



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY **FY 2023 FOURTH QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**

(October – December 2023)

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*.

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 under the adopted and implemented Performance Governance System (PGS) of the agency.

The FY 2023 Fourth Quarter Accomplishment Report presents the Agency's accomplishments achieved across programs in pursuit of the OPAPRU's mandate and goals. The following are overview of key accomplishments of OPAPRU programs for this reporting period:

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

Under the **Political Track**, the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) convened its 16th Meeting to present the accomplishments of the seven (7) IGR Mechanisms including its future plans and next steps. The Program 1 also organized the first Organizational meeting of the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) for the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) which aimed to tackle the appointment of Permanent and Alternative Agency Representatives to the CORDS BARMM Group, set a regular schedule for CORDS BARMM Group Meetings, presented the preparation and deployment plan for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE).

Under the **Normalization Track**, series of meetings under the Security Aspect involved preparations for the conduct of the November 2023 BSKE. The Program 1 have also started the exchange visit with Colombia, co-launched the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advanced Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE) Program, spearheaded the meetings for the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program, and conducted the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Ground Consultation Visit in the Six Previously Acknowledged Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Camps. In addition, this period also covered the ceremonial activation and turnover of the remaining Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPSTs) in Barangay Darampua, Sultan sa Barongis, Maguindanao del Norte and in Barangay Kapinpilan, Midsayap, Special Geographic Area (SGA) and the Oath Taking and Turn Over Ceremonies of Patrolman/Patrolwomen from MILF/MNLF Quota for CY 2023 Recruitment Program.

Program 2: Peace Process with the MNLF

Strides have been made in the implementation of the **MNLF Transformation Program**. For this period, the GPH-MNLF Management Committee regularly engaged to fast-track the implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program in the priority areas. Convergence Meeting with the MNLF groups were conducted to ensure fairness and consistency in initiatives for MNLF combatants, their families, and communities. These aimed to expedite the fulfillment of remaining commitments, with parties agreeing on convergence goals and identifying areas across political, socio-economic, legal, and security aspects.

Strengthened coordination with security sector (AFP, PNP and NICA) also resulted in a clearer and closer cooperation and quick feedback mechanism on the security issues involving MNLF individuals or groups. Series of consultative meetings and capacity-building sessions were also conducted resulting in well-orchestrated conduct of Validation, Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling for the MNLF combatants in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Cotabato Province and Cotabato City from September to December 2023.

As of this reporting period, the following were achieved for the MNLF Peace Process:

- **1,572** MNLF combatants have been endorsed by the Central Management Committee and validated by the Government Validation Team (GVaT).
- **1,381** MNLF firearms verified and documented in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Cotabato Province, and Cotabato City.
- **1,238** MNLF combatants completed the verification and socio-economic assessment, receiving initial socio-economic assistance, including transitional cash aid, cash-for-work opportunities, civil registration, enrollment in the National ID System, and PhilHealth. This was carried out in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Cotabato Province, and Cotabato City.
- **29** projects sites for FY 2024 PAMANA Projects in MNLF communities validated.
- **50** Modified Shelter Assistance Projects in MNLF communities turned over on 16 October 2023
- **25** MNLF communities comprehensively enumerate prevalent issues and current realities during the conduct of community profiling, community needs assessment, and Project Proposal Development, which shall be the basis for crafting and designing appropriate, relevant, and needs-based projects/services in priority areas in the provinces of Basilan, Lanao Del Sur, Maguindanao Del Sur, Maguindanao Del Norte, North Cotabato, Sarangani, and Sultan Kudarat.
- **3** inter-agency planning sessions with the Philippine Statistics Office (PSA), Mindanao State University (MSU), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and Philippine National Police (PNP). Additionally, held meetings with the Local Chief Executives of the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Cotabato, and Cotabato City relative to Transformation Program resulting to coordinated and converged delivery of goods and services.

Program 3: Localized Peace Engagements and its Transformation Program

For FY 2023 fourth quarter, the program provided technical assistance to seven (7) provinces (Isabela, Cagayan, Quezon, Oriental Mindoro, Bukidnon, Misamis Oriental and Misamis Occidental) in developing their respective Provincial TP Plans responsive to the needs of former rebels (FRs) along the four (4) components of the Transformation Program (TP), projected timelines, and area of implementation. Partnerships with eight (8) Provincial Local Government Units (Masbate, Negros Occidental, Surigao del Sur, Agusan del Norte, South Cotabato,

Northern Samar, Aurora, and Zamboanga del Sur) were also initiated for the establishment and operationalization of Provincial Peace Centers.

Cluster member agencies were provided space to review strategies and map-out strategic direction for FY 2023-2028 as Program 3 spearheaded NTF–ELCAC Local Peace Engagements Cluster Planning Workshop in collaboration with Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). Initial socio-economic assistance to FRs and their families were also provided with completed distribution of 6,847 sacks of rice to FRs from different provinces through partnership created with the National Food Authority (NFA). Four (4) Special Project Teams (SPTs) were capacitated for Regions 10, 11, 12, and 13 on LPE-TP implementation and on organizational and financial processes affecting program operationalization.

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

GPH - RMP-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN Peace Process

Operationalizing the GPH - RPM-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN peace process roadmap and its Transformation Program mechanisms, the implementation of the deliverables to the 727 members of the KAPATIRAN under the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) was sustained for the last quarter of 2023. This is in line with the Government's vision to bring about continuous development, sustainable economic growth and peaceful living conditions for the RPM-P/RPA/ABB members and their communities.

This quarter saw major headways in terms of the Government's commitments in completing the settlement sites for the KAPATIRAN, which is a part of mainstreaming strategy for the KAPATIRAN. The Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) were established as the ground implementation mechanisms of the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), which sustain implementation support through its regular action planning, problem-solving sessions, resource mobilization efforts to address emerging needs on the ground. Aside from the already constructed and awarded 105 housing units for the KAPATIRAN in partnership with the AFP and the NHA, major developments were attained in terms of the site preparation, site validation, due diligence, and finalization of land acquisition of congregated areas in Antique, Cauayan, Negros Occidental and Iloilo Province that were undertaken with the assistance of the NHA, local chief executives and the SCTs. Turnover of livelihood projects and facilities and much-needed capacity development in some of the peace and development community sites in Western Visayas such as the Coco Mill project and gasoline station were undertaken. The provision of educational assistance highlighted the Local Government and OPAPRU's vision to assist the KAPATIRAN and their next-of-kin.

This quarter also saw OPAPRU and the Security Sector through the AFP PDO and the PNP PPDC and their ground units in sustaining the implementation of the security arrangement in the KAPATIRAN settlement sites through the conduct of security assessments and assisting in the transformation of the two CAA1 companies from the former Community Defense Units as highlighted by the facilitation by the AFP in ensuring the training of the 64 CAA1 graduates on basic military training as they take on the role of military reservists assisting in securing the KAPATIRAN sites.

GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process

For this period, engagement with the Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) were sustained to ensure inclusive and meaningful implementation of the peace and development programs under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process. Regular participation in the Cordillera Regional Peace and Order Council and the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region has also reaffirmed OPAPRU's commitment to peace and order in the region.

Other accomplishments of the Program were as follows:

- **526** women, old guards, and their next-of-kin in Sadanga, Mountain Province (patients aged from 6 months old to 86 years old coming from adjacent barangays) were provided with basic medical and dental services;
- Continuous monitoring with the LGU Tinglayan relative to the Butbut-Betwagan border conflict in partnership with AFP, PNP and JEMC-CPLA;
- Recognition of OPAPRU's contribution that led to **100%** Functionality Rating in CY 2022 Peace and Order Council Performance Audit;
- Updated the OPAPRU-NCIP SEAP guidelines for FY 2024;
- Support to the implementation of Transformation Program in the Province of Kalinga;
- Physical monitoring and documentation of the development of the AECID-funded projects in Apayao (2 projects) and Kalinga (5 projects);
- **100%** project site validation activities conducted relative to the proposed **13** PAMANA projects in Abra (1), Benguet (1), Ifugao (4), Kalinga (4), and Mountain Province (3) in close coordination and collaboration with PAMANA-NPMO;
- Completion of OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Projects turned over to **16** CBA-CPLA communities for FY 2023 leading to **100%** implementation of SIPAT projects;
- **2** Public-Private partnerships initiated with Mapua University for the Solar Panel Project, and Saint Louis University for the Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship Initiative.

Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) made significant progress in the fourth quarter in policy and program development in Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremists (PTVE), constituency building with peace partners and capacity building for OPAPRU and stakeholders.

SHAPEO has been actively working in the development of the Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremism (PTVE) Program. Community engagements with internally displaced persons (IDPs) especially the women, youth and children were conducted in the temporary shelters in Marawi. Likewise, the OPAPRU provided a platform for dialogue among the IDPs, landowners and LGUs when the issue of eviction surfaced and provided support to the affected individuals of the Mindanao State University (MSU) bombing incident. These were all supported through the PTVE Program for Lanao del Sur.

SHAPEO together with other offices in OPAPRU successfully led the development and launching of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 in collaboration with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), members of the Technical Working Group of the National Steering Committee on Women's Peace and Security and UN Women. The NAPYPS 2023-2033 was likewise promoted to two gatherings of youth at the local and international level.

The mainstreaming of Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS) in OPAPRU continued through the capacity building of personnel on Gender and Conflict Sensitivity Training (GCST), Advance Gender and Development Workshop and GAD Year-End Assessment and Planning. In addition, SHAPEO was able to provide technical support to other government agencies on GAD and WPS as resource persons. Likewise, OPAPRU through the LCTPS and SHAPEO served as resources persons on GAD and WPS to National Government Agencies.

Program 6: PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

For this period, the PAMANA Program, through the National Program Management Office (NPMO) spearheaded various efforts and activities contributing to the delivery of CSPP-compliant, convergent and complementary socio-economic interventions to address drivers of conflict.

Program 6 successfully conducted site validation activities for the proposed infrastructure projects for FY 2024 in **10** regions, composed of **27** provinces and covering **77** municipalities and cities. It also strengthened engagements with stakeholders with the conducted coordination meeting on the proposed housing interventions to decommissioned combatants with the Joint Task Force on Camp Transformation (JTFCT) of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) and vetting and updating of project implementation for Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) communities with MSU Program Development Officers.

The NPMO spearheaded conduct of training and orientation of PAMANA-NPMO engineers on the Construction Occupational Safety and Health (COSH) and of site validation orientation for FY 2024 PAMANA projects with AMUs and Peace Table field officers. Field monitoring visits, inspections, validations, and assessments were also conducted including the final inspection which consisted list of ongoing Farm-to-Market (FMR) projects under the FY 2022 PAMANA Program and rapid assessment of proposed housing projects in Camp Abubakar, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte. PAMANA project turn-over ceremony of 50 Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) Units for MNLF beneficiaries and their families under the FY 2022 PAMANA fund was also accomplished.

Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Planning and PAMANA Program Orientation with community monitors from Abra, Ifugao, and Mt. Province were also done in line with the Program's Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms (TAM).

Program 7: International Cooperation and Partnerships

The International Cooperation and Partnerships Office (ICPO), in partnership with the relevant offices, continued to engage the OPAPRU's 33 international partners and provided policy guidance, inputs, and direction on the implementation of the various peace-related programs and projects of international partners.

In partnership with the Program 1, the ICPO facilitated the Exchange Visit between the Philippines and Colombia in October and November 2023, in line with the implementation of the Technical Cooperation Project on the Strengthening Institutional Capacities in Reincorporation and Normalization for Former Combatants." The ICPO, in partnership with Programs 1 and 8, also represented the OPAPRU at the 6th Edition of the Paris Peace Forum held in Paris, France on 10 to 11 November 2023.

The ICPO, with its expanded mandate to engage the private sector based on the guidance of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (PAPRU), began engaging the Partnerships for Peace (P4P), an international non-governmental organization (INGO) with the aim to develop new principles, standards, and norms to fundamentally reshape peace processes across the world and chart a path to lasting peace. The partnership with the P4P shall serve as one of the foundations to be used in establishing the OPAPRU's Public-Private Partnerships for Peace (4Ps).

Program 8: Continuing management and improvement of OPAPRU business processes

Organizational Capital. The last quarter of 2023 ensured that all Performance Governance System (PGS) commitments and priorities, through the Office of Strategy Management (OSM), are executed towards completion. Under the Policy Development and Strategy Management, all service mandates in accordance with the 5-PRU Agenda are faithfully implemented in support to the Agency in fulfilling its peace mission. Policies relative to national and regional security, peace education, and the mainstreaming of the 5-PRU agenda have been formulated and approved. For Knowledge Management, systems on managing the knowledge-based assets of the organization and enhancing the capacities for peacebuilding of its human resource were maintained. For the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning, the organizational strategy review for FY 2023 were completed wherein the OPAPRU Programs'

performance were assessed and presented. It also provided support to operations where Basic MEAL, Feedback and Response System (FRS), and the Research, Documentation, and Evaluation (RDE) Sessions were facilitated for the Transformation Program Plans Validation.

Human Capital. For the last quarter of 2023, the Human Capital Program sustained the implementation of core Human Resource Management areas on 1) Recruitment, Selection, and Placement (RSP); 2) Learning and Development (L&D); 3) Performance Management; and 4) Employee Relations and Welfare. Likewise, the Program focused on the sustained operations and support to the organization through pushing for the establishment of the Human Resource Information System (HRIS) and other tasks such as the provisions for compensation and benefits, renewal and non-renewal of appointments and contracts, and personnel actions and administration.

Finance/Resources. In optimizing the use of fiscal resources of the agency, 90% of all OPAPRU fund sources were obligated and 91% disbursed, achieving the desired target for Obligations and Disbursements Budget Utilization (OBUR and DBUR) for FY 2023. The Finance/Resources Program also provided support and contributed to implementing the Performance Governance System (PGS) adopted for OPAPRU. Initiatives on the enhancement and continuous updating of OPAPRU planning, programming, and budgeting were provided and delivered. Continuous support and facilitation provided by the Finance Management Service (FMS) and Resource Management Service (RMS) for the issuance and passage of the OPAPRU and NAC FY 2024 Agency Budget Proposal (General Appropriations Bill and eventually General Appropriations Act) and other submissions and compliances to Congress for budget documents and reports. Lastly, efforts to enhance efficacy and streamlining of administrative functions were exerted achieving completion of essential projects, timely resolution of varied administrative service demands, and internal control of office properties and resources.

Strategic Communications. In ensuring that the 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, the Strategic Communications Program focused its efforts on implementing strategic and tactical communication initiatives such as local media engagements, press briefings, and release of stories. The program also provided communication support and coverage on major events and activities for the Agency in the last quarter of 2023 which included the Launching of NAP WPS 2023-2033, 13th Oversight Committee Meeting of the NTF-DPAGS and Ceremonial Opening of the Aspire Project in Basilan, MasterPEACE V, Learning Session of Colombia delegates on Philippine Peace Process in Manila and Cotabato City, MNLF Transformation Program Roll Out, MOU signing between GPH and UNDP on the agricultural projects for MILF, Commemoration of Marawi Liberation, ICCMN MILF Camps Visits, courtesy visits of diplomatic corps to the PAPRU, among others.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

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

I. PEACE PROCESS WITH THE MILF AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO

A. POLITICAL

1. **10th Intergovernmental Technical Working Group Meeting.** On 10 October 2023, attended the 10th Intergovernmental Technical Working Group Meeting under Higher Education in the context of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (HECBOL) Project with the following agenda: a) goals to be accomplished for the 4th Quarter of 2023; b) integrate CHED Chairperson J. Prosper E. De Vera's directive in the Memorandum of Understanding between OPAPRU-CHED-MBHTe; and c) HECBOL Strategic Plans for 2023-2024.



2. **4th Suporta para sa Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme Steering Committee Meeting.** The OPAPRU through GPH-MILF Peace Process Office, represented by Ms. Janine Liao, attended the 4th SUBATRA Programme Steering Committee Meeting via Zoom wherein the following were presented and discussed: SUBATRA Accomplishments for August 2022-July 2023, SUBATRA Workplan for August 2023-July 2024, and the SUBATRA Financing Agreement on Use of Contingency Fund.
3. **1st Organizational Meeting of the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) BARMM.** Secretary Carlito G. Galvez presided over the inaugural Organization Meeting of the Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) BARMM. The meeting took place at the Kampilan Officers Clubhouse, 6th Infantry Division, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao Del Norte.

The primary objectives of this significant gathering were as follows:

- To establish a consensus on the appointment of Permanent and Alternative Agency Representatives to the CORDS BARMM Group.
- To set a regular schedule for CORDS BARMM Group Meetings.
- To present the preparation and deployment plan for the Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) in 2023.

Distinguished attendees at this meeting included Minister Naguib G. Sinarimbo (MILG), Atty. Al-Rashid L. Balt (MPOS), Atty. Muamar A. Guyo (COMELEC), Dir. Noel Z. Plaza (NICA-BARMM), Dir. Joel Q. Mamon (OCD-BARMM), MGen. Steve Crespillo (Commander, WMC), MGen. Alex S. Rillera (Commander, 6ID), and PCol James E

Gulmatico (DRDA, PRO BAR). Also present for the OPAPRU delegation were PA David B. Diciano, EDir Jordan S Bayam, Dir Wendell P. Orbeso and Dir Darwin Wally Wee.

4. **16th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB).** The members of the IGRB from the National Government and Bangsamoro Government convened for its 16th meeting in Davao City. During the meeting, the seven (7) IGR mechanisms presented its accomplishment reports for 2022-2023 including its future plans and next steps. Pending issues for discussions were also tackled such as the following: (1) Entry of Members of the MILF and MNLF into the PNP; (2) Coordination between the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) and Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority (BPA) on Hajj and Umrah matters; and, (3) Inventory of liabilities of the ARMM Regional Government. New matters for discussion under the IGRB were also discussed such as the establishment of the Professional Regulatory Commission (PRC) regional office in the BARMM and the issue on the recognition of Bangsamoro Land Transportation Office (LTO) on Land Transport Issues in the BARMM.

All members of the IGRB from the National Government and Bangsamoro Government were present and represented. Officials from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Office of the Department of Executive Secretary for Internal Audit (ODESIA) were also present as Resource Persons.



5. **Inter-Agency Committee (IAC) Meeting on the Inventory of liabilities of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).** The PPPCO-IGRB attended the Inter-Agency Committee Meeting on the Inventory of liabilities of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao via videoconference to discuss the updates on the consolidation of liabilities of the ARMM to be assumed by the National Government. Deputy Executive Secretary for Internal Audit Ricojudge Echiverri led the meeting as Chairman of the Inter-Agency Committee. OPAPRU was represented by Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin and Atty. Charleen C. Mejia.
6. **Coordination Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Management of Hajj and Umrah.** The TWG on the Management of Hajj and Umrah held a meeting to discuss the resolution made during the 16th Meeting of the IGRB regarding Hajj and Umrah matters. During the discussion between the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority (BPA), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Department of Budget and Management (DBM), Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO) and OPAPRU, it was agreed that the NCMF would raise the issue of the long term and short term plans regarding Hajj matters to their principals and schedule a meeting for the forthcoming Hajj in 2024. Further discussion will also be made with regard to the potential areas of cooperation between NCMF and BPA in the upcoming Hajj and the recognition of governing authority for Hajj matters and the process for the recognition. Asec. Mardomel D. Melicor of the DFA, Usec. Wilford Will L.

Wong. of the DBM, ED Tahir S. Lidasan, Jr. of the NCMF, Atty. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba of the BARMM, Mr. Abdulkahar M. Victor of the BPA, and Director Ishmael I. Bahjin of OPAPRU, along with other personnel from the aforementioned agencies were present in the said meeting.

7. ***Preparation Meeting between OPAPRU and the World Bank for the Fifth Steering Committee Meeting.*** On 20 November 2023, a meeting was conducted between OPAPRU and the World Bank in preparation for the Fifth Steering Committee Meeting of the BNTF on 23 November 2023 to discuss issues and concerns and for a quick briefing on matters to be discussed at the Fifth Steering Committee Meeting. The World Bank was represented by Ndiame Diop, Ms. Mary Morrison, Ms. Ditte Fallesen, and Ms. Dandan Chen. OPAPRU was represented by Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano, GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair and BNTF Oversight Body Chair for the GPH; Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, BNTF Steering Committee Chair for GPH; and Director Ishmael I. Bahjin, Head of the BNTF Secretariat for GPH.
8. ***Second Coordination Meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Management of Hajj and Umrah.*** The National Government IGRB Secretariat facilitated the Second Coordination Meeting on Management of Hajj and Umrah matters. During the discussion, it was raised that only after the endorsement of the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) and Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority (BPA) can meet again to discuss the short-term plans for the upcoming Hajj 2024 and long-term plans on the administration of Hajj. Also, the Bangsamoro Government have agreed to write a letter to the DFA stating the details of their meeting with the Ministry of Hajj and Umrah (MOHU) in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. In addition, the NCMF, through its Executive Director Tahir S. Lidasan, Jr., expressed that the NCMF welcomes the participation of the BPA-BARMM to the administration and management of Hajj. The said meeting was attended by NCMF TWG members, representatives from the Bangsamoro.
9. ***Sixth Meeting of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board (IFPB).*** The 6th Meeting of the IFPB was held to discuss the following: Amount of Annual Block Grant (ABG) shortfall due to the BARMM for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2020 and 2021, the nominees and requirements of the Governance Commission for GOCCs (GCG) to the governance board of the Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of the Philippines (AAIBP) for evaluation by the GCG and recommendation to the Office of the President for appointment or designation, the transfer of collection and assessment functions from the BIR Revenue Office to BARMM Revenue Office; the proposed guidelines on Official Development Assistance Loans to BARMM was also presented. The next meeting of the IFPB is scheduled on 20 February 2024.
10. ***Fifth Steering Committee of the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF).*** The BNTF Steering Committee convened for its 5th meeting at the World Bank Office in Taguig. The meeting focused on Updates given by Mary Morrison of the World Bank, Ditte Marie Fallesen on Bangsamoro Camps Transformation Project (BCTP), and Hope Gerochi on Roads to Development (R2D) Project. The discussion on the issue of the Trust Fund extension was also discussed. For more in-depth updates and discussion on BCTP, the WB through Ditte Fallesen invited everyone to join the Briefing on the BCTP to be held on 28 Nov 2023. The 6th meeting of the BNTF Steering Committee was scheduled in March 2024 in Cotabato City. Attendees to the steering committee meeting from the OPAPRU were Usec. David B. Diciano, Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin, Atty. Charleen Mejia, and Ms. Nassy Haron. For the WB, Country Manager Dr. Ndiame Diop, Mary Morrison, Ditte Fallesen, and Mike Alar. For the DOF, Usec. Ma. Edita Tan was represented by Asec. Jenaira Mae Jalasco. It was also attended by partner donors from Canada, UK, Australia. Members of the MILF BNTF SC attended virtually.



11. **National Government-Bangsamoro Government IGRB Joint Secretariat Year-end Assessment Workshop.** The Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) as the National Government IGRB Joint Secretariat participated in the NG-BG IGRB Joint Secretariat Year-end Assessment Workshop in Tagaytay City. During the said program, the participants were asked to report, prioritize, and assess the issues and possible issues that may be raised to the IGRB. It was followed by the delineation of tasks for the IGRB Progress Report to be submitted to the President. This was followed by the tasking for Joint IGRB Secretariat Manual of Operations.



12. **11th Intergovernmental Technical Working Group Meeting under HECBOL.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with CHED and MBHTE to: a) integrate agencies' comments in the Memorandum of Understanding between OPAPRU-CHED-MBHTE; and b) discuss Higher Education in the Context of the Bangsamoro Strategic Plans for 2023-2024.



13. **Year-end Assessment Workshop of the Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) – IGRB Division.** The PPPCO conducted its Year-end Assessment and Planning Workshop in Calamba, Laguna. Discussed during the activity were the review of the strategic plan key result areas (KRAs) with their corresponding outcomes and outputs. Also discussed the tasking of each staff for the Fiscal Year 2024.
14. **Final Updates on the 5th/Last Batch Recruitment Process for MILF and MNLF.** The OPAPRU through NG IGRB Secretariat attended the Meeting on the Final Updates on the 5th/Last Batch Recruitment Process for MILF and MNLF. The Agenda of the Meeting was the Result of PMDE of 5th/Last Batch of MILF and MNLF Recruitment Program and Final Updates on recruitment Process for MILF and MNLF. The meeting was presided by PCOL James E. Gulmatico, Acting DRDA, PRO BAR/Chairman, RSC.



B. NORMALIZATION PROGRAM

1. **Meeting on the Revised Rules for Foreign Governments and International organizations (FGIOs) Visiting Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM).** The OPAPRU through the GPIP-MILF Secretariat headed by Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan, spearheaded a follow-up meeting to discuss the Revised Rules for FGIOs Visiting CAAM issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) back in April 2022. Attended by representatives from the OPAPRU ICPO and MILF PPO, as well as Dir. Ajeet-Victor Panemanglor of the DFA Office of Civilian Security (OCS) and representatives from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Peace and Development Office (PDO) and Philippine National Police (PNP) Peace Process and Development Center (PPDC), the group discussed how to further streamline the process of approving visits of FGIOs to the CAAM and the regular updating of the CAAM list.
2. **GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee (JCC) Strategic Communications Planning Workshop.** On 04-06 October 2023, the GPH-MILF JCC, with the assistance of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) conducted the first phase of its Strategic Communications Planning Workshop with the participation of GPH and MILF focal persons from the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC), Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH), Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG), Independent Decommissioning Body (IDB), Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC), Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT), and Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR). The workshop had the objectives of: (i) seeking inputs from the focal persons of the various peace mechanisms; (ii) to

jointly update and craft the joint GPH-MILF strategic communications plan 2023-2025; and (iii) to agree on mechanisms and processes to ensure a joint approach to the implementation of the Joint GPH-MILF Strategic Communications Plan 2023-2025. The GPH JCC is composed of PA Wilben M. Mayor as its Co-Chair, with Dir. Darwin Wally T. Wee and Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan as members.



3. **Meeting of the GPH-MILF TWG on the Transition of the International Monitoring Team (IMT).** The GPH-MILF TWG on the Transition of the IMT reconvened to discuss ways forward following the non-renewal of the mandate of the IMT and the end of tour of duty of the IMT-Mission 16 on 30 June 2023. The TWG proposed the revitalization of the IMT, with a purely civilian composition and two main offices in Cotabato City and in Basilan. The proposal of the TWG has been transmitted to the GPH and the MILF Peace Implementing Panels for their consideration.
4. **Coordination Meeting for the Joint Training & Workshop with MILF & GPH Peace Mechanisms.** The JNC Secretariat participated in the coordination meeting with the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and the Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, which aims to firm up the administrative and logistical updates for the conduct of the Joint Training and Workshop on Peace Accords Matrix for Normalization with GPH and MILF Peace Mechanisms. The training which is targeted to be conducted on 07-08 November 2023 at Davao City will be a venue to finalize the Peace Accords Matrix (PAM) for Normalization. This was attended by Ms. Alexandra Medina, Mr. Bencel Giguiengo, Ms. Ma.Erlinda Vila and Gerald Derama and other Program 1 focals.
5. **Technical Working Group meeting of LNI Basilan Secretariat.** The meeting is presided by Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman Salliman and attended by BT Cluster Executives and Focals led by PA David Diciano, with EDir. Cesar De Mesa, Mr. Ariel Hernandez, LtGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), MGen. Francisco Ariel Felicedario III (Ret.), Atty Laisa Alamia, Norm Mechanisms, and various stakeholders. The activity aimed to level off the LNI program between the National Government and the Basilan LGUs and stakeholders. Representatives from various government agencies, including the 101st Infantry Brigade, Basilan Provincial Police Office, and BARMM Peace, Security and Reconciliation Office, were in attendance. The religious sector was represented by the Chairman of Basilan Supreme Ulama Council and the Bishop Prelature of Isabela de Basilan. Civil Society Organizations (CSO) were well-represented with leaders from Balay Mindanaw, Basilan Women Initiative Foundation Inc, and Young Visionary of Basilan. Additionally, representatives from the indigenous peoples (IP) and youth sectors were also present.
6. **Courtesy Call of Colombian Delegation to the OPAPRU, NAC, AFP-PDO, PNP-PPD.** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO headed by Dir. Wendell P. Orbeso facilitated the courtesy call of the Colombian Delegates led by Her Excellency Marcela Ordonez to Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, National Amnesty Commission, Armed Forces of the Philippines - Peace and Development Office, and the

Philippine National Police - Peace Process and Development Center. The Colombian Delegates presented the various points of the final agreement for the termination of conflict, the Colombian Peace Fund Model, and the reincorporation process of former combatants who signed the peace accords. A discussion and dialogue was held afterwards.



7. ***Courtesy Call of Colombian Delegation to the DFA.*** Dir. Wendell P. Orbeso facilitated the courtesy call of the Colombian Delegation to the Department of Foreign Affairs. Among the attendees from the DFA were Assistant Secretary Jose Victor Chan-Gonzaga (DFA-OAA), Deputy ASec. Gunther Sales (DFA-OAA), Director Miguel Hornilla (DFA-OAA), and Mr. Marion Reyes (DFA-OCS).



8. ***Various activities of Colombian Field Visit in BARMM.*** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO facilitated the various activities relative to the field visit of the Colombian delegation, such as the visit at JPST Operations Center, briefing with the GPH and MILF JNC JPSC Chairpersons, visit at JPST Guindulungan Station with LGU officials, and Briefing with the GPH CCCH and AHJAG Chairpersons. This was the first day of field visit of said delegation in BARMM.

On the second day of the Colombian field visit in BARMM, the following activities were facilitated and assisted by the MILF PPO: Courtesy Call with BARMM Chief Minister, Courtesy Call with the BTA Parliament, Courtesy Call with the Bangsamoro Women Commission Chairperson, Cultural Tour at Bangsamoro Museum, Cultural Tour at Grand Mosque, Dinner with International Stakeholders, Visit at Secured Arms Storage Area with IDB officials, Visit and Dialogue with Camp Commanders, BIWAB, SWC, MILF DCs, MILF BIAF, and LGU at Abubakar As-Siddique Elementary School, Visit at Normalization Projects at Camp Abubakar, Nature trip at Bulubutua Falls in Barira, Briefing at IDB Headquarters, Dinner and Discussion of Next Steps.

The Colombian delegation was happy to see the benefits of the Normalization projects, especially the transformation of Camps to include a school facility providing education to children and livelihood through modern agriculture equipment. Moreover, the delegation shared numerous best practices on their decommissioning process. Through all the learnings and sharing of experiences, the OPAPRU led by Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima and the Colombian delegation led by Ambassador Marcela Ordóñez discussed the next steps of the Technical Cooperation Agreement between the two countries.



9. **Joint Workshop on Peace Accords Matrix-Mindanao.** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO & JNC Secretariat attended the Joint Workshop on Peace Accords Matrix-Mindanao. The activity aimed to: (1) provide avenue for a wider range of both key officials and representatives of the different Peace Mechanisms to jointly discuss the Peace Accords Matrix technology and deepen the participants' understanding on the concept and its significance to both parties of the peace process; (2) jointly finalize the stipulations and indicators; and (3) lastly, jointly provide an initial scoring on the status of implementation of the Normalization Annex. On the first day, a breakout session for the GPH and MILF participants was done to firm up and discuss the stipulations in preparation for the joint workshop session the next day.



10. **Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN).** ICCMN Ground Consultation Visit in the Six Previously Acknowledged MILF Camps. The OPAPRU delegation headed by PA David Diciano, and MP Baintan Ampatuan, with Assistant Secretary Alnessa Thea Uy of OSAP conducted the ICCMN Visit to the 6 MILF Camps which was divided into two (2) teams (Team A: Lanao and Team B: Central Mindanao). A Pre-Trip Briefing was first conducted where Dir. Naparan, Head of GPIP Secretariat, discussed the rationale and flow of the activity for the week. Representatives from the MILF PPO, JNC, CCCH, JTFCT and AFP also provided briefings on the profiles of the MILF Camps, security situation, and arrangements for the activity. ICCMN agencies participating in the event were CHED, DOLE, DBM, OSAP, NICA, DAR, NICA, MinDA, AFP, PNP, NHA, and DOH.

FGDs were conducted with Decommissioned Combatants (DCs), BIWAB members and Social Welfare Committee of the MILF (SWC-MILF). Majority of issues raised by the DCs were on socio-economic packages to be provided, especially on housing, scholarships, programs for youth, and addressing flood-prone areas in the community. They also visited projects such as RHU by DOH, irrigation project by NIA, hanging bridge under MTF and CFSI, and JPST Pikit.

This engagement aimed to deepen the understanding of ICCMN member-agencies on the realities, challenges, and needs of the community, thus enriching convergence efforts in the peace agenda towards a whole-of-nation approach on advancing the Normalization Program.





11. **Ceremonial MOU Signing between DAR and BARMM.** The OPAPRU, represented by PA Diciano, EDir Bayam and Dir. Orbeso, attended the signing of the MOU between DAR and BARMM. On behalf of the PAPRU, PA Diciano signed as witness on said MOU and provided a solidarity message during the event. Other guests included BTA Members, representatives from OSAP, and other DAR officials.



12. **26th Joint Normalization Committee Meeting and Year-end Assessment.** The Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) conducted its 26th meeting and Year-End Assessment. The JNC reviewed both the achievements and challenges related to Normalization deliverables. A collaborative brainstorming session took place, leading to the formulation of strategic approaches and action plans in achieving the deliverables for FY 2024. The meeting was attended by the JNC Co-Chairs Mr. Ariel C. Hernandez and Minister Akmad Brahim, JNC Members Lieutenant General Danilo Pamonag (Ret), Atty. Naguib Senarimbo and Mr. Abas Jerry Abubacar, JPSC Co-Chair, Major General Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III(Ret) and JNC Secretariat Head, Dir. Wendell P. Orbeso.



13. **OPAPRU-OSAP ICCMN Secretariat Meeting.** The OPAPRU as part of the ICCMN Secretariat met to discuss the schedule of activities for the 1st Quarter of 2024 which shall include the convening of ICCMN Subclusters and conduct of bilateral meetings with pertinent ICCMN agencies, the 11th ICCMN Meeting, and the ICCMN Caravan in the 6 MILF Camps.

The OPAPRU was designated to prepare data relative to the issues raised during ICCMN visit which will be used in discussing with ICCMN Subcluster Agencies. A report on the ICCMN Visit shall be released within the year along with initial letter request for meeting with the pertinent agencies in January or February of 2024.

Initial recommendations to address the issues raised during the ICCMN Visit were:

- MILF contingents of the JPSTs should be prioritized to be included in the list of MILF to enter the PNP, should they not be included, entry into the AFP should also be considered.
- Follow-up with Commission on Higher Education (CHED) on the inclusion of MILF in the free tertiary program.
- ICCMN to designate the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) and (Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) to take on land titling issues. The Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) may also be tapped to lobby with Congress for the enactment of policy to reclassify lands within the Camps.
- ICCMN Co-Chairs may issue letters to the Ministry of Health (MOH), Local Government Units (LGUs), and other relevant agencies to provide equipment, accept projects to be turned-over, etc, if needed. (i.e. Rural Health Unit (RHU) equipment, training centers).
- Recommend to start planning the ICCMN Caravan one (1) month before the activity to have ample time to coordinate with LGUs and NGAs, and prepare necessary programs to be brought by the agencies and LGUs.

