



FY 2024 THIRD QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT **(July - September 2024)**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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

For this quarter under the **Political Track**, the program conducted the Ceremonial turnover of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) Third Progress Report to the President on 31 July 2024 at Malacañan Palace, Manila through the Co-Chairs, DBM Sec. Amenah Pangandaman and BARMM Min. Mohagher Iqbal which was followed by the conduct of the 19th IGRB Meeting.

In the same period, a Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and Bangsamoro Land Transportation Office (BLTO) was convened on 19 September 2024 at the LTO Central Office, Diliman, Quezon City, wherein the LTO and the BLTO entered into a MOA as part of resolution of the land transport issues in the BARMM raised to the IGRB last January 2023. This includes the extension of the Land Transportation Management System (LTMS) to the BLTO, harmonizing and synchronizing the national and regional systems. This also includes the approved guidelines on the nationwide recognition of BLTO-issued driver's licenses, motor vehicle registration renewals, and miscellaneous transactions.

Under the **Normalization Track**, it is worth noting the significance of the decommissioning of the 13 replacement Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) combatants on 04 July 2024 at the Assembly and Processing Area, Old Provincial Capitol, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte. Furthermore, the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) spearheaded a series of camp visits called the ICCM Caravan which brought essential government services to decommissioned MILF combatants and their communities. The caravan was a collaborative effort among national agencies, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Ministries, local government units, and international partners, aimed to uplift the Bangsamoro people and strengthen the peace process.

The Program 1 also facilitated the MOA signing for the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) with the provinces of Maguindanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur. In addition, the technical meetings were also conducted with the provinces of Basilan and Tawi-Tawi.

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

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

One (1) convergence meeting held in August 2024 with Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) groups as a platform to fast-track the implementation of the remaining commitments on the 1996 Final Peace Agreement and develop a joint transformation roadmap.

Verified one hundred forty-four (144) MNLF firearms in the provinces of Basilan and Lanao del Sur. Profiled two hundred fifty-eight (258) MNLF combatants in the provinces of Basilan and Lanao del Sur.

Twenty-nine (29) out of seventy-nine (79) approved projects for the 25 priority barangays where the MNLF are present, ranging from agricultural, infrastructure, and support to various livelihood interventions and capacity-building activities, have completed the required post-qualification procurement processes.

Two (2) IEC activities, in collaboration with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), increasing awareness on the legal matters of the Amnesty Program were likewise conducted and sustained operations of four (4) security mechanisms and enhanced agreed processes with the MNLF resulting in a responsive delivery of the MNLF Transformation Program.

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

Executive Order No. 70 “Institutionalizing a Whole of Nation Approach in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), and Directing the Adoption of a National Peace Framework” was issued on 04 December 2018. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) supports this mandate through the mainstreaming of Localized Peace Engagements (LPE) which entails the execution of two tracks: (Track 1) community consultations and problem-solving sessions; and (Track 2) local peace dialogues with Communist Party of the Philippines/ New People’s Army/ National Democratic Front (CPP-NPA-NDF) towards reaching local peace settlements with the group.

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

For the 3rd Quarter of FY 2024, the program highlights the following accomplishments:

- Organized LPE Track 1 and 2 mechanisms for twenty-seven (27) barangays in Camarines Sur and Eastern Samar. Serbisyo caravans were also provided by various local and national agencies offering assistance such medical and dental services, training, police clearance application, etc.
- Other LPE Track 1 and 2 mechanisms included the declaration of Stable Internal Peace and Security on August 30, 2024 in Occidental Mindoro, as well as the FR Leaders Consultative Meeting and Peoples Organization formation in Misamis Oriental.
- Organized the 3rd Mid-Year Convention and Regional Adviser on Peace and Security (RAPS) Conference. The three-day convention was conducted to convene all Area Management Units (AMUs) and discuss relevant topics such as the assessment of TP plans, the Amnesty program, and M&E mechanisms. These topics were addressed simultaneously with the RAPS conference on the first day, where discussions also included staffing complements, the convergence of P3 and P4 Operationalization Frameworks, and other related issues.
- Conducted LPE and its TP Media Orientation, in collaboration with Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and Presidential Communications Office (PCO), in three (3) provinces: (1) Oriental Mindoro, (2) Butuan City, and (3) General Santos City which aimed to emphasize the media's vital role in the success of OPAPRU's transformation programs and to highlight the importance of media in spreading positive stories of LPE and TP to local communities.
- In celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM), Program 3 spearheaded two (2) NPCM activities: (1) a Serbisyo Caravan in Iloilo City, where the

AMU-WV provided essential medical and dental services in collaboration with various local and national government agencies; and (2) "KaPEACEtahan sa PNU", which included a peace symposium and Demo Teaching on Peace.

- Established three (3) Peace and Development Centers (PDC) in the following provinces: (1) Aurora, (2) Surigao del Sur and (3) South Cotabato.
- Spearheaded the TP Planning Workshop in three (3) provinces: (1) Zamboanga del Norte, (2) Iloilo, and (3) Leyte. In total, 44 provinces have undergone TP Planning Workshop since its inception in 2023. TP Refinement Writeshop was also conducted in six (6) provinces: (1) Palawan, (2) Davao de Oro, (3) Sultan Kudarat, (4) South Cotabato, (5) Zamboanga Sibugay, and (6) Zamboanga del Sur.
- Presented the LPE Cluster Report for the 1st Semestral Accomplishment Report of the JRTF and National Clusters for CY 2024.
- Participated in the following NTF-ELCAC meetings: (1) 8th E-CLIP Committee Meeting, (2) JRTF-ELCAC XI TWG Meeting, (3) JRTF E-CLIP Program CY 2024 2nd Regular Meeting, (4) RTF-ELCAC VI 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting, (5) JRTF-ELCAC XII TWG Meeting, (6) RPOC VI 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting, and (7) Joint EAP, PLEDs, LCC and LPE Cluster Workshop. During these meetings, topics such as roadmaps, LPE and its TP, best practices and arising issues were addressed.
- Partnered with the NTF-ELCAC to successfully organize the Nationwide Former Rebels Summit 2024, where several important discussions were held with participants and the signing of a manifesto signifying the commitment of all peace partners took place.
- Facilitated amnesty application workshops and orientations for seven (7) provinces: (1) Agusan del Sur, (2) Davao de Oro, (3) Bulacan, (4) Davao Oriental, (5) Cagayan de Oro, (6) Samar, and (7) Iloilo, during which amnesty applications were discussed. Open Forums were also held to address all amnesty-related concerns.

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

GPH - RMP-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process

The implementation of the GPH - RPM-P/RPA/ABB peace process is anchored on the 2000 Peace Agreement and the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID). During the third quarter, the transformation program mechanisms continued efforts towards the completion of commitments under the peace agreement.

The Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) and Site Coordinating Teams (SCTs) and the heightened efforts to identify critical gaps affecting the implementation and development of corresponding plans to address eligible KAPATIRAN members were assisted in the preparation of their amnesty applications.

Preparations are underway to implement the remaining housing units for 727 KAPATIRAN members through partnerships with implementing agencies and partners. These include efforts to partner with LGUs to facilitate the application for the issuance of durable tenurial instruments for the KAPATIRAN settlement sites, a resurvey of the settlement areas, and the identification of vital requirements for the settlement sites such as the establishment of sustainable access to water, educational facilities and community livelihood for the KAPATIRAN.

RCPPPO also directed its efforts in securing the peace for the KAPATIRAN settlement sites and Community Peace Dividend communities through information sharing during discussions of the various local and national bodies such as the City Peace and Order Councils, Regional and Provincial Task Forces of the NTF ELCAC.

GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process

For the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, there was sustained engagement of Cordillera Bodong Administration – Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA) members and leaders in the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) to ensure inclusive and meaningful implementation of the peace and development programs under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process. There were quarterly conduct of the JEMC Meeting to review quarterly accomplishments, targets, and ways forward relative to the implementation of the Five-year Normalization Program (FY 2020-2024). The regular participation in the Cordillera Regional Peace and Order Council (CRPOC) and the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region (RDC-CAR) has reaffirmed OPAPRU's commitment to peace and order. The efforts of the OPAPRU are also to ensure the implementation of projects in connection with the healing reconciliation and confidence-building component of the 5YNP, and support the PAMANA NPMO and implementing partners for the completion of PAMANA projects for FY 2024 in the project sites.

Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding

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

The Transformation Program (TP) for FVEs was finally launched with the signed agreement between OPAPRU and the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur. A Dialogue of Key Religious Leaders was conducted as part of the revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) to support the sustainment of the gains of the peace process.

Furthermore, the Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) interventions continued application through the community visits and consultations with the Subanen in Zamboanga Del Norte.

The validation on the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework for the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 was conducted with the members of the National Steering Committee on WPS. Furthermore, preparations are on-going for the International Conference on WPS Thematic Sessions and finalization of the Speakers and Moderators with the Department of Foreign Affairs - United Nations and International Organizations (DFA-UNIO), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and the Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID). OPAPRU through SHAPEO is actively engaging in Inter-Agency mechanisms and with other government agencies and international groups in the promotion of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security 2023-2033.

Two (2) Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) trainings were completed with the Department of Social Welfare and Development – Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD-SLP) Region V with CSPP Orientation as part of the IDP Ordinance Development Workshops for the members of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) within Luzon. Similarly, the Gender and Development (GAD) is continuously strengthened and mainstreamed through the conduct of regular meetings and mid-year assessment and planning.

Program 6: PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

The PAMANA National Program Management Office facilitated the release of the first tranche (80% of the total project budget) for FY 2024 PAMANA Projects to various Local Government Units as implementing partners, and the full transfer (100% of the total project budget) to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) and to the National Housing Authority (NHA).

On 03 July 2024, a total of PHP 2,220,066,210.07 was transferred to the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH). Consecutively, on 24 September 2024, a total of PHP180,000,000.00 was transferred to the National Housing Authority (NHA).

In preparation for the FY2025 PAMANA Program, the OPAPRU secured its budget proposal during the September 2024 budget deliberation before the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines.

Strengthened stakeholder engagement and resource mobilization through bilateral and multilateral consultations were conducted by OPAPRU with key National Government Agencies.

Program 7: International Cooperation and Partnerships

For the third quarter, the International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO), in partnership with the relevant offices, continued to engage thirty-three (33) international partners of the OPAPRU and provided policy guidance, inputs, and direction on the implementation of various peace-related programs and projects.

