS) spearheaded the celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month 2023. In particular, the CPAS facilitated the crafting of theme and logo designing for Peace Month 2022, promoted peace month through LED screen advertisements in partnership with AFP, PNP, and MMDA. CPAS also produced Peace Month collaterals in line with this year's theme and Peace Month 2023 Digital Packet which was distributed to peace partners.



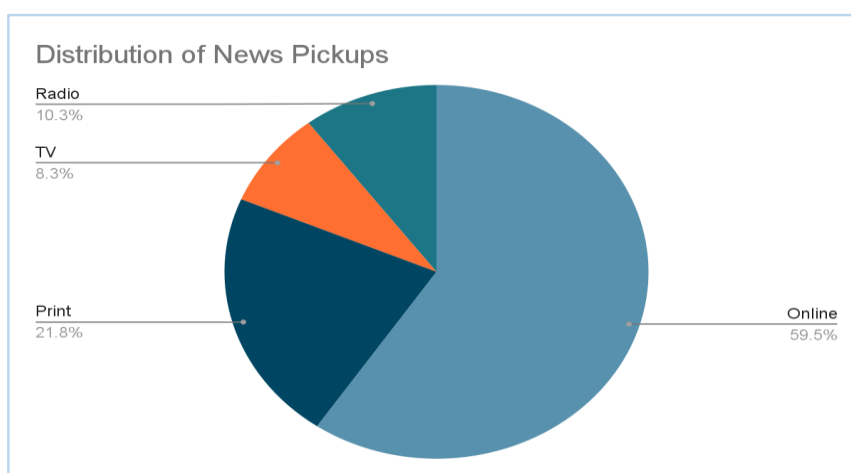
CPAS also supported major Peace Month activities by being part of its preparation, ensuring media coverage and online presence, and publicity materials are prepared and released on time. Publicity materials produced by CPAS included videos, posters, tarpaulins, photo releases, to mention a few. CPAS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

## 2. OPAPRU KaPEACETahan Booth

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



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



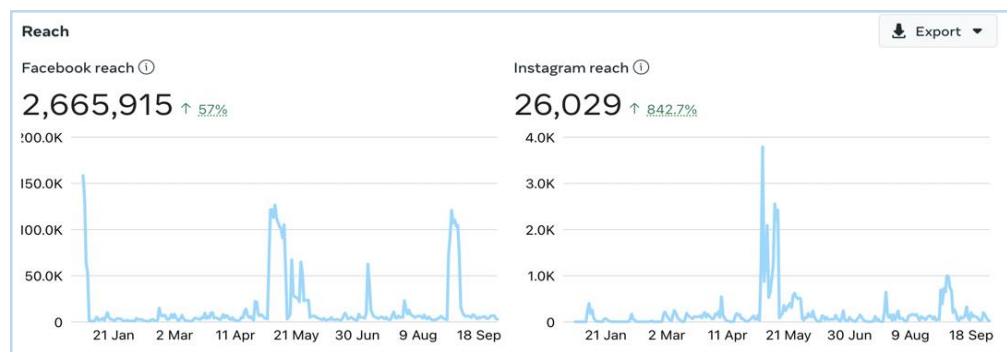
4. **Media Partners.** Based on CPAS' strategic deliverables under the Performance Governance System, the unit has to engage at least 120 news media personnel this year. This means that at least 120 journalists must report about the peace process. As of September 30, 2023, the CPAS has already engaged 131 news personnel, which is already past the total target (120) for this year. This is due to several events and developments in the agency in the third quarter, including the peace month festivities in the different regions in the country.
5. **Media Briefings and Interviews.** The CPAS is also tasked to conduct media briefings and interviews with various media partners, to further promote the peace, reconciliation and unity agenda of the government. The said activities are also part of CPAS' PGS strategic deliverables.

The CPAS, in partnership with the Independent Decommissioning Body, also organized the Press Briefing on the Phase 3 MILF Decommissioning on 3 August 2023. CPAS also facilitated several press interviews which include the Saturday News Forum, and the Press Conference of the NTF-ELCAC.



## 6. SOCIAL MEDIA

**Facebook and Instagram.** Here are the social media insights as of 30 September 2023. Facebook Reach: **2,665,915**; Instagram Reach: **26,029**; FB Page Visits: **154,236**; Instagram Profile Visits: **970**. OPAPRU's Facebook has a total of **91,329 followers**.



**Reach** is the number of people who had any content from your Page or about your Page enter their screen. This includes posts, check-ins, ads, social information from people who interact with the Page.



**Top posts for July 2023.** Total **Reach for Facebook** for the period of **1-31 July 2023** is **203,989**. This is 204.6% higher versus June 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 1,282, 65.4% higher versus June 2023. FB page visits: **16,044**; Instagram profile visits: **68**. The post with highest reach and engagement is the announcement post on the Gawad Kapayapaan nominees with 57,500 people reached; photo release on the OPAPRU and MSU MoA signing with 18,660 people reached; and the photo release on the meeting of the GPH MILF Implementing Peace Panels with 8,872 people reached. The total number of **Impressions** (Twitter) for within **1-31 July 2023** is **6.0k impressions**. Impressions is the number of times users saw our tweets on Twitter. Aside from the live videos and other media updates on Facebook, CPAS simultaneously provided live updates on Twitter for the activities this period.

**Top posts for August 2023.** Total **Reach for Facebook** for the period of **1-31 August 2023** is **369,523**. This is 81.1% higher versus July 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 2,155, 68.1% higher versus July 2023. FB page visits: **20,993**; Instagram profile visits: **111**. The post with highest reach and engagement is the announcement post on the Peace Research Conference with 712,312 people reached; profile photo change release for the Peace Month 2023 with 11,147 people reached; and the photo release on the visit of OPAPRU executives to Basilan with 10,543 people reached. Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which include the UM Digos - Human Rights Education Center, NCPW Cordillera Crime Prevention Network, Bangsamoro Party - Regional Headquarters, Philippine Information Agency, Presidential Communications Office, ANAK MNLF, Philippine Information Agency Region VI, Provincial Government of Basilan, Radyo Pilipinas Marawi, and Radyo Pilipinas Tayug.

**Top posts for September 2023.** Total **Reach for Facebook** for the period of **1-30 September 2023** is **578,840**. This is 61.6% higher versus August 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 4,259, 106.1% higher versus August 2023. FB page visits: **36,216**; Instagram profile visits: **314**. The post with highest reach and engagement is the press release post on the meeting with the MNLF-Misuari faction with 17,337 people reached; photo release on the former MILF and MNLF members passing the BMI process of the PNP with 9,585 people reached; and the photo release on the Congress approval of the 2024 budget with 8,523 people reached. Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which include the BDF General Headquarters Gadungan State Revolutionary Committee, BTA Member EDDIE MAPAG ALIH, Bangsamoro Tawi-Tawi Professionals, National Amnesty Commission, Carigara Police Station, ANAK MNLF, and Youth For Peace Movement - Zamboanga Sibugay. The total number of Impressions (Twitter) for 1-30 September 2023 is 3.1k impressions.

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