Raised also during the meeting, for OPAPRU and the GPH Implementing Panel to anticipate issues in 2025 relative to MILF commanders whose Camps/AOR are not within BARMM. Lastly, the OPAPRU to closely monitor the progress of the EU grant - Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (EUR 27 million) to ensure that the current set-up remains with OPAPRU and BARMM as lead implementing agencies.



❖ Security Aspect

1. **Courtesy Call to Commander of the Western Mindanao Command (WESTMINCOM).** The JNC-GPH Chair had a Courtesy Call to the newly appointed Commander, WESTMINCOM Major General Steve Crespillo PA. He was joined by the JPSC-GPH Chair, Major General Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), and the UNDP - ASPIRE Team. The meeting introduced to the new commander the ongoing and upcoming programs of the GPH-MILF Peace Process wherein the WESTMINCOM can provide assistance. Further, the meeting also discussed the upcoming implementation of the LNI Program, and to provide briefing on the ASPIRE Project relative to the SALW Program of the JNC.



2. **Courtesy Visit and Meeting with Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman Salliman regarding LNI.** The OPAPRU through the Bangsamoro Transformation (BT) Cluster led by PA David Diciano, with EDir. Cesar De Mesa, Mr. Ariel Hernandez, MGen. Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), Col. Joel Mamon (Ret.), Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, MILF PPO and other Program 1 and Program 2 representatives paid a courtesy visit to Basilan Governor Salliman. Thereafter, Mr. Hernandez presented OPAPRU's LNI concept.

The following were the inputs and suggestions of Gov. Salliman:

- Basilan Provincial Government supports the LNI program of OPAPRU and agreed to be the pilot area and model of LNI;
- LNI is the middle ground for National Government Agencies, Local Chief Executives, BARMM, MILF/MNLF and other stakeholders in implementing the Normalization Program;
- Instead of the proposed traditional and bureaucratic/large LNI structure, it is better to have a simplified structure (i.e. coordinating committee) for LNI;
- The head of the simplified LNI structure or committee should have political decisiveness and will, while the secretariat should be an operator and effective program manager;
- Some of the LNI projects in Basilan can include agri- and aqua-cultural socio-economic interventions, SALW, and land titling, among others;
- The LNI should reinforce the provincial development plans and OPAPRU and/or LNI committee to identify target beneficiaries to avoid duplication or even competing projects between NGAs and LGUs; and,
- One of the strategies to ensure effective LNI projects is through MOUs of LNI projects from Provincial LGU to Barangays which Basilan supports.

Aside from this, Gov. Salliman also relayed to the team that he is requesting the National Government to develop a national policy in changing the narrative on the image of Basilan from a conflict area to a transformed and economically developed province. He

is requesting that security agencies focus their messaging on the development of Basilan rather than reporting mostly on the security threats in the province.

Moreover, it was agreed that the OPAPRU shall invite identified members of the LNI secretariat for a roundtable discussion to firm up the LNI projects in Basilan.



3. **13th Oversight Committee Meeting of the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs).** The OPAPRU as the head secretariat of the NTF-DPAGs facilitated the convening of its Oversight Committee to discuss the updates and accomplishments of the Task Force Western and Eastern Mindanao, Current Security Status of the BARMM, and the ongoing efforts of the inter-agency task force relative to the conduct of Barangay and Sangguniang Kabataan Elections (BSKE) 2023.

Moreover, the presiding chair, Sec. Benjamin C. Abalos Jr., together with the Vice Chairperson, Sec. Gilberto Teodoro Jr. motioned for the formal inclusion of Sec. Antonio Ernesto Lagdameo Jr., Special Assistant to the President, as a new and permanent member of the Oversight Committee of the NTF-DPAGs.



4. **Ceremonial Opening of the ASPIRE Project in Basilan.** The OPAPRU through the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) held the Ceremonial Opening of the ASPIRE Project in Basilan. Present during the activity is the Special Assistant to the President Sec.

Antonio Ernesto Lagdameo Jr, Secretary of National Defense Sec. Gilberto Teodoro Jr, Secretary of the Interior and Local Government Sec. Benjamin Abalos Jr, Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Sec. Carlito Galvez Jr, BARMM Interim Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim and Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman Salliman. The ASPIRE Project was developed through the partnership of UNDP and JNC and was funded by the Embassy of Japan. The activity was attended by 11 mayors from the province of Basilan.



5. **Turnover of Loose Firearms.** The JPSTs in Basilan together with the Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) facilitated the transport and turn-over of two (2) firearms to GPH security forces. The turnover was witnessed by BARMM Interim Chief Minister, Ahod “Murad” Ebrahim, Gov. Hataman Salliman, Sec. Lagdameo Jr, Sec. Teodoro Jr, Sec. Abalos Jr., and Sec. Galvez Jr.
6. **Workshop on the Review of the Ad Hoc Joint Action Group Protocols.** A workshop was organized by the GPH-Combined Secretariat of the CCCH and AHJAG to review and enhance the current ceasefire protocols. MGen Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III, JPSC Co-Chair and PBGen Eden Ugale (Ret), Member GPH JPSC, together with the other members of GPH peace mechanisms, and representatives from AFP and the PNP attended the workshop.



7. **JPST Station Repairs and Construction.** Mr. Amenodin M. Samporna and Datu Jhaffar Pandita both from the JPSC Secretariat, together with the UNDP Project Engineer, and JPST OpCen Co-Chief Captain Armando Villanueva PA, conducted series of site visitation to JPST facilities to identify the damages caused by wear and

tear and faulty design. Likewise, the team also visited the ongoing construction of JPST station in Kapinpilan Midsayap, Cotabato.



8. **GPH AHJAG - PNP PPDC Monthly Meeting.** Police Major General Victor K Wanchakan, Chair of the GPH AHJAG presided over the GPH AHJAG, Philippine National Police Peace Process and Development Center (PNP PPDC) Monthly meeting. The meeting focused on the exchanges of security situation and updates in the respective area of operation of the PNP specifically on the upcoming BSKE on 30 October 2023 and other related issues.



9. **Joint Assessment Mission for ASPIRE-Basilan.** The JNC in partnership with the UNDP and the province of Basilan conducted a joint assessment mission for the municipality of Sumisip, Basilan. The pilot areas for Sumisip were Brgy. Upper Cabengbeng, Lower Cabengbeng, Sapah Bulak, and Ettub-Ettub. The team gathered information on the communities concerning Security, Accessibility and Communications, as well as Community and Socio-economic status. The team was led by JNC-GPH Chair Mr. Ariel Hernandez, and was composed of JPSC-GPH Member PMGen Eden Ugale (Ret.), UNDP Programme Manager Ms. Yumiko Kaneko and personnel from the JNC Secretariat, JPSC Secretariat and UNDP. The JNC, in partnership with the UNDP, conducted the 2nd day of the Joint Assessment Mission for ASPIRE-Basilan. The team

focused on the municipality of Hadji Mohammad Ajul, specifically the barangays of Candiis, Buton, Langil and Sibago.

10. **Courtesy Call with Mayor Talib Pawaki of Hadji Mohammad Ajul and ASPIRE-Basilan Community Visit.** The JNC-GPH Chair Mr. Ariel Hernandez had a courtesy call with the municipal mayor of Hadji Mohammad Ajul, Mayor Talib Pawaki and provided a briefing on ASPIRE to Mayor Pawaki and the barangay captains present. This was followed by a community visit. The UNDP gave a brief introduction of the ASPIRE program while the JNC-GPH Chair explained to the women and children of Brgy. Buton how they can contribute to the ASPIRE program.



11. **Weapons Processing Workshop for ASPIRE-Basilan.** The JNC in partnership with the UNDP conducted the Weapons Processing Workshop for ASPIRE-Basilan. The workshop focused on three topics: (1) Weapon Appraisal Guidelines, (2) Weapon Registration Procedure, and (3) Weapon Tagging and Stenciling Procedure. The workshop was facilitated by JNC-GPH Chair Mr. Ariel Hernandez and was attended by Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman-Salliman, Hadji Mohammad Ajul Mayor Talib Pawaki, 11th Infantry Division Commander BGen Alvin Luzon, and key personnel from the 18th and 64th Infantry Battalion.



12. **Planning Workshop of the LNI-Basilan Secretariat.** The OPAPRU Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) team, spearheaded by Mr. Ariel Hernandez and accompanied by LtGen Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), PMGEN Eden Ugale (Ret.), and Dir. Wendell Orbeso, facilitated a strategic Planning Workshop for the LNI-Basilan Secretariat. The Secretariat, under the leadership of Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman Salliman together with BGen. Alvin Luzon, 101st Brigade Commander, hosted sectoral representatives from Basilan, and observed by esteemed peace partners from US Institute of Peace, Non Violent Peace Force, and International Organization for Migration.

The workshop once again convened diverse stakeholders from the national government, local government units, religious and youth sectors, civil society organizations, and the security sector. Mr. Hernandez steered the workshop, which focused on elucidating the ASPIRE SALW Project background and delineating the roles and responsibilities of the LNI-Basilan Secretariat, with active participation from the attendees.



13. **Ceremonial Activation and Turn-Over of JPST Station in Barangay Darampua, Sultan sa Barongis and in Barangay Kapinpilan, Midsayap, SGA.** Another historical achievement of one of the major provisions of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), particularly on the Security Aspect of the Normalization Program – was the Activation of Joint Peace and Security Team in Midsayap, Cotabato. It is the 24th team deployed in mutually agreed areas which completes the deployment of 778 trained JPSTs.

In his handover message, Brigadier General Nasser Lidasan PA, Chairman, GPH CCCH and Assistant Division Commander, 6ID, PA, AFP reminded the JPSTs of their duties and functions and also explained the vital role of the JPST as a peacekeeping force in informing the community on the negative effects of violent extremism. The MILF JPSC Co-Chair Von Alhaq noted that unity and working together for peace is more powerful than the barrel of the gun. He also highlighted the drive and determination of everyone in pursuit of peace that materialized the activation and turnover of the peacekeeping team in Midsayap.

In his message of support, the PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PPDC) Chief Police Brigadier General Percival Augustus Placer represented by the Provincial Director of North Cotabato Provincial Police Office, Police Colonel Harold S. Ramos, said that the operationalization of JPST is an important chapter in the quest of a united Bangsamoro and also became an example to many in attaining sustainable peace in Mindanao. He expressed that the PNP PPDC is in full support of the implementation of the CAB through its security component in attaining peace and development in BARMM and the Philippines.

For Police Brigadier General Jimili L Macaraeg Regional Director of the Police Regional Office 12 (PRO 12), also represented by PCOL Ramos, stated that the establishment of this Joint Peace and Security Team signifies a new era of cooperation between the PNP, AFP, and MILF with a shared mission to ensure the safety and well-being of the people in the (BARMM) and its neighboring areas. Captain Norsal Dimaporo of the AFP Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO) expressed that inclusion of Moro leaders in NGAs as well as in the line of leadership of AFP is a good manifestation that we as Filipinos are working together for the better future of the Bangsamoro.



Department of Agriculture Undersecretary Zamzamin Ampatuan urged the JPST to make an impact in the community not only in providing security as stated in their mandate but also urged the JPST Midsayap to be a role model in promoting agricultural development in the area. Butch Malang, Chair of MILF CCCH and Administrator, served as Guest of Honor and Speaker, reiterated that JPST is one of the fruitful results of the decades of negotiation by the Government of the Philippines and the MILF. JPST Members were trained to help address issues like violent extremism and support in disbanding the private armed groups as they work side by side as partners for peace.

14. **Post-Election Lessons Learned Workshop: Assessing Quick Response Team and Joint Monitoring Center Performance.** The OPAPRU through the GPH Coordination Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) headed by Chair BGen Nasser P Lidasan, PA; MILF CCCH represented by Malik Caril; MILF Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) represented by Head Secretariat Dr. Zainodin Kusin; Combined Secretariat for GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG headed by Dir. Joel Q. Mamon; representative/officials of Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), JPST OPCEN, 6ID, 601st Infantry Brigade, 602nd Infantry Brigade, 1st Mechanized Infantry Brigade, 1st Brigade Combat

Team, 34th Infantry Brigade, 90th Infantry Brigade, Maguindanao Del Norte Police Provincial Office, Maguindanao Del Sur Police Provincial Office, Cotabato Police Provincial Office, Sultan Kudarat Police Provincial Office, members of the Quick Response Team (QRT) and Joint Monitoring Center (JMC) conducted a Post-Election Lessons Learned Workshop: Assessing Quick Response Team & Joint Monitoring Center Performance in partnership with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) headed by Dr. Haroro J. Ingram and Ms. Alia Adam of Strategic Communication and Capacity Building Project (SCCB Project).

It was assessed that the QRTs and JMC successfully executed their mandate in implementing the Guidelines for Mutual Understanding of the CCCH and AHJAG of both parties in order to safeguard the GPH-MILF Peace Agreements from adverse effects and repercussions while the government ensures the conduct of honest, orderly and peaceful elections on 30 October 2023. Accordingly, with the establishment of the Joint Monitoring Center in Cotabato City and deployment of QRTs composed of the members of the GPH-MILF ceasefire mechanisms (CCCH and AHJAG) and JPST deployed in eight (8) stations co-located with the AFP/PNP headquarters to cover the Conflict Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM), there were no recorded ceasefire related incidents which happened between the GPH and MILF forces during the period of implementation of the mentioned guidelines. It is worthy to note also that the conduct of elections in the areas covered by the cessation of hostilities between the GPH and MILF were all successful without record of failure of elections.

Ways forward were identified to possibly expand the mandate of the QRT not only for election related activities but to also serve as early warning and early response mechanism for the GPH-MILF Peace Process.



15. **KaBollayoka: Basketball Friendship Game.** To publicly demonstrate the strong commitment, camaraderie and cooperation for peace of the GPH and MILF forces in Central Mindanao a Friendship Game in partnership with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) headed by Dr. Haroro Ingram and the Strategic Communications and Capacity Building Project (SCCB Project) was conducted in Maguindanao del Norte. MP Suwaib Oranon of BTA Parliament/ Front Commander, Central Mindanao Front, BIAF-MILF served as the Guest of Honor and Speaker. The GPH CCCH headed by Chairman BGen Nasser P Lidasan, PA, and MILF CCCH represented by Malik Caril were also in attendance together with representatives and officials of 6ID, PA/JTF Central; Cotabato City Police Office; and 42nd & 44th Special Action Company, both of 4SAB. Series of games will also be undertaken in different AFP Brigade AORs of 6ID/JTF Central in coming months which will be participated by the members of the AFP, PNP, BIAF-MILF and ceasefire mechanisms.



16. ***Oath Taking and Turn Over Ceremonies of Patrolman/Patrolwomen from MILF/MNLF Quota for CY 2023 Recruitment Program.*** DILG Secretary Benjamin Abalos presided over the Ceremony as the Guest of Honor and Speaker, together with Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., and PNP Deputy Chief for Administration - Police Lieutenant General Rhodel Sermonia representing the Chief PNP. Also attending during the ceremony were PA David Diciano, Office for Bangsamoro Transformation representing the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB); Mr. Ariel Hernandez, JNC GPH Co Chairperson; Major General Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret) JPSC GPH Co Chair; EDir Jordan Bayam, Office for Special Concerns on Bangsamoro; Major General Alex Rillera PA, Commander, 6ID; and other distinguished guests from the BARMM. They were received by the PNP PRO BAR headed by PBGEN Allan C Nobleza.

A total of 294 trainees, 39 of which are women, took their oath at the said event. The said trainees are in addition to the initial first batch of 102 trainees who took their oath last 10 August 2023 for a total of 396 former MILF and MNLF new entrants to the PNP.

As part of the program, a turnover ceremony for the to-be-issued ATM bank cards to the trainees also took place, signifying that they will begin receiving their salary as a patrolman effective the same day.



❖ Socioeconomic Development

1. **Meeting with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education-Technical Education and Skills Development Authority.** On 05 October 2023, the OPAPRU through GPH TFDCC Secretariat met with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (MBHTE-TESDA) to discuss technical documents and finalize the TVET graduation schedule under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Program. Attendees included Engr. Nelson Peloton, Jr. from UNDP; Ms. Katrina Mariano from MBHTE-TESD, and Ms. Asmerah Lontua from GPH TFDCC.



2. **Meeting with Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS) Inc.** On 10 October 2023, GPH TFDCC Secretariat attended meeting with Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS) Inc. to discuss updates on the progress of the implementation of Access to Legal Identity and Social Services for Decommissioned Combatants (ALIAS DC) Project. To date, a total of 5,192 certificates of live birth (COLB) were already distributed to project beneficiaries in Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Lanao del Norte, and Lanao del Sur. Among the attendees were Minister Aida Silongan, Chair MILF TFDCC, Mr. Marco Badayog, Project Officer of IDEALS.



3. **3rd GPH Socio-economic Study Committee Meeting.** On 13 October 2023, the GPH Socio-economic Study Committee convened for its third meeting headed by Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan. MP Atty. Laisa Alamia, GPH TFDCC Chair, presented the commitments of national government agencies (NGAs) towards the socio-economic development program for the decommissioned combatants and their communities. Other attendees were MGEN Ariel Felicidadario, GPH JPSC Chair; LTGEN Danilo Pamonag, JNC Member; Edir. Cesar de Mesa, GPH JTFCT Co-chair.

4. **GPH-MILF Socio-economic Study Committee Meeting.** On 20 October 2023, the GPH-MILF Socio-economic Study Committee (SSC) convened to discuss the GPH proposal on Socio-economic Development Packages, particularly for the decommissioned MILF combatants, previously acknowledged MILF camps, and vulnerable sectors in the Bangsamoro. The meeting was presided by Usec. Zamzamin Ampatuan and MP Raisa Jajurie. Also in attendance were GPH SSC Members PA David Diciano; and Usec. Alan Tanjusay; MILF SSC Members Minister Aida Silongan; BDG Engr. Mahajirin Ali; MGen Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret); GPH Resource Speakers JNC Co-chair Ariel Hernandez; TFDCC Co-Chair Atty. Laisa Alamia; and JTFCT Co-Chair Engr. Baintan Ampatuan; MILF Resource Speakers JTFCT Co-chair MP Ali Salik and JNC Co-Chair Minister Akmad Brahim; and Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan, Head, GPH Panel Secretariat.
5. **Meeting between OPAPRU with DSWD.** On 14 November 2023, Dir. Ishmael Bahjin, Officer-in-Charge, Socio-economic Development Unit (SDU-TFDCC) met with Assistant Secretary Arnel Garcia and his team from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to discuss the 2023 spillover deliverables in 2024. The following were the action items identified: i) convene a meeting with the finance and legal teams of both agencies to discuss the extension of 2023 fund transferred to DSWD; ii) OPAPRU to facilitate the drafting of supplemental MOA for the extension of the remaining fund transferred in 2023; and iii) DSWD to provide the Needs Assessment result in January 2024.




6. **Series of Meetings with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).** On 14 November 2023, GPH TFDCC Secretariat met with JICA experts Ms. Mariko Ikawa and Ms. Yu Ito to discuss the pilot selection of target areas for the Model Training Course and the ways forward under the Skills development for Economic Empowerment for the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro).

On 15 November 2023, the ICCMN Socio-economic Subcluster Head and GPH JNC Chair Ariel Hernandez attended a meeting with JICA where Ms. Ikawa presented the status of the SEE Bangsamoro. Chair Hernandez also discussed the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) and how all stakeholders are important and have a role in this program.



On 16 November 2023, the GPH TFDCC secretariat met with Ms. Dohi Yuko to discuss the current efforts on socio-economic development programs for the decommissioned combatants.



7. **Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) Interview for PROACTIVE Project.** On 17 November 2023, the GPH TFDCC Secretariat participated in the conduct of Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) for the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention, and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Project. The interview focused on the TFDCC's involvement in the project with specific focus to the provision of Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) to 600 decommissioned combatants and next-of-kin; and livelihood projects to 12 cooperatives. The interview was facilitated by Ms. Sandra Elena, EU International Expert.
8. **Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Site Validation.** On 21-23 November 2023, the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat participated in the courtesy meetings and site validation of the PAMANA proposed projects in the areas of:
 - Maguindanao Del Sur: Brgy. Marader, Talayan; Brgy. Datalpandan and Brgy. Ahan, Guindulungan; and Brgy. Kilangan, Pagalungan; and
 - Lanao Del Norte: Brgy. Panalawan, Tagoloan; Brgy. Berwar, Tangcal, and Brgy. Tamparan, Munai.
9. **Meeting with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).** The GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended the support to Peacebuilding and Normalization Programme (SPAN) meeting with UNDP to discuss the proposed financial requirements of Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) in the implementation of Values Transformation Training for DCs.
10. **Meeting with Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA).** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) to finalize the timeline of implementation of Values Transformation Training (VTT) under UNDP. The first batch of training was scheduled on 11-15 December 2023 in Davao City.
 
11. **Meeting with Panel Secretariat and JTFCT.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with the Panel Secretariat and JTFCT to discuss the socio-economic package specifically on matter of housing and Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) and Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP).

12. **Meeting with Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA) and MBHTE-TESD Maguindanao.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with JICA and MBHTE-TESD Maguindanao aimed to develop the content and materials for the video on TVET under Skills development and Economic Empowerment for the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro). The team was able to finalize the video script for vetting and approval of the Joint TFDCC.
13. **Meeting with Japan International Cooperative Agency (JICA).** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with JICA and agreed on the following: a) schedule of the profiling will be on January 10-11, 2024; and b) logistical requirements for the profiling in Barira, Maguindanao will be shouldered by JICA.



14. **Meeting with JICA Expert Ms. Mariko Ikawa.** The OPAPRU met with JICA Expert Ms. Mariko Ikawa and discussed the implementation of Skills development and Economic Empowerment for the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro).
15. **Meeting with Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Central Office.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended a meeting with DSWD wherein the department provided a briefing on the implementation of Sustainable Livelihood Program (SLP) under PAMANA program.
16. **Ocular Inspection of Venue for TVET Graduation Ceremony.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat joined the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in inspecting the venue for the TVET Graduation on December 16, 2023 in Brgy. Muti, Guindulungan. Fifty-three (53) DCs and next-of-kin graduated on the said date.



17. **Skills Development and Economic Empowerment for Bangsamoro-Video Shoot.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC covered two success stories of skills training for Decommissioned combatants and their next-of-kin that highlight the impacts of the TVET program in their civilian life.
18. **Ocular Visit with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).** The OPAPRU through the GPH TFDCC Secretariat joined the Ocular Visit as preparation for the graduation ceremony of DCs who completed skills training under the Programme on

Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) to be held on December 27, 2023.

19. **Series of Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Graduation Ceremony.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat facilitated graduation ceremonies of DCs and their next-of-kin who completed skills training under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) in the following areas:
 - Brgy. Sandab, Butig: 211 DCs completers who received certificates (NC II), starter kits and training support fund.
 - Brgy. Mapandi, Marawi City: 307 DCs and their next of kin who will receive certificates (NC II), starter kits and training support fund.



❖ Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

1. **Workshop on the Responsibility to Protect and Atrocity Prevention: The Relevance of Transitional Justice.** A workshop was organized by the Ateneo de Manila University-Department of Political Science and the Philippine Office of the Asia-Pacific Centre for Responsibility to Protect, with objectives as follows: (1) to bring together transitional justice (TJ) and responsibility to protect (R2P) advocates to discuss the relevance of transitional justice to R2P and explore how transitional justice promotes atrocity prevention; (2) to encourage sharing of learning and good practices in TJ that have potential to contribute to atrocity prevention; and, (3) to support joint strategizing on what should be done to harness TJ and R2P to prevent atrocities in the Philippines.

EDir. De Mesa, GPH Co-Chair for the Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR) shared the range of experiences of the peace process such as the Normalization Program, OPAPRU peace programs and processes and mechanisms that contribute to R2P efforts which also form part of TJR pillar on guarantee of non-recurrence.



Present during the workshop were participants from the civil society organizations particularly from the academe, TJ and human rights advocates, Indigenous Peoples and women's organizations. Representatives from other government agencies comprising the Philippine National Police-Peace and Development Center (PNP-PDC), Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and Human Rights Violations Victims Memorialization Commission (HRVVMC) were also present.

2. **6th Meeting of the GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR).** The GPH-MILF TWG-TJR convened its 6th meeting, with objectives as follows: (1) to formally introduce the newly-designated Co-chair and new member of the GPH TWG-TJR and build rapport with their MILF counterparts; (2) to share updates on the implementation of TJR roadmap and MILF's TJR efforts/initiatives; (3) to discuss convergence of TJR efforts for the Bangsamoro including Community Healing and Transformation Program for the MNLF; and, (4) to discuss strategic directions and set priorities for the remaining months of 2023 up to 2025 and/or beyond.

The meeting was attended by the following TWG-TJR members from both the GPH and MILF: EDir. Cesar D. De Mesa, GPH Co-chair; Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, GPH member; BGen. Buenavetura A. Pascual, GPH member; Mr Ammier Dodo, MILF Focal for TJR, Focal for Central Mindanao; MP Matarul Estino, MILF member and focal for Island Provinces of Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi; Mr. Annuas Hadjiserad, MILF member and focal for Lanao Provinces; Anwar Upahm, MILF representative/alternate member; and Atty. Sarah Bagid, MILF TWG-TJR Secretariat.

As agreed, the TWG-TJR shall jointly review the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) approved roadmap, take stock of what has already been implemented, identify strategies and ascertain priority interventions as well as facilitate the interfacing of the national government with BARMM counterparts. On the proposed creation of NTJRCB, the TWG shall monitor the status/progress of the filed bills in both lower and upper houses and engage with Rep. Ziaur-Rahman Alonto Adiong, Rep. Mujiv Hataman and Senator Risa Hontiveros. The TJRO Secretariat shall provide a comparative matrix of the filed bills.

As a way ahead, the TWG agreed to jointly review the ICCMN-approved TJR roadmap and come up with a joint roadmap in a workshop to be conducted on 21-22 November 2023 in Tagaytay City.

3. **Gender and Transitional Justice: Experiences from State Actors.** This activity was organized by Prof. Ma. Lourdes Veneracion-Rallonza of the Ateneo de Manila University-Political Science Department (ADMU-PSD) for the students with a graduate-level elective course on Gender and Transitional Justice. It involved a conversation with TJ practitioners and advocates that is geared towards enabling the students to "practice mainstreaming gender in existing transitional justice initiatives that incorporate inclusivity, diversity and cross communication."

Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa of the Bangsamoro Transformation and as GPH Co-Chair of the Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice (TWG-TJR) presented the following points to the ADMU-PSD Graduate students: (1) the mandate of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), specifically, its role in advancing transitional justice in the Bangsamoro; (2) work on mainstreaming gender in transitional justice initiatives in the TJR program; and, (3) insights on gender-based experience of TJR program.

Resource persons from key government agencies such as the Human Rights Violations Victims' Memorialization Commission (HRVVMC), Human Rights Victims Claims Board (HRVCB); and BARMM ministries/agencies including Human Rights Commission (BHRC) and Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS) also shared how gender is mainstreamed in respective programs.



4. **Training-Workshop on the Development of Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) Operational Guidelines of the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC).** Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Member of the GPH-TWG TJR and Head of the TJRO Secretariat served as a resource person to the Training-Workshop on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) for key personnel of the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC), to present updates on TJR and the Normalization Program.

This activity was organized by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) under its UN Joint Programme on Conflict Transformation in BARMM, to support the BHRC in developing its operational guidelines on transitional justice.

Notable TJR subject matter experts and advocates also served as resource persons during the training-workshop, namely: Atty. Cecilia Jimenez-Damary, Atty. Mohammad Al-Amin Julkipli, Ammier M. Dodo, Guiamel M. Alim, Dr. Rufa Cagoco-Guiam and Myla Leguro.



5. **Series of ICCMN-TJR Working Group Meetings.** The ICCMN-TJR Working Groups on: (1) Truth/History; (2) Justice and Reparation; (3) Land-related Issues; and, (4) Guarantee of Non-recurrence were convened to generate updates and firm up agency commitments/deliverables to the TJR Roadmap for 2023-2025. In attendance were representatives from the following agencies:

- Truth/ History: NHCP, NCIP and CHED
- Justice and Reparation: DILG, DSWD and CHR
- Land-related Issues: DAR and NCIP
- Guarantee of Non-Recurrence: CHR, MinDA, PCW, AFP and PNP

These series of meetings were in line with the directives of the ICCMN Co-chairs to the Sub-Cluster on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation during the previous meeting to submit updates on the TJR Roadmap. The working group meetings were also undertaken as a prelude for the joint discussion/vetting of the TJR Roadmap by the GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on TJR which was held on 21-22 November 2023.



6. **Joint Workshop of the GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR) on the Roadmap.** The two-day joint workshop was undertaken to review and update the draft TJR Roadmap, with specific objectives as follows: (1) revisit and improve the ICCMN-approved Roadmap including the Proposed Plans, Projects and Activities; (2) prioritize key PPAs to be implemented in the next 6 months (November 2023-May 2024); (3) identify and resolve challenges in the key PPAs to be implemented; and, (4) agree on the strategies and activities towards approval of the TJR roadmap by the Joint Peace Implementing Panels. Present in the workshop were the co-chairs and members of the GPH-MILF TWG-TJR.



The TJR Roadmap that was approved by the ICCMN body in 2021 was revisited and updated based on the 90 recommendations of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) report, alongside the end states/goals, milestones and specific agency deliverables laid out in the ICCMN-approved TJR Roadmap. Thorough discussions on the proposed creation of the National TJR body (Track I) and Pillars on Truth, Justice and Reparations (Track II) were undertaken, resulting to various consensus points that were reflected to update the TJR Roadmap. A follow-through workshop to cover the Pillar on Guarantee of Non-recurrence as well as other items to be tackled, namely: (i) priority interventions for 2024-2025; (ii) challenges and strategies towards approval of the TJR roadmap by the Joint Peace Implementing Panels, along with its implementation, was proposed to be undertaken on 8 December 2023 in Cotabato City.

❖ Confidence-Building Measures

1. **Site Visit of Rural Health Units (RHUs) with Birthing Facilities.** On 15-20 October 2023, GPH TFDCC Secretariat together with representatives from the Ministry of Health (MOH) conducted a site visit to RHUs with birthing facilities in the six previously acknowledged MILF Camps as a prerequisite to the planned ceremonial turn-over in November 2023.

Five of the six RHUs were completed and ready for turnover. The Camp Abubakar RHU in Nabalawag, Barira, Maguindanao needs some corrective works which the MOH estimates to be completed by end 2023.



2. **6th Commemoration of Marawi Liberation.** Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. attended the 6th Commemoration of Marawi Liberation on behalf of President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr., by leading in the wreath laying ceremony and reading the President's message. The representative of the MILF Peace Process Office, Ms. Amenah R. Natangcop, joined the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO), in partnership with the Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM), in the conduct of the event. Ms. Amenah served as the program coordinator with the TFBM and host for the ceremonial program.
3. **Meeting with UNDP on Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment.** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO, headed by Dir. Wendell Orbeso attended an online meeting requested by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The meeting aimed to discuss concerns on the project implementation of UNDP's "Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment" or PROACTIVE which is funded by the EU through Programme on Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD-BARMM). This is in line with the ongoing Results Oriented Monitoring (ROM) exercise for two EU-funded projects under PD-BARMM which will be facilitated by Ms. Sandra Elena (International Expert) and Mr. Redempto Parafina (National Expert). Their objective is to provide an external opinion on project implementation to support project management by European Commission (EC) services and implementing partners through advice and recommendations. ROM reviews/assess the status of a project through an analysis of project documentation and meaningful consultation with all parties involved, including beneficiaries (whenever possible). They look at the progress in terms of input provision, activities undertaken, and results delivered (outputs, direct outcomes). Further, it also aims to highlight the strengths and weaknesses of the project implementation to assist the EC Operational Managers and key stakeholders to deal with questions and problems that may have emerged, to find solutions and revise approaches, and where relevant, to adapt to changing circumstances. The following aspects/criteria are examined during the ROM review mission: i) relevance; ii) coordination; complementarity, EU added value; iii) intervention logic, monitoring & learning; iv) efficiency; v) effectiveness; vi) sustainability; vii) cross-cutting issues (gender, human rights, environment, climate change); and viii) communication and visibility.

4. **Ceremonial Turn-over and Test Run of Kakal Irrigation System.** On 17 November 2023, The GPH TFDCC Secretariat attended the ceremonial turnover and test run of Kakal Communal Irrigation System in Datu Abdullah Sangki, Maguindanao del Sur under the National Irrigation Administration (NIA). The irrigation system was turned over to Saliao Communal Irrigators Association Inc.



5. **Joint Committee Meeting on Amnesty.** Chaired by Rep. Raul "Boboy" Tupas and Rep. Loreto Acharon, the focus of the Joint Committee Meeting was on House Concurrent Resolutions (HCR) concurring with proclamations granting amnesty to various groups. During the said meeting, Representatives raised several queries and clarifications, those pertaining to the MILF were on socio-economic interventions for amnesty grantees, amnesty program vs. decommissioning under the Normalization Program, interventions for changing mindsets of DCs, and status of MILF previously granted amnesty and whether they have successfully transitioned to peaceful, civilian life.
6. **Graduation Ceremony of Technical-Vocational Education and Training (TVET) DC Completer.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-TFDCC Secretariat attended the graduation ceremony of 1,255 MILF DCs and their next-of-kin. Courses completed are Carpentry NC II, Dressmaking NC II, Bread and Pastry Production NC II, Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II, Cookery NC II, and Animal Production (Chicken) NC II.



7. **NAC Communications Plan Strategy Workshop.** In order to plan and create a strategic communication plan, the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) convened select representatives from the NAC Secretariat, NAC Management, OPAPRU Peace Implementing Tables, and members of the Local Amnesty Boards (LABs) to sit down in a workshop. The first day began with a setting of expectations and objectives facilitated by the resource person, Dir. Aleem Guiapal. It was then followed by crafting of their strategic plans and presentations. The second day started with an update on the NAC website creation led by the IT expert, Mr. Wilson T. Anciro. He gave a comprehensive discussion about the proposed contents and pegs for the NAC website and responded to the inquiries of the attendees. Ideas and suggestions for the website development were also shared by the participants.
8. **12th NAC Meeting and Technical Working Group on the IRR of Proclamation Nos. 403, 404, 405, And 406, Series of 2023, Granting Amnesty to Members of the RPM-P/RPA/ABB, CPP-NPA-NDF, MILF, and MNLF.** The 12th NAC Meeting was attended by the NAC Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento, Commissioner Atty. Nasser Marohomsalic, and Commissioner Atty. Jamar Kulayan; NAC Management and Secretariat Members; En-Banc Members from the OPAPRU, Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), and Department of Justice (DOJ); and OPAPRU Peace Implementing Tables. Pertinent to the OPAPRU Peace Tables, Atty. Allan Bryan Caser updated the members that the concurrence was adopted by Congress last 12 December 2023, and the copy of the concurrence was transmitted to the Senate.

The OPAPRU representatives from the LLS and Peace Tables reviewed with the Technical Working Group the Implementing Rules and Regulations of Proclamation Nos. 403, 404, 405, And 406, Series of 2023, Granting Amnesty to Members of the Rebolusyonaryong Partidong Manggagawa Ng Pilipinas/ Revolutionary Proletarian Army/ Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-P/RPA/ABB), Former Members of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) and its Front Organizations, Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), respectively, in relation to Executive Order No. 125, Series Of 2021, as amended by Executive Order No. 47, Series of 2023, Creating the National Amnesty Commission. The TWG was able to finalize the said IRR and it will be packaged by the NAC Secretariat for them to disseminate to the appropriate members for their Legal and/or Technical staff review.