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

Program 8: Continuing management and improvement of OPAPRU business processes

Organizational Capital. For the period of July-September 2024, the Policy and Strategy Development and Knowledge Management Service (PSDKMS) consistently delivered contributory and complementary programs, projects, and activities necessary for the achievement of the strategic deliverables outlined in its Performance Governance System (PGS). Anchored on the refreshed OPAPRU organizational strategy, the PSDKMS's deliverables aim to contribute to the Internal Management Cluster's 2028 strategic position of having "Internal business processes and systems compliant with relevant international and national standards...." with the aim of working towards the establishment of an envisioned Department of Peace.

Through its two divisions, the Policy and Strategy Development Division (PSDD) and Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Division (KMPID), significant strides were made ensuring that all enabling activities were conducted to further its advocacy policies.

For the PSDD, the division accomplished several milestones ranging from policy development, strategic planning, process streamlining and organizational transformation, consistent with its commitment to effectively and efficiently deliver support and complementary programs to all units.

For the KMPID, the division carried out activities and programs on peace education, research and documentation, training and capacity building, network and linkage building, and management of the peace resource center and materials to generate value from its various internal and external intellectual and knowledge-based assets.

The Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning Service (MEALS), in collaboration with the Office for Strategy Management (OSM), conducted a Special Joint Executive and Management Committee Meeting—OPAPRU FY 2024 1st Semester Strategy Review—in June 2024 at the OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas. Each program office reported their major accomplishments, issues, and concerns encountered and recommendations moving forward.

As part of the continuing improvement of OPAPRU Business Processes, the MEALS conducted a cross-validation study on the Financial Management Service (FMS) processes. MEALS has vetted and shared the full report with the FMS and study respondents.

MEALS continue to assist the OSM in conducting strategy refresh sessions, the PGS communications survey, and other related activities, following the guidance of PAPRU and the PGS Core Team Chairperson.

Finance/ Resource. The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) was ranked first among National Government Agencies during the first half of Fiscal Year 2024 in its budget utilization. This was highlighted in a report presented by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) during the Senate Committee on Finance deliberations on the proposed 2025 National Expenditure Program. Further, the Planning, Programming, and Resource Management Service (PPRMS) continuously aims to ensure the effective implementation and financial management of its programs through regular monitoring, assessments, and discussions through the Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) mechanism of the agency. These activities are geared towards addressing issues, ensuring smooth program execution, and optimizing budget use.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

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

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

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

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

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

The Political and Normalization Tracks of the CAB

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

Operationalization of IGRB Mechanisms

1. ***3rd Meeting of the Department of Migrant Workers - Ministry of Labor and Employment Technical Working Group.***

The OPAPRU Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO) - Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) facilitated this meeting on 01 July 2024 at DMW, Blas F. Ople Building, Mandaluyong City. The TWG discussed issues on the Digitalization of Overseas Employment Certificate issuance and the establishment of Kiosk in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), Data sharing between DMW and MOLE-BARMM regarding the Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) from BARMM, MOLE's authority to conduct Pre-Employment and Pre-Departure Orientation Seminars (PEOS and PDOS) and Request for inclusion of the MOLE-BARMM in the nationally funded programs of DMW as directed by the IGRB.





Among the attendees present were representatives from the DMW, USec. Bernard P. Olalia, ASec. Jerome A. Alcantara, ASec. Francis Ron De Guzman, Admin. Arnaldo A. Ignacio, Dir. Charles Tabbu, and Dir. Jocelyn O. Hapal; and from

the MOLE-BARMM, Min. Muslimin G. Sema, Dir. Gen. Datu Surab A. Abutazil, Jr., Dir. Annuarudin Tayuan, and Dir. Sara Jane S. Sinsuat, and the National Government IGRB Secretariat led by Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin.

2. **2nd Meeting of the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board.**

On 03 July 2024 at the Richmond Hotel Ortigas, Pasig City. The OPAPRU PPPCO - IGRB attended the 2nd Meeting of the Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Board (BSDB) to discuss the draft Bangsamoro Sustainable Development Framework and the issue on the remittance of the share in the revenues generated by the Agus I and II Hydroelectric Power Plants (HEPPs) to the BARMM.



The Bangsamoro Government presented the BSD Framework with five thematic areas in 2024, including clear guidelines, timelines, and a draft medium-term plan. The Bangsamoro Government will also pursue the Study on the Sustainable Forest Management and Peacebuilding Model Framework as a potential reference in the formulation of the BSD Framework. On the remittance of the share in the revenues generated by the Agus I and II HEPPs to the BARMM, the Board authorized the Joint Secretariat to create a balanced number of members of the Technical Level Committee (TLC) to exhaustively restudy the options and come up with a reasonable one. The Board also agreed to include Agus IV, V, VI, VII in the discussion of the TLC.

The meeting was presided over by the Co-Chairpersons, Sec. Arsenio Balisacan, Jr. of National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) and BARMM Senior Min. Abunawas Maslamama; and was attended by BSDB Secretariat Co-Heads NEDA Usec. Carlos Bernardo O. Abad Santos and the BARMM Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy (MENRE) Minister Akmad Brahim.

Among the attendees of the meeting were Usec. Alfredo F. Bayan of Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG); Dir. Irma C. Exconde of Department of Energy (DOE); Dir. Khalil Bayam of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Atty. Ma. Ricca Pearl Sulit of Department of Finance (DOF); Mr. Ron Matthew Cruz of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM); Min. Sha Elija Dumama-Alba of the BARMM Ministry of the Interior Local Government (MILG); Dir. Gen. Badr Salendab of BARMM MENRE; Atty. Charleen Mejia and Ms. Nassreyya Haron of OPAPRU PPPCO-IGRB.



3. **5th Meeting of the Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation.** On 03 July 2024 at the Mindanao State University Tawi-Tawi College of Oceanography and Technology, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi conducted its fifth meeting. The Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC) is the IGRB mechanism responsible for formulating policies relative to the Zones of Joint Cooperation (ZJC) in the Sulu Sea and

the Moro Gulf. During the meeting significant issues were discussed including the pre-determination of areas for petroleum service contracts within the ZJC and to expedite the finalization of the latter's delineation areas. The JBZJC proposed to coordinate with BARMM and Non-BARMM Local Government Units (LGUs) on the discussion of ZJCs. Further, the JBZJC agreed to draft a Terms of Cooperation for Fisheries Management Areas subject to the comments of the IGRB.

In attendance during the meeting were the JBZJC Co-Chairpersons, Undersecretary Zamzamin L. Ampatuan of the Department of Agriculture (DA) and Minister Mohammad S. Yacob of the BARMM Ministry of Agriculture Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR-BARMM); Tawi-Tawi Governor Yshmael Mang I. Sali; OPAPRU PPPCO Director Ishmael I. Bahjin; as well as members of the Department of Transportation (DOTr), National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA); Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR); BARMM MAFAR; BARMM MENRE; BARMM Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC); BARMM Ministry of Public Works (MPW); including the National Government and Bangsamoro Government JBZJC Secretariat; BFAR 12 Regional Director Usop Pentaliday; and with the project development officers from the OPAPRU PPPCO, MAFAR and BFAR.

4. **Meeting of the GPIP-MILF with the GPH Peace Process Mechanisms.** On 05 July 2024 via videoconference, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel for the GPH-MILF Peace Process (GPIP-MILF), chaired by PA Cesar B. Yano, met with members of the GPH peace process mechanisms to discuss updates, status, and challenges in the implementation of the CAB. PA Yano and members of the GPIP-MILF provided strategic guidance for the unhampered operations of the mechanisms. This is part of the regular meetings of the GPIP-MILF with GPH mechanisms to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the peace agreements between the GPH and the MILF.
5. **8th Meeting of the National Government - Bangsamoro Government TWG for the Implementation of Article XVI, Section 4(d) of R.A. NO. 11054 Involving Cabatangan Properties.** On 08 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU PPPCO-IGRB facilitated this meeting to study and recommend the Implementation of Article XVI, Section 4(d) of R.A. NO. 11054 Involving Cabatangan Properties. The TWG is chaired by Bangsamoro Transformation Presidential Assistant David Diciano for the national government and Member of the BARMM Parliament Romeo Sema for the Bangsamoro government. The body discussed the consensus points reached during the 7th NG-BG TWG meeting in February 2024 which included the revision of the Terms of Reference (TOR), the creation of subcommittees (physical audit, legal audit, and political issues), and the proposal of the NG TWG to start the appraisal process of the Cabatangan Complex.
6. **Meeting of the PAPRU and the GPIP-MILF with the Third Party Facilitator and/or Special Adviser.** On 10 July 2024 at PICC, Pasay City and at Canton Road, Shangri-La The Fort, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig City, the OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. met with Third Party Facilitator and/or Special Adviser for the GPH-MILF

Peace Process General Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Haji Zulkifli bin Zainal Abidin during his visit to the Philippines. During the meeting, the status and concerns arising from the implementation of the CAB, particularly the revitalization of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and the fourth phase of the decommissioning process were discussed.

After the meeting of Secretary Galvez, the Third Party Facilitator and/or Special Adviser for the GPH-MILF Peace Process General Prof. Tan Sri Dato' Seri Panglima Haji Zulkifli bin Zainal Abidin met with the GPIP-MILF. Tackled during the meeting were the pertinent issues in the implementation of the CAB, including the position of the GPH and the MILF on pending matters such as the revitalization of the IMT and the commencement of the fourth phase of the decommissioning process.

7. **1st Meeting of the joint TWG on RD PNP PRO BAR.**

On 12 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU PPPCO-IGRB facilitated the meeting of the joint TWG on the Consultation Process for the Appointment of the Regional Director Position of the PNP Police Regional Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (PRO BAR). The agenda focused on deliberating the consultation process and reaching resolutions to the issue. The said resolutions were the following: 1) the NG shall transmit to the BG in writing, the selection process for the Regional Director of PNP during the ARMM period; 2) the NG shall transmit its position paper on the consultation process for the appointment of the RD for PNP PRO BAR by 24 July 2024; 3) the BG shall transmit its position paper on the consultation process for the appointment of RD PNP PRO BAR thereafter; 4) the Joint TWG shall immediately reconvene upon the exchange of document between the NG and BG, and; 5) the joint TWG shall discuss Sections 3 and 4 of Article XI of the Bansamoro Organic Law (BOL) in the next meeting.



Attendees from the national government were Undersecretary Alfredo Bayan of DILG, Dir. Chito Bustonera and Dir. Evangeline Almirante of National Police Commission (NAPOLCOM), PMGEN Sidney S. Hernia of PNP, and GPH PIP Consultant Atty. Jesus Doque, IV. The Bangsamoro Government included the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) Minister Raissa H. Jajurie, Bangsamoro Attorney-General's Office (BAGO) MP Anna Tarhata Basman, BTA MP Omar Yasser Sema.



8. **7th Meeting of the IIDB (1st face-to-face Meeting).**

On 17 July 2024 at The Heritage Hotel Manila, Pasay City, the Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB) held its 7th Meeting, marking their first in-person meeting.

Discussions revolved around the progress of projects at Cotabato Airport, including the construction of the Passenger Terminal Building (PTB) and the Asphalt Overlay of the Runway.

Prior to the meeting, a ceremonial turnover of the PTB on 09 July 2024 was conducted by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP) and the BARMM Ministry of Transportation Communication (MOTC).

Matters pertaining to improvements of the PTB will be separately discussed by the Bangsamoro Government side. Furthermore, a focus group discussion on 04 April 2024 confirmed that the Runway project was 100% complete as of 31 March 2024. The Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) provided updates on the Administration of Roads and Bridge Inventory in the BARMM, Maintenance of Roads and Bridges in the BARMM, and Status of DPWH - Unified Project Management Office (UPMO) Projects in the BARMM.

Attendees from the national government were DPWH Senior Usec. Emil K. Sadain (Co-Chair), DILG Usec. Alfredo Bayan (VTC), Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Usec. Janet Lopez (videoconference), Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) Asec. Maria Teresa M. Camba; from the Bangsamoro government were the BARMM Ministry heads, namely, Ministry of Public Works (PWC) OIC Min. Danilo A. Ong (Co-Chair), Ministry of Health (MOH) Min. Kadil Sinolinding Jr., Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA) Deputy Min. Suadi C. Pagayao, MILG Min. Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba (videoconference) and representatives from the Department of Education (DepEd), BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), DOF, MOTC, MAFAR, MENRE and the NG IGRB Secretariat led by Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin.

9. **19th National Government - Bangsamoro Government Intergovernmental Relations Body Meeting.**

On 25 July 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the OPAPRU PPPCO convened this meeting with the IGRB Co-chairs,



Department of Budget and Management (DBM) Sec. Amenah Pangandaman and BARMM MBHTE Min. Mohagher Iqbal. Following the confirmation of the minutes from the previous meeting, presentation of agenda items and their respective developments, as well as, updates from the seven mechanisms, the Co-chairs concluded with recommended actions. One of the matters deemed resolved during the meeting was the "Turnover of the Cotabato Airport Passengers Terminal Building from CAAP to the MOTC". Additionally, another issue raised to the body on the "Denial of Application for Certificate of Tax Exemption of cooperatives in the BARMM by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR)" was addressed. The 20th Meeting of the IGRB is scheduled in September 2024 in Mindanao.

10. **8th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Energy Board.** On 30 July 2024 at Dusit Thani Residence Davao, Davao City, the Intergovernmental Energy Board (IEB) convened to discuss energy issues between the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government, including the pre-determined areas for the awarding of Petroleum Service Contracts (PSCs) and Coal Operating Contracts (COCs) in the BARMM and updates from its TWGs.

11. **Ceremonial turnover of the IGRB Third Progress Report to the President.** On 31 July 2024 at Malacañan Palace, Manila, the IGRB, through the Co-Chairs Sec. Amenah Pangandaman and Min. Mohagher Iqbal, successfully presented and turned over its Third Progress Report 2022-2023 to President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr. in a ceremony organized by the OPAPRU PPPCO as the National Government IGRB Secretariat, along with the Bangsamoro Government IGRB Secretariat and the Office of the President. The turnover ceremony was attended by officials from the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government and representatives from development partners.

12. **Working-level meeting on the proposed Guidelines on Foreign Engagements of the BARMM.** On 31 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU Program 1 Directors Farrah Grace V. Naparan and Wendell P. Orbeso, together with Program 2 Director Jana Jill L. Gallardo, participated in the working-level meeting organized by the DFA on the proposed Guidelines on Foreign Engagements of the BARMM. The OPAPRU representatives provided inputs and comments on the draft document, in relation to existing mechanisms with the Bangsamoro Government, and vis-à-vis the existing Guidelines on Visits of Foreign Governments and International Organizations to the BARMM.
13. **Third meeting of the PCBPF TWG on TOR.** On 01 August 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO), as part of the Interim Secretariat, facilitated the third meeting of the Technical Working Group (TWG) of the Philippine Congress-Bangsamoro Parliament Forum (PCBPF) on its Terms of Reference (ToR) and of its Joint Secretariat. The primary agenda focused on the discussion and further refinement of the PCBPF TOR and its Joint Secretariat that will formalize its crucial function as a platform for dialogue and coordination between the Philippine Congress and the Bangsamoro Parliament. While some provisions were adopted from both sides, it was agreed that the other provisions shall be presented and discussed further during the third meeting of the PCBPF scheduled on 08 August 2024.
14. **Meeting of the JBZJC on the Resolution of Certification for the IEB.** On 02 August 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU PPPCO facilitated the Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC) on the Resolution of Certification for the Intergovernmental Energy Board (IEB). The IEB requested the issuance of a resolution or certification that the identified Pre-Determined Areas (PDAs) for petroleum are within the Zones of Joint Cooperation (ZJC) as part of the legal requirement for the application for petroleum service contracts (PSCs). The body agreed to draft a resolution confirming that the PDAs offered by the IEB are within the ZJCs and will not be affected by the proposed expansions.
15. **Third Meeting of the PCBPF.** On 08 August 2024 at The Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros, Manila, the OPAPRU PPPCO, as part of the Interim Secretariat, facilitated this meeting which serves as the IGR mechanism responsible for legislative coordination, resolving legislative conflicts, and harmonizing legislative actions and policies between the Philippine Congress and the Bangsamoro Parliament. During the meeting, pertinent issues were discussed including the extension of the amnesty application period, the possibility of suspending the effectivity of Section 8, Article X of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL) which requires regular membership in the Philippine Bar for qualification as an appointed judge of the Shari'ah Court, laws enacted for upgrading hospitals in the BARMM, and the Terms of Reference (TOR) for the PCBPF and its Secretariat. The said meeting was co-chaired by Senator Aquilino Pimentel III, representing Senator Loren Legarda; House of Representatives Deputy Speaker Yasser Balindong; and Bangsamoro Parliament Deputy Speaker Omar Sema, representing Speaker Pangalian Balindong. OPAPRU Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation Cluster Atty. Wilben Mayor served as the Head of the PCBPF Secretariat together with Mr. Raby Angkal from the Bangsamoro Parliament.

Also in attendance were Senator Robinhood Padilla; Representatives Ziahur A. Adiong, Lorenz D. Defensor, Munir N. Orbison; Bangsamoro Parliament Deputy Speakers Abdulkarim T. Misuari and Lanang T. Ali, Jr.; Bangsamoro Parliament Deputy Floor Leader Raissa H. Jajurie; MPs Ubaida Pacasem and Marjanie Macasalong; as well as representatives from the National Government, OPAPRU Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisima, OPAPRU Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation Jordan S. Bayam; and OSAP Asec. Ria Danielle Lumapas.



16. Briefing Meeting for the NCMF Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim on the Administration and Management of Hajj Matters. On 16 August 2024 at Joy~Nostalg Hotel & Suites, Ortigas, Pasig City, the OPAPRU PPPCO as the National Government IGRB Secretariat conducted a briefing for the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim regarding the Administration and Management of Hajj as a pending issue under the IGRB.

OPAPRU PPPCO Director Ishmael I. Bahjin provided an overview of the IGRB's background, function and composition, followed by a detailed presentation on the TWG on the Administration and Management of Hajj, covering its legal basis and mandate, timeline and development, and the proposed next steps for the TWG.

NCMF Executive Director Tahir S. Lidasan emphasized that while the NCMF supports the participation of the Bangsamoro Pilgrimage Authority (BPA), it remains committed to its mandate and the policy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) Ministry of Hajj and Umrah, which recognizes only one Pilgrimage Authority Office per country, in this case, the NCMF.



Present during the meeting were NCMF Secretary Sabuddin N. Abdurahim and the NCMF Hajj Management Team composed of Executive Director Tahir S. Lidasan, Jr., Deputy Executive Director Jehan-Jehan A. Lepail, Atty. Yaser H. Apion, Atty. Hassanal Abdurahim, Director Zainoden Usudan, and the members of the National Government IGRB Secretariat headed by Presidential Assistant for Local Conflict Transformation Cluster Atty. Wilben M. Mayor and Director Ishmael I. Bahjin.



17. 2nd Meeting of the NCIP-MIPA Joint Steering Committee. On 28 August 2024 in Metro Manila, the OPAPRU PPPCO facilitated a meeting centered on the discussion and further refinement of the proposed MOA that will formalize the collaborative efforts of both agencies and ensure the effective exercise of their respective mandates particularly in relation to the Indigenous Peoples (IPs) within

BARMM. The JSC has scheduled additional meetings on 11 and 20 September 2024, specifically dedicated to finalizing the MOA. The target is to have the MOA signed during the launch of the Indigenous Peoples' Month on 01 October 2024, symbolizing a significant milestone in IP advocacy within the region.

Further, the BARMM MIPA provided a comprehensive update on the ongoing issue regarding the appointment of the IP Mandatory Representative (IPMR) for Cotabato City. This remains a critical matter for ensuring the representation of IPs in local governance. The JSC acknowledged the complexities surrounding the issue and agreed to continue monitoring developments closely, with BARMM MIPA taking the lead in resolving any outstanding concerns.

The JSC also discussed the process of issuing Certificates of Ancestral Domain Titles (CADTs) within BARMM. Both agencies underscored the importance of aligning their efforts with the Teduray leaders of the Timuay Justice and Governance (TJG) to ensure the protection of ancestral domains. It was proposed that joint dialogues with Teduray leaders be conducted in October 2024, following the MOA signing. The Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) has been identified as a key partner in facilitating these dialogues, providing an additional layer of support and coordination.



18. **Consultation Meeting of the JBZJC with LGUs.** On 29 August 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU PPPCO as the National Government IGRB Secretariat facilitated the 2nd Consultation Meeting of the Joint Body for the Zones of Joint Cooperation (JBZJC) with local government units (LGUs). The invited attendees were from BARMM and Non-BARMM LGUs adjacent to the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf including Lanao Del Norte Vice Governor Allan Lim; Representatives from Zamboanga Sibugay, Zamboanga Del Sur, Basilan and Cotabato City LGUs.

The consultation opened with an overview of the IGRB and JBZJC's background followed by a detailed presentation on matters of concern on the expansion of the Zones of Joint Cooperation in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf, and its possible impact the neighboring LGUs. The JBZJC Co-Chairs also entertained the questions and clarifications raised by the LGU attendees with the conclusion to expand the consultation by inviting the LGUs to the meetings of the JBZJC to hear their opinions and suggestions on the proposed expansion of the Zones of Joint Cooperation.