❖ Cross-Cutting Themes

A. Mainstreaming GAD and WPS

1. **Contextualization Workshop and Vetting of the Draft National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAP-GPS) 2023-2033.** The MILF PPO participated in the Contextualization Workshop and Vetting of the Draft National Action Plan on Women,

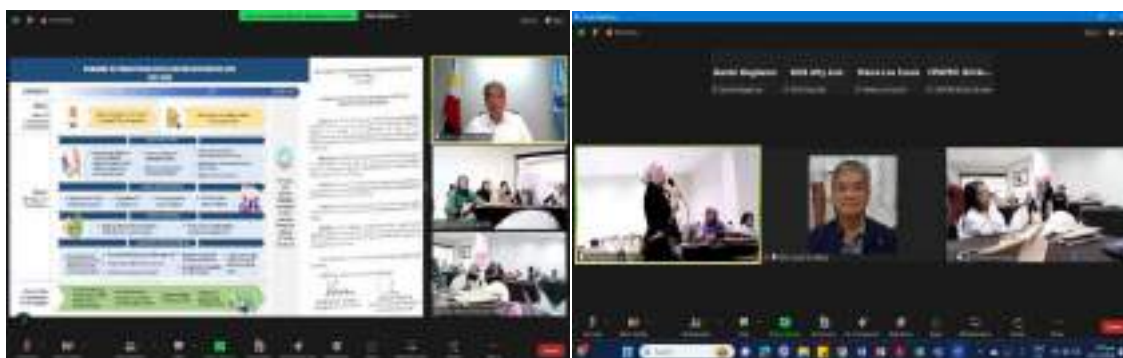


Peace and Security (NAP-WPS). The activity aimed to finalize the draft NAP-WPS with broadening of context based on human security and other emerging issues, as well as incorporation of Results-Based Management (RBM) principles. Specifically, the activities involve: (1) Deepening of the context and salient issues that inform the substantive and programmatic direction of the draft NAP-WPS 2023-2033; (2) Integration of Results-Based Management principles in the form and content of the NAP-WPS 2023-2033 to help finalize the action points, indicators, and funding requirements, and; (3) Improving the capacity of the members of the Technical Working Group on the WPS subject matters and RBM towards providing quality inputs to the NAP-WPS 2023-2033.

2. **GFPS Executive Committee Meeting.** The MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat, through Director Wendell P. Orbeso, attended the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) Executive Committee Meeting presided by EDir Susan Marcaida and facilitated by SHAPEO. The meeting discussed the dates for the GFPS Oath Taking Ceremony & PCW Executive Briefing, GADtimpala basic requirements, and GMEF assessment scores of OPAPRU from 2016-2023. The GFPS pledged their support in the implementation of GAD activities in the peace process.
3. **Women's Visions and Solidarity for Peace and Justice Conference on Advocacy for Transitional Justice.** Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa, in his capacity as GPH Co-chair of the Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR), served as one of the resource persons for a peace conference, entitled "Women's Visions and Solidarity for Peace and Justice Conference on Advocacy for Transitional Justice". The activity was organized by the Gaston Z. Ortigas Peace Institute (GZOPI) and Women Engaged in Action on 1325 (WE ACT 1325).

For the session on updates on TJ initiatives in the Bangsamoro, Edir. De Mesa presented the developments and updates on plans and implementation of the recommendations of the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Commission (TJRC) on the part of government, along with his counterpart from the MILF TWG on TJR, Mr. Ammier Dodo and the Chair of the Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC), Atty. Abdul Rashid Kalim.

This TJ conference was participated in by a network of peace and human rights and women's groups working on women, peace and security. It aimed to bolster women's knowledge on transitional justice and related developments, particularly in the Bangsamoro, towards building consensus on policy positions and other advocacy action.



4. **WIM-RAMP Peace Dialogue.** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO and JNC Secretariat presented the Updates on Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) during the Peace Dialogue with the Bangsamoro Women Insider Mediation-Rapid Action Mobilization Platform (WIM-RAMP). The participants are a group of community-based women mediators from Moro and Non-Moro Indigenous Peoples communities in the BARMM. Formally launched in March 2021 and co-convened by the Bangsamoro Women Commission. The UNDP-led dialogue is an initiative to strengthen meaningful

inclusion and participation of women peacebuilders and mediators in conflict prevention and peacebuilding.



B. Mainstreaming of CSPP

1. **Lecture on GPH-MILF Peace Process.** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO, represented by Ms. Janine Liao, provided a lecture via Zoom on the GPH-MILF Peace Process as one of topics of the Officer Course CL 2023-B of the Philippine Air Force Officer School. A short Q&A followed the presentation wherein queries that were raised revolved on the authority of BARMM to directly deal with foreign investors, timeline of completion of decommissioning of MILF forces, government actions in relation to Internally Displaced People (IDP), LGUs in the BARMM, and the 2025 BARMM elections.
2. **MasterPEACE VI: Youth as Vanguard of Society against Violent Extremism.** The OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF Peace Process conducted a 3-day face-to-face activity for the MasterPEACE VI: Youth as Vanguard of Society against Violent Extremism. On its first day, the MasterPEACE program conducted interaction activities in Marawi City. It started with a courtesy visit to the Provincial Government of Marawi City, led by its Provincial Mayor, Hon. Majul U. Gandamra. The OPAPRU was headed by EDir. Caesar D. De Mesa and Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin. Part of the program at the Marawi City Hall was a talk on the Joint Coordination, Monitoring, and Assistance Center (JCMAC) by EDir. De Mesa and a message from Board Member Jamil Faisal S. Adiong.



The MasterPEACE team also had an interaction activity with the children, youth, and women Marawi IDPs at Bahay Pag-asa, Mipaga. The activity also included the “Peacetahan sa Marawi” which was presented by Mr. Yusoph Pangadapun III, an officer of the Local Youth Development in Marawi City where he presented the initiatives and projects of the Marawi LGU. This was followed by a discussion on youth vulnerability to violent extremism by Capt. Sherhannah Paiso of AFP. It focused on the parameters and factors relative to violent extremism. Afterwards, a workshop on formulation of gender-

responsive projects was facilitated by Mr. Jaconiah Manalaysay, Chief Executive Officer of National Society of Parliamentarians.

The MasterPEACE VI ended with a Solidarity Night, where the Certificates of Completion were presented to the participants and they took part in the signing of the Pledge of Peace. In his closing remarks, EDir. Cesar D. De Mesa emphasized the significant role of the Youth in peacebuilding and how their participation in the peace efforts could bring lasting change in their communities.

3. **Strategic Communication Workshop for Localization of the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP P/CVE) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.** A workshop facilitated by the Anti-Terrorism Council Program Management Center (ATC-PMC) was held in Davao City which aimed to localize the PCVE efforts in the BARMM. The GPH-MILF Peace Process, through Dir. Wendell Orbeso and Ms. Anna Pacete participated and attended the strategic communication workshop for localization of the NAP P/CVE in the BARMM wherein program 1 was tasked to present the Updates on the Normalization implementation in the Bangsamoro. The activity aimed to develop a coordinating mechanism which will enhance the coordination, collaboration and cooperation of the different NGAs and the BARMM Government in the implementation of social healing and peacebuilding programs in the region. Agencies represented in the activity included the National Security Council (NSC), Department of National Defense (DND), Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), PRO-BAR, Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG), Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO), Bangsamoro Information Office (BIO), Ministry of Finance and Budget Management (MFBM), Office of the Senior Minister (OSM), and Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA).
4. **4th Bangsamoro Public Order and Safety Conference.** The OPAPRU through the MILF PPO, presented updates on the Normalization Program during Day 1 of the 4th Bangsamoro Public Order and Safety Conference organized by the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS). The Conflict Reporting System (CRS) Manual was also launched during the 2-day event which shall serve as the framework for the Community Early Warning and Early Response Guidelines.

C. Stakeholders Participation

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

1. **Exchange visit to Colombia.** As part of “Strengthening institutional capacities in reincorporation and normalization for former combatants in the Philippines, based on the Colombian experience” Technical Cooperation Project (TCP) between the Colombian Agency for Reincorporation and Normalization (ARN) and the OPAPRU conducted an



exchange visit. The OPAPRU delegation visited the communities in Caqueta where the former Colombian combatants have resettled, which they now call as "peace territories." These communities are implementing livelihood projects based on the available resources in the community and on market demand such as an ecotourism park, products from sugar cane, cacao, pineapple, etc. The delegation also visited the agencies involved in the peace process such as the Cooperación Internacional de Colombia (APC), Agencia para la Reincorporación y la Normalización (ARN), and the Fondo Colombia en Paz (FCP).

2. **Meeting with the Save the Children Organization.** Dir. Wendell Orbeso, along with representatives from the SHAPEO and PDSMS, met with representatives from Save the Children to share insights and explore collaboration on efforts on mainstreaming peace education to children as well as other support to children during situations of armed conflict. Dir. Orbeso emphasized for Save the Children to align their efforts towards the priorities of the Normalization Program and involve pertinent Normalization mechanisms. Collaboration on mainstreaming peace education was also discussed and the proposed partnership between OPAPRU and Save the Children.
3. **Breach Response Learning Session.** The MILF PPO participated in the Breach Response Learning Session which discussed the Data Privacy Act, Achieving Privacy Resiliency within the Agency and the Cyber Domain. Mr. Robert S. Pagua, JD, MPM of Cybercrime Investigation and Coordinating Center and LCol Francell Margareth Padilla-Taborlupa of AFP served as the resource speakers in the session.
4. **Courtesy Meeting of International Organization for Migration (IOM) Delegates.** Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima together with Director Wendell Orbeso and Mr. Prisci Val Bulanlagui met with the following IOM delegates:
 - Ms. Tristan Burnett, Chief of Mission;
 - Mr. Sam Grundy, Chief of IOM's Transition and Recovery Division;
 - Mr. Troy Dooley, Head of Programme; and,
 - Ms. Erina Yamashita, Head of Cotabato Sub-Office.

The DPAPRU, Dir. Orbeso, and Mr. Bulanlagui briefed the IOM delegates on the background and updates of the Bangsamoro Peace Process and initiatives of the OPAPRU on international partnerships. Relative to this, the IOM commits to continue their support and partnership with OPAPRU on the Bangsamoro Peace Process.



5. **Meeting of DPAPRU with Her Excellency Marcela Ordóñez, Ambassador of Colombia to the Philippines.** The MILF PPO joined the DPAPRU during the meeting with Ambassador Ordóñez to discuss next steps of Philippine-Colombian partnership. Bilateral and triangular cooperation projects and sharing were discussed, such as the

practices of the Colombia in Peace Fund regarding the structuring of projects, exchange of best practices on community-based municipality and regional development plans/localization efforts, livelihood projects, various sources of financing, political participation, JPSTs, and TJR. Moreover, the Ambassador shared that she will host a meeting with selected embassies and international peace partners to explore the triangular cooperation setup.

6. ***PH-EU Bilateral Cooperation Sub-Committee Meeting.*** The MILF PPO joined DPAPRU during the PH-EU Bilateral Cooperation Sub-Committee Meeting attended by the EU and various government agencies. During the meeting, the DPAPRU briefed the attendees of the mandate of OPAPRU and updates on PD-BARMM. Moreover, he emphasized on the continuing implementation of the PD BARMM Program led by OPAPRU with the BARMM and EU, the SUBATRA under BARMM with OPAPRU and EU, and the nexus to fill in the gaps and ensure that the terms and spirit of partnership and jointness in the implementation of the peace agreement will be upheld by the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), which is integral and critical in achieving a just and lasting peace in Mindanao.



7. ***Philippines-Australia Development Partnership Plan (DPP) Consultation Session.*** The OPAPRU participated in the consultation session with the Philippine government partners of the Australian Embassy to the Philippines. The Australian Embassy in partnership with Philippine Government agencies led by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), conducted a consultation session to help formulate the Philippines-Australia Development Partnership Plan (DPP). The DPP will set out the shared objectives for Australia's development cooperation with the Philippines wherein its 1st pillar focuses on peacebuilding, civil maritime cooperation, security sector capacity building, justice, human rights, and transnational crimes.



8. ***Inter-Agency Meeting on the Proposed EUR27 Million Grant from the European Union (EU) for the Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao.*** The Department of Finance (DOF) hosted a series of interagency meetings related with the EUR27 Million grant from the European Union which shall be allotted for the development in Mindanao. Arising from the said meeting, the OPAPRU shall craft inputs and recommendations to the new EU Programme as well as the draft Financing Agreement to be submitted to the DOF. The OPAPRU shall retain its position wherein the OPAPRU and the Bangsamoro should be the lead implementing agencies for the

said EU Programme as it deals with the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Governance and the Normalization Program.

9. **Meeting with Ambassadors on Exploration of the Triangular Cooperation hosted by Colombian Embassy.** Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisima and Colombian Ambassador Marcela Ordonez led the briefing attended by diplomats from Chile, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Malaysia, and Mexico, along with officials from various nations and international organizations. The briefing underscored the Philippine-Colombia partnership in advancing the peace process, including online sessions and exchange visits. Diplomats pledged support for community development, especially during the transition to a stronger Bangsamoro government, emphasizing the collective effort for regional peace and stability. The OPAPRU also highlighted the recent Colombian delegate visit.



10. **2nd Technical Coordination Meeting of PD-BARMM Grantees.** The Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) facilitated the agenda of the meeting as well as the administrative and logistical requirements of the attendees. In attendance to the meeting were Director General Mohajirin Ali of Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA); Mr. Ariel Hernandez of GPH-JNC; Ms. Myrto Christofiduo and Ms. Emily Mercado of the European Union; Mr. Farouk Lim of United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF); Mr. Ronnie Delsy of Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP); Mr. Nelson Peloton of United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Mr. Marco Badayog of Initiatives For Dialogue And Empowerment Through Alternative Legal Services Incorporated (IDEALS Inc.); Ms. Iona Jalijali and Mr. Hadzer Birowa of Center for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD); Mr. Rhadzni Taalim of Bangsamoro Development Authority (BDA); Ms. Winona Fernando from CARE; Mr. Mykiel Patcho of Save the Children; and Mr. Oliver Apud of World Vision. The meeting delved on (1) presentation of updates of every organization on their respective initiatives/projects, (2) mapping of areas where synergy/collaboration is possible and needed, (3) Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) presentation on database and mapping in the camps. Mr. Hernandez, JNC-GPH Chair, provided his opening remarks highlighting the essence of localizing the implementation of the normalization.



II. PEACE PROCESS WITH THE MNLF

A. POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

1. **Online Meeting on Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao**

10 October 2023 | Pasig City

The OPAPRU attended the follow-up online meeting, tackling the Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM). The meeting reviewed the comments made on the Revised Rules on Visits of Foreign Governments and Intergovernmental Organizations (FGIOs) to CAAM, wherein the OPAPRU provided its inputs to the guidelines stipulated. The OPAPRU likewise requested that the "GPH Management Committee" for the Sema group and the GPH Peace Coordinating Committee for the Misuari group be reflected in all documents. Further, in terms of coordination with MNLF on the ground regarding CAAM, communications and coordination will only be done internally and will no longer involve the PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PNPPDC) and Armed Forces of the Philippines Peace and Development Office (AFPPDO). A follow through meeting will be held with onsite attendance.

2. **Meeting with the MNLF Groups on the Proposed Convergence**

26 October 2023 | Grand Regal Hotel, Davao City



The OPAPRU, through the MNLF PPO-Political Engagement Division (PED), organized the 1st Convergence Meeting with the MNLF Groups. The meeting was presided over by Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., together with PA David Diciano, PA Wilben Mayor, EDir. Cesar de Mesa and Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, who facilitated the flow of discussion.

The body agreed on the following relative to the convergence between the MNLF groups, to wit:

- All parties agree to consult their members, principals, and constituencies on the proposed convergence;
- Possible areas of convergence include Political, Socio-economic, Legal and Security;
- Review further the nomenclature or terminology used to ensure that they are acceptable to all parties;
- Meetings shall be conducted on a monthly basis; and
- OPAPRU shall organize a monthly meeting either of the Technical Working Group or of the leadership.

3. **Joint Management Committee Meeting**

28 November 2023, Astoria Plaza Hotel, Ortigas, Pasig City

The GPH-MNLF Management Committee members, led by Chairs Cesar B. Yano of the GPH and Uttoh Salem Cutan of the MNLF, respectively, attended the aforementioned. The Bangsamoro Cluster of the OPAPRU, BGen Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.) and EDir. Cesar D. De Mesa, were present, along with Co-chairs from the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), AFPPDO, PNP-PPDC, and MNLF.



The following agreements were reached:

- The GPH shall provide support to the additional staff for the MNLF Management Secretariat to assist in processing the list of combatants to ensure that the validation, to be facilitated by the GPH Validation Team, shall be efficiently conducted.
- The JBMAF and GPH shall review the current fund allocations to provide allowances to the members of the Joint Verification Team (JVET) and Joint Verification Groups (JVEGs).
- The Joint Secretariat shall finalize the list of combatants for the remaining implementing provinces which will undergo the Validation, Verification and Profiling (VVP).
- The GPH shall ensure that the Co-Chairperson of the Socio-Economic component is updated on the status of implementation as well as the processes and activities relative to the Amnesty for the MNLF.
- The GPH shall coordinate with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) on the realignment of funds to accommodate 2,000 combatants.

4. **2023 NAC Year-End Performance Assessment and 2024 Planning Workshop** 06 - 07 December 2023 | Hotel Dominique, Tagaytay City

The MNLF PPO attended a workshop with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) together with representatives from the Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Department of National Defense (DND), as well as the focal person from the Local Amnesty Boards (LABs) of the NAC, to review the NAC activities and assess the performance results for FY 2023. Moreover, day 1 focused on the review and assessment of NAC's strategic plan and key result areas. The body identified good practices, challenges, opportunities, and lessons learned. The output of the workshop will be used on the second day of the activity for FY 2024 planning.



The MNLF PPO provided inputs to the discussion on NAC initiatives for the amnesty as well as the experiences of the unit that might be useful to the implementation of the amnesty program. The former shall also benefit largely from the output of the activity, specifically in crafting and finalizing the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR).

Further, Atty. Maria Cleofe Gettie Sandoval provided a brief orientation on Women, Peace, and Security. The orientation intends to inform the participants about the WPS framework that will help implement the National Action Plan (NAP).

5. Communications Plan Strategy Workshop

11-12 December 2023, 1100H, PICC, Pasay City



Along with representatives from peace tables and the focal point of the Local Amnesty Boards (LABs) of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), the PED of the MNLF PPO attended the workshop.

Creating communication objectives and strategies, determining target audiences, and making action suggestions were among the main topics of Day 1. The outcome of the workshop will be used to establish and finalize the NAC's communication plan, which will be utilized by all significant stakeholders involved in amnesty programs.

6. 12th National Amnesty Commission Meeting

13 December 2023, PICC, Pasay City

Together with members of Commission En Banc from the Department of Justice, the Department of National Defense, the Department of Interior and Local Government, and OPAPRU, MNLF PPO, and other representatives of the peace table and legal service, the group participated in the 12th NAC meeting at the PICC, Pasay City.



In addition to topics related to the amnesty program's implementation, such as the issuance of safe conduct passes, the reconstitution of the technical working group on the revision of Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), Congress approval of the recently issued amnesty proclamations, and other matters, the meeting covered legal and operational concerns of NAC efforts.

To make the most of the time, the body also examined and revised the most recent draft IRR of Proclamation Nos. 403, 404, 405, and 406, series of 2023, which will make possible the amnesty applications from RPMP/RPA/ABB members as well as former CPP-NPA-NDF, MILF, and MNLF members.

The updated documents will be sent to the TWG members and relevant partners for their approval and additional feedback.

B. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

❖ Socio-economic Component

1. Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling in Basilan Province

02-05 October 2023 | Lamitan City Gymnasium, Lamitan City, Basilan Province



The OPAPRU, through its Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Peace Process Office and Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat, Joint Verification Team (JVeT), Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT), Philippine Statistics Authority, Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office IX, MSU Sulu, had conducted the Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling Activities beginning 30 September and 02-05 October 2023.

A total of 102 combatants underwent the process on 02 October 2023, 132 on 03 October 2023; 140 MNLF combatants on 04 October 2023; and 30 MNLF combatants on 05 October 2023. The activity process included: (1) *formation and orientation of the activity*, (2) *medical check-up*, (3) *orientation on verification*, (4) *National ID and birth registration*, (5) *profiling of combatants*, (6) *debriefing*, (7) *provisions of PhP45,000.00 initial Cash Assistance*, and (8) *distribution of 1 sack NFA Rice*. It was held at the Sta. Clara Gymnasium, Isabela City, Basilan for 02 October 2023, and Lamitan City Gymnasium, Lamitan City, Basilan on 03-05 October 2023. The 5-day activity was officially concluded by a closing ceremony and was attended by BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (ret), MP Jakilan, JBMAF Secretariat, JVeT, JSMCT, PSA, DSWD Field Office IX, MSU Sulu, and OPAPRU-MNLF Peace Process Office.

Alongside this, the Chair of the GPH Security Sub-Committee Buenaventura Pascual, and the Joint Body on Management of Arms and Forces Secretariat headed by OPAPRU-MNLF PPO held a meeting to discuss the conduct of coordination and planning meetings with the Security Sector and MNLF-JBMAF on 10 -11 October 2023

at the 103rd Bde HQ to discuss the preparations and various concerns on the conduct of series of activities relative to the verification of firearms and socio-economic and verification of combatants in Lanao del Sur by end of October 2023.

2. **OPAPRU-Mindanao State University (MSU) Project Management Unit with Technical Working Group Meeting**

14-15 October 2023 | Taipei Hall, East Asia Royale, General Santos City



The OPAPRU, through the MNLF PPO, attended the OPAPRU-MSU Project Management Unit (PMU) with Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting on 14-15 October 2023 at Taipei Hall, East Asia Royale, General Santos City.

The meeting aimed to bring together the PMU and TWG of different MSU campuses to develop a research methodology and general framework for implementation and to deepen the understanding of the MNLF Transformation Program. The activity was organized by MSU-Gensan IPDM Director and Project Manager of the OPAPRU-MSU Partnership, Prof. Mario "Mayong" Aguja.

During the meeting, the OPAPRU-MNLF PPO expressed its immense gratitude to the MSU team, particularly those involved in the successful conduct of verification and socio-economic profiling in Basilan. Further, substantive inputs were provided to improve the process of implementation, especially in the succeeding provinces, accentuating the lessons learned from the Basilan activity.

3. **Turn-Over Ceremony and Inauguration of 50 Modified Shelter Assistance Projects**

16 October 2023 | Purok Santan, Barangay Caparan, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay Province



The OPAPRU-MNLF PPO, Payapa at Masaganang PamayaNAn National Program Management Office (PAMANA-NPMO), and Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS), attended and witnessed the Turnover Ceremony and Inauguration of 50 Modified Shelter Assistance Project of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), a project funded by the OPAPRU under its PAMANA Program. The ceremony was graced by Undersecretary Alan Tanjusay and Assistant Secretary Arnel Garcia of DSWD Central Office and FO 9, Mayor Anamel Olegario, and Congressman Eudale of the Provincial Government of Ipil. It was held at Purok Santan, Barangay Caparan, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay Province.

The 50 units of MSAP were completed and turned over to beneficiaries who were survivors of natural calamities; half of them are MNLF members under the leadership of Chair Nur Misuari and their next-of-kin. The floor measurement of each shelter is 22 square meters, with a concrete pedestal, lumber building structure, hardiflex walling, and plywood ceiling. Total grants for these amounted to PhP9,474,000.00 under the PAMANA DSWD 2022 fund.

4. Planning and Coordination meeting for the upcoming Verification and Socio-economic Profiling Processes for the MNLF Transformation Program in Lanao Del Sur | 24 October 2023 | 1A Express Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City



A planning meeting was held to discuss and coordinate the upcoming Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling Processes for the MNLF Transformation Program in Lanao Del Sur. The meeting was attended by various key stakeholders, including representatives from the OPAPRU MNLF-PPO, MSU General Santos and Marawi campuses, PSA, AFP, PNP, and the DSWD. It was held in 1A Express Hotel in Cagayan de Oro City.

The OPAPRU MNLF PPO met with peace partners to discuss about preparation for the rolling out of the Verification and Socio Economic Profiling of the MNLF Combatants in Lanao Del Sur. The JVET/JSCMT presented the processing and assembly sites as well as the implementation plan and security updates in the Province.

5. Community Needs Assessment

October 2023 | Provinces of Maguindanao and Basilan



The OPAPRU – MSU partnership yielded substantive outputs in terms of implementing the socio-economic component of the MNLF Transformation Program. The MSU conducted a Community Needs Assessments from October to December 2023 as part of their responsibility in facilitating community processes and project implementation in 25 priority MNLF barangays in Basilan, Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao provinces, and North Cotabato.

The needs assessment was facilitated by MSU Maguindanao for Maguindanao Provinces, including North Cotabato, last 19 October 2023 at the Covered Court, Barangay Matagabong, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur, and the MSU Sulu for the seven (7) priority barangays in Basilan Province from 24 - 26 October 2023. The barangays included Masola in Isabela City, Lubukan in Hji. Muhtamad, Tuburan in Mohammad Ajul, Lahi Lahi in Tuburan, Semut in Akbar, Boheh Piang and Kuhun in Albarka. The results shall be the basis for crafting and designing appropriate, relevant, and needs-based projects/services for MNLF communities in the said provinces.

6. Site Validation of PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Proposed Projects in Sulu Province

07-10 November 2023 | Indanan, Sulu



The OPAPRU-MNLF PPO assisted the PAMANA-NPMO team in the site validation of the PAMANA-proposed project for the province of Sulu on 07-10 November 2023.

On 07 November 2023, the team had a meeting with the key personnel of the Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) of Indanan to discuss matters relative to the site validation of the proposed projects included in the 2024 PAMANA programming. As agreed during the meeting, the site validation will be conducted on 08 November 2023 for the Water System Level II project situated in Barangay Pasil and 09 November 2023 for site validation of water and road project for Barangay Langpas, and Barangay Kagay, Barangay Sawaki and Barangay Budtaran in Indanan Municipality.

Subsequently, the team paid a courtesy visit to Mayor Hermot Jikiri of the Municipality of Indanan where the team provided brief updates on the validation's purpose. Mayor Hermot Jikiri expressed his appreciation for the PAMANA projects set to be implemented in the municipality, recognizing their significant potential to assist beneficiaries in the area.

The 2-day actual site validation yielded substantive information which is imperative for the final approval of the proposed projects in Indanan, Sulu. The actual validation was a collaborative effort of OPAPRU, MGLU Indanan, BLGU, and the MPWH 1st Engineering District Sulu. Among the highlights was the site validation in Camp Astana Dragon in Brgy Kagay, an MNLF camp under the leadership of Chair Nur Misuari, for the proposed water system project. MNLF Chief of Staff Joel Abraham guided the team to the proposed site and provided substantial input on the water scarcity issue in the community. Further, the MPW validating team geotagged the site and planned to return with water scanning equipment to revalidate and ensure the accuracy of the water source site.

7. Orientation and Dry-Run Activity of the Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling
10 November 2023 | 103rd Haribon Brigade, Kampo Ranaw Marawi City, Lanao del Sur



The OPAPRU, Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippines Statistic Authority (PSA), Mindanao State University (MSU) – General Santos and Marawi, and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) jointly executed an orientation and preliminary dry-run for the Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling of MNLF

Combatants in Lanao Del Sur, hosted at the 103rd Brigade, Camp Ranao, Marawi City.

The OPAPRU, in collaboration with peace agency partners, assembled at Camp Ranao, 103rd Brigade, to deliberate and strategize for the forthcoming verification and profiling of MNLF combatants. The OPAPRU, in coordination with peace partners, orchestrated the placement of stations and conducted an orientation to establish expectations and clarify any potential concerns. With the orientation and dry run completed, the OPAPRU and its peace partners are now prepared to initiate the actual execution of the verification and profiling of MNLF combatants.

8. Rolling Out of the MNLF Transformation Program in Lanao del Sur

11-15 November 2023 | 103rd Haribon Brigade, Kampo Ranaw Marawi City, Lanao del Sur

The OPAPRU-MNLF Peace Process Office (MNLF PPO) and Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat, Joint Verification Team (JVeT), Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT), the Philippine Statistics Authority, Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office X, MSU Marawi and General Santos, and in close coordination with the Provincial Government Unit of Lanao del Sur, City Government of Marawi rolled out the Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling Activities from 11-15 November 2023.



There were 114 MNLF combatants who underwent the process on 11 November 2023; 120 on 12 November 2023; 106 combatants on 13 November 2023; 86 combatants on 14 November 2023; and 23 combatants on 15 November 2023. These processes, including the verification of firearms, are initial steps in the implementation of the Transformation Program, which aims to assist the MNLF combatants in their journey towards becoming fully productive, self-reliant, and empowered civilians and their communities benefitting from peace and development programs, services and interventions of government.

The 5-day activity officially concluded by having a closing ceremony attended by distinguished guest speakers, Col. Billy Dela Rosa, Deputy Brigade Commander, 103rd Brigade, 11ID, PA; PLTCOL Jobert Caldea, Deputy Provincial Director for Administration, Lanao Del Sur Police Provincial Office; Mr. Alexis Malna, Co-Chair, Community Healing and Reconciliation Sub-Committee; and Prof. Raihan Yusoph, Project Leader, OPAPRU-MSU MNLF Transformation Program Partnership – MSU-Marawi. It was held at the Maringal Conference Room at the 103rd Brigade, Kampo Ranaw, Marawi City, Lanao Del Sur.

9. Site Validation of PAMANA-Proposed Projects in Basilan Province 13-15 November 2023 | Basilan Province

Another site validation was conducted in Basilan Province by the OPAPRU-PAMANA NPMO and MNLF PPO team in close coordination with the Local Government Units of the identified PAMANA project recipients in Basilan. The former paid a courtesy visit to the Local Chief Executives of Tipo-Tipo, Mayor Arcam Istarul, and vice mayor Ingatun Astarul. The discussions focused on the proposed Fish Landing Bay project that is potentially beneficial to the Municipality of Tipo-Tipo, including its adjacent municipality.

On 14 November 2023, the site validation team assessed the proposed water project in Sitio Teggep, Barangay Masola. According to Barangay Chairman Rajan Munjala, Barangay Masala has an existing water system in the sitio of Teggep, including the MNLF Camp Saiduna. However, the water is not safe for drinking. Thus, the MNLF leaders earnestly requested to improve the water system project in their community. As agreed, the validation team shall examine the water source capacity to provide potable water for the community.



The team continued its site validation on 15 November 2023 in the Municipality of Albarka for the Water System Projects, specifically in Barangay Kuhon, wherein their water source is in Barangay Calusan, 3 kilometers away. In addition, the water system of Barangay Bohe Piang underwent site validation. It was revealed that the water source is located under the jurisdiction of the municipality of Tipo-Tipo. Thus, the validation team recommended to the MLGU of Albarka to secure a partnership agreement with the MLGU of Tipo-Tipo.

10. Site Validation in Maguindanao Provinces

20-21 November 2023 | Maguindanao Province and North Cotabato



The OPAPRU-MNLF PPO team, represented by Mr. Al Iribani and Mr. Taib Aragasi, was with the PAMANA team during the brief meeting and orientation with Engr. Mashud Mastor II J. Ibrahim, Engineer IV, OIC – Chief, Planning and Design Division of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Regional Office XII. The meeting focused on the site validation of Fiscal Year 2024 PAMANA Projects for MNLF Communities in Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, and North Cotabato. Further, the OPAPRU team briefly discussed the preparations for the implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program through socio-economic development programs under the PAMANA. Subsequently, the team had a meeting with the DPWH Project Management Office – Maguindanao with the same agenda to discuss.

On 21 November 2023, the team conducted a site validation in Brgy Iganagampong, Datu Unsay; Barangay Kagaya, Kabacan, North Cotabato; and Barangay Nangan-an, Kabacan, North Cotabato.

11. Courtesy Call

22 November 2023 | Sanga-Sanga, Bonggao, Tawi-Tawi



The OPAPRU paid a courtesy call to Col. Joel Lazo (PN), Deputy Brigade Commander, Marine Battalion Landing Team, Sanga Sanga, Bonggao, Tawi Tawi relative to the site validation activity of the OPAPRU PAMANA NPMO in the province of Tawi-Tawi.

The OPAPRU provided an update on the endeavors of the MNLF PPO accentuating the MNLF Transformation Program as well as the 2024 PAMANA projects set to be implemented in the identified priority barangays in Tawi-Tawi Province.

12. Site Validation of PAMANA-Proposed Projects in Tawi-Tawi Province
23 November 2023 | Tawi-Tawi Province



The OPAPRU validation team composed of PAMANA NPMO and MNLF PPO with OPAPRU's consultant, Mr. Sulay Halipa, together with the Provincial Administrator, Provincial-Level PAMANA focal person, representatives from Provincial Planning and Development Office, representatives from Provincial Agriculture Office, 2nd Marine Brigade, and MNLF representative conducted a courtesy meeting with the Barangay Council of Buan, Panglima Sugala. The former briefly oriented the council on the nature, rationale, and partnership scheme of the 2024 PAMANA projects. Among the projects for validation is the facility for agricultural production of coffee and cocoa, amounting to PhP2,000,000.00, for the MNLF members or their next-of-kin, wherein the provincial government shall spearhead its implementation with the support of the barangay council of Buan in the municipality of Panglima Sugala.

Meanwhile, the group proceeded to the island municipality of Simunul and paid a courtesy call to the Local Chief Executive, Mayor Wasilah T. Abdulrahman, and Vice Mayor Ershad T. Abdulrahman. The validation team oriented the local chief executive on the 2016 PAMANA DA project and its status. The goat-raising project, amounting to PhP500,000.00, is the identified project set to be implemented in Barangay Simunul.

13. Inter-agency Planning Session
5 December 2023 | MSU Graduates Studies, Cotabato City

The OPAPRU, through the MNLF Peace Process Office, conducted an inter-agency planning session with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Mindanao State University (MSU), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and Philippine National Police (PNP). The session aimed at briefing the partners 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. Additionally, the team held meetings with the Local Chief Executives of the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Cotabato, and Cotabato City relative to the Transformation Program, thus resulting in coordinated and converged delivery of goods and services.

14. Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling of MNLF combatants in Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, North Cotabato and Cotabato City
09-15 December 2023 | Philippine Regional Office BAR, Camp Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun, Brgy. Making, Parang, Maguindanao del Norte

The OPAPRU, through its Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Peace Process Office and Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat, Joint Verification Team (JVeT), Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT),

Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Office IX, MSU Maguindanao rolled out the Verification and Socio-Economic Profiling Activities from 09-15 December 2023.



On 09 December 2023, OPAPRU Executive Director Jordan S. Bayam spearheaded the Opening Program of the verification and socio-economic profiling of MNLF Combatants held at PNP PRO-BAR, Camp Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao del Norte. Along with the Philippine National Police - PRO BAR, Armed Forces of the Philippines, Provincial Government of Maguindanao

del Norte, MSU - Maguindanao, MSU General Santos, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Philippine Statistic Authority (PSA) and MNLF Chairman Muslimin Sema graced the event.

After the Basilan and Lanao del Sur legs, the verification and socio-economic profiling for the MNLF combatants in different municipalities across Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City were completed on 15 December 2023 with a total of 797 combatants who underwent the process. The combatants were also given PhP45,000.00 transitional cash assistance delivered by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), civil registration and enrollment in the National ID System by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), and one (1) sack of rice from the National Food Authority (NFA) and OPAPRU.