The meeting was presided by the JBZJC Co-Chairs, Department of Agriculture USec. Zamzamin L. Ampatuan, and Minister Mohammad S. Yacob.

19. **7th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Fiscal Policy Board.** On 03 September



2024 at Department of Finance Conference Room, Roxas Boulevard, Manila, the OPAPRU Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO), as the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) Secretariat, facilitated a meeting focused on several key items such as appointment of BARMM nominees to the Al-Amanah Islamic Investment Bank of

the Philippines (AAIIBP) Governing Board, confirming the appointment of three nominees from the Bangsamoro Government, payment of terminal leave benefits, with the body directing the Joint Technical Working Group to collaborate with the Inter-Agency Committee under Section 10, Article XVI of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL).

The Tax Study Group (TSG) deliverables were also reviewed, with the IFPB directing the formation of an Operational Working Group composed of members from the Department of Finance - Revenue Operations Group (DOF-ROG), Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR), and Ministry of Finance, Budget, and Management (MFBM). The BARMM will develop a Tax Administration Transition Plan.

Moreover, the IFPB approved the proposed Guidelines on Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loans to BARMM and the transfer of DBP's shares in AAILBP to the Bangsamoro Government, subject to terms and conditions in accordance with existing laws. Further, a signing of guidelines was held between the IFPB Co-Chairs. Also, the IFPB approved the establishment of a TWG consisting of members from BIR, DOF, MFBM, Cooperative Development Authority (CDA), and Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority (CSEA) to study and provide recommendations. The meeting concluded with the scheduling of the eighth IFPB meeting in December 2024, marking the next step in advancing the board's agenda.

The meeting was Co-chaired by Secretary Ralph G. Recto and Minister Ubaida C. Pacasem, with attendees from both the National and BARMM Government including Minister Abuamri A. Taddik from Trade, Investments, and Tourism; Undersecretary Bayani Agabin, Co-Chair of the IFPB Joint Secretariat; Attorney Rasul M. Salik, Co-Head of the IFPB Joint Secretariat; Undersecretary Wilford Will L. Wong from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM); Undersecretary Carlos O. Abad Santos from National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA); Asec. Michael Kristian R. Ablan from the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI); Dir. Sittie Amirah A. Pendatun of the Bangsamoro Finance Office MFBM BARMM; and Dir. Kadil A. Sulaik Jr. of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA).



20. 6th meeting of the Joint Body for the Joint Secretariat (JBZJC). On 10 September 2024 at Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City, the OPAPRU PPPCO, as the National Government IGRB Secretariat, facilitated a meeting with the attendance of its members USec. Zamzamin L. Ampatuan of the Department of Agriculture (DA), Min. Mohammad S. Yacob of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian

Reform (MAFAR), Min. Akmad Brahim of the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources, and Energy (MENRE), Dir. Khalil Bayam of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR), Atty. Sittie Nadia M. Karim of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Dir. Najma Panolong of the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC), and Mr. Aaron Ching of the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA). Several LGU stakeholders also attended the meeting from the Provinces of Palawan, Zamboanga del Norte, Zamboanga Sibugay, Basilan and the City of Cotabato, to seek their inputs on the delineation of the Zones of Joint Cooperation (ZJC).

The DENR presented its proposal on the Zones of Joint Cooperation in the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf with the recommendation to consider its international maritime implications as well as the scope of national government.

The body also considered tasking the different agencies of the National and Bangsamoro Government to start drafting the different Terms of Cooperation on fisheries, sharing of natural resources, and interconnectivity of islands. Lastly, the Body resolved to seek the guidance of the IGRB on the recent ruling of the Supreme Court that Sulu should not be part of the BARMM as this may affect the delineation of the ZJC considering that Sulu is adjacent to the Sulu Sea and the Moro Gulf.



21. **2nd Meeting of the Technical Working Group on the Administration and Management of Hajj Mission 2025.**

On 16 September 2024 at Joy Nostalgy Hotel and Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the OPAPRU PPPCO, the representatives from member agencies of the National Government and the Bangsamoro Government gathered to discuss the key directives made during the 19th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) previously held on 25 July 2024 in Pasay City.



The meeting focused on the IGRB's directive for the National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) to include Bangsamoro Government representatives in the Philippine delegation to the upcoming Hajj Conference, as well as an update from the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on the response Note Verbales from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA) regarding having only one representative on Pilgrims Affairs Office to directly coordinate with the KSA Ministry of Hajj and Umrah.

The meeting attendees were NCMF Executive Director Tahir S. Lidasan, Jr. Other representatives from National Government were Office of the Executive Secretary (OES) Undersecretary Al-azree J. Mohammadsali, Office of the Special Assistant to the President (OSAP) Director Carlo A. Paulino, DFA Executive Director Marlowe A. Miranda, Department of Health (DOH) Undersecretary Abdullah B. Dumama, Jr., along with representatives from the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG), Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP), and Department of Budget and Management (DBM). The Bangsamoro Government delegation was led by BPA Member of Parliament Said Z. Salendab, along with Ministry of Transportation and Communication (MOTC) Minister Paisalin P. Tago, Ministry of Health (MOH) Deputy Minister Zul Qarney M. Abas, and representatives from Office of the Senior Minister (OSM) and Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO).



22. **Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and Bangsamoro Land Transportation Office (BLTO).**

On 19 September 2024 at the LTO Central Office, Diliman, Quezon City, the Land Transportation Office (LTO) and the Bangsamoro Land Transportation Office (BLTO) entered into a MOA as part of resolution of the land transport issues in the BARMM raised to the IGRB last January 2023. This includes the extension

of the Land Transportation Management System (LTMS) to the BLTO, harmonizing and synchronizing the national and regional systems. This also includes the approved guidelines on the nationwide recognition of BLTO-issued driver's licenses, motor vehicle registration renewals, and miscellaneous transactions.

The MOA was signed by LTO Chief Asec. Vigor D. Mendoza II and BLTO Dir. Razul D. Gayak, as approved by DOTr Secretary Jaime J. Bautista and MOTC Minister Paisalin P. Tago. DOTr Asec. Ricardo E. Alfonso, Jr. and MOTC Dir. Gen. Roslaine L. Macao-Maniri served as witnesses.



Minister Tago thanked the National Government, especially the DOTr and the LTO, for its continuing support to the BARMM. Secretary Bautista highlighted the cooperation between the national and regional agencies towards providing the best service for motorists in the BARMM.

B. NORMALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE BANGSAMORO

Policy and Cross-Cutting Support to the Normalization Program

1. Conduct of Localizing Normalization Implementation Planning Workshop with Maguindanao Del Norte.



On 03 July 2024 at the Nursalam Hall, Alnor Convention, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU GPH - Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Chairperson Ariel Hernandez, together with GPH Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) Chairperson BGEN Nasser Pendatun Lidasan PA, and Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Consultant Richard Rejas conducted the LNI planning

workshop with LNI-Maguindanao Del Norte.

During the workshop, the different offices of the Provincial Government of Maguindanao Del Norte led by the Provincial Administrator Dr. Tomanda D. Antok together with Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), Engr. Fatima Bansuan, Ministry of Social Services and Development, Integrated Provincial Health Office (IPHO), AFP, PNP, MILF Base Commanders, MILF-CCCH and the OPAPRU TFDCC, JTFCT, and CCCH had a group session identifying normalization programs to be implemented at the local level.

The workshop outputs will be consolidated and finalized by the LNI team and the PPDO of Maguindanao Del Norte. The refined proposal will then be presented to the Governor for approval.



2. **Meeting of the TWG on Revising Rules on Visits of Foreign Government and International Organizations to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao.** On 03 July 2024, the security members of the TWG on revising the rules on visits of the Foreign Government and International Organizations (FGIOs) to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM) convened and discussed the parameters for inclusion in the CAAM

(or focus areas/peace and development focus areas, as may be recommended) as the basis for the protocol on FGIO travel.



Relatedly, on 12 July 2024, the newly created TWG on revision of rules on FGIOs to CAAM held its first meeting to tackle the options or mechanisms discussed by the security sector members to reconcile related parameters used by the security agencies in

determining conflict areas, as well as instituting a simultaneous vetting process. The group reached a consensus to review the current CAAM list, limited to the municipal or provincial level, but has yet to agree on the frequency and scope for determining a consolidated list based on agreed parameters.

Present during the meeting were representatives from OJ2, OJ3, and AFPPDO; DI, DO, and PNP PPDC; NICA, DND, and OPAPRU - Government of the Philippines Peace Implementing Panel (GPH PIP) and International and Private Partnerships Office (IPPO). The meeting was also attended by the Dir. Edwin Mendoza, Office of Civilian Security - Department of Foreign Affairs (OCS-DFA) and PBGEN Romaldo G. Bayting, Deputy Commander, Area Police Command – Western Mindanao, and Chairperson of the GPH AHJAG.

3. **Optimizing Peace: Streamlining OPAPRU Processes in relation to the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and other Peace Process Mechanisms.** Earlier on 08-09 July 2024 at PICC, Pasay City, the OPAPRU

Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster Program 1, together with the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and other peace process mechanisms, conducted a workshop to streamline OPAPRU Processes in relation to political and normalization deliverables in support to the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and other peace process mechanisms in the Bangsamoro and to present a detailed timeline of implementation of programs for the Bangsamoro.



The workshop was presided by OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and attended by OPAPRU Executive Committee Members, and the Chairperson and Head Secretariat of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and Normalization Mechanisms.

The Rationale and Objectives of the Workshop were presented by Bangsamoro Transformation EDir. Jordan S. Bayam, followed by the presentation of Program 1 Performance Governance System (PGS) Roadmap and status of implementation including fund utilization by Dir. Wendell Orbeso of MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat. After which, the Plenary Discussion to respond to the three objectives was facilitated by Dir. Ishmael Bahjin of PPPCO.

On 18-19 July 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, a follow-through workshop was conducted to discuss the Terms of References (TORs) / Manual of Operations (MOO) of the Peace Process Mechanisms, including the detailed timeline of the implementation of the Normalization Program components.



4. **Briefing Meeting on Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) and Camps Transformation.** On 09 July 2024 at PICC, Pasay City, the OPAPRU PPPCO as the GPH BNTF Secretariat facilitated a Briefing Meeting on BNTF and Camps Transformation. The said meeting is a strategic step towards

ensuring the new member of the BNTF GPH Steering Committee, Department of Finance (DOF) Usec. Joven B. Balbosa, is briefed about the BNTF and camps transformation initiatives. The briefing offered a detailed overview of the ongoing BNTF projects. The meeting also welcomed the new World Bank (WB) Country Director, Mr. Zafer Mustafaoglu. The 7th BNTF Steering Committee Meeting is scheduled on 06 August 2024 (Tuesday) at the World Bank Office in Taguig.