The 7-day activity was officially concluded by a closing ceremony and was attended by Executive Director Cesar De Mesa, Office of the Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, OPAPRU; BGEN Eric A. Macaambac PN (M), Commander, 1st Marine Brigade, Philippine Marine Corps, Philippine Navy; and representatives from Philippine National Police, PBGEN Gedion Dy, and MNLF Management Committee, Mr. Michael Odin. Also in attendance were the JBMAF Secretariat, JVeT, JSMCT, PSA, DSWD Field Office XII, MSU Maguinadano, and OPAPRU-MNLF Peace Process Office.

❖ Security Component

1. Coordination and Planning Meeting for the Conduct of the MNLF Transformation Program in Lanao de Sur

10 October 2023 | 103rd Bde PA. Camp Ranao, Marawi City

The OPAPRU, through the MNLF Peace Process Office, conducted a coordination and planning meeting with the security sector relative to the conduct of the MNLF Transformation Program in Lanao del Sur. The coordination and planning meeting was attended by BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (RET) Co-Chair Security Sub Committee; COL Antonio Divina Gracia, Assistant Division Commander, 1ID; PLTC Glenford Alberto, Deputy Provincial Director, PNP PPO, Lanao del Sur; LTC Jo Anthony C Lalas (INF) PA Executive Officer, 103rd Bde; Director Jana Jill Gallardo, Head of the OPAPRU-MNLF PPO; and officers from the AFP and PNP. Schedules for the Joint Verification Group (JVeG) training, actual verification of firearms, verification and profiling of MNLF Combatants were agreed upon.



2. Joint Verification Group (JVeG) training

18 – 19 October 2023 | 103rd Brigade PA, Campo Ranaw, Marawi City



The OPAPRU - MNLF PPO through the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) conducted a two-day Joint Verification Group (JVeG) training last 18-19 October 2023 at the 103rd Brigade PA, Campo Ranaw, Marawi City. The training commenced with a brief opening program. COL Billy O. Dela Rosa PA, OIC, 103rd Bde PA, served as the guest of honor and speaker. Also in attendance were COL Noel

Buncab PN(M), Chief, Bangsamoro Peace Process Support Division, AFP PDO; PLTC Thomas T. Pantalleon, 1ST PMFC, Force Commander; CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, CSP Officer, U7, Mike Jallarino, PNP PPDC; Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security, MNLF PPO, and others.

The four (4) Joint Verification Groups undergoing training were comprised of composite members from the AFP, PNP, and MNLF. They will serve as the group in charge during the verification of MNLF firearms and the verification and profiling of MNLF combatants scheduled from 05 to 14 November 2023 in Lanao del Sur.



This activity was concluded with a graduation program for the members of the JVEG. Capt. Norsal Dimaporo PN (MNSA) and PCOL Robert S. Dakulan, Provincial Director of the Lanao del Sur Police Provincial Office, delivered their closing remarks. Capt. Dimaporo declared a total of 28 trainees from the AFP, PNP, and MNLF as graduates. Among those present during the closing program were Director Jana Jill L. Gallardo, COL. Noel Buncab PN(M), COL. Billy Dela Rosa, OIC 103RD Bde PA, PMAJ Alviar, PCPT Mike Jallarino, CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, Mr. Alexis Malna, Member Joint Management Committee and Co-Chair of Community Healing and Reconciliation, Ms. Maricon Sagayno Focal for Security, MNLF PPO, and others.

3. Courtesy Call at the Marawi City Hall and Provincial Capitol in Lanao del Sur
19 October 2023 | Marawi City Hall, Marawi City and Provincial Capitol of Lanao del Sur

The MNLF PPO, led by Director Jana Jill L. Gallardo, accompanied by COL Noel Buncab (GSC) PN(M), Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Support Division, AFP PDO, PCPT Mike Jallarino, Assistant Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Process Support Division, PNP PPDC, and Ms. Maricon D. Sagayno, Focal for Security, MNLF PPO, visited Marawi City Mayor



Majul Gandamra. During the meeting, Mayor Gandamra was briefed on the MNLF Transformation Program (TP) and its implementation in Lanao del Sur from November 6 to 14, 2023. Mayor Gandamra expressed his support for the TP implementation in Marawi City and pledged the assistance of the local government.

Another courtesy call at the Provincial Capitol in Lanao del Sur was conducted and spearheaded by the team of CAPT Norsal Dimaporo PN, MNSA, Chief of AFP Peace and Development Office, and Director Jana Jill L. Gallardo, Head of MNLF PPO. They were joined by COL Noel Buncab (GSC) PN(M), Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Support Division, AFP PDO, PCPT Mike Jallarino, Assistant Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Process Support Division, PNP PPDC, and Ms. Maricon D. Sagayno, Focal for Security, MNLF PPO. The team was welcomed by Board Member Jamil Faisal Adiong, Board Member Amerbitor Abdulhamid, and Board Member Sharieffudin Adiong Lucman. Director Gallardo briefed the board members on the MNLF TP and its upcoming implementation in Lanao del Sur. All three board members expressed their unanimous support and commitment to the implementation of the MNLF TP. Board Member Faisal Adiong mentioned that the provincial government could align its services with the TP mechanisms, such as providing training for women and youth, livelihood projects, and confidence-building initiatives.

4. 3rd Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF)
26 October 2023 | One Avenue Express Hotel, Cagayan de Oro City

The 3rd Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) meeting was conducted. The Co-chairs, CAPT Norsal D Dimaporo PN (MNSA) and COL Abdurahman Jhovel as well as PCOL Joseph Arguelles, alternate Co-chair, presided the meeting. The meeting resulted to the agreed assembly areas and processing sites

for the conduct of the verification of MNLF firearms in five different areas spread across Lanao del Sur to be held from 06 to 09 November 2023.



Also agreed upon was the venue for the verification and socio-economic profiling of the 560 MNLF Combatants in Lanao del Sur which will have an opening ceremony on 11 November 2023 in Headquarters 103rd Infantry Brigade, PA, Campo Ranaw, Marawi City with a total of 100 MNLF combatants to be verified and profiled for the day. Also in attendance were the officers and enlisted personnel from the AFP and PNP, MNLF PPO staff, as well as the MNLF Leaders from Lanao del Sur.

5. Verification of Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Firearms in Lanao del Sur
06-09 November 2023 | Marawi City, Lanao del Sur



The OPAPRU, through its MNLF Peace Process Office (MNLF PPO) and the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), carried out a 4-day firearms verification operation in four (4) processing sites in Lanao del Sur, namely, (1) Manalocon Covered Court, with a total of 148 in Brgy Talub, Masiu; (2) Barangay Hall in Barangay Malna with 45 firearms; (3) Barangay Hall Punong, with 204 firearms, Piccong; and, (4) Barangay Camponga Raya with 99 firearms, Ganassi wherein the aforesaid activity is an integral process that the combatants should adhere to in preparation for the socio-economic assessment for the MNLF Transformation Program.

To officially commence the activity, a brief opening ceremony was conducted. It was graced by the presence of BGen Buenaventura Pascual (ret.), Co-chair of the Security Sub Committee; PLTC Glenford Alberto, the Deputy Provincial Director, LDS PPO; LTC Palawan Miondas PA, the CMO Officers/S7 of 103rd Infantry Brigade PA; and Commander Abdul Jabbar Mamoclo, the Chair of the Central Ranaw Revolutionary Committee of the MNLF Sema Faction. The entire process of verifying MNLF firearms was led by the Joint Verification Team Co-heads, COL. Wendell Basat PA, ACUCS for U7, WMC, represented by CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, and PLTCOL Romeo Galgo, Chief of the Operations Division at APC – WM. The Joint Security Monitoring and Coordinating Team (JSMCT) Co-heads, led by COL Rogelio Gabi PA, ACUCS for U3,

represented by LT Roy Albert Paller PN, and PLTCOL Romeo Galgo, were responsible for security and coordination efforts throughout the activities. Also in attendance were members of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), Col. Noel Buncab PN(M) of the AFP PDO, PCPT Mike Jallorina of the PNP PPDC, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security, OPAPRU - MNLF PPO.

Moreover, the success of the verification was attributed to the relentless support of LTC Palawan Miondas PA, S7 103rd Brigade, and PLTCOL Glenford D. Alberto, Deputy Provincial Director for Operations at the Lanao del Sur Police Provincial Office, and their personnel led the verification of MNLF firearms in the province. Further, the MNLF commanders of the Sema faction and Mr. Alexis Malna, who serves as the Co-chair of the Community Healing and Reconciliation Sub-committee, assisted in facilitating the verification of firearms in their respective areas. The cumulative total of firearms verified during this operation, which began on 06 November 2023 and concluded on 09 November 2023, totaled 556.

Alongside this, the team proceeded to the Butig Municipal Hall for a courtesy call on 07 November 2023 to Mayor Dimnatang "Jimmy" B.L. Pansar, the Mayor of Butig. During the meeting, BGen Pascual briefed the Mayor on the MNLF Transformation Program and its implementation in Lanao del Sur.

6. Coordination Meeting on the Implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program | 13 November 2023 | Ministry of Labor and Employment Office, Bangsamoro Government Center



The Ministry of Labor and Employment Office, Bangsamoro Government Center was witness to the meaningful conversations and substantial sharing of ideas during a coordination meeting relative to the implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program in the provinces of Maguinadanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City.

The participants included Engr. Dong Anayatin, Head Secretariat of the MNLF Management Committee, Chair Uttoh Salem Cutan of the MNLF Management Committee, and BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (RET), Co-Chair, Security Sub-Committee. Also, attending the meeting were members of the JBMAF secretariat, Col. Noel Buncab PN(M), Col. Egberto Dacoscos PA of the AFP PDO, Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Security Focal, MNLF PPO, and MNLF commanders and leaders from the mentioned provinces.

The initial proposals for assembly areas and processing sites to conduct MNLF firearms verification and socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants were presented. These proposals will undergo consultation with the security sector for finalization.

7. Conduct of Information and Education Campaign (IEC)

14 November 2023 | Bigkis Lahi Conference Room in Camp Bgen Salipada Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao

The OPAPRU-MNLF PPO, through the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat, conducted an information and education campaign (IEC) at the PRO BAR Bigkis Lahi Conference Room in Camp Bgen Salipada Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao. The campaign was specifically designed for officers and enlisted personnel of the AFP and the PNP. BGen Buenaventura Pascual (ret.), Co-chair of the Security Sub-Committee, led a team comprising of Col. Noel Buncab PN(M), Col. Egberto Dacoscos PA from the AFP PDO, PLTCOL Henrich Alafriz from the PNP PPDC, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno of the MNLF PPO.



The primary focus of the IEC was a comprehensive discussion on the JBMAF Terms of Reference (TOR) and its Implementing Arrangements and Mechanisms on the Security Component (IAMSC). Additionally, the session delved into the security measures necessary for the successful implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program in Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City.

8. Courtesy Call to the Maguindanao del Sur Provincial Government

23 November 2023 | Maguindanao del Sur Provincial Office



The OPAPRU paid a visit to the Maguindanao del Sur Provincial government on 23 November 2023. They were warmly received by Atty. Cyrus Torreña, DPA, the Provincial Government Administrator. During the meeting, the OPAPRU provided Atty. Torreña with a detailed overview of the MNLF Transformation Program and its planned implementation in Maguindanao del Sur. Atty. Torreña expressed great enthusiasm for the proposed activities and committed on behalf of the provincial government to provide full support during the rollout of the MNLF TP in the area.

9. 4th Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF)

24 November 2023 | PRO BAR Bigkis Lahi Conference Room in Camp Bgen Salipada Pendatun, Parang, Maguindanao

The 4th JBMAF convened at the Bigkis Hall, PRO BAR, Parang, Maguindanao. The primary agenda was to discuss and finalize the necessary arrangements for the upcoming verification of MNLF firearms and socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants in Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City. This verification process is scheduled to take place from 27 November to 08 December 2023.



During the meeting, the participants focused on deliberating the proposed assembly areas and processing sites for firearms and combatant verification in the mentioned provinces. These proposals await confirmation from the Central Committee before reaching a final decision.

The JBMAF Co-chairs, PBGEN Augustus Placer of the PNP PPDC and CAPT Norsal Dimaporo PN of the AFP PDO, presided over the meeting. Other attendees included Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo, the JBMAF Head Secretariat, MP Datu Randy Karon, Co-chair of the Peace and Security Sub-Committee, PTCOL Jemuel Siason, CRS, PRO BAR, COL Egberto Dacoscos PA of the AFP PDO, Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security MNLF PPO, as well as officers and enlisted personnel from PRO BAR, PRO 12, and 6ID, along with their respective ground units and brigades. Additionally, nine (9) MNLF JBMAF members were present.

10. Joint Verification Group (JVeG) Training

25-26 November 2023 | Bigkis Lahi Hall, PRO BAR, Parang, Maguindanao del Norte

As a preparatory activity for the MNLF verification of firearms, a two-day JVeG Training was conducted to equip the JVeG team with the necessary skills for stenciling and documentation of MNLF firearms.

This activity was concluded with a brief closing ceremony at the Bigkis Lahi Hall, PRO BAR, Parang, Maguindanao del Norte. Col. Egberto Dacoscos GSC, PA, Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Support Division AFP PDO, extended his congratulations to the 39 composite graduates from the AFP, PNP, and the MNLF, who will be serving as JVeGs



during the verification of MNLF firearms and the socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants in Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City from November 29 to December 11, 2023. COL Dacoscos emphasized the crucial roles of the JVeGs in implementing the MNLF Transformation Program in the mentioned provinces. Moreover, he expressed appreciation for the efforts of the Joint Verification Team Co-Heads, PLTCOL Romeo Galgo, Chief Operations Officer of the APC – Western Mindanao, and COL Wendell Basat GSC, PA, ACUCS for U7, WMC which was represented by Training Officer CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, CSP Officer, U7. The event was attended by Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security, MNLF PPO, MAJ Henry Bual PA of the AFP PDO, and other officers and enlisted personnel from the AFP and PNP.

9. Verification of MNLF Firearms

08-30 November 2023 | Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City

On 28 November 2023, the inaugural day of the MNLF firearms verification took place in Barangay Lower Taviran, Kabuntalan, Maguindanao del Norte. The Joint Verification Groups (JVeGs), comprising representatives from the AFP, PNP, and MNLF, diligently stenciled and recorded a total of 132 firearms. Overseeing this meticulous process were PLTCOL Romeo Galgo, Co-head of the Joint Verification Team (JVET) and Joint Security and Monitoring Team (JSMCT), along with the assistance of CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, representing JVET Co-heads COL Wendell Basat GSC, PA. Safeguarding the perimeter of the venue was LT Roy Albert Paller PN representing JSCMT Co-heads COL Rogelio Gabi PA.



Other participants during the event included members of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), such as PLTCOL Heirich Alafriz of the PNP PPDC, MAJ Henry Bual PA of the AFP PDO, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security MNLF PPO.

The verification of MNLF Firearms shall be done at the different areas, namely, Camp Sema on its 2nd and 3rd day;

Covered Court, Barangay Ganassi, North Upi on its 4th day; Covered Court, Barangay Simuay Seashore, Sultan Mastura on its 5th day, and shall conclude in the Barangay Hall, Kapinplan, Midsayap with Covered Court, Sitio Malabuaya, Barangay Kayaga, Kabacan.

10. Verification of MNLF Firearms

02-03 December 2023 | Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte and North Cotabato

The OPAPRU, through the MNLF Peace Process Office (MNLF PPO) and the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), resumed MNLF Firearms Verification in Barangay Ganassi, North Upi, Maguindanao del Norte, where 48 firearms were meticulously stenciled, verified and documented at the processing site within the Covered Court of Ganassi. Initially, 132 MNLF firearms underwent the same verification process in Barangay Lower Taviran, Kabuntalan, Maguindanao del Norte, on 28 November 2023.



Additionally, the same activity took place from 03-06 December 2023 at various locations, including the Barangay Simuay Seashore Covered Court in Sultan Mastura, Maguindanao; Sitio Malabuaya, Brgy Kayaga, Kabacan, North Cotabato; Covered Court in Sitio Paculansang, Barangay Kapinpilan, Midsayap, North Cotabato; Covered Court of Barangay Sapakan, Rajah Buayan, Maguindanao del Sur; Covered Court of Barangay Matagabong, Ampatuan, Maguindanao del Sur; Barangay Bagoenged, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte; and Barangay Iganagampong, Datu Unsay, Maguindanao del Sur. Eighty-Five (85), One Hundred and Eighty-Four (184), Sixty-Three (63), Fifty-Six (56), One Hundred Seventeen (117), Eighty-Six (86), and Forty (40) MNLF firearms were stenciled and documented, respectively. The six-day process concluded with a total of Eight Hundred Eleven (811) MNLF firearms verified and recorded.

The MNLF JBMAF members, led by Mr. Doc Diocolano, Chief of Staff for the Bangsamoro Armed Forces, the Military Wing of the MNLF, along with Atty. Naguib Solano, Co-chair of the Confidence Building Sub-Committee and other dignitaries attended the verification process. PLTCOL Romeo Galgo, Co-Heads of the Joint Verification Team (JVET) and Joint Security and Monitoring Team (JSMCT), led the activities.

Assisting PLTCOL Galgo was CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, representing COL Wendell Basat GSC PA, and LT Roy Albert Paller PN, representing COL Rogelio Gabi PA.

Members of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), including COL Egberto Dacoscos GSC, PA, MAJ Henry Bual PA of the AFP PDO, PLTCOL Heinrich Alafriz of the PNP PPDC, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, Focal for Security MNLF PPO, were also present.

11. Verification of MNLF Firearms

11 December 2023 | Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte and North Cotabato



The OPAPRU, through its MNLF PPO and Joint Verification Group (JVeG) carried out the stenciling and documentation of an additional fourteen (14) firearms belonging to MNLF at Patrol Base Bugawas in Barangay Bugawas, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. Oversight for the operation was provided by COL Egberto Dacoscos GSC, PA, Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Support Division AFP PDO, while the verification process was led by CPT Emmanuel Manabon PA, CSP Officer U7 WMC. Coordination and planning for security and perimeter movement were handled by Msg Saavedra of U3 WMC. The total number of verified firearms now stands at 825. Present during the verification process were PCPT Mike Jallorina of the PNP PPDC, representing the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces secretariat, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, the Focal for Security MNLF PPO.

Subsequently, the secretariat of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) conducted a courtesy call to PBGEN Allan Nobleza, the Regional Director of Police Regional Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (PRO BAR). Leading the delegation was COL Egberto Dacoscos GSC, PA, representing the AFP PDO, accompanied by PCPT Mike Jallorina from the PNP PPDC and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, who serves as the Focal for Security at MNLF PPO.



During the visit, the team briefed PBGEN Nobleza on the advancements in the implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program in Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, North Cotabato, and Cotabato City. The team expressed

gratitude for his support and cooperation in facilitating the ongoing verification and socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants, which commenced on December 9, 2023. PMGEN Nobleza pledged his continued support for future initiatives related to the program within the operational jurisdiction under PRO BAR.

15. **Courtesy Call**

12 December 2023 | 6ID, Camp Awang, Awang Cotabato City



The OPAPRU, through the MNLF PPO and the secretariat of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF), conducted a courtesy call to COL Edgar L Catu (GSC) PA, Chief of Staff, 6ID, PA. Leading the team was COL Egberto Dacoscos GSC, PA, the Chief of Bangsamoro Peace Support Division AFP PDO and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, the Focal for Security MNLF PPO accompanied by PCPT Michael Jallorina of the PNP PPDC. During the

meeting, COL Catu was briefed on the ongoing verification and socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants in PRO BAR.

The team was received by BGen Nasser P Lidasan PA, Assistant Division Commander 6ID, PA. Discussions during the call centered around the various MNLF communities in Central Mindanao, the successful verification of firearms, and the ongoing socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants. BGen Lidasan expressed optimism that more MNLF communities and combatants would benefit from the MNLF Transformation Program. Furthermore, he extended his support to future endeavors of the program.



III. LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENTS (LPE)

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

1. **Twenty-six (26) Pre-Planning Workshop on Transformation Program (TP) and Transformation Planning workshops** in seven (7) provinces were conducted for this quarter.

A pre-planning workshop is a preparatory activity intended to solicit inputs from regional and provincial peace partners in enhancing the Transformation Program (TP) Workshop program design. These activities provided an opportunity to get the commitment and support of the Regional Line Agencies (RLAs), 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 participatory and inclusive among the former rebels (FRs) including the duty bearers. At the end of each TP planning workshop, participants were able to produce an output to be consolidated and assimilated into a TP Plan finalized by the PLGU. This shall also serve as a venue to harmonize all the program interventions for the FRs by the province following the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) principles.

Below were the series of the conducted Pre-Planning Workshop on TP and Transformation Planning Workshop for the fourth quarter of 2023:

Date	Province	Location
10-12 October 2023	Bukidnon	Country Village Hotel, Brgy. Carmen, Cagayan de Oro City
	Misamis Oriental	
	Misamis Occidental	
14-15 November 2023	Cagayan	Piazza Zicarelli Hotel, Restaurant and Bakeshop, Gamu, Isabela Province
	Isabela	
15-18 November 2023	Kalinga	M. Hotel, Tabuk, Kalinga
21-23 November 2023	Oriental Mindoro	Filipiniana Hotel, Calapan City, Calapan, Oriental Mindoro
29 November – 02 December 2023	Quezon Province	St. Jude Cooperative Hotel, Lucena City, Quezon Province

In each TP Planning workshop, Regional and Provincial Task Forces to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF and PTF-ELCAC) and other key stakeholders converged to craft their respective province's TP Plans. Representatives of RTF and PTF-ELCAC member agencies, and local authorities collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the returning former 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 implementation will commence immediately. Regular monitoring and evaluation will be conducted to ensure its effectiveness and to make necessary adjustments as needed.

Complementary efforts to ensure the buy-in of the target province were done during the refinement sessions and nexus on orientation on TP. The refinement sessions aimed to further promote and polish the crafted TP Plans:

Province	Date	Location
Zamboanga del Sur	02 – 05 October 2023	Hotel Guillermo, Pagadian City, Zamboanga del Sur
Zamboanga Sibugay	24-25 October 2023	Cecille's Resort, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay



The OPAPRU, through the Area Management Unit (AMU) – Western Mindanao, reconvened the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Zamboanga del Sur last on 02-05 October 2023, and PLGU Zamboanga Sibugay on 24-25 October 2024. Spearheaded by MGen Rene O. Paje (Ret.) – Regional Adviser on Peace and Security (RAPS), together with AMUs, Monitoring, Evaluation, Assessment and Learning Service (MEALS), Special Project Teams (SPTs) and provincial planners, the initially crafted TP Plans were revisited, analyzed, and subjected to refinement.

The activity solicited inputs from the provincial officers and further engaged them, especially the Local Chief Executives through the planning officer to fully develop a TP Plan that is viable and can be integrated into their provincial plans. OPAPRU, through the Localized Peace Engagements Office (LPEO), RAPS, and MEALS provided technical assistance on crafting the province's refined TP Plan. The activity was foreseen to improve the feasibility and quality of the TP Plan.

2. Synergy for Peace: Nexus on Transformation Program Orientation/Re-orientation for NCR, Southern Luzon, and Visayas Region

14 November 2023 | Harolds Evotel, Quezon City

22 November 2023 | Eloisa Royal Suites, Lapu-Lapu City Cebu



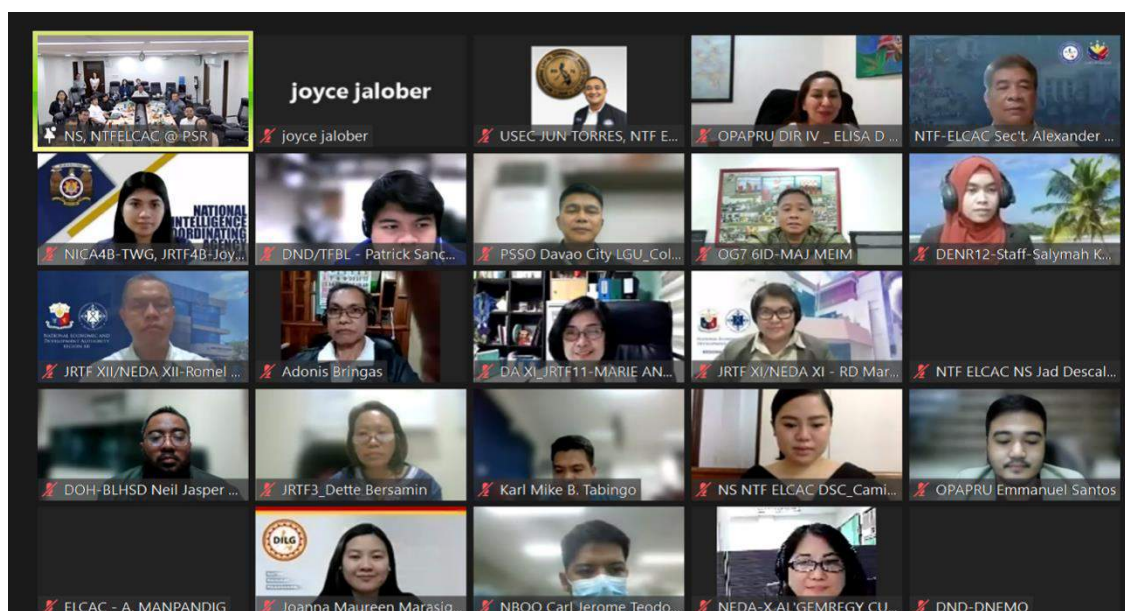
A total of 68 representatives from the Southern Luzon and National Capital Region - Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), DILG, and National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) converged in Harold's Evotel, Quezon City on 14 November 2023 for a leveling-off and cascading session for the TP. The activity was also graced by the NTF-ELCAC as support to the Program. The second leg of the Nexus on TP was conducted at Eloisa Royal Suites in Lapu-Lapu City, Cebu. This was participated in by 60 key officials from NICA, DILG, PNP, and AFP Visayas command from regions 6, 7, and 8.

Participants were oriented and reoriented on the Framework for TP, Conflict-Sensitivity and Peace-Promoting Approaches (CSPP), National Action Plan for Women Peace, and Security (NAP-WPS), Youth, Peace and Security (YPS), and Indigenous People (IP) in the context of conflict. Further, MGen. Edgardo De Leon (Ret.), Regional Adviser on Peace Security (RAPS) discussed the CPP-NPA-NDF dynamics, providing participants an orientation on the organizational framework of the CPP-NPA-NDF and recruitment strategies aligning to the need for TP and Peace Center. The concept of a Peace Center was also presented to the participants, where inputs on the operationalization were gathered. Overall, the activity created an avenue for TP and the Peace Center to gain further support from the key actors in peacebuilding.

B. Support to ELCAC Mechanisms

1. **Strategic Actions in Motion: OPAPRU's Presentation on Achievements in Response to Presidential Directives**

19 October 2023 | Zoom Videoconference



The OPAPRU presented its updates on the Presidential Directive 2023-632-634 during the NTF-ELCAC Meeting held on 19 October 2023. In particular, it updated the body on the technical discussions that OPAPRU conducted with the DILG and AFPPDO including the features of government services for former rebels that are similar:

Formation of People's Organizations; Socio-economic Services Assistance; Healing and Reconciliation Interventions; among others. In addition, it added that convergence of programs needs to be strengthened such as the AFP (Community Support Program), DSWD (case management), DILG (E-CLIP, Retooled CSP, Community-Based Restoration and Reconciliation or CBRR and PCVE), and OPAPRU (Transformation Program) for Former Rebels and Former Violent Extremists.

Another directive was on the provision of housing and other interventions to former rebels in the Palawan province that was instructed by the President during the opening of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) in Palawan on the 1st of September 2023. To respond to the instructions, OPAPRU visited the Office of Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD) Regional Office IV-B to request assistance in the conduct of site visit and site suitability test in the proposed housing areas.

The OPAPRU team traveled to Palawan for a coordination meeting with National Housing Authority Region IV-B, Provincial Government of Palawan, 6th CRG, the organizers of the FR organization, and the Palawan Council for Sustainable Development (PCSD). The team also visited the site and conducted site suitability test for the housing of the FR organization.

During the visit, the team found that the proposed site was under conflicting claims between IPs and the owner. An alternate site was shown to the team, but it entails requests and lobbying to the appropriate agencies as it is within the Iwahig penal colony. OPAPRU continues to participate in policy discussions with DND, TFBL, DSWD, AFP PDO, and other government agencies who are involved in implementing efforts for reintegration programs.

2. Participation in Local Government Empowerment and Basic Services Cluster Workshop Planning

21-22 November 2023 | Zoom Videoconference (VTC)



As an active member of the NTF-ELCAC 12 Lines of Effort - Local Government Empowerment and Basic Services Cluster, the OPAPRU participated in the Planning Workshop of the Cluster. Representatives of member agencies converged to formulate each Cluster's Implementation Plan for 2023-2028. During the workshop, member agencies identified their contribution to the attainment of the roadmap goals, collated agency requirements for the possible support from other member agencies, and mapped out the 2023 – 2028 cluster member-agency program, activity, and plans (PAPs) in line with the cluster goal.

3. NTF – ELCAC Local Peace Engagements Cluster Planning Workshop

13 December 2023 | Philippine National Police National Headquarters, Quezon City

Representatives of member agencies of NTF- ELCAC Local Peace Engagements (LPE) Cluster converged to draft the cluster's implementation plan and roadmap for 2023-2025. The activity was presided by OPAPRU Presidential Assistant on Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability Cluster, Atty. Wilben M. Mayor; and Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) Undersecretary for Peace and Order, Oscar F. Valenzuela. Undersecretary of NTF-ELCAC Secretariat, Ernesto C. Torres Jr., also graced the event, provided guidance, and discussed the direction of the NTF-ELCAC. Usec. Torres also expressed his support to the national peace engagement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and the National Democratic Front Philippines (NDFP). Representatives from the Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH), National Electrification Agency (NEA), Department of Agriculture (DA), Presidential Communications Office (PCO), and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) attended the said workshop.



During the convergence workshop, participants revisited the LPE Cluster roadmap implementation and guidelines and provided inputs on the development of the Cluster roadmap and enhancement of the existing strategies relative to the implementation. The cluster accomplishments, best practices, gaps were analyzed, identified, and assessed relative to its applicability relative to the formulation of the new cluster implementation plan. At the culmination, participants agreed to revise the format to be readable to civilian agencies; furthermore, members were asked to provide inputs on the implementation plan, roadmap, and LPE guidelines.

C. 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 skills and capacities of the program's mechanisms as well as refine existing policies. Listed below were the series of activities:

- 1. Capacity Building Training for SPTs for Regions 10, 11, 12, and 13**
12-14 December 2023 | Mergrande Resort, Davao City



A three-day capacity-building event for the Special Project Team (SPT) members of regions 10, 11, 12, and 13 at Mergrande Resort, Davao City was conducted. The capacity-building training was graced by the Executive Director for Local Conflict Transformation – Peace Sustainability (LCTPS) Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida. The activity elicited valuable insights on how the Special Project Teams can be effective “transformation agents” in carrying out the TP for friends rescued (FRs) in their respective areas. A total of 22 SPT members were equipped with the knowledge to help achieve the goals of the OPAPRU-Localized Peace Engagements Office (LPEO) TP and make a positive impact in their areas.

The training included topics on administrative matters, understanding procurement laws, organizational development, team building sessions, exercises, and creating work and financial plans. Regional Adviser on Peace and Security (RAPS) Major Gen. Edgardo de Leon (Ret.) gave a comprehensive briefing on the operationalization of SPTs, ensuring that the teams are well-equipped to support the program's objectives of LPEO's TP and make a significant impact in their respective regions. Moreover, Director Elisa D. Evangelista-Lapiña has challenged the SPT members to take advantage of the support being given by OPAPRU by taking the lead in driving real transformation and peace sustainability in their communities.

2. **Local Conflict Transformation – Field Implementation Support Unit Year-End Convention**

17-20 December 2023 | VS Hotel and Convention Center, Quezon City



On 17-20 December 2023, Area Management Unit (AMU) Officers from Northern Luzon, Central Luzon, Southern Luzon, Western Visayas, Eastern Visayas, Western Mindanao, Eastern Mindanao, South Central Luzon, and Northern Mindanao participated in the Local Conflict Transformation – Field Implementation Support Year-End Convention. The convention commenced through the guidance of EDir. Marcaida where she emphasized the direction of the cluster following the development of the amnesty proclamation for former members of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Party-National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) and the exploratory talk with the NDF. A series of substantive discussions on data consolidation and area context setting, updating of TP Design and SPT terms of reference for process and identification was conducted.

On the culmination of the activity, Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability (LCT-PS) Atty. Wilben M. Mayor presented and discussed the exploratory talk with the NDF that has transpired, its outcome and its implication on the cluster's overall operation and structure. The Presidential Assistant expressed his gratitude to the AMUs for their unwavering dedication to contributing to the agency's objectives.

D. Former Rebel (FR) Empowerment

1. New Horizon: Send-Off Ceremony for 16 Friends Rescued

17-21 December 2023 | Head Quarters of 53 Infantry Batalion, Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur



A new opportunity awaits 16 friends rescued (FR) who were sent off after the dismissal of cases against the FRs, following proper processes through support of the Legal Cooperation Cluster of the PTF-ELCAC. The activity was held at the headquarters of the 53 Infantry Battalion at Camp Maj. David P. Sabido, Poblacion, Guipos, Zamboanga del Sur on 18 December 2023.

To highlight the send-off ceremony, different government agencies such as the OPAPRU, National Housing Authority (NHA), and Zamboanga Del Sur Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (ZDS PSWDO), showed their support through the giving of food packs and different assistance. The Technical Education and Skills Development Authority - Zamboanga del Sur (TESDA-ZDS) provided starter toolkits to 20 FR beneficiaries who were graduates of Electrical Installation and Maintenance NCII.

53IB Commanding Officer LTC Terence Ylanan expressed his gratitude to the Provincial and Municipal Government Units, national agencies, and civil society organizations who were instrumental in the FRs' transition into mainstream society.

The event was graced by the Deputy Brigade Commander of the Army's 102nd Infantry Brigade (102 Bde) - Col. Eddie Pilapil, and was participated by chief executives and

MTF-ELCAC Chairpersons of San Miguel, Dumingag, and Tigbao; Provincial Legal Office, TESDA, DOLE, PSWDO, OPAPRU, PIA, and the Tabak Defense Press Corps.

2. **Organizational Meeting of Former Rebels in the Province of Abra**

28 December 2023 | Brgy Tagodtod, Lagangilang, Abra

In partnership with the 24 Infantry Battalion, the OPARU through its AMU-Northern Luzon and PNP, conducted a needs assessment and oriented FRs on the value of organizing a regional level People's Organization (POs). It also conducted the distribution of sacks of rice to FRs in Brgy Tagodtod, Lagangilang, Abra.

E. **Cross-Cutting Themes**

1. **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** The program is in 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. Results surfaced that TP activities adhere to WPS and GAD, but the need to reflect it in reports and other program documents must be improved.

Relative to the above, the program incorporated WPS into its refreshed Program Governance System (PGS) Roadmap and Scorecard. This ensures that the 4 pillars of WPS are well reflected across the program's key results area. This 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.

The conduct of nexus on Orientation/Reorientation of the security sector and partner agencies for the implementation of the Transformation Program includes topics on Conflict Sensitivity and Peace-Promotion (CSPP), Women, Peace and Security and Indigenous Peoples highlighting the role of government in partnership with international organizations and local communities to develop context-specific solutions that foster reconciliation and stability. Overall, the discussions highlighted the need for inclusive, context-specific approaches to promote peace and security.

2. **Mainstreaming CSPP in LPE-TP Plans.** As part of mainstreaming LPE and its TP at the local level, CSPP orientation and discussions were part of the program design of the TP planning workshop conducted with twenty-six (26) PLGU partners. Peace partners were taught to make their plans conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting responsive in identifying their Programs, Activities and Projects (PAPs). The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) facilitated the CSPP orientation which included discussion 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.

3. **Stakeholders Participation.** The table below provides a summary of internal/external stakeholders engaged and their significant contributions in the delivery or completion of targets within the reporting period.



<u>Stakeholder</u>	<u>Contributions</u>
<u>National LPE Cluster</u>	
<u>NTF-ELCAC, AFP Peace Development Officer (AFP-PDO) and PNP – PPDC (Peace Process and Development Office)</u>	<u>Participated in each TP Planning to demonstrate national level support to its mainstreaming.</u> <u>Assisted in the campaign and cascading the adaptation of TP plan to each province.</u>
<u>Presidential Communications Office (PCO)</u> <u>Philippine Information Agency (PIA)</u>	<u>PCO and PIA, through a tripartite MOA will implement strategic communications on LPE and its TP by capacitating local and regional level information officers. This aims to cascade the initiative and objectives of the program.</u>
<u>Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP)</u>	<u>Forged partnership with AFP through MOA on the implementation of Localized Peace Engagement and its TP amounting to PhP10million.</u>
<u>Regional/ Provincial</u>	
<u>Regional Task Force to End Local Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC)</u>	<u>Presented updates and accomplishment of the regional line agencies on EO 70 implementation and participation in the TP planning process</u>
<u>Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU)</u>	<u>Lead in the crafting of local transformation plans in compliance with the TP template and its 4 components relative to FRs present situations.</u>
<u>Internal</u>	
<u>Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS)</u>	<u>CPAS provided support in media coverage of the LPE and its TP activities. Further, CPAS assisted in the meetings relative to direction setting of the partnership and ceremonial signing.</u>
<u>LCT FISU- Area Management Units</u>	<u>Provided local expertise, logistical support and coordination in the facilitation of each TP Planning related activities. Further, AMUs coordinated with all Regional Line Agencies, Provincial Local Government Units, Security Sector and other stakeholders in ensuring that LPE and TP programs are being implemented.</u>

IV. PEACE PROCESS WITH THE RPM-P/RPA/ABB AND CBA-CPLA

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

A. Implementing Mechanisms Operationalized

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

1. Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC)

The JEMC conducted implementation support activities in Aklan, Manila, and Naic, Cavite on 7-10 November 2023 to move forward the Socio-Economic Reintegration and Amnesty Components of the 2019 CID. This includes the meeting of the KAPATIRAN/CDU, PEO, PTO and OPA at the Provincial Capitol of Aklan Province, Kalibo, Aklan on 07 November 2023 that discussed the costs for the coco mill facility, particularly the 100 KVA single phase 230V generator set for the coco mill amounting to PhP1.875 M. The meeting resulted in the agreement for the formulation of a draft MOA between KAPATIRAN and LGU in the disbursement of funds, particularly the trade capital and income from the coco mill oil production.

Furthermore, the JEMC also participated in the security assessment of the existing patrol bases in KAPATIRAN settlement sites spearheaded by the AFP PDO and PNP PPDC as lead office of the Joint Body on the Disposition of Arms and Forces (JBDAF). The Security Assessment aims to: a) to determine the threat level to the KAPATIRAN settlement sites for the implementation of the CDU transition plan; b) to conduct survey as to the security situation of the KAPATIRAN members and CDUs; c) to conduct inspection of PDC sites, congregated sites and patrol bases on the status of security in said areas. The result of this Security Assessment will be presented and submitted to the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) for appropriate action.

2. Site Coordinating Team (SCT)

The ceremonial turnover and groundbreaking of projects were conducted in the Ibajay PDC site and Kalibo, Aklan on 01-04 October 2023. The turned over projects included the Child Development Center, Coconut Premium Oil Production Facility & Machineries and Mini Gas Refilling Facility. The coco machine was also inspected prior to the 2nd tranche fund transfer to the fabricator as per contract stipulation. The activities were followed by the signing of acceptance documents (provision of documentary requirements, e.g. permits, certification etc.).

Moreover, the 3rd quarter meeting of the **Aklan SCT** was also conducted to discuss the status updates on operationalization of the Ibajay PDC Site livelihood projects, and the needed pre-requisites (proposed procurement of hauling truck, fund utilization scheme of the proposed trading capital and production cost, soil analysis, demarcation and polygonning, environmental compliances, upgrading of machines (non-food grade), Program of Works and Detailed Engineering Design of production (extension) facility, requirements for the installation of premium oil machines to include three-phase transformer, cables and poles, machines calibration (expellers). The meeting resulted in the identification of follow-through activities, namely: commissioning activity of the Coco milling facility and commencement of operations by December 2023, coordination of the

PDC projects by project implementers and partner agencies and surfacing of concerns on water and production projects for immediate resolution.



With the efforts of the SCTs, Mayor Jose Miguel Miraflores also led the consultation meeting of the Ibaday LGU with the 39 farmers and land claimants in the Ibaday PDC Site represented by Mr. Louie Palan, KAPATIRAN; national and regional line agencies such as DAR, DENR, and from the province, Provincial Municipal Environment and Natural Resources Office (MENRO), Municipal Agrarian Reform Office (MARO), Municipal Planning and Development Coordinator (MPDC), Assessor and Treasurer's Office. All claimants were invited to join a technical meeting set with the DENR, DAR and municipal assessors on the conduct of profiling activity and polygonning of production areas (individual/group).

The SCT-Aklan Province conducted its 4th Quarter meeting at the Aklan Provincial Capitol Building, Kalibo, Aklan on 11 December 2023, to discuss program implementation of various interventions for the KAPATIRAN peace and development community in Ibaday, Aklan, Community Peace Dividend areas, conflict-vulnerable areas, and conflict-affected areas under the PAMANA Program. The National Amnesty Program implementation through the local peace engagement mechanism was also discussed in the meeting. Among those who attended the meeting were the Regional Directors, DSWD Region V, PAMANA Sustainable Livelihood Program of DSWD, DPWH, Aklan State University (ASU), Office of the Provincial Administrator of the Aklan Province, DOLE-Aklan, Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA) Aklan, DAR, Municipal Office of Ibaday, Aklan, OPAPRU Western Visayas Field Office Coordinators and KAPATIRAN-Aklan Chapter.

Additionally, the **Antique SCT** spearheaded the conduct of its quarterly meeting at Kinaraya, Hotel, San Jose, Antique on 11 October 2023 to discuss the sustainment of delivery of Government commitments to the KAPATIRAN members based in the area. The agenda of the SCT meeting were three-fold: 1) to present the signed deed of donation and acceptance for the housing project in Brgy. Esperanza, Culasi, Antique; 2) to discuss mitigating measures and next steps in the implementation of housing project for KAPATIRAN Antique members; and 3) to map out the updating, action planning with KAPATIRAN Special Project Team and cluster leaders of the ways forwards in implementing the components of the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID). The meeting resulted in several agreements and ways forward: 1) to formally request NHA Region Office for the exemption/alteration on the rehab/improvement of Housing

Units in Brgy. Lupa-an, Laua-an, Antique; 2) to discuss with Mayor Lomugdang the possible options/areas for Housing of the KAPATIRAN Members in Culasi, Antique; 3) to set another meeting in November 2023 for a follow through discussion and parallel coordination of KAPATIRAN-Antique Focal with the Office of Mayor Lumogdang; and 4) to present to the JEMC the implementation process of the Antique In-Situ Settlement Site housing project, which includes the onsite housing option to those who have secured land ownership or to explore available housing of the NHA in Antique Province.

Tanjay SCT convened a meeting in Negros Oriental on 06 December 2023 to formulate the Action Plan for FY 2024 relative to the establishment of the PDC Site in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel and KAPATIRAN. Various offices attended the meeting, with the JEMC Co-Chair Ms. Veronica P. Tabara, Asst. City Administrator Atty. Jay Herrero, CLGOO-DILG, Tanjay PNP, PESO Tanjay, DSWD, KAPATIRAN Chapter President, SCT representatives from ENRO, CSWDO, CVO, CAO, Tourism Office, PNP Tanjay, 11IB, 542nd ECB, KAPATIRAN and RCCO. The discussion provided an overview of the GPH-RPA Peace Process and the profile of the Tanjay PDC Site. Also presented was the approved executive order signed by Mayor Jose Orino reconstituting the Tanjay Site Coordinating Team. The following actions were mapped out: conduct of Site Visit with ENRO Tanjay to discuss the inclusion of the PDC in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan (CLUP) of Tanjay, follow through meeting with the City Tourism office re: Eco-tourism project of KAPATIRAN; creation of communication platform for the Tanjay SCT and pushing for the inclusion of OPAPRU as member to the Tanjay Peace and Order Council.

3. Socio-Econ Reintegration Cluster (SERC)

OPAPRU led by Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida conducted a meeting with Usec. Alan Tanjusay via videoconference on 26 October 2023 to discuss the following agenda: Reactivation of the SERC, additional Support for the Implementation of the Early Child Development Center (ECDC) in Ibajay, Aklan; Plans for the Livelihood Settlement Grant (LSG) and Livelihood Reinforcement Grant (LRG) support; and, other matters. As ways forward the following were discussed with the DSWD:

- Proposal to reconstitute the Sub-cluster grouping of the SERC (shelter and housing, land acquisition for congregated sites, and livelihood), continuation of the completion support of the SERC to the KAPATIRAN peace process, SERC to be requested to assist in the Settlement Site completion in terms of strategizing how to move interventions that have not been completed and pending; and recommend actions to JEMC, and conduct of periodic assessment and review of implementation of the Socio-Econ Reintegration Component of 2019 CID.



- On the additional support for the Early Childhood Day Care Center in Ibajay, Aklan, listing of fixtures and costing were to be jointly identified by second week of November per coordination with DSWD R6. OPAPRU to enhance program documents to anchor the implementation of the ECDC as part of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda (*for potential funding for fixtures*).

B. Disposition of Arms and Forces and Security Arrangements

1. Officials of OPAPRU, JEMC and JBDAF participated in the graduation of the 64 CAFGU Active Auxiliaries 1 (CAA1) at the Headquarters of the 62nd Infantry Brigade Headquarters in Brgy. Libas, Isabela, Negros Occidental on 17 November 2023. Six (6) civilian volunteers (CV) out of 64 received certificates of merit, three of whom will be deployed at Talacdan Patrol Base, Cauyan, Negros Occidental.

The CAAs received their issued rifles during the entrustment rites, symbolizing their acceptance of responsibility as members of the AFP. OPAPRU RCCO Director Christina Loren B. Umali, led the entrustment ceremony with the assistance of Brigadier General Orlando D. Edralin, Commander, 303rd Brigade, Police Brigadier General Percival Augustus P. Placer, Chief, PNP Peace Process and Development Center, Capt. Norsal D. Dimaporo PN, Chief, AFP Peace and Development Office, and Lieutenant Colonel William C. Pesase Jr, Commanding Officer of 62IB.

2. Following this, the JBDAF conducted a revalidation activity relative to the security assessment of the actual CDU members and KAPATIRAN profiled /next-of-kin (NOK) in Ibajay PDC site in Ibajay PDC in Brgy. Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan and San Luis, Culasi, Antique on 09 November 2023. Discussed were the following: need to capacitate the undermanned patrol base and maintain the squad size of 30/30 as the agreed number that need to be maintained for the CAA1 and need to patrol unmanned patrol bases; ongoing construction of infrastructure project and livelihood facilities (coco mill, emergency food reserve (EFR) and mini-gas station) for which a draft concept on value chain programming is being drafted; Validation of the list of those included in the CDU transition to CAA1. The operationalization of coco mill facility project monitoring will have a follow through meeting with the management team, JEMC and SCT on 05 December 2023 in Ibajay, Aklan.
3. The OPAPRU also participated in the courtesy call and meeting of the JBDAF with 303rd Infantry Brigade Brig. Gen. Orlando Edralin. The JBDAF discussed the rationale for the conduct of the security assessment in the areas of responsibility (AOR) of the 303rd Brigade, specifically focusing on the RPA/ABB or KAPATIRAN areas in San Carlos, Cadiz, EB Magalona and Bago City. The meeting focused on discussing the significant programs and initiatives being implemented by the OPAPRU-RCCO together with other stakeholders and local peace partners in Tanjay City, Kabankalan, Cauayan San Carlos, Cadiz, and Bago City. Details were provided regarding the goals, objectives, impact of these programs in the local communities, and opportunities for collaboration and support from external organizations were discussed to further



strengthen these programs and their impact. It was agreed to establish regular communication channels and conduct follow-up meetings to maintain an ongoing partnership. A security assessment plan and timeline were agreed upon, outlining the activities to be conducted to evaluate the existing security measures and identify potential vulnerabilities. The plan also included the involvement of relevant stakeholders, including the CDU members, local Chapter leaders and local community representatives, to ensure a comprehensive assessment.

C. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members

1. Livelihood and Employment

Negros Occidental Governor Eugenio Jose V. Lacson led the turnover of 15 heads of carabaos to the KAPATIRAN Chapters in Negros Occidental at the Negros Occidental Provincial Capitol Building, Bacolod City on 18 December 2023. KAPATIRAN Chapters in Bago, San Carlos City, Cadiz City, EB Magalona, Kabankalan City, and Cauayan received at least two heads of carabaos from the Provincial Government. In the turnover rites, Gov. Lacson expressed his gratitude to the KAPATIRAN and OPAPRU for their continuous support to the PLGU in sustaining peace and development in Negros and relayed the Provincial Government's commitment to implement programs and interventions for the KAPATIRAN in FY 2024. The Provincial Agriculture Office assisted in the dispersal of the carabaos and will assist in the monitoring of the carabaos, while the 303rd Brigade facilitated the hauling of carabaos from the Provincial Capitol to the six (6) KAPATIRAN Chapters in Negros Occidental.

2. Educational Assistance

A ceremonial distribution of educational assistance to KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin (NOK) was jointly conducted by the Negros Occidental Scholarship Program Division (NOSPD) and OPAPRU at the Provincial Capitol of Negros Occidental, Bacolod City on 21 November 2023. In particular, the NOSPD and OPAPRU distributed a one-time study grant of Php5,000.00 each to the KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin to support their schooling.

Moreover, 97 KAPATIRAN NOK from Kabankalan (64) and Cauayan Chapters (33) received their educational assistance amounting to Php5,000.00 each from the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental through NOSPD at the Xaris Event Venue, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental on 07 December 2023. The intervention provided is part of the government's commitment to secure a sustainable educational system for the KAPATIRAN youth pursuant to the 2019 CID. Officials present were Mayor Benjie Miranda of Kabankalan City, BM Jeffrey Tubola, 6th District of Negros Occidental, Ms. Czarinna Quilaton, Executive Assistant to the Mayor, LGU Cauayan, Karen Dinsay, Head of Negros Occidental Scholarship Program Division (NOSPD), KAPATIRAN Officers of Kabankalan and Cauayan and OPAPRU RCCO.

3. Establishment of Settlement Sites

• Ibajay Peace and Development Community (PDC) Settlement Site, Ibajay, Aklan

KAPATIRAN conducted a meeting with the Machine Fabricator at PDC Site Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan on 02 October 2023. The KAPATIRAN and the Machine Fabricator finalized the schedule of machine commissioning and test run for capacity with tentative date on 15 October 2023. Materials to be used will be provided by the fabricator in consideration of the receiving area of coco mill facility to be constructed by the contractor. The fabricator committed to provide technical specifications to the KAPATIRAN to operate the machine and commence operations. KAPATIRAN requested from the Fabricator for the progress billing of delivered equipment/materials as reference for the payment.

Moreover, Mr. Feelmer John R. Sasis, Officer-in-Charge, of Philippine Coconut Authority (PCA)-Aklan provided orientation to KAPATIRAN-Aklan Chapter officials on nursery management, site preparations (brushing, hole digging, staking, and application of compost), and planting activities for dwarf coconut, in support of the KAPATIRAN's livelihood projects including the Coco Mill Facility in the Ibajay PDC Site on 14 December 2023. KAPATIRAN-Aklan committed to following the directions and guidelines provided by the PCA and is expected to start the implementation of site preparations by January 2024, while waiting for the availability of planting materials (dwarf coconut).

- **Tanjay Peace and Development Community Site, Tanjay, Negros Oriental**

OPAPRU participated in the first meeting of the Tamlang Valley Management Council (TVMC) at Southview Hotel, Dumaguete City on 08 November 2023 upon the invitation of Negros Oriental Governor and Chairperson of the TVMC. The TVMC serves as the policy-making body for the development of the Tamlang Valley which straddles the four municipalities of Siaton, Sibulan, Sta. Catalina and Valencia, Negros Oriental spanning 20,000 hectares. The area is identified as a strategic location for sustainable agriculture that will benefit former rebels who will be tapped to manage the improvement of the identified site.

- **Kabankalan PDC Site, Kabankalan, Negros Occidental**

The turnover of Completed Projects in KAPATIRAN Kabankalan Peace and Development Community (PDC) Site was conducted at Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, Negros Occidental on 16 November 2023. The Local Site Coordinating Team (SCT) of Kabankalan, the Local Government Unit of Kabankalan and 542nd Engineer Construction Battalion implemented the infrastructure support projects onsite intended for the establishment of the KAPATIRAN PDC Site.

With the celebration of the National Children's Month, the Local Government Unit of Kabankalan thru the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) spearheaded child-friendly activities for One Hundred (100) KAPATIRAN Children living inside the PDC Site in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City on 23 November 2023. The activities included the following: (1) feeding program for Children; (2) haircut; (3) exercises/games; and (4) distribution of supplies/ tokens.

- **Iloilo Congregated Settlement Site**

OPAPRU participated in the public hearing for the re-classification of the proposed area for the settlement site for KAPATIRAN-Iloilo Chapter members in Brgy. Caraudan, Iloilo on 20 November 2023. Of the 727 KAPATIRAN members who will be granted housing under the 2019 CID, at least 33 KAPATIRAN members from Iloilo will be granted housing units as part of the implementation of the Social and Economic Reintegration Component of the 2019 CID.

Subsequently, a preparatory meeting was also conducted via videoconference on 13 December 2023 relative to Land Acquisition of KAPATIRAN Congregated Site in Iloilo Province. Present in the meeting were NHA officials Atty. John Leo S. Solinap, Arch. Vergie Ramos, Arch. Jill Pasaporte, Engr. Carl Petes and Ms. Hennie Dionela of OPAPRU.



OPAPRU RCCO also participated in the meeting of Maasin Mayor Paulino M. Parian, NHA Region VI officials, and spouses Florentino and Hendrina Gonzales, the landowners of the property in Sitio Camansi, Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo at the Municipal Hall of Maasin, Iloilo on 21 December 2023. The meeting was part of the ongoing land acquisition process of the KAPATIRAN Congregated Site in Sitio Camansi, Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo. The landowners committed to prioritize the transfer of the titles to NHA, while NHA will write an endorsement letter to the Registry of Deeds to fast track the process. The signing of the deed of sale will follow after the transfer.

- **Cauayan Congregated Settlement Site, Cauayan, Negros Occidental**

The Municipal Government of Culasi, Antique, KAPATIRAN and OPAPRU participated in the validation activity of the proposed settlement site for KAPATIRAN Antique Chapter at the San Luis Public Plaza, Culasi, Antique on 16 November 2023. Engr. Marlon Dubla, Municipal Engr. of Culasi, Antique. Engr. Dubla committed to secure a sketch map of the abandoned old dam site of Culasi spanning 6,000 sq.m. for the reference of OPAPRU-RCCO and KAPATIRAN. After the site validation, the RCCO Western Visayas Field Office led by Mr. Romulo Del Rosario presented to the KAPATIRAN Antique Chapter the results of the strategic planning meeting last 16 October 2023 as well as the results of the Security assessment on 09 November 2023. KAPATIRAN Antique Chapter members approved and accepted the proposed settlement site located at Brgy. San Juan, Culasi, Antique with 6,000 sq.m. (old dam site of Culasi). RCCO consulted with KAPATIRAN members on the possible project from PAMANA and interventions for the production area located at Brgy. Osorio, Culasi offered by the DENR CENRO Culasi. KAPATIRAN members accepted the opportunity.

4. Community Peace Dividends

- **Project Inauguration of Matag-ub PAMANA Sustainable Livelihood Association**



OPAPRU participated in the inauguration of the 3rd Tranche of the PAMANA Sustainable Livelihood Program at Brgy. Matag-ub, Janiuay, Iloilo on 08 November 2023, which was spearheaded by Mayor Paulino Parian and Vice Mayor Hannah Corel Locsin-Yap, Municipal Social Welfare Office, DSWD Region VI, DTI-Iloilo, Barangay Local Government officials, Barbaza Cooperatives Representative, Sustainable Livelihood Association members and OPAPRU.

- The RCCO also participated in the conduct of the ceremonial blessing and Grand Opening of the variety store funded through the 3rd Cycle of the PAMANA-DSWD Sustainable Livelihood Program at Bayanihan Road, Barangay Pook, Kalibo, Aklan on 20 November 2023. The activity resulted in the discussion on the proposed scheme for the expansion of the project in Sitio Kawatihan, another one in Bayanihan Road and Sitio Talipapa and offering of finished food products. The following ways forward were also recommended: Expansion of additional space needed in the operation and rectification of the lease contract of lot with another owner; Transfer of technology by requesting TESDA, DTI, DOST and DOLE in their engagement work to the association, purposely adopting a value chain scheme or product development to establish their own brand; proposal drafting to request support from national government agencies and NGOs; implementation of GAD program to capacitate fathers in the association in promoting the interest of their women and youth in terms of hunger mitigation and nutrition awareness.

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

1. RCCO Provincial Coordinator Mr. Romulo del Rosario continue to facilitate assistance to the RPM-P/RPA/ABB members with pending cases for resolution. These are referred to the proper channels and mechanisms. The RCCO likewise coordinates and attends orientation meetings with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) through the Local Amnesty Boards (LABs) in Iloilo and Bacolod City.
2. Moreover, the RCCO participated in the conduct of the National Amnesty Commission's Yearend Performance Assessment in Tagaytay City on 06-08 December 2023. The yearend assessment resulted in the following: assessment of 2023 activities, mapping of plans for 2024, sharing of Local Amnesty Board (LAB) process flow, and orientation on guidelines of safe conduct pass (provisional and permanent); identification of next steps; finalization of summary of accomplishments for 2023 and 2024 work plan and crafting of annual report.

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

1. RCCO Provincial Coordinator Ms. Jennifer April Casalem represented RCCO in the Negros JPSCC and PLEDS Joint meeting at Maringal Hall, Camp Lt. Col. Francisco C Fernandez Jr. Agan-an, Sibulan, Negros Oriental on 07 December 2023. The meeting discussed peace and order-related updates (crime situation updates, Internal Security Operations (ISO) Countermeasures, and ELCAC-related activities and programs), updates on the insurgency situation, maritime situation, detained former CPP/NPA/NDF members, and barangay drug clearing.
2. Following the event, the RCCO participated in the following activities and cascaded updates relative to the RPM-P/RPA/ABB-KAPATIRAN Peace Process: Negros Oriental Provincial Peace and Order council Meeting in Negros Oriental on 08 November 2023; Strengthening the Provincial Effort against CTG-led Terrorism Planning Workshop/MOA Signing in Negros Oriental on 09 November 2023.

❖ **CBA-CPLA Peace Process**

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

1. Support to JEMC and its Components

- *Joint Task Group Baguio Send Off-Ceremony 20 November 2023, City Hall Grounds of Baguio*

Representing the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Regional Adviser for Peace and Security (RAPS) BGen Bismarck Soliba (Ret.) was invited to the Joint Task Group Baguio Send Off-Ceremony in the City Hall of Baguio last 20 November 2023. Formerly named as “Task Group Baguio”, it will be reinvigorated and upgraded to “Joint Task Group Baguio” to effectively accomplish its mission and to further enhance the Community Support Program (CSP) in the city. CSP is one of the tools in bringing former rebels back to the folds of the government.

B. Implementation of Five-Year Normalization Program (5YNP)

1. Support to the Implementation of Transformation Program in Kalinga

The OPAPRU conducted a two-day Former Rebel Provincial Summit 2023 in collaboration with the 103rd Infantry Battalion on 06-07 December 2023 held at Bulanao, Tabuk City, Kalinga. The said summit was participated by 80 Former Rebels from different Barangays of Kalinga where they expressed their commitment and support in helping the government's information awareness campaign and encouraging their former comrades to return to the folds of the law. This activity aimed to invigorate the FR's commitment of their unwavering support to the national government's efforts to end the local communist armed conflict; capacitate the FRs and empower them to become third-party advocates of the government's peace-building initiatives; and importantly to inculcate the value and importance of the family as a basic institution as they complete their integration into their respective communities and mainstream society.

2. Regional Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) Convergence Summit

OPAPRU-RCCO CBA-CPLA Division personnel attended the Regional Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) Convergence Summit, organized by DILG Cordillera on 19 October 2023 at the Hotel Elizabeth in Baguio City. The summit brought together officials and representatives from regional line agencies, as well as municipal and barangay local government units from 50 identified RCSP barangays across Abra, Apayao, Kalinga, and Mountain Province. The Regional Development Council requested OPAPRU to provide updates on the RDC-endorsed projects since they have yet to receive updates from 2018 to the present. OPAPRU representatives mentioned that there are at least 13 PAMANA Projects for CAR pending approval because of the ongoing budget deliberation. Also, DILG-CAR requested OPAPRU to consider the proposed projects of ELCAC areas/ barangays in the FY 2025 Programming.

3. Monthly Meeting of the RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division with Consultants, Regional Adviser for Peace and Security (RAPS), and Area Management Unit-North Luzon

The presence of the Consultants, RAPS, and Unit Head during the CBA-CPLA Division monthly meeting from 09-11 November 2023 was vital in levelling off and finalizing activities and strategies relative to the implementation of the Transformation Program in CAR. AMU Northern and Central Luzon presented the Transformation Program Timeline (3-Year Plan CY 2023-2025) which included Phase 1 to Phase 3 and shared the efforts undertaken from 2nd to 4th Quarter this year which involved intensive orientation and leveling off, pre-work activities, and actual planning. Relative to the Transformation

Program, the OPAPRU and PTF-ELCAC agreed to the Project Monitoring Committee. During the discussion, AMU NCL Unit suggested amendment of policies to attain SGLG to include barangays as counter insurgent-cleared and operational concerns such as budget allocation on the operationalization of Local Peace Engagement and its Transformation Program for Former Rebels, their families, and communities in focus areas.

4. RCCO-CBA-CPLA Division Meeting with Consultants and Partners in Baguio City



RCCO Consultants and Unit Head conducted hybrid meeting in December in Baguio City to thoroughly discuss the formation and composition of the Advisory Group for Cordillera peace and development programs that will identify strategic peacebuilding and development programs, projects, and activities to assist OPAPRU in the implementation of its mandate in the region. As a result, OPAPRU will draft a legal basis for the creation and function of the Core Group,

participate and introduce the Advisory Group during meetings with Regional Development Council Secretariat, and request the latter for the membership of OPAPRU to the RDC-Economic Development Sectoral Committee.

C. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Individual Level)

1) OPAPRU-NCIP Meeting

To monitor the status of OPAPRU-NCIP SEAP Program, a meeting ensued between OPAPRU and NCIP Personnel with Regional Director Atanacio Addog, held on 07 December 2023 in Baguio City. Since the inception of the SEAP Program in 2021 up to 2023, a total of PHP20,060,000.00 has been



released to the 200 grantees, including the 200 students who availed of the one-time grant. It was reported that on 24 July 2023 (2nd Sem 2022-2023 January-July 2023) and 11 November 2023 (1st Sem 2023-2024 August-December 2023), the yearly financial assistance for the grantees has been released. This year, of the 200, 10 student-grantees received their diplomas. The importance of developing a separate set of guidelines that is program-specific was also discussed. A follow-through meeting to finalize the draft OPAPRU-NCIP –SEAP Guidelines will be conducted on the 3rd week of January 2024.

D. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Organization Level)

1. Conduct of Site Visit and Monitoring of AECID-funded Nursery Projects in Kalinga and Apayao Provinces



The conducted site visitation and monitoring activities strengthened OPAPRU's partnership with the stakeholders, Local Government Units and Provincial Line Agencies. It likewise reinforced commitment and accountability for the sustained management of the AECID-funded programs. The site visit and monitoring was held from 28 November to 01 December 2023. To date, hereunder is the status of the AECID-funded nursery sites in Apayao and Kalinga:

AECID PROJECT SITE	STATUS	REMARKS
Apayao		
1) Calafug, Conner Plant Nursery and Tree Plantation (PhP900,000.00)	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed in September PO will commence potting by December until early next year Nursery will also cater seedlings other than the initially agreed 2 rolls black mesh net shall also be provided by the contractor to shelter potted seedlings in the open area
2) Marcela, Sta. Marcela Plant Nursery and Tree Plantation (PhP900,000.00)	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed in November Potting materials will be delivered by December 2 rolls of black mesh net shall also be provided by the contractor to shelter potted seedlings in the open area 2 loads of gravel to be provided to improve the dirt road/ access to the nursery

Kalinga		
1) Kinama, Rizal Mechanized Plant Nurseries (Solar Powered) and Tree Planting PhP3,000,000.00)	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With structure built on the site Mechanized solar power water pump; 100m deepwell Increased the size of the structure (16x12M) Will fully operationalize in February 2025
2) Ileb, Nambaran, City of Tabuk Mechanized Plant Nurseries (Solar Powered) and Tree Planting PhP2,000,000.00)	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed in August 2023 Operational with 3,000 potted Cacao Seedlings and Rambutan 120 meters deepwell Other interventions i.e., grafting, second batch grafting will be done by March 2 rolls black mesh net shall be provided by the contractor to shelter other potted seedlings
3) New Bangad, Nambaran, City of Tabuk Mechanized Plant Nurseries (Solar Powered) and Tree Planting PhP2,700,000.00)	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Irrigation to whole Bangad, rice field
4) Sumadel, Tinglayan Plant Nursery and Tree Plantation (PhP1,000,000.00)	Completed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will fully operationalize by 2024 Other interventions i.e., capacity for grafting, second batch grafting will be done in March 2024
5) Basao, Tinglayan Plant Nursery and Tree Plantation (PhP1,000,000.00)	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Skeletal structure assembled with 3 plan racks PO president coordinated with the contractor re: the continuation of the construction

E. Implementation of Socio-Economic Component (Community Level)

1. Implementation of Sustainable Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Program

The SIPAT Project was specifically established for the Cordillera Region with an aim to provide sustainable livelihood opportunities for the communities of the Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People’s Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) and communities which suffered from years of armed conflict. Together with the DA-RFO-CAR and stakeholders, the following efforts were undertaken:

• 5 Ceremonial Turnover of OPAPRU-DA SIPAT FY 2022 Agri-related Livelihood Interventions, and Physical Monitoring of SIPAT-implemented projects

18 October (Bakun, Benguet) | 14-16 November (Hungduan, Ifugao), | 17 November (Lamut, Ifugao), | 22 November (Buaya, Balbalan), | 21 December (Lucog, Tabuk City)

From October to November 2023, a series of ceremonial turnovers of agriculture-related livelihood interventions were conducted in the provinces of Benguet, Ifugao, and Kalinga in collaboration with the DA-RFO-CAR and stakeholders, which strengthened partnerships with stakeholders and reinforced the commitment to the long-term management of the OPAPRU-DA SIPAT Program. The desired training inputs were

largely on livestock production and farming support, which were used for the PO members' major source of income, particularly muscovado production and agriculture-based aid on cattle distribution in their communities. Overall, the activity provided ready input for the next farming cycles.

• **2 Actual SIPAT Turnover with DA-RFO-CAR in Benguet**

18 December 2023, Kibungan and Mankayan, Benguet

To further boost the farmers' production on high value crops, the OPAPRU in collaboration DA-RFO-CAR provided a total of PhP2,400,000.00 worth of agricultural inputs to beneficiaries in Madaymen, Kibungan, Benguet, and in Guinaoang, Mankayan, Benguet on 18 December 2023. The Osdong Cagam-is Pakpakitan Multipurpose Cooperative (OSCAPA) in Madaymen, Kibungan received fifty-five 55 cans and 260 packs of vegetable seeds, and 354 bags of fertilizers, amounting to PhP1,300,000.00. Meanwhile, the Ambabag-Sinakay Farmers Organization (ASFO) in Guinaoang, Mankayan was given 3 units of square tanks and 464 bags of fertilizer, totaling PhP1,000,000.00. The interventions are under the Sustainability and Inclusive Peace and Transformation (SIPAT) Project: Upgrading of Vegetable Production, and Livelihood on High Value Crops Production, respectively.

A. Implementation of Confidence-Building Component

1. Coordination Meeting with Mapúa University

19 October 2023, OPAPRU Baguio City Field Office

Mapúa University – Social Orientation and Community Involvement Programs (SOCIP) Director Engineer Joyrence Q. Agas presented possible future collaborations with OPAPRU, such as the continuous installation of Solar Panels in capital towns and normalization areas, scholarship, and expert advice on academic concerns. As part of the institution's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030, MAPUA looks forward to including other peace and development focus areas throughout the archipelago in their promotional activities, such as solar panel installation in capital towns and conflict-affected/vulnerable areas. RCCO's partnership with Mapúa University complements the Defenders and Advocates of Youth, Autonomy and Women (DAYAW) Program, as the program focused on CBA-CPLA women, youth and their communities.

**2. Support to PAMANA-NPMO relative to the Site Validation Activities across CAR
Courtesy Call with PLGUs and Site Validation activities relative to PAMANA-NPMO Projects in Abra, Ifugao, Kalinga and Mountain Province from November to December 2023**

The PAMANA-NPMO in close coordination and collaboration with RCCO conducted project site validation activities relative to the proposed 13 PAMANA projects in Abra (1), Benguet (1), Ifugao (4), Kalinga (4), and Mountain Province (3) for the month of November and December 2023 to ensure that the proposed projects are deemed as: (a) technically and financially feasible, (b) conflict sensitive and peace promoting, and (c) compliant to all documentary requirements such as but not limited to project proposals, work and financial plans, road right of way certification and other pertinent clearances. The conduct of project site validation is in preparation for the issuance/release of the General Appropriations Act (GAA of FY 2024). The validation team reminded the concerned PLGUs to see that the implementing units will provide and submit pertinent documents as a requirement of the Financial Management Service of OPAPRU. These pertinent required documents will hasten the release of funds intended for the PLGU or MLGU concerned.

Relatively, on 04-08 December 2023, the PAMANA-NPMO in collaboration with RCCO conducted a Conflict-sensitive and Peace Promoting – Citizen-lead Monitoring (CSPP-

CLM) with stakeholders in Mountain Province to ensure that proposed projects are compliant to the CSPP-CLM Standards that is, that the projects are: 1) Participatory, 2) Inclusive, 3) Responsive 4) With Accountability, 5) Socially Cohesive, 6) Reconciliatory and 7) Contributing to Community Resilience. The activity was participated in by the representatives of the Ifugao State University, MPSPC, representatives from the PLGU and MLGU of Tadian ang Gohang, Ifugao.