Among the attendees were Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, Co-Chairperson of the BNTF GPH Steering Committee (SC); Mr. Ariel Hernandez, Alternate Member of the BNTF GPH SC; Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin, Head of the BNTF GPH Secretariat, Usec. Joven Balbosa, Member, BNTF GPH SC, JTFCT Co-Chairperson, LTGEN Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), WB delegation Mr. Zafer Mustafaoglu; Ms. Mary Morrison; Ms. Clarissa David; Ms. Lilanie Magdamo; Mr. John Kobina Richardson; and Mr. Rommel Herrera.

5. **Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Strategic Communication Plan Meeting.**

On 10 July 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the OPAPRU Communication and Public Affairs Service (CPAS) Director Darwin Wally Wee, member of the ICCMN Strategic Communications Committee, together with GPH-MILF PPO Director Wendell Orbeso, ICCMN Secretariat Head, and GPH-JNC



Chairperson Ariel Hernandez, met with the Presidential Communications Office (PCO) Assistant Secretary for Office of the Secretary (OSEC) Affairs, Michel André Del Rosario to plan the drafting of ICCMN Strategic Communication Plan. A workshop funded by the PCO shall be proposed and the outputs will be transmitted for the approval of the ICCMN Co-Chairpersons. The team had a productive brainstorming and discussion, and was able to formulate significant inputs for the workshop proposal objectives, programme, and structure and a concept for the Strategic Communication Plan.

6. **FY 2024 1st Semester Internal Assessment of the GPIP-MILF.** On 16 July 2024 at Microtel by Wyndham UP-AyalaLand TechnoHub, Diliman, Quezon City, the GPIP-MILF held its FY 2024 1st Semester Internal Assessment, facilitated by MP Suharto Ambolodto and Prof. Mario J. Aguja. The Panel discussed accomplishments that the GPH-MILF peace process achieved during the first semester of the year, pending issues and pertinent challenges in the implementation of the CAB, and scenarios affecting the progress of the GPH-MILF peace process towards the signing of the Exit Document.

7. **LNI-Basilan Secretariat Meeting.** On 16 July 2024 at 101st Infantry Brigade, Isabela City, Basilan, the OPAPRU LNI team led by GPH-JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez attended the LNI-Basilan Secretariat Meeting hosted by the 101st Infantry Brigade led by Brigade Commander BGEN Alvin Luzon. The meeting discussion focused on updates on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW), Conflict Management and Amnesty. Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman-Salliman also attended the meeting.



8. **Ceremonial Signing of MOA between the OPAPRU and the Provincial Local Government Unit of Maguindanao del Norte relative to the LNI Program.** On 23 July 2024 at PICC, Pasay City and MDN Provincial Capitol, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU headed by Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and PLGU of Maguindanao del Norte

led by Gov. Abdulraof Macacua signed a MOA relative to the LNI program. The MOA highlights the partnership between the two parties in delivering the Normalization Program at the local level.

OPAPRU Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima, Presidential Assistant David Diciano, EDir. Andres Aguinaldo, EDir. Jordan S. Bayam, Dir. Wendell Orbeso, and Dir. Darwin Wee attended the MOA signing together with Normalization GPH Mechanisms Chairpersons Mr. Ariel Hernandez, Lt. Gen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), MP Atty. Laisa Alamia, MP Engr. Baintan Ampatuan, and BGen. Nasser Lidasan (via videoconference).

The activity was also attended by the PLGU of Maguindanao del Norte via videoconference at the Provincial Capitol led by Vice Governor Abdunnasser Abas, Board Member and IP Representative Datu Guiamal Abdulrahman, and Provincial Administrator Tomanda Antok together with Provincial Heads and Cotabato Program 1 units.

Other key attendees were BARMM Ministry Provincial Directors of MILG, MSSD, MAFAR; PNP PPO-MDN, AFP 1st Brigade Combat Team, and Muslim Youth Brotherhood.



9. **2nd JNC Scoring Session on Peace Accords Matrix - Mindanao.** On 25-27 July 2024 at Rogen Inn, Davao City, the OPAPRU JNC Secretariat in collaboration with CRS and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, conducted the 2nd JNC Scoring Session on the Peace Accords Matrix – Mindanao (PAM-M) attended by the focals of all the Normalization Mechanisms. The scoring session plays a pivotal role in monitoring and evaluating the status of the Normalization Annex of the GPH and MILF Peace Agreement.



Further, the session shall update the initial PAM-M Baseline Report and may pave way for development of additional report indicators.

The three-day activity focused on discussing and reviewing the highlights of the baseline report with additional stipulations and key points in scoring, the actual scoring

of stipulations and provisions of Means of Verifications (MOVs), and the presentation of outputs and outlining of next steps.

10. **Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Caravan**

- 01 August 2024 at Camp Abubakar, Maguindanao del Norte and Camp Rajamuda, Pikit, North Cotabato
- 15 August 2023 at Camp Bilal, Lanao del Norte and Camp Bushra, Lanao del Sur
- 29 August 2024 at Camp Omar, Maguindanao del Sur and Camp Badre, Maguindanao del Norte

On 01 August 2024, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office together with the Office of the Special Assistant to the President (OSAP) as the Inter-Cabinet Cluster Mechanism on Normalization (ICCMN) Secretariat, commenced the first leg of the ICCMN Caravan in Camp Abubakar, Province of Maguindanao del Norte and Camp Rajamuda, Province of North Cotabato, bringing essential government services to decommissioned Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) combatants and their communities. The caravan, a collaborative effort among national agencies, Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Ministries, local government units, and international partners, aimed to uplift the Bangsamoro people and strengthen the peace process.

At Camp Abubakar, the caravan provided a range of services, including medical care, PhilHealth registration, seedling distribution, animal health services, food packs, ICT equipment for students, PhilSys registration, and birth registration, among others. Information booths were also set up to promote the government's Amnesty Program, military enlistment, worker organization registration, and peace initiatives, benefiting hundreds of individuals and families.

In Camp Rajamuda, Pikit, North Cotabato, the caravan offered relief to flood-affected residents, with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) distributing aid to over 1,700 individuals. The event highlighted the commitment of all stakeholders to the peace process and the development of the Bangsamoro region, serving as a testament to unity, hope, and a shared vision for a better future.

The second leg of the ICCMN Caravan was completed on 15 August 2024, delivering essential services in Camp Bilal, Lanao del Norte, and Camp Bushra, Lanao del Sur, within the BARMM region. During the caravan, a wide array of services was again provided, including medical care, social protection, and livelihood opportunities. Notably, the event facilitated free general check-ups with medicine, eye exams with eyeglasses, circumcision services, minor surgeries, dental care, and pediatric services. Social protection services covered PhilHealth and PhilSys registrations, as well as assistance with civil document requests. Additionally, the caravan supported agricultural activities through seedling distribution and food assistance via E-Nutribun distribution.

Security and capacity-building initiatives were also integral parts of the caravan. Information campaigns on AFP enlistment, PNP recruitment, and Explosive Ordnance Risk Education were conducted, alongside digital literacy and cybersecurity awareness sessions. A "School in a Bag" package, containing a laptop, tablet, and LTE device, was provided to a school in Camp Bushra, enhancing educational resources for the community. The event also included confidence-building measures such as amnesty-related services and peace conversations, while distributing toys, notebooks, and other essential items to children and community members.

The ICCMN Caravan capped off with its final and third leg on 29 August 2024 in Camp Badre, Maguindanao del Norte and Camp Omar, Maguindanao del Sur, delivering various services and programs to MILF decommissioned combatants and communities. The final leg once more reflected a multifaceted effort—from national agencies, BARMM Ministries, and international and local peace partners.

In Camp Omar, a range of services was provided, highlighting social protection, medical care, confidence building measures, transitional justice and reconciliation (TJR), and peace and security interventions. The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR) distributed 250 coffee seedlings and 100 vegetable seed packets, while the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) provided 6,000 native tree seedlings. The Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) facilitated PhilSys registrations, and the Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PHIC) issued PhilHealth IDs to 19 individuals while registering 760 new members. Additionally, medical consultations served 519 individuals, with numerous health services offered, and confidence-building efforts were supported by the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and security information campaigns from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and the Philippine National Police (PNP).

Similarly, in Camp Badre, the caravan focused on cooperative registration, amnesty applications, and extensive medical services. The BARMM Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) and Cooperative and Social Enterprise Authority (CSEA) handled cooperative registrations and renewals. Meanwhile, the BARMM Ministry of Health (MOH) provided medical care to 655 individuals, including eyeglass fittings and wheelchair distributions. The BARMM MAFAR and DENR also distributed seedlings to encourage agricultural activities. Moreover, various information booths set up by the TJR group and the AFP engaged the community, while relief assistance and school packages were provided by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT).



11. 7th Meeting of the BNTF Steering Committee.

On 06 August 2024 at the World Bank Office, Taguig City, the OPAPRU through the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) - GPH Steering Committee and GPH Secretariat represented by the OPAPRU PPPCO, attended the seventh meeting of the BNTF Steering Committee. BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), member of the GPH Technical Working Group (TWG) on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TJR), presented updates on the TJR Component of the Normalization program. In previous BNTF technical-level meetings, the World Bank (WB) expressed interest in firming up their analytical and technical assistance efforts. TJR has been identified as a potential area of support, with the WB focusing on research convergence to address pending issues.



Further, the WB presented a comprehensive report on the progress and financial status of the BNTF. This included updates on several key activities, such as the Bangsamoro Community Transformation Program (BCTP), Road to Development (R2D), and technical assistance on Camp Activities.

Department of Finance co-chaired the meeting - International Finance Group (DOF-IFG) Undersecretary Joven Z. Balbosa for the GPH and Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR) Minister Mohammad S. Yacob for the MILF. Key attendees were Mr. Ariel C. Hernandez, GPH representative to the BNTF SC and

JNC Co-Chairperson; Mr. Zafer Mustafaoğlu, WB Country Director for the Philippines; BGen. Buenaventura A. Pascual (Ret.), member of the GPH TWG on TJR; and representatives of partner donors from the European Union, Australia, Canada, and United Kingdom. For the BNTF-MILF Secretariat, it was attended by their consultant Mr. Windell Diangcalan, technical staff Ms. Kate Alih, and member Mr. Sheikh Mahmud Ahmad.



12. Session on Strengthening the Coordination, Reporting and Monitoring Process of Normalization.

On 16 August 2024 at The Loft Hotel, Iligan City, following the instruction of OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. during the Program 1 Workshops last July 2024, the JNC and all other GPH Mechanisms convened a session on Strengthening the Coordination, Reporting, and Monitoring Process of the Normalization. The team was able to brainstorm and agree on how to improve the business flow and operations of the Normalization Mechanisms/Program Units for efficient, effective and prompt execution of the different activities and to address issues and/or challenges on the implementation and fund utilization.

The activity was attended by the GPH Mechanism Chairpersons, Secretariat Heads and Focals and was graced by the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair PA Cesar Yano and Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation David Diciano. Moreover, the session was presided by the GPH-JNC Chair Ariel Hernandez assisted by the GPH-MILF PPO and GPH-JNC Secretariat Head Director Wendell Orbeso and Deputy Ms. Erlinda Vila.

13. **LNI Planning Workshop with Tawi-Tawi.** On 04 September 2024 at the Governor's Conference Hall, Provincial Capitol, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, the OPAPRU through JNC Member LTGEN Danilo Pamonag (Ret) together with Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) Consultant Richard Rejas and technical staff of various normalization and peace mechanisms conducted the LNI Planning workshop with representatives from the province of Tawi-Tawi.

During the workshop, representatives from the different offices of the Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs), Municipal Local Government Units (MLGUs) and security sectors had a breakout session identifying Normalization programs to be implemented at the local level.



The OPAPRU GPH-MILF Peace Process Office (PPO) LNI Team provided the required technical, administrative and logistical support during the workshop.

14. **GPH CAB Visioning Workshop.** From 12-14 September 2024 at the Seda Manila Bay, Parañaque City, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and the GPH peace process mechanisms underwent a Visioning Workshop on the Implementation of the CAB, facilitated by the International Contact Group (ICG). The MILF underwent a similar visioning workshop in July 2024 alongside the Palarong Pambansa in Cebu City.

The GPH group analyzed the challenges in the implementation of the CAB, identified multiple scenarios and possibilities, and proposed strategies towards achieving the preferred future, as well as analyzed these in the perspective of the MILF.

The separate outputs of the GPH and the MILF will be synthesized by the ICG and will be presented to each Party for further analysis. A joint workshop between the GPH and the MILF is proposed to be held.



The GPH CAB Visioning Workshop was organized by ICG members Conciliation Resources (CR) and Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD), with the support from the Governments of Australia and Finland.

Ceasefire Mechanisms and Monitoring

1. **Ceasefire Violations and Protests Filed.** Covering 01 to 31 July 2024, a total of four (4) protests were filed. These protests were received by the GPH CCCH and were filed to the MILF CCCH on certain ceasefire violations. Covering 01 to 31 August 2024, a total of three (3) protests were filed; these protests were received by the GPH CCCH and were filed to the MILF CCCH on certain ceasefire violations. Covering 01 to 30 September 2024, there was no protest filed by both the GPH CCCH and MILF CCCH.

2. *Rido* Settlement Initiatives.

- From 01- 31 July 2024, the CCCH recorded two (2) instances of *Rido*: 1) *Rido* between the group of Stallion and Cmdr Mutin of MNLF in Brgy. Lagendang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat; and 2) *Rido* of MILF Members in Datu Odin Sinsuat Municipality (along Kusiong Areas). The GPH CCCH informed the MILF CCCH to pull-out the MILF signages posted in the areas of Badak, Mompong, Kusiong and Linek, all of DOS, Maguindanao.
- From 01 -31 August 2024, the CCCH recorded two (2) instances of *rido* activities: 1) *rido* between the group of Stallion and Cmdr Mutin of MNLF in Brgy. Lagendang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat; and 2) *rido* of MILF Members between the group of Cmdr. Esmael Untong Binago a.k.a. Mike/Bonde of the 13th Biwang Brigade, Foreign Affairs based at Sitio Malabong, Brgy. Colube, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat; and the group of Abo Abdullah, Battalion Cmdr of 3rd Brigade, Inner defense, 104th BC base at Sitio Tenib, Brgy. Mindupok, Maitum Sarangani Province due to land conflict.
- From 01- 30 September 2024, the GPH CCCH recorded three (3) *rido* related incidents involving MILF members. A total of three (3) *rido*/dispute resolution initiatives witnessed by the GPH CCCCH:

- a. 03 September 2024 between the group of Dia M. Muhammad and Daud "Tabusko" Binso facilitated by the Peace, Security, and Reconciliation Office (PSRO) BARMM in partnership with the GPH CCCH, MILF CCCH, and MILF AHJAG. During the activity, both groups signed a Peace Covenant and jointly committed to adhere to peace and their signed covenant.



- b. 12 September 2024: between the group of Guimadil Family represented by Datukan Ambel and the Lampay Family represented by Padido Lumbatan both from groups coming from Talitay, Maguindanao del



Norte facilitated by Kagui Ali Midtimbang, Datu sa Talayan and Municipal Mayor of Talayan, Maguindanao del Sur held at Talayan, Municipal Hall. During the activity, both the representatives of the conflicting groups expressed their commitment to uphold the renewed relationship between their groups and to cease committing violent actions against each other. Their expression of commitment was witnessed by Kagui Ali Midtimbang together with Ltc Jerry Penalosa ARM (GSC) PA, CO, 2Mech Bn, PA, PCpt. Albao, COP, Talitay MPS, and Kagui Al Dimacisil, Dep. Cmdr., Central Mindanao Front, BIAF-MILF.

- c. 16 September 2024: between the group of Manex Angkad Guiama of 105BC, BIAF-MILF and Mahmod "Mhong" Dalending of 104BC, BIAF-MILF facilitated by the Peace, Security, and Reconciliation Office (PSRO)-BARMM with the MILF CCCH, MILF AHJAG, and Datu Piang LGU held at D & M Resto, Cotabato City.



3. **AHJAG Implementation.** For the period of 27 June to 29 July 2024, the GPH AHJAG facilitated the coordination with the MILF AHJAG the conduct of Law Enforcement Operation (LEO), Support to Law Enforcement Operation (SLEO), and Focused Military Operation (FMO) in various areas. A total of 21 coordination was facilitated with the following details: JTF Central – 18; JTF ZAMPELAN – 1; PRO 9 – 1; PRO 12 – 1.

For the month of 01 – 30 September 2024, the GPH AHJAG facilitated and closely monitored the coordinated conduct of AFP/ PNP Law Enforcement Operations through AHJAG with a total of 8 operations coordinated and monitored by the AHJAG through the AHJAG Teams. The following were the areas of coordination: JTF Central – 6 (Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, and North Cotabato Provinces); JTF ZAMPELAN – 1 (Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, and North Cotabato); and PRO 12 – 1 (Cotabato, South Cotabato, Sarangani, and Sultan Kudarat).

4. Other Significant Accomplishments

- A. ***Witnessed, facilitated and assisted the turnover of 10 personnel and 26 firearms of MILF Commander Nasrudin Mama @Zero five under the 105bc, BIAF-MILF for MILF CCCH safekeeping.*** On 27 July - 02 August 2024 at Lagandang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat and Darapanan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH CCCH and



GPH AHJAG witnessed, facilitated and assisted the turn-over of 26 assorted firearms. Said firearms were turned in by the group of Nasrudin Mama @Zero Five under the 105BC, BIAF-MILF held at the residence of Nasrullah Mama @Stallion in Brgy. Lagandang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat. It was agreed that firearms in the possession of Stallion and his followers are turned over and be safe-kept or taken custody by the MILF CCCH to prevent any further atrocities and violence in the community particularly in Brgy. Lagandang. The weapons which were turned over to the MILF ceasefire mechanisms were brought to Camp Daraanan for safekeeping until such time that said weapons will be turned over to the IDB to undergo decommissioning.

B. Field visit and camp verification of GPH CCCH and GPH AHJAG in Maguing.

On 17 August 2024 at Maguing, Lanao del Sur, BGen. Nasser P Lidasan, PhD together with Col. Billy Dela Rosa, DBC, 103rd Bde, PA and Member, GPH AHJAG visited the existing protest to the elements of 103rd BC, BIAF-MILF under Aleem Mujahid Dimaampao regarding the continued establishment of illegal camp in Brgy. Dilibayan, Maguing, Lanao del Sur. During the visit, the team was welcomed by the field commanders under the 103rd BC, BIAF-MILF.



C. Inspection of Turned-in Firearms: Joint GPH-MILF CCCH and AHJAG Visit to the Groups of Nasrullah Mama at Stallion and Commander Bonde Binago. On 20 August 2024 at Camp Darapanan, Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte, the Joint GPH-MILF CCCH/AHJAG conducted a joint visit to Esmail "Bondi" Binago, Bde Cmdr., 13th Biwang Brigade, Foreign Affairs Unit, MILF from Brgy. Colube, Palimbang, Sultan Kudarat and the group of Nasrullah Mama at Stallion and Nasrudin Mama, both of 105BC, BIAF-MILF from Brgy. Lagandang, Isulan, Sultan Kudarat in Camp Darapanan, Maguindanao del Norte. The aforementioned MILF members were currently repositioned in Camp Darapanan in response to the request of the government security forces for their repositioning from their respective areas while settlement of the conflict is underway. The visit aims to conduct dialogue with the concerned MILF members and their status, and to inspect the firearms at Camp Darapanan which are subjected for Decommissioning.



D. Field visit and verification of GPH – MILF CCCH. On 27 August 2024 at Barangay Manungkaling, Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur, BGen Nasser P Lidasan, Ph.D., Chairman, GPH CCCH and support staff proceeded to Sitio Manggapang in Barangay Manungkaling, Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur, in response to reports of civilian displacement due to a perceived threat in the area. BGen Lidasan was accompanied by Hon. Mayor Akmad Ampatuan Jr. of Mamasapano and Mr. Abusaima Husain of MILF CCCH, and LTC Udgie Villain of the 33IB, 6ID, PA. During the visit, BGen Lidasan led a small group discussion with key members of the community to address the reported tension.



- E. ***Workshop on the Review of the Roles, Protocols, and Mandates of the CCCH and the AHJAG.*** On 21 August 2024 at Kampilan Lounge, Camp BGen. Gonzalo H. Siongco, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU GPIP-MILF Secretariat and Security Unit - GPH CCCH/AHJAG Combined Secretariat organized a workshop for members of the GPH CCCH and AHJAG for the review of roles, protocols, and mandates of the two mechanisms. The purpose of the meeting is to review and situate the mandates, performance, and adequacy of the functions of the CCCH and AHJAG in addressing the evolving security situation, particularly during the implementation of the Normalization process and transition phase until the members of the first Bangsamoro Parliament has been duly elected to office in 2025.