B. Implementation of Healing and Reconciliation Component

1. Support to Healing and Reconciliation: Promoting Wellness of Old Guards in Sadanga and their Communities

18-19 November 2023, Poblacion, Sadanga, Mountain Province



A total of 526 patients aged six months to 86 years old, in Sadanga, Mountain Province, were served during the two-day medical-dental mission organized by OPAPRU, in partnership with the Department of Health-CAR, Philippine Information Agency-CAR, Luis Hora Memorial Regional Hospital, Provincial Local Government Unit of Mountain Province and Municipal Local Government Unit of Sadanga, Philippine Red Cross-Mountain Province Chapter, and Medical Outreach Missions Fellowship (MOMFI) under the Saint Louis University-School of Medicine from 18-19 November 2023 at the town's municipal grounds. As part of Healing and Reconciliation initiatives of OPAPRU, this activity catered to the medical and dental needs of CBA-CPLA old guards and their communities. This was the second leg of the medical-dental mission after its pilot activity conducted in Bucloc, Abra.

2. Coordination Meeting with Tinglayan LGU as support to Healing and Reconciliation Program, 01 December 2023, Tinglayan, Kalinga



The ongoing Butbut-Betwagan conflict was monitored with the Tinglayan LGU by OPAPRU through the RCCO and OPAPRU Consultant Mr. Thomas Killip. The LGU confirmed that the conflict has been continuously monitored by the Armed Forces of the Philippines, the Philippine National Police, and the Local Government Units of Kalinga and Mountain Province. According to Municipal Administrator Mr. Dungoc, Tinglayan LGU personally visited Betwagan BLGU in collaboration with Sadanga MLGU to convey their genuine desire to resolve the decades-long issue. BLGU Betwagan showed a positive response, however, results are still pending. MA Dungoc reiterated the possible usage of 3D map on the contested territories to confirm claims from both tribes to which the proposal has been raised to DENR.

The infrastructure proposal for the Healing and Reconciliation Program, put forth by the late Pedro Abbacan of Tinglayan, was likewise discussed by the OPAPRU representatives. The Construction of the Bangad Hanging Bridge, which connects homes to rice fields, would honor the CBA-CPLA Martyrs and act as a legacy project for their community. RCCO Staff discussed the usual logistics and administrative processes the project must undergo prior to fund transfer/ implementation.

V. SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING (SHAPE) PROGRAM

A. Rehabilitation and Reintegration of Former Violent Extremists Communities

1. **OPAPRU responded to two (2) Marawi City Crises which resulted in the extension of the IDPs in their temporary shelters and provision of financial support to the victims of the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi Bombing.**

On 13 October 2023, OPAPRU, represented by PCTVE Consultant MGen Melquiades Feliciano (Ret.) and Executive Director Susana Marcaida, with officers from SHAPEO and DILG PCTVE PMO, convened a dialogue in Marawi City among the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), landowners, LGU of Marawi City, and Lanao del Sur. The meeting discussed the issues and concerns of eviction of the IDPs in their temporary shelters.

It was agreed that the landowners would extend the usufruct agreement for the temporary shelters for another year, coming from IDPs' concern and fear that they will be evicted from the temporary shelters as the contract expired. The IDPs will not be evicted while they are waiting to be transferred to their permanent shelters.

The consultation was attended by Marawi City Mayor Gandamra, Provincial Government representative, Task Force Marawi - 103rd Infantry Brigade, landowners, IDP representatives, CSOs, and Task Force Bangon Marawi (TFBM). OPAPRU's visit provided a platform for the consultation of the LGUs, landowners and IDP representatives to take place.



Dialogue among the IDPs, Landowners and LGU of Marawi City and Lanao Del Sur regarding Eviction

Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity, Sec. Carlito Galvez, Jr. with other OPAPRU officials and officers on 04 December 2023 met with the BARMM Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim, Governor Mamintal Adiong Jr., MSU President Basari D. Mapupuno following the bombing incident at Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi City campus on 03 December 2023. The PAPRU committed to supporting the psychosocial interventions of the bombing victims and the affected students of MSU in partnership with the Provincial Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) and MSU.

The PAPRU, BARMM Chief Minister, Lanao Del Sur Governor, and MSU President, visited the injured victims being treated at the infirmary of MSU and Amai Pakpak Medical in Marawi City where they provided support and assistance to the victims.



The PAPRU and BARMM Chief Minister Ahod Ibrahim visiting the wounded victims of the MSU Marawi bombing at the Amai Pakpak Hospital and MSU Infirmary.



The PAPRU visiting the Dimaporo Gymnasium where the bombing in MSU Marawi happened and briefing of the Amai Pakpak doctors on the status of the patients from the bombing.

The Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) and City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO) of Marawi City are conducting the Mental Health and Psychosocial Support (MHPSS) and targeted sessions for the civilians who were most affected by the incident. The initial intervention results will determine the long-term needs of the victims and constituents. MSU and key stakeholders will present a proposal on the long-term needs of the affected individuals. OPAPRU, in partnership with the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) of the Lanao del Sur and MSU, will provide support for the long-term needs of the affected individuals through psychosocial interventions.

2. Sustained community engagements in Marawi City through the conduct of activities in commemoration of the Marawi Liberation Day and Mindanao Week of Peace.

From 16-18th October 2023, the Marawi City Liberation activities were held in Marawi City. On 17 October 2023, the 6th Marawi Liberation commemoration program was attended by Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. During the program, he delivered the President's message, which specifically honored the 168 soldiers and police officers who perished during the siege, emphasized the need to speed up the completion of all Marawi rehabilitation projects and process the victims' claims more urgently.



Commemoration Program of Marawi Liberation attended by the PAPRU in Marawi City.

The SHAPE Team conducted community engagement activities on 16-18 October 2023 in Barangay Pag-asa, Mapiga, and Dulay Temporary Shelters. The team used the Asset-based Community Development (ABCD) method to involve internally displaced women, youth, and children in the community. The ABCD Model focuses on the community's assets and strengths and highlights that everyone, including women, youth, children, men, and boys, have something valuable to contribute towards peacebuilding efforts in the area.



Community mapping among women during the community engagements in Mipaga Temporary Shelters in Marawi City.

During the sessions, women, youth, and children participants drew community maps and identified their individual and community assets. The Mapiga and Dulay temporary shelters also highlighted their immediate needs, such as livelihood programs, skill-based capacity development training for women, clean and accessible water, and installation of telecommunication signals. The SHAPE Team emphasized that their role was to coordinate and connect these results to relevant government agencies and organizations. By actively cooperating with the government, the community can help develop sustainable programs, projects, and activities for their communities.

From 01-07 December 2023, SHAPEO collaborated with AMU-Northern Mindanao to conduct several community engagement activities for children, youth, women and men in selected temporary shelters in Marawi City, in commemoration of the Mindanao Week of Peace. The activities included *Tutul I Ina A Bae: Story Telling of Mother and Child*, which collected artwork and stories to be developed into a storybook depicting the diverse experiences of the people of Marawi. Additionally, Peace Conversations were conducted in Lakeview and Dulay Temporary Shelters, and Halfway House of the 103rd Brigade, which will form part of the narrative in the Community Engagement Module that SHAPEO and the PTVE Program are currently developing.



Women and youth participants in Dulay Temporary Shelter during the community engagement activities.



Men and women participants during the community engagement activities.

SHAPEO and AMU-NM also attended the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Outreach Program at Sarimanok Stadium, Ground Zero, Marawi City. The event showcased the mural paintings in the stadium that were completed by the children of Marawi City together with the different stakeholders.

3. Strengthened engagements with National Government Agencies and BARMM Ministries on PTVE and Social Healing and Peacebuilding

From 25-26 October 2023, OPAPRU representatives led by Director Elisa Evangelista-Lapiña and SHAPE officers attended an activity in Davao City on Social Healing and Peacebuilding. The aim was to propose the creation of a Coordinative Mechanism in BARMM. During the event, OPAPRU's SHAPEO and BARMM Ministries presented their existing Social Healing and Peacebuilding programs and discussed any gaps in their implementation. The workshop also provided an opportunity to identify possible areas of collaboration. The information gathered from different BARMM Ministries also informed the development of the OPAPRU PTVE Program.

4. Scoping Activity in Basilan and selected municipalities as inputs to the development of the OPAPRU PTVE Program

On 04-08 December 2023, SHAPE officers conducted the scoping activity in Basilan for the development of the PTVE Program of OPAPRU. A series of coordination and consultation meetings were conducted which laid the foundation for coordination between OPAPRU-SHAPEO, the Local Government Units (LGU), security and religious sectors.



PTVE Consultant, MGen. Melquiades Feliciano (Ret.) and Ms. Karen Marcelino of SHAPEO during the workshop.

The WestMinCom and 101st Brigade provided an overview of the national and local initiatives in Basilan aimed at facilitating the FVEs' return. Between 2016 and 2019, specifically in Southern Mindanao, programs implemented include the PAVE for Peace, E-CLIP, BRAVE, Local Social Integration, AS2G Care, SALW and Halfway House initiatives. The future direction emphasized the need for harmonized and well-

communicated programs (i.e., TUGON and ECLIP); focus on psychosocial support; strengthening of halfway houses and the deradicalization phase; strategies to ensure sustainability and broader participation; funding sustainability efforts, and documentation of success stories of former FVEs.

Courtesy visits and meetings were conducted with the Provincial Administrator and Head of Key Offices in Basilan. The Basilan Provincial Government is working to promote peace by collaborating with multiple agencies and stakeholders. The focus is on combating violent extremism, with an emphasis on transitioning former violent extremists. The approach engages various sectors such as the military, local government units and religious organizations.

Courtesy visits and meetings were also conducted with the Mayors and municipal officers in the Municipalities of Sumisip, Al-Barka and Maluso. The Municipality of Sumisip has received programs aimed at supporting FVEs and other Moro Front returnees. These programs are sponsored by BARMM and other national agencies; to aid the FVEs in their reintegration, the LGU is implementing peacebuilding initiatives such as livelihood and employment programs, medical missions, youth projects, and support and monitoring of Madrasah.

Al-Barka, as a coastal municipality, is vulnerable to the encroachment of VEs. Hence, they have learned to closely monitor the FVE, MILF and MNLF communities. The Municipality of Al-Barka aims to become an Islamic municipality, relying on its strong relationship with the Ulama and Imams. The following are the aspirations of the municipality to support peacebuilding efforts, these include improved livelihood opportunities for FVEs and their communities, the establishment of a Peace Office, housing for returnees, solar lights, agriculture and education support.

The Mayor of Maluso takes pride in its Seal of Good Governance, which promotes transparency and accountability in local governance, and emphasizes the role of religious leaders in promoting peace and strategic peace initiatives. The significant efforts of the LGU include the House of Peace where representatives from Christian and

Islamic faith traditions work together as members of a Council of Leaders. The SALW Program is also implemented to manage Small Arms and Light Weapons, which is crucial in reducing violence and promoting security. The municipality also engages religious leaders to integrate Islamic teachings into peace efforts, utilizing their influence and respect in the community. A housing program, offering clean lot titles to beneficiaries, including former members of the Moro Fronts and other indigents has been set up by the LGU.



During courtesy visits and consultations with the LGUs of Basilan Province, the Municipalities of Al-Barka, Maluso and Sumisip, and the religious sector.

Lastly, the courtesy visit and meeting with the Bishop and Social Action Head, Territorial Prelature of Basilan, discussed the Prelature's faith-driven initiatives to promote peace and reconciliation. They highlighted the essential role of religious leaders in peacebuilding and the effective strategies employed through interfaith collaboration. The Prelature leads interreligious social action programs that provide dental services, medical support, and income-generating training to both Muslim and Christian communities, promoting shared social services and fostering social cohesion.

B. Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation

Facilitated the Profiling of IP Communities in 11 Municipalities of Agusan del Norte for the Formulation of the Agusan del Norte Indigenous Women Organization (ANIPWO) Developmental Framework

On 08-10 and 16 October 2023, a total of 47 members of the Agusan del Norte Indigenous Peoples Women Organization (ANIPWO) participated during the conduct of activities to support the Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation Initiatives for Agusan del Norte. The activity aimed to increase the capacity of the ANIPWO as a strategic peace partner and as an organization on data gathering and analysis and program development. The members of ANIPWO were empowered and trained on the tools which were used in the actual conduct of profiling and data gathering in eleven municipalities of Agusan del Norte.

Data gathered during the activity is already being consolidated by the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) CARAGA and results are to be used for the development of the ANIPWO Development Framework. This activity was conducted in collaboration with the NCIP CARAGA and AMU-Eastern Mindanao.



ANIPWO volunteers during the orientation of the data gathering in Butuan City.



Actual data gathering and profiling of IPs in Agusan del Norte.

C. National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS)

1. Launching of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 on 11 December 2023 at the Philippine International Convention Center

The OPAPRU together with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), members of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NCSWPS), civil society and the international development community launched the fourth generation of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033.

The NAPWPS is the Philippine government's commitment to the UN Security Country Resolution 1325, which calls for women's participation in conflict prevention and resolution, peace negotiation, peacebuilding, peacekeeping, humanitarian response, and post-conflict reconstruction. The Philippines is the first country in Asia that has crafted an action plan in response to the UNSCR 1325 and its formulation was a result of collaborative efforts between the government and various civil society that started in 2007. This fourth generation of the plan highlights women as active agents of peacebuilding and transformation rather than passive actors or victims of conflicts.

Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr., opened the ceremonial launch, followed by keynote messages from different international and local peace partners namely Ms. Norul Mohamed Rashid from UN Women, Ambassador I Gusti Agung Wesaka Puja from ASEAN-IPR, Ms. Karen Tañada from WEAct 1325 and Ms. Erika Geronimo from Oxfam Pilipinas. The Guest of Honor for the launch was Ms. Amina Rasul-Bernardo, President of the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy.



PAPRU together with OPAPRU Executives, keynote speakers, and guest of honor during the launch of NAPWPS 2023-2033.

After the ceremonial launch, a panel discussion was conducted together with Mr. Nery Ronatay from UN Women, Ms. Veronica Tabara from the Joint Enforcement Monitoring Committee of KAPATIRAN and Ms. Jasmin Nario Galace from Global Network of Women Peacebuilders. The discussion focused on the global situation of NAPWPS, Reflections of Former Women Combatants on Normalization and Connecting the Past to the Future WPS.

The NAPWPS 2023-2033 launch will have a follow-through activity to develop the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Roadmap by the first semester of FY 2024. Before the launching of the NAPWPS, several consultations and workshops were conducted that led to the finalization of the said document.



PAPRU together with OPAPRU Executives and Personnel during the NAPWPS 2023-2033 Launch.

2. Contextualization Workshop and Vetting of the Draft National Action Plan On Women, Peace and Security

The workshop on Contextualization and Vetting of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 Draft was a crucial step in the development and finalization of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. During the workshop, eight (8) experts from various sectors, including Prof. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer, the Ramon Magsaysay 2023 Awardee and champion woman peace negotiator, discussed the emerging issues that the NAPWPS may face in the next decade.



Sectoral Experts and participants during the Contextualization

The workshop was conducted from 16-18 October 2023 at Astoria Plaza, Ortigas, Pasig City. The national-level, multi-stakeholder representatives who participated in the workshop contextualized the insights into concrete Action Points and provided a guiding direction for the development of the NAPWPS.

The SHAPEO, along with Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, led the contextualization process on behalf of OPAPRU, the Chair of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NSCWPS). The workshop was attended by 61 participants, including representatives from different National Government Agencies and Civil Society Organizations.

3. Consultations with Regional Gender and Development Committees (RGADC)

The SHAPEO, in collaboration with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), recently organized a Virtual Consultation with the Regional Gender and Development Committees (RGADCs). The activity established a collaborative platform that would allow for the substantive participation of RGADCs in the development of the 10-year fourth-generation National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS). The virtual consultation took place on 19 October 2023 via videoconference.



Participants during the Online Consultation with the Regional Gender and Development Committees.

During the consultation, RGADCs were given an orientation on NAPWPS to ensure inclusivity. They also provided inputs that will significantly shape the drafting of the NAPWPS, as well as identify prospects for its localization. The consultation facilitated comprehensive knowledge-sharing, interactive sessions, and action planning. This will aid in the formulation, development, and finalization of a robust NAPWPS through a more structured and collaborative approach.

4. NAPWPS Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop

On 25-27 October 2023, the SHAPEO in coordination with UN Women held a workshop on the development of a Results-Based Monitoring Framework at Marco Polo Ortigas. The National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) representatives attended the workshop. The activity intended to: 1) create a comprehensive Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning System (MEALS) that would improve transparency, effectiveness, and adaptive learning; and 2) integrate results-based monitoring principles into the Action Plan to strengthen implementation of the NAP and address identified weaknesses in M&E. This will help in the crafting and finalization of action points and funding requirements for the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The workshop was participated by 28 representatives from various government agencies, CSOs, and UN Women.



Participants during the Results-Based Monitoring and Evaluation Workshop for the NAPWPS.

5. NAPWPS 2023-2033 Multi-Stakeholder Consultation and Validation

On 28-29 November 2023, SHAPEO and UN Women collaborated on the Consultation and Validation of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 draft document with members of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NCSWPS) and representatives from civil society organizations. The meeting was held at Marco Polo Hotel Ortigas to discuss the final content of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 and for each agency to review the action items relevant to them. The NAPWPS M&E Roadmap was also presented and discussed during the meeting.

The group also discussed the NAPWPS Launch that will take place on 11 December 2023, at the Philippine International Convention Center. During the meeting, the proposed program flow and list of guest speakers were presented to the attendees.

Representatives from various organizations attended the workshop, including the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP), the Department of Health (DOH), Department of Justice (DOJ), and Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Department of National

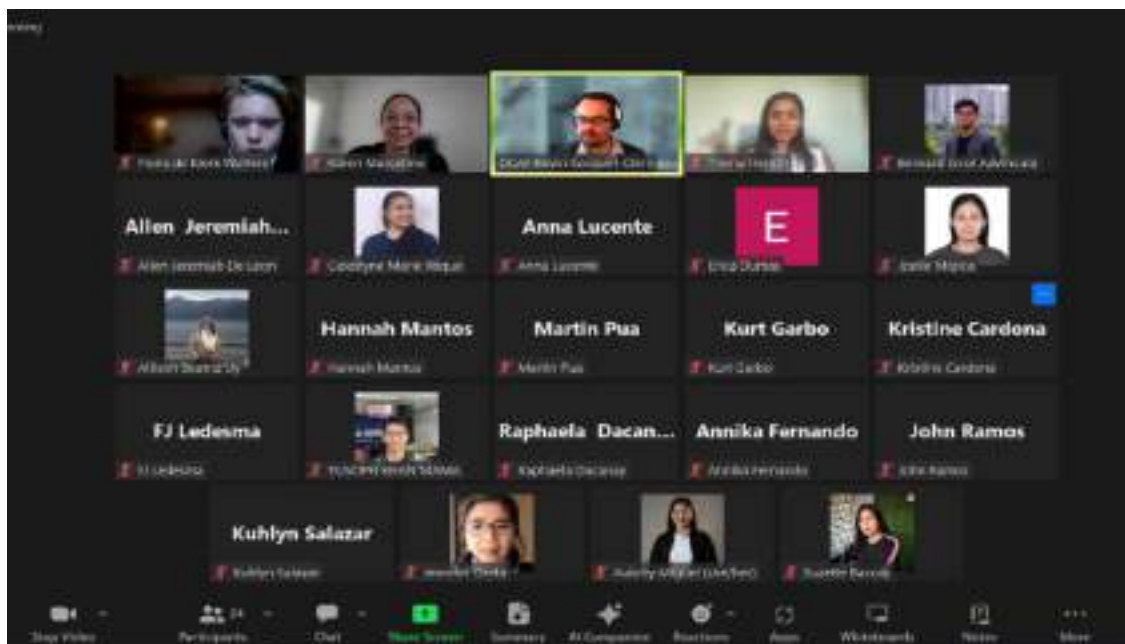
Defense (DND), Department of Local and Interior Government (DILG), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Women Engaged in Action on UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (WEAct 1325).



Participants during the Consultation and Validation of the NAPWPS 2023-2033.

6. Strengthened engagements and networking with international and local peace partners on Youth, Peace and Security.

On 07 December 2023, the SHAPE Office participated in a webinar on Security Sector Reform and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS). During the webinar, the representative shared the Philippine context of YPS via videoconference. The webinar aimed to introduce the basic concepts of YPS and explain why they are important to the youth in the Philippines. It also provided an overview of the Pillars on Participation, Protection, Prevention, Partnership, and Disengagement and Reintegration in the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) for the years 2023-2033.



Participants and Resource Persons during the webinar on Security Sector.

The webinar was organized by the Asia-Pacific Unit of the Geneva Center for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) and was attended by various youth in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The SHAPEO also participated in the National Youth Convention 2023 on 08 December 2023 in Baguio City organized by the National Youth Commission (NYC). The basic concepts of Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) were introduced followed by the concepts of the Youth, Peace and Security, why these agendas are important to the youth in the Philippines and the Pillars of Participation, Protection, Prevention, Partnership, and Disengagement and Reintegration in the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) 2023-2033.



SHAPEO representative Ms. Karen Marcelino during the National Youth Summit.

The convention was participated by more than 1,000 Sangguniang Kabataan (SK) federation presidents and youth representatives from different service academies and ROTC Corps Commanders representing universities all over the country. Key Leaders of the government and representatives from different government agencies namely the DILG, DND, COA, DBM, CSC, NDRRMC, AFP and PNP, including OPAPRU, presented and provided inputs in the convention to assist and guide the SK leadership in their two years' service in their respective local government units.

A follow-through cascading and localization activities of the NAPYPS and CSPP training shall be conducted in FY 2024 in partnership with NYC and members of the multi-stakeholders of the NAPYPS.

D. Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Mainstreamed

1. Partnerships with the World Bank and the Department of Agriculture-Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP) on CSPP Training were explored for FY 2024.

The World Bank, represented by Senior Social Development Specialist Ms. Mary Morrison and Consultant Mr. Michael Frank Alar, met with OPAPRU led by Executive Director Susana Marcaida and representatives from SHAPEO and ICPO on 19 October 2023. It was agreed that OPAPRU would provide the CSPP Training to the personnel of the two World Bank-funded projects in Mindanao. ICPO shall also be providing information to the World Bank regarding the Conflict Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) for them to identify the projects that will be in the CAAM. These projects that will be implemented in the CAAM shall undergo the CSPP process.

On 28 November 2023, a follow-up meeting was held via videoconference. The meeting was attended by representatives from World Bank, PRDP, and OPAPRU. PRDP presented the CSPP integration they are conducting in their policy, tools, and implementation of activities. This will be discussed further during a brainstorming meeting on 10 January 2024 at the World Bank Office. The upcoming meeting will map out the CSPP experience of PRDP and explore their handholding process for CSPP.

VI. PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

A. Constituency Building (Engagement with stakeholders strengthened)

In the exercise of its oversight and implementing functions, the OPAPRU through the PAMANA-NPMO ensured 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. Celebration of the National Day and Armed Forces Day of the Republic of Korea

The celebration of the National Day and Armed Forces Day of Republic of Korea (ROK) was held on 04 October 2023, which presented a valuable opportunity to expand the constituency-building efforts of PAMANA. The participation in this event offered the potential to strengthen existing relationships with the ROK Embassy and establish new partnerships with other invited organizations, furthering the program's objectives. This engagement aligns with the broader strategic goal of enhancing the network and increasing the program's influence within key constituencies.

The said event was attended by key government officials from various departments and agencies, along with other ambassadors in the country. Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisima were also in attendance. The event served as a pivotal element in the program's resource mobilization strategy. This involvement provides a platform to showcase initiatives and represents a significant step toward securing the essential resources needed to advance the program and its positive contributions.

2. PhilHealth Consultative Forum on Policies, Assessment, and Planning on the Implementation of Programs under Special Laws

The Consultative Forum on Policies, Assessment, and Planning on the Implementation of Programs Under Special Laws of the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth) in Baguio City was attended by Mr. Roland Keno F. Chua, representing the PAMANA Program. The forum provided a platform for the Program to introduce PAMANA to local counterparts and stakeholders. The engagement served as an opportunity for the PAMANA-NPMO to discuss the success stories and positive outcomes of the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process, highlighting the critical role of constituency building in sustaining the government's achievements under various Peace Agreements.

During the forum, participants were granted the opportunity to pose questions pertaining to the mandate of the agency. Some of the key questions raised during the session revolved around issues related to delays in the submission of the list of beneficiaries, the statutes governing Bangsamoro Normalization, and the current initiatives of the OPAPRU in preventing the resurgence of former rebels and combatants. All of which were addressed through comprehensive responses to the inquiries, aligning answers with the mandate and scope of work of the PAMANA-NPMO as it relates to its program in support of the peace tables.

3. Coordination Meeting on the Proposed Housing Interventions to Decommissioned Combatants

A courtesy call and meeting with the OPAPRU and MP Engr. Baintan Adil-Ampatuan, Co-Chair of the Joint Task Force on Camp Transformation (JTFCT) of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority was conducted last 29 November 2023. The short meeting focused primarily on the proposed housing interventions of the National Government thru the

PAMANA Program which the decommissioned combatants of the MILF are the main recipient beneficiaries. The proposed housing projects shall be funded under the PAMANA Program in partnership with the National Housing Authority.

4. 4th Quarter Joint Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) - Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) Meeting

On 18 December 2023, PAMANA-NPMO Director J. Anthony Peña attended the 4th Quarter Joint Provincial Peace and Order Council (PPOC) - Provincial Anti-Drug Abuse Council (PADAC) Meeting via videoconference. Director Peña provided updates on the proposed Camp Bilal Community Site Development Plan. The joint meeting centered around the priority issues and concerns impacting the peace and order, as well as the public safety of Lanao del Norte.

The meeting emphasized the ongoing efforts to harmonize the MILF Community Development Plan with the Development Plans of Local Government Units (LGUs). This collaborative approach aims to create synergy and ensure the efficient integration of various community development initiatives. Recognizing the importance of aligning plans, a specific request was made for updates on the Proposed Camp Bilal Community Site Development Plan. This indicates the significance placed on coordinating efforts and ensuring that community site development plan for Camp Bilal is synchronized with broader provincial and national strategies.

5. Project Vetting and Updating of Project Implementation for Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) Communities

On 21 December 2023, OPAPRU PAMANA-NPMO Director J. Anthony Peña attended the project vetting and updating of project implementation for MNLF Community. The meeting was held via Zoom Videoconference and included the presence of Program Development Officers from Mindanao State University (MSU).

The meeting offered an avenue for the MSU Program Development Officers to discuss the challenges and issues faced by the MNLF communities. A pertinent question arose regarding the submission of infrastructure projects to PAMANA for funding. This prompted discussions on the feasibility of expanding the scope of eligible projects. The beneficiaries also articulated their need for equipment related to farming and fishing, such as agricultural tools and fishing boats, respectively. These resources were identified as crucial for the success of the community projects. Moreover, MSU program development officers emphasized the importance of prioritizing the construction of a farm-to-market (FMR) road. Further discussions are expected to refine these considerations and guide the effective implementation of the MNLF Community projects.

B. Resource Mobilization

1. Peace Investment Budget of OPAPRU for FY 2024

On 15 November 2023, the Senate approved the proposed 2024 budget of about PhP7 billion for the OPAPRU. A significant portion of this proposed budget amounting to PhP5.2 billion is allocated for the PAMANA Program, which implements peacebuilding and socio-economic interventions in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas. The projects are intended for the implementation of various programs and projects in peace agreement areas, Bangsamoro areas as well as peace and development focus areas in the country.

Prior to the Senate approval, the OPAPRU facilitated clarificatory meetings with Senate Minority Leader Senator Koko Pimentel and Senator Bato Dela Rosa, OPAPRU Budget

Sponsor, for the OPAPRU FY 2024 Budget Campaign. The Senate has made notable strides in addressing key issues related to the peace process, particularly focusing on the decommissioning of the MILF. The inclusion of specific line items in the Senate General Appropriations Bill (SGAB) for the decommissioning process emphasizes the commitment to peacebuilding efforts in the Bangsamoro Region. Additionally, amendments to the Special Provisions of the HGAB (House) version, with the SGAB reflecting the updated classification of infrastructure projects and implementing support were made.

C. Program Management

1. Construction Occupational Safety and Health Training

In compliance to the requirements of the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) that personnel must have an orientation regarding Occupational Safety and Health especially those that are involved in the construction industry before being deployed to the field, technical staffs from the PAMANA Program attended a 40-hour comprehensive training for Construction Occupational Health and Safety (COSH) which was conducted by the Occupational Safety and Health Center, DOLE last 02-06 October 2023.

During the training, PAMANA technical staffs were engaged in different situations that may happen during the construction activities and were able to do hands-on activities on the required safety procedures. They were able to finish the said training with a certificate from the COSH Center certifying that Engr. Loyd Anthony A. Miaral and Engr. John Louie G. Lopez are now qualified to be Safety Officers and be able to do Orientations in regard to Occupational Safety and Health.

2. Conduct of Site Validation Orientation for FY 2024 PAMANA Projects

The PAMANA-NPMO conducted an online orientation session on 26 October 2023, via videoconference. The orientation focused on the site validation activities of PAMANA Projects for the Fiscal Year 2024. The initiative aimed to enhance the capacity and readiness of personnel from OPAPRU, specifically those involved with Peace Tables and Area Management Units (AMUs), in preparation for their forthcoming site validation activities. The primary goal of this orientation was to standardize and augment the knowledge and comprehension of all participating personnel in matters related to government safety regulations, validation tools, and policy guidelines formulated by the PAMANA-NPMO. These measures were intended to ensure a smooth and accountable implementation of projects in collaboration with potential implementing partners.

During the activity, PAMANA-NPMO emphasized the prerequisites that implementing partners must fulfill to qualify for project implementation awards. These criteria include the absence of unliquidated funds from the OPAPRU, project locations being situated in high-conflict areas, a commitment to being Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting, compliance with Gender and Development principles, among others. These stringent requirements represent key mechanisms employed by the PAMANA-NPMO to ensure that project locations are strategically placed in priority areas and that implementing partners possess the capability to successfully complete projects within stipulated timeframes.

3. 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, Peace Tables, 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:

Activity	Date	Venue
SITE VALIDATION OF PROPOSED FY 2024 PAYAPA AT MASAGANANG PAMAYANAN (PAMANA) PROJECTS	October 16-21, 2023	Municipalities of Guinobatan, Camalig and Daraga, Albay
	October 23-28, 2023	Municipalities of Prieto Diaz and Bulusan, Sorsogon, and Caramoan, Bula, Bato and Del Gallego, Camarines Sur
	November 06-10, 2023	City of Lamitan, Basilan
	November 06-10, 2023	Province of Maguindanao del Sur
	November 06-10, 2023	Province of Ilocos Norte
	November 06-11, 2023	Province of Abra and Benguet
	November 06-17, 2023	Province of Lanao del Sur
	November 07-09, 2023	Municipality of Indanan, Sulu
	November 07-10, 2023	Municipality of Ayungon, Negros Oriental
	November 13-18, 2023	Province of Ifugao
	November 13-17, 2023	Municipality of Cauayan, Cities of Cadiz, Escalante, Negros Occidental
	November 13-18, 2023	Provinces of Samar, Northern Samar, Eastern Samar
	November 20-24, 2023	Province of Lanao del Norte
	November 20-24, 2023	Province of Maguindanao del Sur
	November 20-24, 2023	Municipality of Ayungon, Negros Oriental and City of San Carlos, Negros Occidental
	November 20-25, 2023	Province of Kalinga
	November 20-25, 2023	Provinces of Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Sur
	November 27 – December 02, 2023	Provinces of (North) Cotabato, Maguindanao del Sur
	December 04-07, 2023	Province of Davao de Oro
	December 05-09, 2023	Province of Maguindanao del Norte
RAPID ASSESSMENT OF	November 28 – December 01, 2023	Camp Abubakar, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte

Activity	Date	Venue
PROPOSED HOUSING PROJECTS IN CAMP ABUBAKAR, BARIRA, MAGUINDANAO DEL NORTE		
CONDUCT OF FINAL INSPECTION OF PAMANA FY 2022 PROJECTS IN MAINLAND MASBATE	December 18-22, 2023	Province of Masbate

a. Site Validation of Proposed FY 2024 PAMANA Projects

The site validation activities involved a comprehensive assessment of 119 infrastructure projects, distributed across different peace tables: 39 in P1, 24 in P2, 34 in P3, and 22 in P4. These projects encompassed a diverse range, including (2) Agri-Productivity, (8) Bridge, (10) Community Infrastructure, (2) Housing, (72) Road, (1) Road with Bridge, and (24) Water projects, amounting to a total of PhP4,925,000,000.00.

As of present, the validation status indicates that 113 out of the 119 sites have undergone validation. Following the site validation process, 64 sites received an initial assessment of passing, 24 were provisionally approved, and 29 were earmarked for revalidation. Notable challenges identified during the site validation activities included incomplete proposals, unexpected weather conditions, and terrain challenges, unliquidated Local Government Unit (LGU) funds under OPAPP/OPAPRU accounts, and scheduling conflicts between engagement officers and implementing partners coinciding with site validation activities. These insights provide a comprehensive overview of the progress and challenges encountered in the validation of the proposed PAMANA projects for the fiscal year 2024.

b. Rapid Assessment of Proposed Housing Projects in Camp Abubakar

One of the components of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) is the Normalization Program, which shall be implemented for the combatants and non-combatants elements of the MILF, the families of the decommissioned combatants, and other vulnerable individuals residing in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). It covers the aspects of security, socio-economic development, sustainable livelihood, political participation, confidence building, and transitional justice and reconciliation. It also includes the Camp Transformation Plan (CTP) of the six (6) recognized and acknowledged MILF Camps, including Camp Abubakar as-Siddique in Maguindanao. Given this, the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO conducted another round of rapid assessment of identified proposed housing projects intervention in Camp Abubakar, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.

c. Conduct of Final Inspection of PAMANA FY 2022 Projects in Mainland Masbate

In the implementation of the PAMANA Program and its capacity as an oversight agency, the OPAPRU forged partnerships with various Local Government Units (LGUs) including

the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Masbate. The final inspection consisted of the following list of ongoing Farm-to-Market (FMR) projects under the FY 2022 PAMANA Program:

- Concreting of Cagay-Sitio Imbodo, Jamorawon-Santa Maria, Milagros and Mobo, Masbate (Phase 1)
- Concreting of Recodo-Guiom Road, Cawayan, Masbate

In December 2022, the OPAPRU through the Financial Management Services (FMS) released the 1st Tranche amounting to Php312,000,000.00. As part of the oversight/implementing function of OPAPRU, this activity was conducted in the Province of Masbate last 13-18 February 2023. Given this, a final inspection was conducted last 18-22 December 2023 to release the 2nd Tranche.

4. PAMANA Project Turn-Over

Blessing and Turn-Over Ceremony of 50 units of Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP-I), Unveiling of Signage (MSAP)-II, and Groundbreaking Ceremony and Burying of Capsule (MSAP-II)

The blessing and turn-over ceremony of 50 Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) Units for MNLF beneficiaries and their families under the FY 2022 PAMANA fund was a significant event. It brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including LGU officials, DSWD representatives at various levels (National, Regional, Provincial, and Municipal Offices), the Congressional District Representative, and most importantly, the MNLF beneficiaries and their families.