The activity also aimed to align and/or streamline, as practicable, the tasks and governing protocols of the CCCH and AHJAG to enhance their effectiveness and coherence of approach vis-à-vis the following context, but not limited to:

- Ongoing implementation of the Normalization Process and in the context of roles of the other transitional security mechanisms (i.e., JNC, JPSC, and JPSTs);
- Proposed transition into other appropriate normalization mechanisms as provided in the Annex on Normalization;
- Evolving security dynamics (including dispute resolution initiatives, pending decommissioning of MILF forces, presence of Private Armed Groups (PAGs), among others) during the transition period and normalization period (present); and
- Post-election 2025 BARMM elections.

- F. ***Community Dialogue with the Members of the 113BC, BIAF-MILF Together with the AFP, PNP, and LGU of Sirawai, Zamboanga del Norte.*** On 29 August 2024 at Brgy. Sipakit, Sirawai, Zamboanga del Norte, BGEN Nasser P Lidasan PhD, PA, Chairperson of GPH CCCH and PBGEN Romaldo G Bayting, Chairperson of GPH AHJAG facilitated the Community Dialogue with the members of



113BC, BIAF-MILF together with the AFP, PNP, LGU Sirawai, and the residents of Brgy. Sipakit, Zamboanga del Norte. The activity aimed to reconcile the GPH and MILF forces after the recent ceasefire-related incident that transpired in the area and to further strengthen solidarity, coordination, and communication between the AFP, PNP, and MILF to prevent similar incidents in the future.

- G. ***Meeting of GPH CCCH Chairperson with MILF AHJAG Chairperson Anwar Alamada.*** On 19 September 2024 at PSRO BARMM Office, Cotabato City, the GPH CCCH Discussed the proposed initiative of the GPH-MILF Ceasefire Mechanisms to facilitate the return of the reported IDPs in some barangays in the



municipalities of Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte; Datu Saudi Ampatuan and Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun, Maguindanao del Sur. The initiative has been discussed after some IDPs from the municipality of Datu Odin Sinsuat reported to the AFP regarding their current situation as displaced individuals. Also discussed were the preparatory activities to be undertaken such

as request for the official list of names of the IDPs from the PRO BAR and Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD)-BARMM for validation and conduct of courtesy call with the PRO BAR and concerned civil-society organization and other government agencies.

H. Dialogue with Indigenous Peoples (IP) led by the Chairperson GPIIP.

On 24 September 2024 at Headquarters 571B, Barangay Mirab, Upi, Maguindanao del Norte, the visit was in response to security concerns following the killings of 78 Indigenous



Peoples (IP) leaders and members. MP Froilyn Mendoza highlighted the seriousness of the issue, expressing disappointment over the lack of action by security forces. She called for an investigation through a Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) resolution and noted the involvement of armed civilians in the attacks, which has instilled fear among IP communities. Concerns raised were about: a) IP leaders reported being unable to freely voice their concerns during dialogues; and b) they expressed frustration over the limited response to the killings and the increasing insecurity in the area.



I. Visit and dialogue with the officials of the Timuay Justice System.

On 24 September 2024 at Upi Multipurpose Building, Brgy. Nangi, Upi, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU through the GPIIP, met with the IP community that expressed their concern over the violence against the IP leaders and members.

The killing of Vice Mayor Roland Betita led to forming of the Justice for Vice Mayor Roland Betita Movement wherein they submitted their formal request to the Chair, GPH Peace Implementing Panel for the conduct of urgent and impartial investigation. The TJG Officials also expressed their utmost request to consider the welfare of the IPs. They also shared that their assemblies to advance their rights and welfare are being red tagged as communist movement by several personalities. The group also informed that they issued declaration against the CTGs as persona non grata.

The TJG will submit the conflict map in South Upi, Maguindanao del Sur which includes the data on the involved personalities in the conflict. This will be the basis for their proposal for the establishment of military detachments. The TJG will also submit their concept note for the conduct of regular meetings of the IP Leaders with the AFP and PNP.



J. Emergency visit at the Barangay Hall of Bugawas in Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao Del Norte to verify reports of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the area on 25 September 2024.

It was disclosed during the visit that the internally displaced persons (IDPs) from Sitio Tinindanan, Barangay

Bugawas were reluctant to return to their homes due to intermittent attacks by private armed groups (PAGs) whenever they make the attempt. Among the displaced were families of CAGU members, who have relocated near the checkpoint for safety and to sustain their livelihoods. The IDPs belong to Indigenous Peoples (IP) communities.

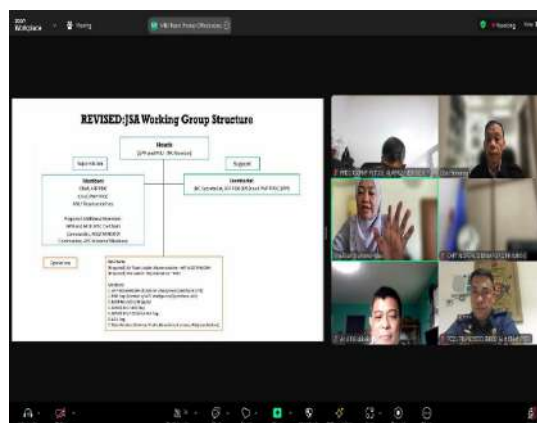
5. **Regular security updates with MILF Commanders.** The GPH CCCH Chairperson met with Mr. Faiz S. Alauddin, Chairman, MILF Basilan on 27 September 2024 at the Combined Secretariat Office, Cotabato City. Discussed was the security and ceasefire situation in the Province of Basilan.



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

1. **Meeting of the Government of the Philippines Technical Working Group on Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Redeployment.** On 02 July 2024 via videoconference, the Government of the Philippines (GPH) TWG on Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) Redeployment met to discuss the details of the upcoming pilot of the Joint Security Areas (JSA) in the Municipalities of Kabacan and Pikit, North Cotabato. Discussed in the meeting was the GPH composition of the GPH JSA Team - North Cotabato. Also, the TWG reviewed the JSA Process, Report Template and the Implementing Rules and Operational Guidelines (IROG) for the JSA.

4. **Meeting of Joint Security Assessment Working Group.** On 15 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO facilitated the 1st meeting of the Joint Security Assessment (JSA) Working Group (WG) to discuss the concerns related to the pilot conduct of the JSA in Kabacan and Pikit, North Cotabato. The concerns included proposals to expand the composition of the JSA WG and JSA Teams, conduct of JSA Workshop and the schedule of upcoming activities related to the Redeployment of AFP. The meeting was co-chaired by GPH-JNC Member LTGEN Danilo Pamonag (Ret.) and MILF-JNC Member MP Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba.



5. **“Guwah Kasanyangan” SALW Management Program in Basilan.** On 16 July 2024 at 101st Infantry Brigade, Isabela City, Basilan, the OPAPRU LNI team led by GPH-JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez together with the staff of GPH-MILF PPO, JNC Secretariat, JPSC, CCCH and CPAS, attended and witnessed the “Guwah Kasanyangan” SALW Management Program in Basilan organized by the 101st Infantry Brigade, graced by Basilan Governor Hadjiman Hataman-Salliman.



As part of the SALW Management Program dubbed as “Guwah Kasanyangan”, firearms were turned in from various municipalities of Basilan. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the non-movement of firearms was signed between the 101st Infantry Brigade, the PLGU, MLGUs, the MILF, and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

6. **JPST Site Assessment.** On 18 July 2024 at JPST stations in Lanao, Maguindanao, Zamboanga Sibugay and Sultan Kudarat provinces, the OPAPRU through the JPSC Secretariat accompanied the International Organization for Migration (IOM) personnel relative to the conduct of the Solar Assessment and Livelihood validation at JPST stations in the provinces of Lanao, Maguindanao, Zamboanga Sibugay and Sultan Kudarat. The aforementioned assessment and validation are both part of the IOM’s program “Enhancing and Sustaining Peace and Security Mechanism in Mindanao”. The target beneficiaries for the livelihood programs will be the existing cooperative within the core areas of the JPST Stations.



7. **JPST Humanitarian and Disaster Response.** On 25 July 2024 at Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU JPST Operation Center conducted Humanitarian and Disaster Response to the displaced residents of Sitio Kaper in



Brgy. Mompong and Sitio Lidepan in Brgy Kusiong, Maguindanao del Norte. The residents mentioned were affected by the series of harassment in the areas perpetrated by lawless armed groups on 23 – 24 July 2024. The JPST provided assistance in transporting the displaced residents to the designated evacuation centers.



implemented with the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advancing Human Security (ASPIRE).

Present in the workshop were Basilan Province Governor Hadjiman Hattaman-Salliman, Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation and JNC Member David B. Diciano, Presidential Assistant for Government Peace Implementing Panel for the Government of the Philippines (GPH) - Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) Peace Process Cesar B. Yano, Chairperson of the GPH-JNC Mr. Ariel Hernandez, JNC Member and Co-Chairperson of the GPH - Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFACT) LTGEN Danilo Pamonag (Ret), Chairperson of the GPH - Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC) MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret), JPSC Member PMGEN Eden Ugale (Ret), JNC Member and BARMM Minister of Interior and Local Government (MILG) Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba, Maguindanao Del Norte Provincial Administrator Dr. Tomanda Antok, Deputy Commander of Area Police Command (APC) Western Mindanao and the Chairperson of the GPH - Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (AHJAG) PBGEN Romaldo Bayting and Chief of the PNP Peace Process and Development Center (PPDC) PBGEN Joseph Arguelles.



8. ***SALW Management Workshop for the PNP.*** On 01 August 2024 in Cagayan de Oro, the OPAPRU through the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Secretariat in partnership with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) conducted Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Management Workshop for the PNP. The workshop aimed to answer what programs can be retained, enhanced and revamped, what are the recommendations to solve issues and concerns raised, and how these programs can be implemented with the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advancing Human Security (ASPIRE).
9. ***Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPST) Refresher and UCP Training.*** On 02-07 August 2024 in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU JPSC Secretariat in partnership with the Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) conducted a 3-Day Refresher Course and Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP) Training for JPST PIkit Personnel and JPST Replacements as part of the continuing capacity development training of the JPSTs.
10. ***JPST Project Support.*** On 08 August 2024 in Upi, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU JPSC Secretariat together with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Personnel, JPST Members, and BLGU representative, conducted a water sourcing inspection at Barangay Ganasi, Upi, Maguindanao Del Norte for the improvement of the water system of the JPST Ganasi as part of the IOM program “Enhancing and Sustaining Peace and Security Mechanism in Mindanao”.