Moreover, this event served as a valuable opportunity to foster collaboration and partnerships between the private and public sectors. It was an occasion to engage in discussions that can contribute to the ongoing development in the region. Through this event, the commitment of the government to the MNLF and their families was unequivocally reaffirmed, reflecting a coordinated effort to promote peace, prosperity, and inclusivity in the region. The success of the MSAP program and the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders underscore the government's dedication to improving the lives of the MNLF beneficiaries and their families while simultaneously advancing regional development.

5. Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms

Continuation of the Adoption and Roll-Out of a Gender-Responsive, Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting (CSPP) Livelihood Project Development and Management (LPDM) and CSPP Citizen-Led Monitoring (CLM)

The PAMANA-NPMO conducted Conflict-Sensitivity and Peace-Promoting (CSPP) Planning and PAMANA Program Orientation to community monitors from Brgy. Mogao, Licuan-Baay, and Brgy. Ducligan, Bucloc, as part of the AECID-CPDF Project. These barangays fall under the BuDaBoSa Cluster for projects conducted in collaboration with the Abra State Institute for Science and Technology (ASIST), which also involved the participation of faculty and staff from ASIST. The facilitators and resource speakers for the activity were provided by both ASIST and OPAPRU.

The sessions covered various topics, including the rationale of the activity, CSPP principles, and discussions about OPAPRU; conflict, peace, and outcomes; entrepreneurship and enterprises; manualizing the CSPP-LPDM; good governance and social accountability; citizen-led monitoring and social accountability; developing the CSPP-CLM tools and instruments for data gathering; formulating the monitoring

objectives; mapping the monitoring stakeholders; developing the data gathering instruments; developing the monitoring guidelines and protocols; and planning the CSPP-CLM roll-out. The participants conveyed their appreciation for the intervention initiated by OPAPRU, which introduced a distinct approach to conducting monitoring and evaluation activities. Additionally, they expressed gratitude for the construction of the plant nursery, acknowledging its potential to offer them the opportunity to cultivate seedlings for environmental protection and to create additional sources of income in the long run. The same activity was also held in Sagada, Mt. Province for identified monitors from Ifugao and Mt. Province. The facilitation of the activity was in collaboration with Ifugao State University, Mountain Province State Polytechnic College, and Provincial Local Government Unit of Mountain Province.

D. Policy Review and Enhancement

1. Coordination Meetings with Ateneo De Manila University – John Gokongwei School of Management for the Updating of the PAMANA Manual of Operations

Coordination meetings conducted with Ateneo de Manila University – John Gokongwei School of Management (ADMU-JGSOM) were held for the purpose of updating the PAMANA Manual of Operations and in preparation for the Manual of Operations Writing Workshop. An initial coordination meeting was held last 17 October 2023 at the OPAPRU in Ortigas, Pasig City. The significance and objectives of the PAMANA Manual of Operations (ManOps) were discussed, emphasizing the need to update the ManOps to ensure its alignment with the current procedures, standards, and best practices of the OPAPRU. Succeeding working meetings transpired thereafter which facilitated the establishment of timelines and. In the meetings, both parties expressed their commitment to a collaborative effort.

E. Physical and Financial Progress Status of PAMANA Projects Lodged to OPAPRU

1. FY 2016 PAMANA-DA for ARMM (presently the BARMM)

Physical Accomplishment

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

Financial Accomplishment

As per PAMANA-NPMOs data (subject to confirmation with the FMS), a total of Php222,492,500.00 (97.12%) obligated, Php201,343,250.00 (90.49%) was disbursed to partner-LGUs and Php174,550,996.66 (86.69%) liquidated.

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

NOTE:

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

2. FY 2017 PAMANA-OPAPRU

Physical Accomplishment

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

Financial Accomplishment

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

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

NOTE:

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

3. FY 2020 PAMANA-OPAPRU

Physical Accomplishment

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

Financial Accomplishment

Of the PhP 650,000,000.00 total allocation per FY 2020 GAA, PhP 7,500,000.00 intended for the administrative cost, PhP 86,850,000.00 realigned to COVID-19 response and PhP 34,100,000.00 pegged as unobligated balance. Administrative cost and unobligated balance of the said fund already reverted.

Of the above-mentioned total allocation per GAA, only PhP521,550,000.00 are implementable projects. PhP 273,140,000.00 or 52.37% released to the different implementing partners as of 30 September 2022. PhP 87,377,552.10 or 31.98% reported as liquidated by implementing partners, and PhP 186,759,436.37 or 68.02% for liquidation.

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

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

NOTE:

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

VII. INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

A. Policy Review and Enhancement

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

The ICPO, in partnership with the Monitoring and Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Service (MEALS), works very closely with the DFA in the process of development a digital system to make the processing of clearances of travels of international partners to conflict-affected areas in Mindanao (CAAM) more efficient. On 14 December 2023, the OPAPRU participated in the DFA's Online Presentation on the Online Procedure for Travel Applications to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

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

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

B. Constituency-Building

For the 4th Quarter of 2023, the ICPO engaged 32 international partners, namely: the Embassies of Australia, Brunei, Canada, Colombia, Chile, EU, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Qatar, Spain, Sweden, Turkey, United Arab Emirates, United Kingdom of Great Britain and the Northern Ireland, and the United States of America; international governmental agencies, such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID); UN Agencies, such as the UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), UN Women and International Organization for Migration (IOM); international non-governmental organizations (INGOs) such as the P4P and the Asia Foundation; and international financial institutions such as the World Bank.

C. Program Management

For this quarter, the OPAPRU, through the ICPO, continued to manage and provide government oversight to the following peace-related programs of international partners: AECID's Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project, EU's Peace and Development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (PD-BARMM) Programme, Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme, and Bangsamoro Agri-Enterprise Programme (BAEP), the Japanese Embassy's Assistance to Normalization Project, the JICA's Capacity Development Programme for the Bangsamoro (CDPB), and Colombia's Technical Cooperation Project on the Reincorporation and Normalization of Former Combatants.

D. Resource Mobilization

The ICPO, in partnership with Program 1, also continued to oversee the implementation of the BNTF for the MILF while it also provides support to Program 2 on the continuing preparations for the establishment of the Bangsamoro Development Assistance Fund (BDAF) for the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

On 5 December 2023, the OPAPRU, through the ICPO and Program 1, in partnership with the Colombian Embassy, facilitated the orientation of members of the diplomatic corps on the output of the exchange visit between the Philippines and Colombia.

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

E. Capacity Development

The ICPO facilitated the attendance and participation of Executive Committee and Management Committee to at least two (2) international engagements such as the Exchange Visit to Colombia in October 2023 and the 6th Edition of the Paris Peace Forum conducted in Paris, France in November 2023.

F. Strategic Communications

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

VIII. MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING OPAPRU BUSINESS PROCESSES

❖ ORGANIZATIONAL CAPITAL

A. POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND STRATEGY MANAGEMENT

1. **Continuing Implementation of Internal PGS Interventions.** The Office of Strategy Management (OSM), led by the Policy Development and Strategy Management service (PDSMS), conducted series of Final Vetting Sessions of the OPAPRU Strategy Refresh. On 08 November 2023, final vetting of the refreshed OPAPRU Organizational Strategy and Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster and Program Strategies was deliberated, and subsequently, the Local Conflict Transformation and Peace Sustainability Cluster and Program Strategies on 17 November 2023. The PAPRU provided his guidance on the respective frameworks of the clusters and conveyed his provisional approval on the documents. Moreover, the PAPRU commended the efforts of the OSM in conducting such vetting sessions and acknowledged the importance of having up to date strategies to address the developments in the peace policy environment.



2. **Issuance and Publication of the New OPAPRU Citizen's Charter.** The tarpaulin and printed copies of the OPAPRU Citizen's Charter were disseminated to programs and units on 6 November 2023.

3. **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 and steadfast in 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. The PDSMS conducted a learning session on 21 November 2023 on "*Achieving Privacy Resiliency Within the Agency: A Learning Session on Breach Response*" aimed to build the capacity of the agency's Information Technology (IT) personnel, designated privacy compliance officers, and new and existing OPAPRU personnel to effectively respond to breaches and security incidents such as cyberattacks and physical breaches. The *4th Data Privacy Manual and Privacy Management Framework Cascading Activity* was likewise conducted as it formed part of the activity's program. Moreover, the *Enhanced OPAPRU Data Privacy Manual and Privacy Management Framework* was distributed to all OPAPRU units on 29 November 2023.



4. **Drafting of the National Strategy on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (NSPRU).** Realizing the need for a harmonized approach in pursuing a just and lasting peace in the country, the OPAPRU aims to integrate all national development, security, peace, reconciliation and unity policies, programs, mechanisms and systems. This harmonization would be encapsulated in a single document which shall serve as a visionary blueprint and main anchor of all the Agency's initiatives that promote reconciliation and unity. A draft was provided in December 2023 and a series of write shops and consultation sessions tentatively scheduled in the first quarter of 2024 will be conducted to further refine the draft with the members of the NSPRU technical working group. Moreover, a proposed NSPRU Executive Order has been drafted and is currently under review by the PDSMS and OSM.
5. **OPAPRU's Reorganization Requests.** The OPAPRU, through the PDSMS and in collaboration with the Human Resource Management Service (HRMS) and the Resource Management Service (RMS), facilitated the agency's reorganization request to the DBM. Said request shall ensure that OPAPRU can efficiently and effectively perform its expanded mandate and adequately operationalize the Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda and the expansion of OPAPRU's healing, reconciliation and unity

initiatives based on the Agency's policy directions and the President's SONA 2023 pronouncements on the comprehensive peace process. As a follow through to the request, a coordination meeting was held with DBM on 13 October 2023 and 16 November 2023.

6. **Continuous provision of policy inputs.** The OPAPRU, through the PDSMS, remains committed in advocating for the Government's Peace Agenda in accordance with the President's directives as stipulated in the PDP 2023-2028, the Eight-Point Socio-economic Agenda, and other relevant local and international policies. From October - December 2023, the Agency has successfully provided its inputs and/or recommendations to the following:

- CALABARZON Regional Development Plan 2023-2028
- Formulation of the National Security Strategy 2023-2028
- Crafting of the Soft Power Roadmap
- Memorandum Circular of the Proposed Activation of the Project Management and Development Office – End Local Communist Armed Conflict in all National Government Departments, Bureaus, Offices, Agencies, Instrumentalities, and Government-Owned and Controlled Corporations

7. **OPAPRU Monthly Accomplishment Report to the Special Assistant to the President (SAP).** The PDSMS, in collaboration with OPAPRU Programs 1-7, facilitated the submission of OPAPRU's Accomplishment Reports for the months of October – November 2023 to the SAP. The OPAPRU's Monthly Accomplishment Report outlines the operationalization of the Marcos Jr. Administration's Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda through the peace processes with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA), and the Rebolusyonaryong Partido Manggagawa-Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade-Tabara Paduano Group (RPM-P/RPA/ABB-TPG), the implementation of the whole-of-nation approach in ending local communist armed conflicts through Localized Peace Engagements (LPEs) and Transformation Program (TP), and the implementation of PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) and social healing and peacebuilding programs in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable communities.

B. KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND PEACE INSTITUTION

Peace Capacity and Constituency-Building

1. **Conduct of the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Training – Refresher and Training of Trainers (ToT) Course.** The Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Service (KMPIS), in collaboration with SHAPEO and HRMS, spearheaded the conduct of CSPP Refresher Course and TOT for OPAPRU personnel on 2-5 October 2023 at the Linden Suites Ortigas. 18 personnel have been trained for



this batch. The activity intended for the OPAPRU units and offices to adopt and mainstream CSPP approaches, tools, and practices in its planning, programming, and budgeting of policies, plans, programs, projects and activities. Also, for its personnel to be equipped with skills, mindsets and tools to influence other organizations and entities it needs to work with in implementing its peacebuilding initiatives.

2. **Conduct of the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) Training-Basic Level (Concepts and Frameworks) and Advanced Level (Operationalizing CSPP Steps).** With the aim to enhance the breadth and depth of appreciation of the basic concepts of peace, conflict, violence and CSPP, as well as to improve OPAPRU personnel's capacity in handling the complete planning cycle across the critical areas of policy, people, enabling mechanisms, and PPAs on peace development, the KMPIS, in collaboration with SHAPEO and HRMS, conducted the Basic and Advance CSPP Training for OPAPRU personnel on 16-19 October 2023 at the Linden Suites Inc., Ortigas Center, Pasig City. A total of 36 personnel attended and participated in the Basic CSPP Training, while 18 personnel attended and participated in the Advanced CSPP Training.



3. **Meeting and Exchange with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) for Peace Education initiatives and activities, 13-14 November 2023.** The KMPIS met with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) to discuss the OPAPRU Peace Education initiatives and projects, as well as the gaps and challenges that USIP can support. Experts from Gandhi-King Global Academy showcased the USIP programs that OPAPRU can replicate. Experts from USIP include Ms. Alli Philips, Acting Director, Curriculum & Training Design, Gandhi-King Global Academy, Ms. Beth Quintana Manrique, Senior Program Officer, Gandhi-King Global Academy and Dr. Haroro J. Ingram, Senior Expert, United States Institute of Peace. At the end of the session, USIP donated peacebuilding toolkits for educators for both high school and middle school.





4. Participation to the MSU Peace Education Summit at Mindanao State University-General Santos – 19-21 November 2023

The MSU System Peace Summit is an initiative to support the efforts of the MSU System to become the National Peace University. During the activity, the participants discussed and presented three (3) policy options to institutionalized Peace Education within the MSU System: Policy Alternative 1: Offering of 3-unit Mandatory Course on Teaching Peace Education in Teacher Education Institution programs of MSU-System; Policy Alternative 2: Offering of Teaching Peace Education as an Elective Subject in Teacher Education Institution programs of MSU-System; and Policy Alternative 3: Integration of Peace Lens in the Professional Education courses of TELs of MSU System.



5. Conduct of Gawad Kapayapaan – Peace Partners Champion, 22 November 2023.

The Gawad Kapayapaan Executive Committee met and deliberated the 18 shortlisted nominees. They have agreed to recommend 6 awardees for both individual and group categories. The list of recommended awardees was sent to PAPRU for approval, however, the was decided to call off the Gawad Kapayapaan - Peace Partner Champion Awards due to unforeseen circumstances.



6. OPAPRU Participation to the ASEAN-Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) and King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Inter-Cultural Dialogue (KAICIID) Training on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue for ASEAN Officials, 27 November-01 December 2023.

The Training on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue for ASEAN Officials, jointly and adeptly organized by the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (ASEAN-IPR) and The International Dialogue Centre KAICIID, is an excellent opportunity to promote Inter-Religious Dialogue (IRD) and Inter-Cultural Dialogue (ICD) as essential peacebuilding mechanisms that highly diverse societies, such as that of the ASEAN region, can utilize to promote peaceful co-existence. The training provided the participants with greater awareness and realization that dialogue can serve as a powerful tool for social cohesion and for reduced anomie in society. The importance of propagating non-violent communication was also highlighted in the 5-day training.



This highly relevant training on IRD and ICD is also a great addition to the efforts of our National Government Agency, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) to constantly push for the promotion, adoption and institutionalization of the Human Fraternity Document across all key sectors of the society, as well as in enhancing community resilience for peace, and providing a proactive approach to counter various forms of mobilization from violent extremist groups, especially among vulnerable communities and individuals.

7. Conduct of the Peace Education University Tour at the Western Mindanao State University (WMSU). The conduct of the Peace Education University Tour at the Western Mindanao State University on 04 December 2023 harmonized with the OPAPRU's support to the celebration of the Mindanao Week of Peace. The Peace Education University Tour is envisioned to be a regular platform for the OPAPRU to broaden the constituency for peace and serve as avenue for evidence-based conversation on peace education, peacebuilding, conflict, and security concerns in different academic institutions. The OPAPRU, represented by Executive Director Andres Aguinaldo, Jr., showcased the latest accomplishments in the Bangsamoro Peace Process, highlighting the Marcos Jr. Administration's commitment to fulfilling all agreements under the Bangsamoro peace process.

During the activity, a Peace Education Resource Nook (PERN) in Western Mindanao State University was inaugurated. To date, the agency has already established three (3) PERNs: one at the Kalinga State University (26 August 2022), another at the Mindanao State University – General Santos City (02 December 2022). This initiative addresses the inadequacy of available peacebuilding-related resource materials in the higher education sector.



The event, which was aimed to bring together peace educators and student leaders from different academic institutions in the areas of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi, had successfully convened more than a hundred students, peace educators, teachers and peace advocates.

Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning

1. **Development and Publication of the OPAPRU Research, Documentation, and Evaluation (RDE) Agenda 2023-2028 Handbook, November 2023.**



2. **Conduct of the 6th Knowledge Management Focal Point System (KMFPS) Meeting, 25 October 2023.** As a mechanism created and utilized to gather Knowledge Champions from all OPAPRU Programs for the faster facilitation and dissemination of Knowledge Management-related efforts and agency deliverables, the 6th KMFPS meeting was conducted to align and consult among Knowledge Management Focals the need for all Programs to provide inputs for the annual State of the Philippine Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (SOPPRU) Report for 2023, and the conduct of the OPAPRU Knowledge Management Assessment for 2023.



3. **Conduct of the Knowledge Management Assessment for 2023, 28 November 2023.** Knowledge Management (KM) Focals from various Offices/Services/Units participated in the Knowledge Management Assessment for 2023. KM tools like Quick KM Assessment and KM Capability Assessment were accomplished to provide an initial evaluation of the various Offices/Services/Units' KM Maturity Level. The KM Assessment also served as the site for a learning session on Knowledge Management and Peacebuilding.



4. **Crafting and Publication of the KAPAYAPAAN Newsletter Content for the 4th Quarter – October-December 2023**



Peace Resource Administration and Management

1. **Selected OPAPRU Publications given to the US Embassy to be part of the US Library of Congress, Library Filipiniana Collection, 29 November 2023.**

The AMTYPRC shared some of the publications and learning resources with the US Library of Congress Library Filipiniana Collection, as requested. These publications and learning materials shall be shared with various stakeholders of the US Library of Congress for wider dissemination. In return, they also provided their publications and other learning materials for AMTYPRC users and stakeholders.



C. MONITORING & EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND LEARNING (MEAL)

Organizational Systems and Processes

1. **Transparency and Accountability Mechanism (TAM).** As of 2023 December, the Monitoring & Evaluation, Accountability and Learning Service (MEALS) provided several orientations on the Feedback and Response System (FRS) as OPAPRU's official transparency mechanism for its personnel and stakeholders. As part of regular monitoring of the FRS, it was observed that there was still no newly encoded feedback from the participants/stakeholders. The MEALS continue to strategize, plan, enhance, and promote this mechanism, provide support and training/orientation, especially to the new FRS coordinators, and communicate with them the benefits of using the online system effectively.

MEALS also provided an orientation on the FRS including the Basic MEAL concepts, and the RDE during the CSPP Transformation Program Plans Validation and Finalization by the Area Management Team – Western Mindanao (AMT-WM) dated October 12, 2023 in Pagadian, Zamboanga del Sur.



2. Operationalizing, Enhancement, Maintaining Digitized Systems

• **Online Strategy Review Tool**

As part of the continuing improvement of implementation performance reporting, MEALS, in partnership with the Office of Strategy Management (OSM), developed the strategy review tool module as a component of the Automated Program Dashboard System. Through this module, program offices and units are no longer required to complete multiple forms manually, as encoding and reporting will be done through the dashboard.

• **Automated Foreign Governments and International Entities' (FGIEs') Travel to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) System**

The MEALS is currently developing an automated system for the submission and processing of requests for travel to CAAMs. Said system aims to enhance bureaucratic efficiency in accordance with the 8-Point Socioeconomic Agenda of the Marcos Administration and RA 11032 or the Ease of Doing Business as well as provide real-time updates on the status of requests vis-à-vis the movement of FGIEs in CAAMs.

On 14 December 2023, the MEALS and the International Cooperation and Partnerships Office (ICPO) attended the DFAs' demonstration of its online travel request forms and discussed possible improvements to the system the MEALS is currently developing. It is expected that the automated system will be completed by the first quarter of 2024.

Performance Management

1. OPAPRU FY 2023 Strategy Review

As of 12 December 2023, OPAPRU was able to accomplish 77.38% of its PGS deliverables. While it is still below the 100% target, it is worth noting that the accomplishment rate has increased significantly by 21.12, from 56.26% rate in October. At the program level, Program 6 was able to accomplish its deliverables with a completion rate of 100%. While majority of the programs have achieved at least 89% accomplishment rate, there are still four (4) programs that have reported below-65% accomplishment rate.

On the financial aspect, OPAPRU was able to obligate 82.47% of its allotments, with the Peace and Sustainability Cluster having the highest obligation rate at 87.56%. At the program level, Program 6 reported the highest obligated rate at 96.21%. It must be noted that while majority of the programs have incurred at least a 61% obligation rate, there are still three (3) programs that have reported a less than 25% financial accomplishment rate. Overall, OPAPRU was able to close the gap between its physical and financial accomplishments at 5.09%, a 31.88% reduction from the October 31 report.

At the cluster level, the Peace and Sustainability Cluster showed the most congruence in their implementation, with a 3.01% difference between their physical and financial accomplishments. Hence, this indicates a relatively balanced implementation. Similarly, at the program level, Program 4-KAPATIRAN and Program 6 reported congruence at 8.26% and 3.79%, respectively. The MEALS will submit the full report in January 2024.



2. **Process Evaluation of Financial Management.** Following the findings reported by the COA during the exit conference with OPAPRU on 09 May 2023, Senior Undersecretary instructed the MEALS to conduct a process evaluation of the Financial Management Service (FMS) processes to determine gaps that caused the findings by the COA and provide recommendations to address said gaps and prevent recurrence.

Taking off from the design and results of the previously conducted process evaluation, the MEALS conducted a series of key informant interviews (KIIs) with FMS personnel and document reviews of FMS-related policy issuances. As of this reporting period, MEALS is currently drafting the report and will present the same to the Execom and Mancom on 29 January 2024.



3. National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Committee Evaluation.

The MEALS, in partnership with the NPCM Secretariat/PDSMS, organized and facilitated the debriefing and evaluation session for National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) held on 09 October 2023. Based on the results, the NPCM committee got an average rating of 4.24, or skilled. Meaning, they



possessed the abilities to solve problems that may arise, were aware of the important questions to ask, and identified and accessed the resources needed to address said problems. Recommendations on the proposed improvements to the conduct of the NPCM activities were also reported and approved by the PAPRU.

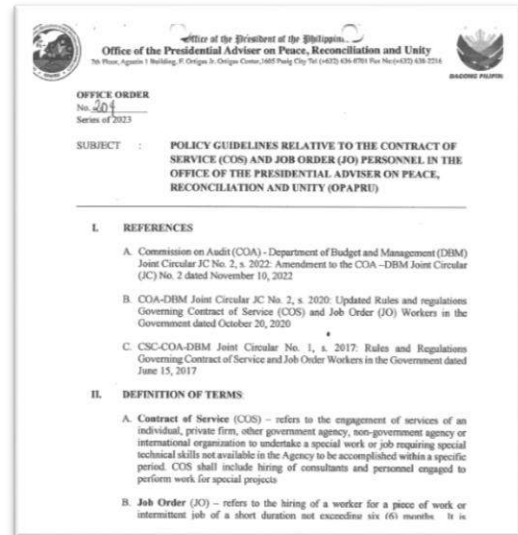
4. **Development of the Conflict Vulnerability Index System (CVI).** After a series of meetings with the Office of Strategy Management (OSM) on the Conflict Vulnerability Index (CVI), MEALS presented the proposed concept note of the CVI to the DPAPRU and the Executives on 03 October 2023. While the CVI was lauded, ExeCom expressed concerns with regards to its feasibility (data requirements, target areas, variables included, available resources, etc.). As a result, the implementation of the CVI is currently on hold pending new instructions and guidance from the management.
5. **Research, Documentation and Evaluation (RDE).** The MEALS and KMPIS met with the CBA-CPLA Division of the RCCO on 8 November 2023 to discuss the proposed impact evaluation study on the GPH-CBA-CPLA peace process. As initially agreed, the study will be done per component of the peace agreement, with a third-party service provider spearheading the study. As of the reporting period, the CBA-CPLA division is currently drafting a concept note for comments and input from the RDE Secretariat.
6. **Incentivization of the Automated Program Dashboard System.** As part of promoting diligence in the regular encoding of updates in the automated program dashboard system, the MEALS, in collaboration with the OSM, presented the concept note on the Incentivization of the Automated Program Dashboard to the PRAISE committee on 5 December 2023. The MEALS is currently revising the concept note based on the comments and suggestions of the PRAISE committee and is expected to submit the revised proposal in January 2024.
7. **Internal / External Training and Engagements.** The MEALS continued to support OPAPRU-led employee training and seminars through participation in the following: the Learning Session on the History and Protection of Rights of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) and Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs), Gender-Conflict Sensitivity Training, Breach Response Learning Session, FMS and GASS Orientation, and Knowledge Management Assessment. Externally, the MEALS is the alternate representative unit in the Inter-Agency Committee on Security, Justice, and Peace Statistics (IACSJPS), currently chaired by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) and the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA).

❖ HUMAN CAPITAL

A. Recruitment, Selection and Placement

- 1. Hiring and Onboarding of New Personnel and other Personnel Movement.** The Human Resource Management Service's (HRMS) Recruitment, Selection and Placement (RSP) Section facilitated the hiring and onboarding of 9 personnel for contractual positions and 21 new personnel for Contract of Service (COS) positions. This placement of new hires facilitated personnel complement while ensuring competency and merit-based selection process.
- 2. Policy Guidelines Relative to the COS and JO Personnel in the OPAPRU.** In October 2023, the HRMS issued the *Policy Guidelines Relative to the Contract of Service and Job Order Personnel in the OPAPRU* in line with the streamlining of hiring, renewal/non-renewal, salary adjustment, and other personnel actions under COS/JO engagement, and for the judicious fund utilization under the Agency's MOOE.

This issuance strengthens the adoption of a competency-based recruitment, selection and placement system and contributes to institutionalizing the PRIME-HRM for the OPAPRU.



3. Request for Additional Contractual Positions (as Regular items within the Agency)



The HRMS facilitated the request for the additional contractual positions to the Department of Budget and Management on 20 October 2023, following the respective appointments of the Senior Undersecretary and Chairperson of the Government Peace Implementing Panel (GIP) for the Government of the Philippines – Moro Islamic Liberation Front (GPH-MILF) in June and August 2023. The contractual positions exist as the regular items within the OPAPRU.

Of the 11 contractual positions requested, 4 new additional contractual positions were approved. These additional positions complements workforce requirement the fulfillment of commitments under the GPH-MILF Peace Process.

B. Learning and Development

- 1. Conduct of Conflict-Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Training in collaboration with KMPIS and SHAPEO.** CSPP training is one of the core learning and development interventions for OPAPRU personnel as this provides an avenue for peace workers to learn and relearn the concepts of CSPP, which is integral in delivering the

OPAPRU mandate. The HRMS co-facilitated in the series of CSPP training conducted in October 2023, together with the KMPIS and SHAPEO:

- *CSPP Refresher Course and Training of Trainers*, 18 personnel trained
- *CSPP: Concepts and Framework*, 35 personnel trained
- *CSPP: Operationalization of Steps*, 19 personnel trained



2. **Road Safety and Defensive Driving Seminar and Comprehensive Driving Education.** Forty (40) OPAPRU personnel were trained with the conducted Road Safety, Defensive Driving Seminar and Comprehensive Driving Education on 27 October 2023. The seminar was conducted in collaboration with the GASS and LTO Traffic Safety Division. This seminar provided OPAPRU drivers and employees on the road safety and defensive driving practices.



C. Employee Welfare

1. **Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening.** In line with the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women, the HRMS provided health and safe spaces for the OPAPRU personnel with the Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Activity on 28 November 2023.

In partnership with the Philippine Cancer Society Inc., 43 personnel participated and served during the activity, which utilized specialized medical resources for the screening.



- 2. Employees' Wellness Day.** The HRMS successfully organized the OPAPRU Wellness Day activity on 13 December 2023 at the Central Office. Supporting the 18-Day Campaign to End Violence Against Women, 95 personnel availed free services provided by Derm Factor Essentials, Inc. The 4th Wellness Day activity provided inclusive and gender-sensitive wellness programs for the employees and healthcare services in the workplace.



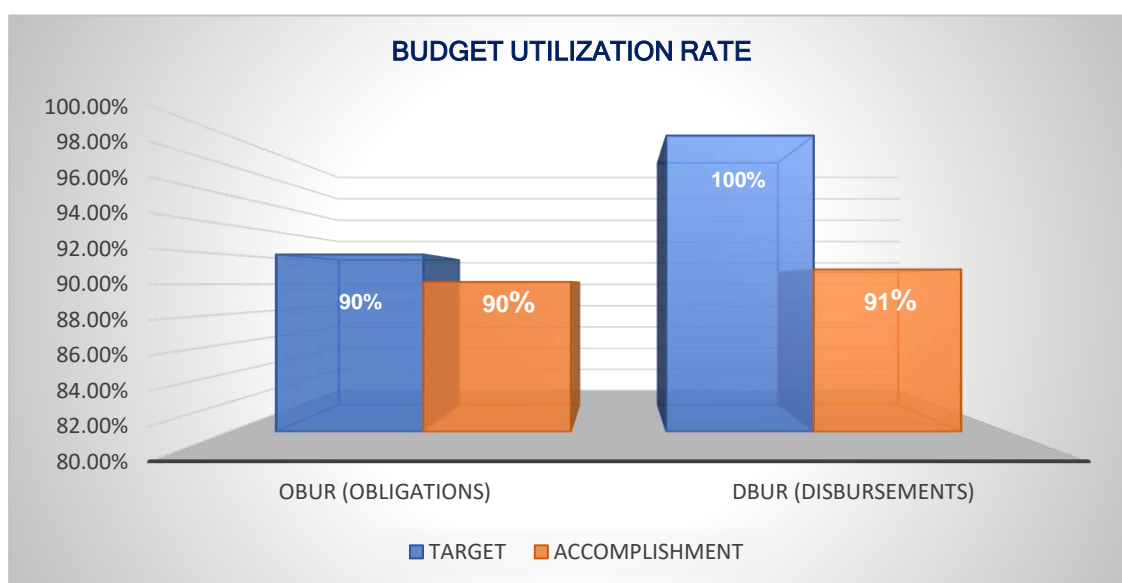
- 3. OPAPRU Year-End Thanksgiving and Recognition of Personnel.** The HRMS organized the Year-End Thanksgiving and Recognition of Personnel on 18 December 2023 at the PICC, and the Year-End Thanksgiving for Mindanao field offices on 20 December 2023. These activities provided a platform to recognize the contribution of OPAPRU personnel in achieving the milestones and gains of the peace process. Thirteen (13) OPAPRU personnel were conferred with Loyalty and Service Awards.



❖ **FINANCE / RESOURCES**

A. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

For this reporting period, significant accomplishments were reached for the agency's financial management. The Obligations Budget Utilization Rate (OBUR) obtained 90%, while the Disbursement Budget Utilization Rate (DBUR) achieved 91% at the closing of fiscal year 2023. This means that for the obligations rate of OPAPRU, 90% of all its fund allotments were obligated -- or PhP 2.3 billion obligated funds of total PhP2.5 billion allotments -- while 100% of all obligated funds were released or disbursed.



The financial management targets were met by end of this reporting period, achieving an overall 88% accomplishment of the targeted delivery of services. These targets cover efficiency and timeliness in: 1) processing financial requests/transactions, 2) facilitating liquidation of funds, 3) compliance to prior and current years' audit findings, and 4) submission of all financial statements and reports.

B. PLANNING AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



Harmonization / Continuing Enhancement of OPAPRU Planning Programming Processes

1. Strategy Refresh Vetting Sessions. Critical to institutionalizing OPAPRU's planning, programming, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation systems and processes is the harmonization of Agency and Program targets and enabling the programs that these targets and commitments are aligned, tracked, and achieved. The Resource

Management Service (RMS) is one of the OSM units crucially providing technical support to the ad hoc body to perform its strategic/PGS management functions effectively and efficiently for the organization. For the last quarter of 2023, the RMS, along with the PDSMS, facilitated/spearheaded the series of vetting sessions towards closing the 2nd OPAPRU Strategy Refresh. From October to December 2023, thirteen (13) strategy

refresh vetting sessions were conducted by the OSM led by the RMS and PDSMS. These cover cluster and plenary vetting, pre-final vetting, and final vetting of refreshed organizational and programs' strategies to finally close the revised Basic Governance Documents/Strategic Plan 2023-2025.



2. **2023 Strategy Review.** The RMS also provided technical support and facilitation in the conduct of the OPAPRU Strategy Review led by the OSM and MEALS, wherein OPAPRU Programs presented its respective Program Implementation and Accomplishments for this year, taking off from the PGS commitments and Program Dashboard reporting.

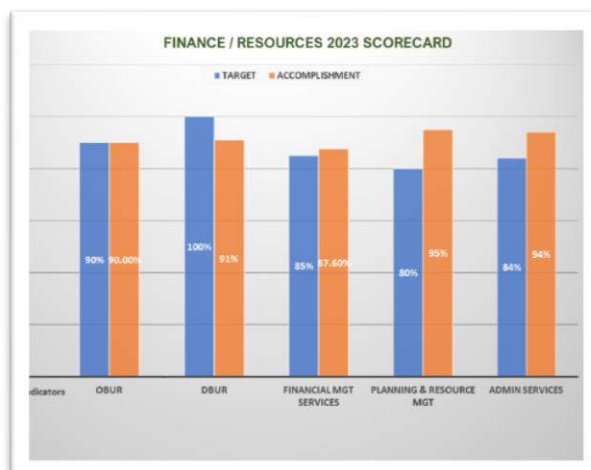


3. **Budget Talakayan and Consultations, and Programming & Budgeting Help Desk.** Series of coordination meetings and sessions on 2024-2025 programming and budgeting were organized and provided for the Programs in November 2023, with the Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) Members and Program Compliance and Monitoring and Evaluation (PCME) Focals participating. The initiative provided fundamental technical assistance in the prioritization of P/A/Ps/expenses and the development of work and financial plans. The overarching objective is to establish a collaborative understanding and alignment across the organization in its planning and programming, ensuring that programs/units shall contribute effectively to the higher goals of the agency through well-prepared plans and budgets for the upcoming fiscal years. These activities/efforts capacitated and guided PCME and PBAC members in the programming and budgeting processes of the Agency, particularly for FY 2025 budget cycle and preparations.
4. **FY 2024 Budget Legislation and Approval.** The RMS facilitated the provision of OPAPRU Technical Support to the Agency's Annual Budget Proposal for FY 2024. Covering onsite and online/digital technical support to the PAPRU, the budget hearings/deliberations of the Senate and House of Representatives in September and November 2023 were participated in by the OPAPRU Executives and contingent. Nearly PhP7 Billion allotment was the enacted budget for the Agency for FY 2024, of which,

PhP 77 million is for the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and PhP 5.2 billion is allotted for the infrastructure projects through the PAMANA Program for the development and transformation of MILF, MNLF, RPA, CPLA, and CPP/NPA/NDF-affected communities/focus areas.



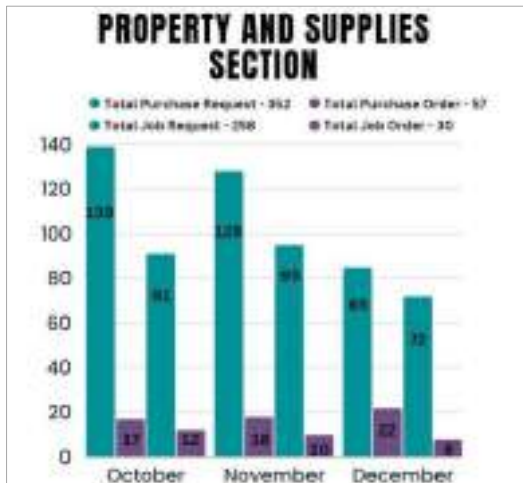
5. **Support to Performance Monitoring and Management: Physical & Financial Monitoring, Reporting.** With the aim to institutionalize a Program Performance and Budget Execution Review (PBBER) that would track and report the progress of each OPAPRU program and unit's physical and financial performance, the RMS diligently facilitate regular monthly monitoring and reporting of programs and units' P/A/Ps implementation and fund utilization in coordination with the FMS. The initiative significantly contributed in closing the accuracy of fund status vis-à-vis the implementation of physical targets of the Agency, which contributes to sustaining transparency and accountability within the organization.



C. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT

1. **Records Management.** A total of 1,580 documents were processed by the General Administrative Support Service (GASS) – Records Management Section for the period. This system not only expedited the processing of documents but also created a structure for accountability and accessibility. Integrating records into the Centralized Monitoring and Document Tracking System (DTS) ensured that all processed documents can be easily traced, monitored, and retrieved as needed. The GASS conducted a session with all unit representatives on the improvement of the DTS with the objective of increasing productivity and efficiency in tracking documents.

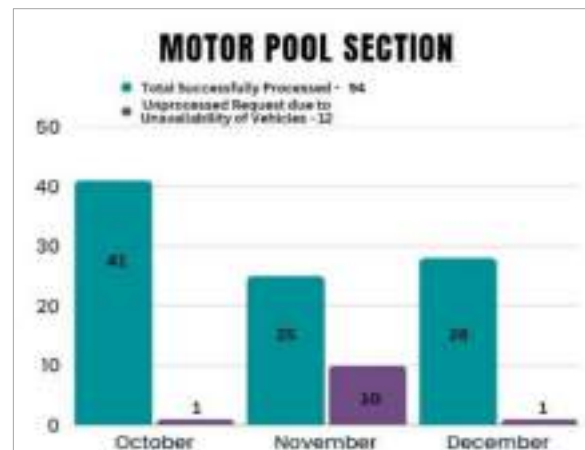




2. Property and Supplies. The GASS – Property and Supplies Section has undertaken initiatives to enhance its operational efficiency such as collaborating with the Information and Communications Technology Division (ICTD) to implement an electronic catalog. The delivery of requests/provision of timely administrative services have been systemized in terms of responses to Purchase Orders, Purchase Requests, Job Orders, and Job Requests. Efforts were also exerted to minimize delays in the submissions of these requests. An orientation was conducted for all administrative personnel on the guidelines in

the submission of these forms for efficient flow of requests. Further, comprehensive annual physical inventory of all properties and equipment in the Central and all field offices were conducted and completed.

3. Motor pool. For October to December 2023, the GASS – Motor Pool Section administered total of 112 requests for service vehicles. Total 100 of these requests were efficiently processed, meeting the needs of the requesting parties. The remaining 12 requests were canceled due to the unavailability of motor vehicles.



4. Booking and Ticketing. For the period, this section has processed 24 hotel billing requests and facilitated 100% of all plane ticket requests from all units in support to the operations and field activities of the agency.



5. Contracts and Leases. As the basic operational support or the mandatories for the agency, the GASS has facilitated the extension of the lease of office space with the First Optima Realty Corp. for the OPAPRU Central Office and with the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) for the executive and business meetings and activities of the OPAPRU. Likewise, extension of the lease of parking with 44 slots and of 22 units of motor vehicles were also facilitated. Lastly, contracts for the security services with Grand Meritus were also extended for the security of premises at the Central Office and in Awang, Maguindanao field office.

❖ **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS**

The Strategic Communications Program of the OPAPRU is led by the Communications and Public Affairs Service (CPAS). Its main task is to ensure that the Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda is well-communicated to the general public and key stakeholders of the peace process. For the last quarter of 2023 are the following accomplishments of the Program:

1. Performance Governance System Strategic Communications Deliverables

PGS Strategic Deliverables	Target Date of Completion	Physical Status		
		Targets	Accomplishments	Rates
50 new information officers capacitated with CSPP communications approach	2023-12-31	50	47	94%
8 Enhanced/re-calibrated Comm Plans	2023-12-30	8	8	100%
At least 240 New Social Media Posts Published	2023-12-31	240	387	161%
At least 120 of media partners reported news stories w/ peace messages	2023-12-31	120	131	109%
100% of participating agencies utilized CSPP tools	2023-12-30	100%	22%	22%
100% of the negative news addressed		100%	100%	100%

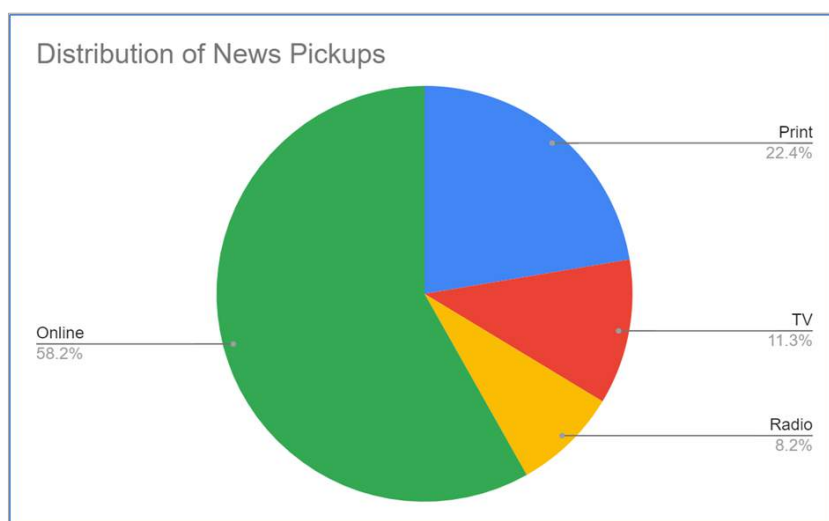
2. “Boses ng Kapayapaan” Radio Program

The GPH-MILF Joint Communications Committee (JCC), where CPAS officers are members, continues the roll out of its radio program, “*Boses ng Kapayapaan*”. *Boses ng Kapayapaan* is a weekly program airing at DXMY 90.9 FM (RMN Inc.) Radio Station every Monday at 6-7 PM, live streamed via JCC Facebook page. DXMY covers Cotabato City, Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Lanao del Sur, Sultan Kudarat, and Zamboanga del Sur. *Boses ng Kapayapaan* tackles topics that highlight the roles and contribution of different GPH-MILF peace mechanisms and issues/concerns that need to be clarified to the stakeholders of the peace process.



3. PR Values and Media Pick-ups

For October to December 2023, CPAS has recorded 20 press releases, statements, social media posts, interviews, and other communications materials and events which were picked up by the media. These events translated to 417 media pick-ups, with a combination

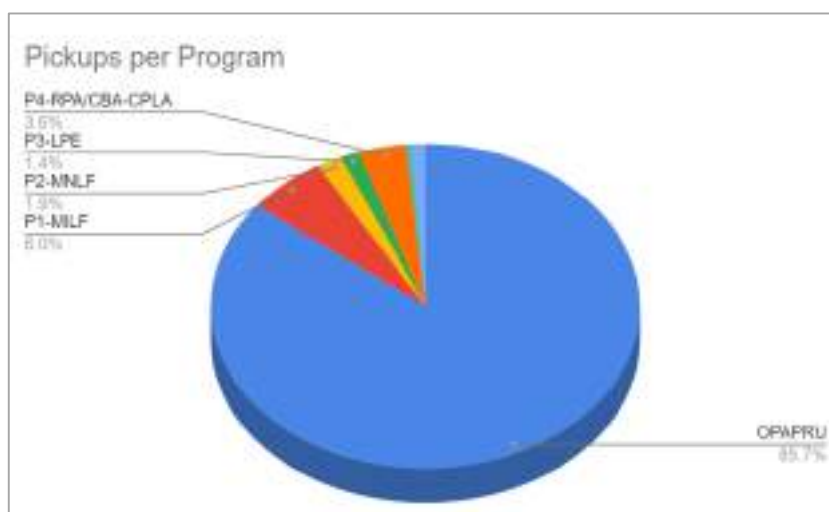


of online, print, radio, and television pickups. Majority or 242 out of 417 (58.2%) news pick-ups are from online news sites. There were 93 pick-ups (22.4%) from newspapers while 47 from television (11.3%) and 34 (8.2%) are from radio.

4. Releases and Pick-ups Per Program

CPAS has categorized media pick-ups per peace table (i.e. P1-MILF, P2-MNLF, P3-LPE, P4-RPA&CPLA, P5-SHAPE, P6-PAMANA, OPAPRU) to help the Strategic Communications Program to strategize their communication plans to maximize media exposure.

For October to December 2023, the OPAPRU recorded the highest number of media pick-ups with 359 pick-ups, followed by the P1-MILF with 25. P4-RPA&CPLA recorded 15, P2-MNLF had 11, P3-LPE with 6 pick-ups, P6-PAMANA had 4, and P5-SHAPE had 2.



5. Media Partners

As of 31 December 2023, CPAS has already engaged 143 news personnel, which successfully reached above the targeted 120 for this year. Such accomplishment is due to some significant developments and media events in the Agency for the period, which included the proposed peace engagements with the CPP-NPA-NDF, oath taking of former MNLF, MILF members as part of PNP, and media engagement and thanksgiving in four (4) major areas in the Philippines.

6. Media Briefings and Interviews

Conduct of media briefings and interviews further promote the peace, reconciliation and unity agenda of the government as well as maximize media pick-ups and organic coverage. The following were the conducted media activities for the year:

Date	Engagement	Location
02 Feb 2023	OPAPRU-USIP Meeting	PICC
09 Feb 2023	GMA News interview with Chair Yano	Virtual
09 Feb 2023	Salaam Radio phone interview with Chair Yano	Phone Patch
21 Feb 2023	GMA Digital News and Public Affairs interview with Chair Yano	AIM Makati
22 Feb 2023	Media Briefing (Informal)	Astoria, Pasig
18 Mar 2023	Press briefing featuring COS	Quezon City
20 Mar 2023	Laging handa press briefing with COS	Virtual
24 Mar 2023	LENTE panel guesting with COS	Virtual
27 Mar 2023	Laging handa press briefing with APAPRU	Virtual
27 Mar 2023	CNN Philippines interview with Chair Yano - Bangsamoro Forum on CAB Anniversary	PICC
31 Mar 2023	Gawad Kapayapaan Media Launch	PICC
10 May 2023	Usec Sid- Malacanang Press Briefing	San Miguel, Manila
06 June 2023	Usec Sid- Interview with local media	Baler, Aurora
23 June 2023	Media Briefing (Informal)	Astoria, Pasig
Apr-Jun 2023	Boses ng Kapayapaan Episodes (10 episodes)	Via Zoom
Jul-Sep 2023	Boses ng Kapayapaan Episodes (13 episodes)	Via Zoom
01 Aug 2023	PAPRU Guesting- Tagged: Debunking Lies by Telling the Truth (NTF-ELCAC)	Camp Aguinaldo, QC
03 Aug 2023	Decomm Presser	Camp Darapanan, SK
05 Aug 2023	Saturday News Forum: Phase 3 of Decommissioning	Dapo Restaurant, QC
02 Sep 2023	Saturday News Forum: Peace month activities, LPE and its TP, Amnesty	Dapo Restaurant, QC
05 Sep 2023	PAPRU interview with media at the opening of NPCM	QMC, Quezon City
06 Sep 2023	PAPRU interview with media at the launching of Ka-PEACEtahan fair	Trinoma Malls, Quezon City
07 Sep 2023	Usec. Sid interview with media at the Peace research conference	Astoria, Pasig City
12 Sep 2023	PAPRU interview with media at the PMA event	PMA, Baguio City
13 Sep 2023	PAPRU interview with media, SIPAT 37th Anniversary	Bauko, Mt. Province
15 Sep 2023	PAPRU interview with media Ka-PEACEtahan launching in Bicol	Legazpi City, Bicol

28 Sep 2023	PAPRU interview with media at the Peace Symposium	AFPCOC, Quezon City
29 Sep 2023	OPAPRU Gawad Kapayapaan awards night	PICC
26 Oct 2023	Informal Meeting with Media	Park Inn Hotel by Radisson, SM North EDSA, Quezon City
27 Oct 2023	Radyo Pilipinas interview with PA Wilben Mayor on Bangsamoro Peace Process	Via Zoom
11 Nov 2023	Interview with Presidential Adviser on Peace Reconciliation and Unity Sec. Carlito Galvez Jr. at PTV4 on Bangsamoro Peace Process	Via Zoom
21 Nov 2023	Media Thanksgiving with Cotabato-based Media	Cotabato City
22 Nov 2023	Media Thanksgiving with Davao-based Media	Davao City
28 Nov 2023	PAPRU led the Press conference in Malacañang re: Government, NDF to discuss resolution of conflict through a Joint Statement	Malacañang Palace
06 Dec 2023	Interview with PA Mayor at Net 25 - Siento por Siento on amnesty, exploratory talks with NDFP	Via Zoom
06 Dec 2023	Interview with PA Mayor at PTV4 with Aljo Bendijo on amnesty, exploratory talks with NDFP	Via Zoom
06 Dec 2023	Interview with PA Mayor at PTV4 with Nina Corpuz on amnesty, exploratory talks with NDFP	Via Zoom
06 Dec 2023	Interview with PA Mayor at DZRB on amnesty, exploratory talks with NDFP	Via Zoom
06 Dec 2023	Interview with PAPRU Galvez at DZRB on amnesty, exploratory talks with NDFP	Via Zoom
06 Dec 2023	Media Thanksgiving with NCR-based Media	Cafe' Adriatico, Malate Manila
07 Dec 2023	Interview with PA Mayor at Net 25 ASPN on amnesty, exploratory talks with NDFP	
27 Dec 2023	Media Thanksgiving with Zamboanga-based Media	Zamboanga City

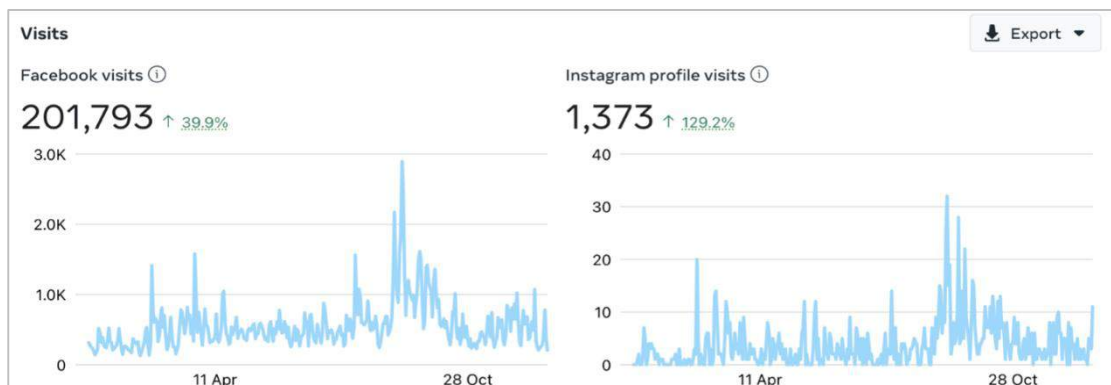
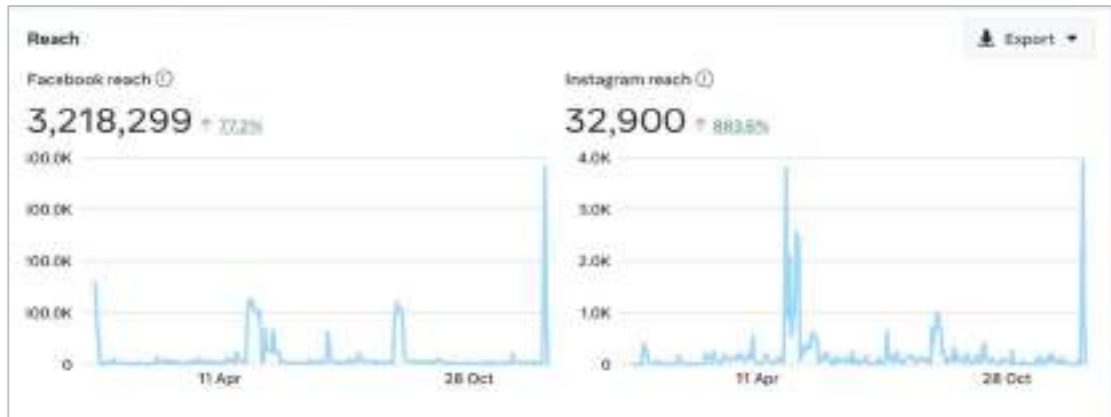
The CPAS, in partnership with the Independent Decommissioning Body, also organized the Press Briefing on the Phase 3 MILF Decommissioning on 3 August 2023. CPAS also facilitated several press interviews which include the Saturday News Forum and Press Conference of the NTF-ELCAC.



7. Social Media

- Facebook and Instagram

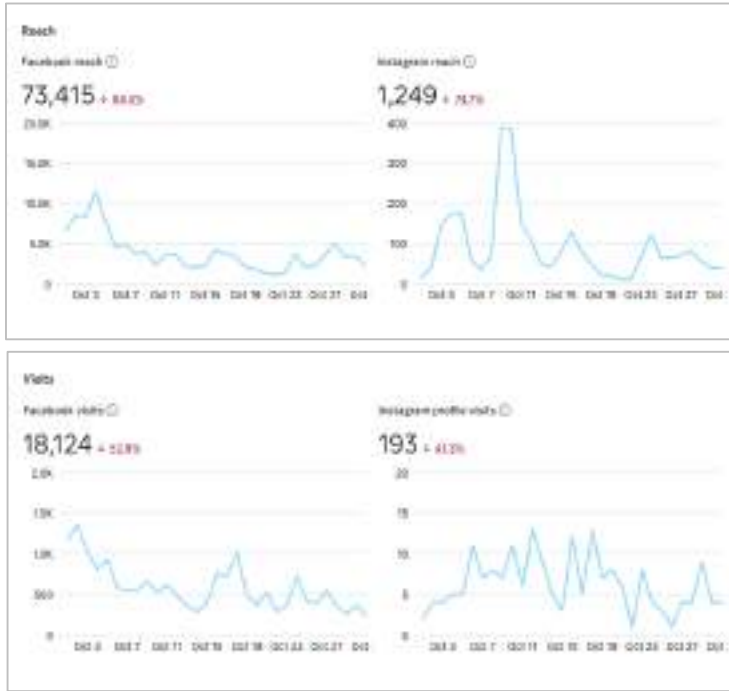
Here are the social media insights as of 30 December 2023: **Facebook Reach:** 3,218,299; **Instagram Reach:** 32,900; **FB Page Visits:** 201,793; **Instagram Profile Visits:** 1,373. OPAPRU's Facebook has a total of 91,408 followers. **Reach** is the number of people who had any content from your Page or about your Page enter their screen. This includes posts, check-ins, ads, social information from people who interact with your Page and more.



- **Top Posts - October 2023**

Total **Reach** for Facebook for the period of **1-31 October 2023** is **73,415**. This is 89.4% lower versus September 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 1,249, 74.7% lower versus September 2023.

FB page visits: 18,124; Instagram profile visits: 193.

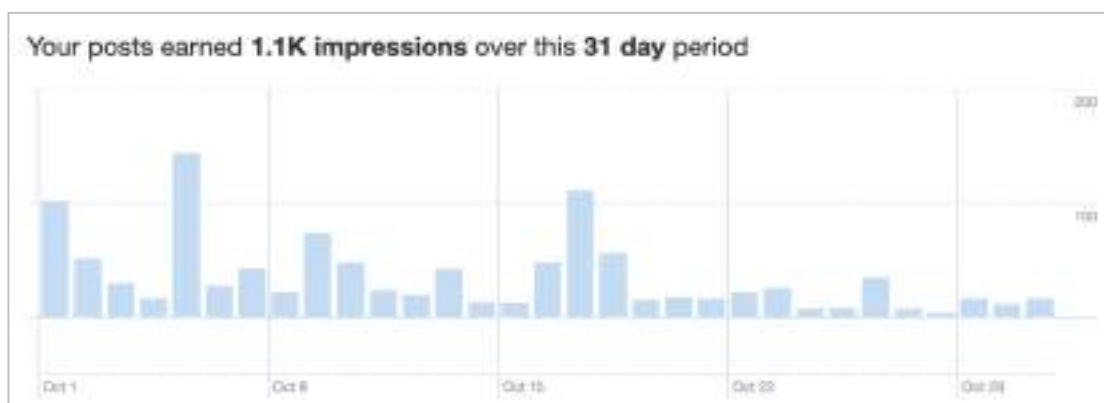


Here are the top posts for the period of 1-31 October 2023. The post with highest reach and engagement is a peace quote of the day post featuring Mother Teresa of Calcutta with 71,642 people reached; CBA-CPLA Peace Process Timeline post with 55,154 people reached; and the photo release on the launch of ASPIRE program in Basilan with 7,075 people reached. Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which

include the ANAK MNLF, Armed Forces of the Philippines - Peace and Development Office, Tactical Operations Group 3, Tactical Operations Wing Northern Luzon, PAF, Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao - MSU Buug, NCIP-Pangasinan Provincial Office, MIPYO Mindanao Indigenous Peoples Youth Organization, PIA Aklan, Philippine Information Agency, Presidential Communications Office, Philippine Information Agency Region VI, Provincial Government of Basilan, Radyo Pilipinas Marawi, and Radyo Pilipinas Tayug.

Facebook			
Prog	Top 10 Posts	Media	Reach
OPAPRU	Mother Teresa of Calcutta quote	Social Card	71,642
4	CBA-CPLA Peace Process Timeline	Info Cards	55,154
1	ASPIRE Program launch in Basilan	Photo Release	7,075
1	BSKE Voting Reminders	Info Cards	6,786
1	Camp Bilal Panagtagbo sa Kalinaw	Photo Release	6,507
OPAPRU	IP Month	Social Card	6,263
1	13th NTF-DGPAS Oversight Committee Meeting	Photo Release	5,929
OPAPRU	OPAPRU, DFA meet to strengthen int'l support for PH peace process	Photo Release	4,551
OPAPRU	OPAPRU honors Filipino peace champions in Gawad Kapayapaan Highest Distinction Awards	Photo Release	4,017
2	OPAPRU leads socio-economic profiling MNLF combatants in Basilan; officially launches MNLF Transformation Program	Message	3,989

The total number of **Impressions** (Twitter) for **01-31 October 2023** is **1.1k** 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.



Twitter				
Prog	Top Tweets	Media	Impressions	Engagements
OPAPRU	Marawi Liberation Anniversary	Social Card	165	5
5	Empowering women as entrepreneurs and peacebuilders	Press Release	96	5
2	OPAPRU launches MNLF Transformation Program in Basilan; socio-economic profiling of MNLF combatants	Press Release	77	0

• Top Posts – November 2023

Total **Reach** for Facebook for the period of **01-30 November 2023** is **42,144**. This is 40% lower versus October 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 759, 74.7% lower versus October 2023.

FB page visits: 18,124; Instagram profile visits: 193.

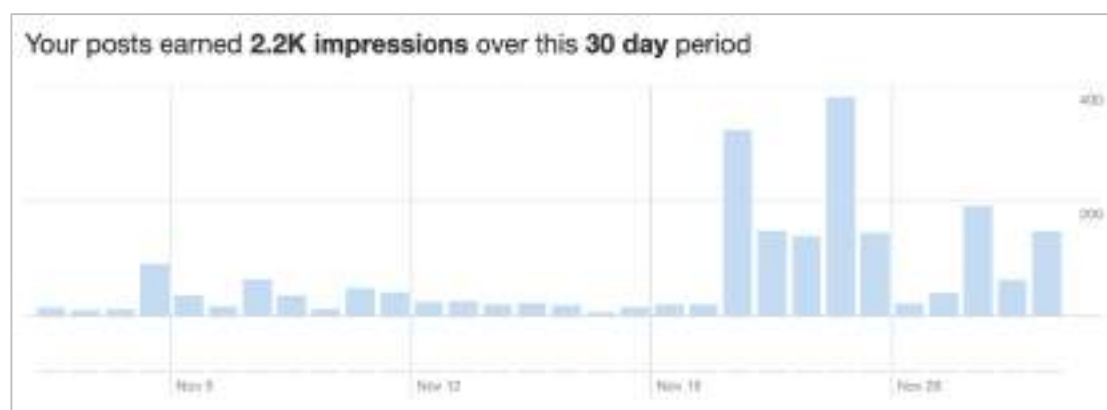


Here are the top posts for the period of 01-30 November 2023. The post with highest reach and engagement is the highlight reel of the Colombian delegation's PH visit with 63,904 people reached; Quote cards from the Oslo Joint Communique announcement press conference with 59,042 people reached; and the PAPRU's message on the granting amnesty to former rebels with 58,549 people reached.

Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which include the ANAK MNLF, Office of MP Romeo K. Sema, DPA, National Amnesty Commission, MP Bai Maleiha Bajunaid Candao, BARMM News Online, Sambayanan, Office of MP Anna Tarhata Basman, 55th Infantry VIGILANT Battalion, and Supreme Secondary Learner Government - Tinajeros National High School.

Facebook			
Prog	Top 10 Posts	Media	Reach
1	Highlights of the Colombian Delegation's visit to the Philippines from November 6-10 as part of the Technical Cooperation Agreement of both countries.	Reels	63,904
NPEP	Oslo Joint Communique announcement press conference	Social Cards	59,042
OPAPRU	Message of Presidential Peace Adviser Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. on the issuance of Proclamations No. 403, 404, 405, and 406 Granting Amnesty to Former Rebels	Statements / Messages	58,549
NPEP	Norway congratulates Philippines on start of peace negotiations by the Royal Norwegian Government	Press Release	56,809
1	Seven Nat'l, Bangsamoro Intergovernmental Body mechanisms now established, as BARMM economy gains momentum	Press Release	56,270
1	PH, Colombia exchange best practices in implementation of peace process	Press Release	55,622
OPAPRU	CSPP Workshops in Iloilo Highlights	Video	9,745
1	16th IGRB Meeting	Photo Release	9,416
1	PH, Colombia exchange best practices in implementation of peace process	Photo Release	9,121
OPAPRU	Senate greenlights almost Php 7 Billion 2024 budget for OPAPRU	Photo Release	8,977

The total number of **Impressions** (Twitter) for within **1-30 November 2023** is **1.1k** impressions.

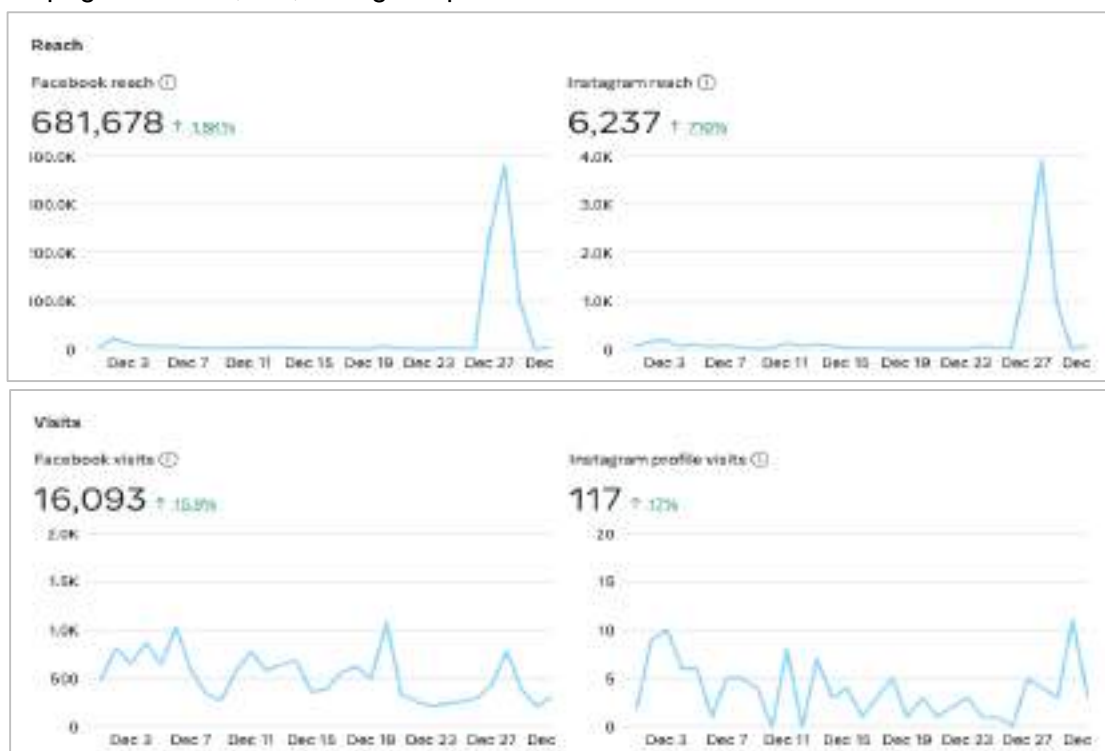


Twitter				
Prog	Top Tweets	Media	Impressions	Engagements
OPAPRU	Message of Presidential Peace Adviser Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. on the issuance of Proclamations No. 403, 404, 405, and 406 Granting Amnesty to Former Rebels	Statements / Messages	451	21
1	PH, Colombia exchange best practices in implementation of peace process	Press Release	350	16
NPEP	LIVE: Sec. Galvez of OPAPRU with Members of the Peace and Security Cluster hold a press briefing with the Malacañang Press Corps (MPC) on November 28, 2023	Live Announcement	338	19
OPAPRU	Bonifacio Day	Social Card	129	1
OPAPRU	Long Weekend Reminder	Social Card	122	2
1	New WestMinCom commander vows support to Marcos peace agenda	Press Release	119	11
1	Seven Nat'l, Bangsamoro Intergovernmental Body mechanisms now established, as BARMM economy gains momentum	Press Release	84	2

• Top Posts – December 2023

Total **Reach** for Facebook for the period of **01-31 December 2023** is **681,678**. This is 1.5k% higher versus November 2023. Total Reach for Instagram is 6237, 710% higher versus November 2023.

FB page visits: 16,093; Instagram profile visits: 117.

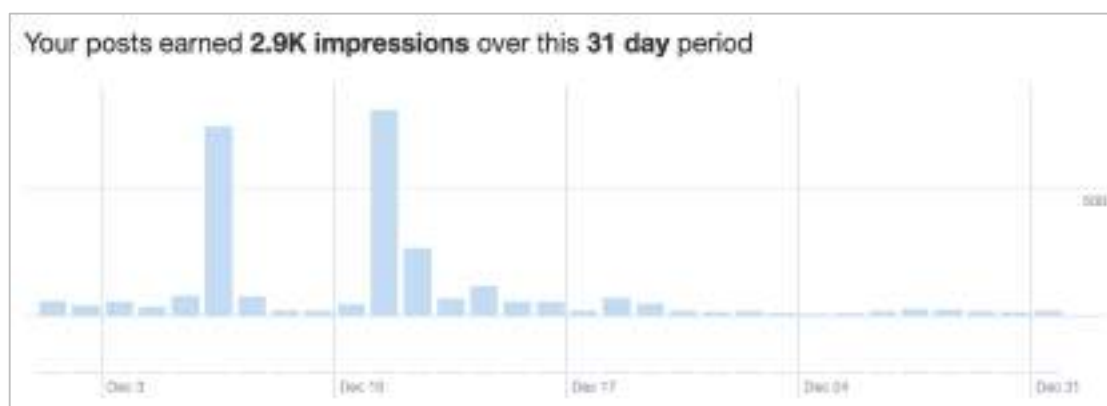


Here are the top posts for the period of 1-31 December 2023. The post with highest reach and engagement is the PAPRU's Christmas Message with 73,403 people reached; the QR Code of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 e-copy with 60,630 people reached; and the PAPRU's quote at the House Committees on Justice and National Defense and Security hearing on Amnesty with 58,549 people reached.

Several organizations/individuals also tagged the OPAPRU Facebook page in their posts and/or shared our pages which include the ANAK MNLF, Hermosa MPS, Bataan PPO, Philippine Information Agency, PIA Sorsogon, PIA Camarines Norte, PIA La Union, PIA Catanduanes, Marawi Broadcasters' Association, Philippine Information Agency Region 1, Disaster Information Service - Philippines, Philippine Information Agency Caraga, and Sambayanan.

Facebook			
Prog	Top 10 Posts	Media	Reach
OPAPRU	PAPRU's Christmas 2023 Message	Statements / Messages	63,904
5	NAPWPS 2023-2033 E-Copy QR Code	Announcement	59,042
OPAPRU	PAPRU's Quote at the House Committees on Justice and National Defense and Security hearing on Amnesty	Quote Card	58,549
OPAPRU	Galvez lauds HoR for adopting resolutions granting amnesty to former rebels	Press Release	56,809
5	Philippine's 4th gen action plan on women, peace, and security launched	Press Release	56,270
5	Statement of Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr. Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity on the Bombing Incident at the Mindanao State University, Marawi City	Statements / Messages	55,622
5	PAPRU's visit to Marawi	Photo Release	9,745
OPAPRU	OPAPRU's Year End Party	Photo Release	9,416
OPAPRU	PAPRU's Birthday	Social Card	9,121
5	OPAPRU, peace partners launch fourth edition of NAPWPS	Photo Release	8,977

The total number of **Impressions** (Twitter) for **01-31 December 2023** is **2.9k** impressions. Impressions is the number of times users saw our tweets on Twitter.



Twitter				
Prog	Top Tweets	Media	Impressions	Engagements
5	Launch of the Philippine National Action Plan for Women, Peace and Security led by OPAPRU and the Philippine Commission on Women pic.twitter.com/kIZUVFXoqn	Live Announcement	405	30
OPAPRU	HAPPENING IN A FEW MINS: Presidential Peace Adviser Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., graces today's edition of Kapihan sa Manila Bay with Marichu Villanueva to talk about the 2023 milestones of the Philippine peace process.	Live Announcement	276	13
5	GALVEZ: This 10-year plan is a culmination of months of extensive planning, discussions and deliberations among our various stakeholders. Their invaluable insights helped craft this comprehensive roadmap on gender equality and women empowerment.	Live Tweet	130	7
OPAPRU	PAPRU's Birthday	Social Card	120	6
5	NAPWPS 2023-2033 E-Copy QR Code	Announcement	104	6
NPEP	OPAPRU Undersecretary Wilben Mayor shares that the CPP-NPA-NDF only reached the joint statement during their 5th meeting last November.	Live Tweet	101	8
5	RASUL: This plan can unleash the potential within every woman in our society, recognizing the true and lasting peace required to empower every individual, regardless of gender.	Live Tweet	86	1

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