11. **JSA Working Group Workshop.** On 19 August 2024 at the 6ID Officers Clubhouse, Cotabato City, the Joint Security Assessment (JSA) Working Group led by its chairs and JNC members LTGEN Danilo Pamonag (Ret) for the GPH and MP Sha Elijah Dumama-Alba for the MILF, held a JSA Working Group Workshop facilitated by the OPAPRU JNC. The activity focused on Concept of Operations for the JSA and its report template.

Present during the workshop were the JSA Working Group Members MP Lanang Ali Jr., GPH JPSC Chair MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret), GPH AHJAG Chair PBGEN Romaldo Bayting, GPH CCCH Chair BGEN Nasser Lidasan, Armed Forces of the Philippines - Peace and Development Office (AFP-PDO) Chief Capt. Norsal Dimaporo, MILF AHJAG Chair and Executive Director of the BARMM Peace, Safety and Reconciliation Office (PSRO) Anwar Alamada, MILF CCCH and Special Geographic Area Development Authority (SGADA) Administrator Mr. Butch Malang and BARMM government representative Mr. Datuan Magon Jr.

Also present in the workshop was the JSA Team led by PCOL Arnold Santiago, Deputy Regional Director for Operations of PRO 12, and members Major Loreto Sapon, Major Ahmad Rayyan Sahirani, Mr. Abduljabbar R. Guialil and the representatives of the normalization mechanisms.

Moreover, participating online were the JSA working group member and the Chief of the PNP PPDC PBGEN Joseph Arguelles, as well as Col. Allen Estrera, U3 from the AFP Western Mindanao Command, and officers from the PROBAR and OJ3 AFP who served as resource persons of the workshop.



12. **Ceremonial Turnover of JPST Station in Maledagao, SGA, BARMM.** On 20 August 2024 at Maledagao, SGA BARMM, the GPH-MILF peace mechanisms attended the ceremonial turnover of the Joint Peace Security Team (JPST) Pikit 2 Station by the 6th Infantry "Kampilan" Division, Philippine Army, and the 549th Engineer Battalion, 54th EBde, PA to the OPAPRU JPSC headed by its Co-Chairs MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret) and Senior Minister Abunawas Maslamama together with JPSC members PMGEN Eden Ugale (Ret.) and BARMM MP Dan Asnawie.



In his handover speech, MGEN Antonio Nafarrete PA, Commander of the 6th Infantry Division, expressed that with the establishment of the facility, it was anticipated that there would be improvements not only in peace and security but also across various social and economic aspects within the communities benefiting from the JPST presence. It will foster collaboration and unity that are crucial components of nation building.

Guest of Honor Administrator Butch Malang of the Special Geographic Area (SGA) reiterated that with completion and establishment of JPST, the community's participation is crucial in sustaining peace and order in the Maledagao and the adjacent areas.

13. **Ceremonial Turnover of JPST Station in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte.**

On 20 August 2024 in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte, the JPSC and JNC attended the ceremonial turnover of the newly completed JPST station in Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao del Norte. This marks the final and 23rd JPST facility to be completed in the areas mutually agreed upon by both GPH and MILF panels.

The JPST station was constructed through the joint efforts of the JPSC, 6th Infantry "Kampilan" Division of the Philippine Army, and the 549th Engineer Battalion, 54th Engineer Brigade, PA. It was completed during the leadership of Major General Juvymax Uy and Major General Alex Rillera as Commanders of the Joint Task Force Central.

This accomplishment stands as a testament to the strong partnership between the OPAPRU, AFP, local government unit of Sultan Kudarat and the BARMM in support of the Normalization Program in the Bangsamoro.



14. **LNI MOA Signing with the PLGU of Lanao del Sur.** On 22 August 2024 at the Provincial Capitol, Marawi City, the OPAPRU headed by Sec. Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. and PLGU of Lanao del Sur led by Gov. Mamintal Alonto Adiong, Jr. signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) relative to the LNI program.

The MOA highlights the partnership between the two parties in delivering the Normalization Program at the local level.

Under the agreement, OPAPRU will provide financial and logistical support for LNI activities to the PLGU for the implementation of the Normalization program, including *rido* settlements and community dialogues.

OPAPRU will also facilitate the LNI program in coordination with relevant organizations and agencies, provide guidelines, inputs, schedules, and assessments for LNI program implementation, resolve issues and concerns related to LNI program implementation and assist in resource mobilization from local and international donor agencies.

For their part, the Lanao del Sur PLGU will organize secretariat meetings with OPAPRU and stakeholders; implement activities related to *rido* settlement and community dialogues, including facilitating consultations at various levels to gather input and ensure inclusivity; conduct information, education, and communication (IEC) endeavors to raise awareness about the LNI program; and assist and monitor security-related interventions in partnership with the AFP brigade command, among others.



This agreement aims to promote peace, reconciliation, and development in Lanao del Sur by strengthening local governance and empowering communities to address conflict and build a more stable future.

15. **GPH-MILF Peace and Security Coordination Meeting.** On 27 August 2024 at the Municipal Hall in Barangay Manongkaling Mamasapano, Maguindanao del Sur, BGen Nasser P Lidasan PhD, Chair of the GPH CCCH, co-facilitated the GPH-MILF Peace and Security Coordination Meeting with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) and Strategic Communications Capacity Building (SCCB) Project. The said security meeting was attended by units of the 6ID, PA in Central Mindanao; the Maguindanao Del Sur PPO, and the Base Commanders of the 104BC, 105BC, 106BC, 118BC, 128BC, General Headquarters BC, Inner Guard BC and Field Guard BC, all of BIAF-MILF.



Among the action points of the meeting were selection/nomination of a representative of the 105BC, 118BC, and 128BC, all of BIAF-MILF in Tuayan Mother to coordinate with AFP and PNP to coordinate security of Camp Omar; to ensure unity of command among the MILF groups; to meet efficiency of coordination between GPH security forces and the MILF residents in Camp Omar, and to fully disseminate to the BIAF-MILF members the manifestation of their commanders denouncing criminalities such as carnapping, illegal drugs, and illegal gambling.

16. **SALW Workshop with the Battalion Units of the 6th Infantry Division.** On 29 August 2024 at Makatao Hall, Camp Siongco, 6th ID, Maguindanao del Norte, the GPH JNC spearheaded the Workshop on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) program with the Battalion Units of the 6th Infantry Division (6ID) to ensure the program's success and alignment to the JNC SALW Management Program with the AFP's existing firearms management campaign. As a way forward, these battalion units are expected to conduct information dissemination in their respective AORs regarding the SALW Program, document additional numbers of individuals possessing loose firearms, organize the initiative on creating Municipal Taskforce on Ending Local Armed Conflict (ELAC), and conduct a community census on loose firearms.



Mr. Ariel Hernandez, the GPH-JNC Chair, highlighted that the SALW management program is not only for the MILF and MNLF but also for the owners of unregistered firearms in the community. The primary objective of the program is to manage and prevent unauthorized movement, thereby reducing gun-related violence in the area.

During the workshop, the JPSC-GPH Chair outlined the steps that both parties should undertake while the representatives from the Battalions of the 6ID provided security briefings including the number of firearms that could be targeted for the program. Other stakeholders, including UNDP and NP, shared their success stories and program processes aimed at managing loose firearms, highlighting their efforts and achievements. To conclude, MGen Antonio Nafarrete, Commander of the 6ID, emphasized the importance of involving the Local Government Units and reminded the group of the challenges relative to the upcoming 2025 local elections.

17. **Meeting on Module Development for JPST Members.** On 29 August 2024 at the Headquarters of Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), Cotabato City, as part of its ongoing capacity development and learning initiatives for the JPST members, the GPH JPSC in collaboration with the NP and IOM, committed to conduct a Community-Oriented Safeguarding and Conflict Management Training in the fourth quarter of 2024.

In this context, Mr. Mark Torres, a module development expert employed by NP and IOM, presented the first draft of the JPST Module to the JPSC for the committee's review and feedback.

The said module is a product of an earlier workshop held by NP and IOM with JPSC and JPST members in June 2024. The workshop aimed to create a community-oriented safeguarding and conflict management module that supports the implementation of the IOM project, "Enhancing and Sustaining Peace and Security Mechanisms in Mindanao, Philippines." The project seeks to assist JPSTs in recovering from recent climate and security challenges by enhancing their physical, social, and economic capacities, while also strengthening their ability to address both conflicts and disasters within their communities.

During the discussion session, the module developer noted several comments for enhancements and revisions. The revised version is expected to be resubmitted on 05 September 2024 and will be presented again during the 27th JPSC meeting in the last week of September 2024.

18. **ASPIRE SALW Project Board Meeting.** On 20 September 2024 at Lexington Hall, Astoria Hotel Pasig City, the GPH and MILF JNC Co-Chairs and Secretariat participated in the ongoing Project Board Meeting handling the implementation of the Assistance for Security, Peace, Integration and Recovery for Advancing Human Security in BARMM (ASPIRE) Small Arms and Light Weapon (SALW) Project spearheaded by the UNDP with funding from the Embassy of Japan.

The meeting aimed to provide an update on the project's progress and achievements, outline the remaining planned activities and timeline for 2024, and recommend actions to accelerate implementation including the finalization of the pilot beneficiary for mainland BARMM, particularly in the province of Maguindanao del Norte.



19. **Orientation on Small Arms and Light Weapons Program for the 6th Mechanized Infantry Battalion.** On 24 September 2024 at Barangay Pigkalagan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao Del Norte, the GPH JNC Secretariat provided an orientation on Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) for the 6th Mechanized Infantry Battalion in continuous efforts to boost support for its implementation. As requested by the said battalion, the JNC Secretariat highlighted the program background, how the program works, other initiatives under the program, and the areas of its implementation.

The said battalion pledged its commitment to support the program by starting off with an Information Education Communication (IEC) on the ground and eventually garner support from individuals possessing loose firearms to enroll it in the program.



Socioeconomic Development Aspect

1. *Orientation, Simulation Activity and Actual Conduct of Tracer Survey for MILF Decommissioned Combatants and their Next-of-Kin.*

On 01 July 2024, the GPH Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) participated in the Orientation and Simulation Activity facilitated by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) led by Ms. Yu Ito, employment and entrepreneurship support officer, in preparation for the conduct of tracer survey for the MILF Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) and their next-of-kin who underwent Model Training Course such as Safety Driving for Habal-Habal and Payong-payong Drivers and Corn Post-harvest Management in Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.

On 04 July 2024, the TFDCC Secretariat participated in the actual tracer survey for the MILF DCs and their next-of-kin who underwent the aforementioned Model Training Course.



2. *Provision of Financial Assistance for the MILF Decommissioned Combatants.*

On 02-04 July 2024 at Camp Omar, Maguindanao del Sur, Camp Rajamuda, Pikit, North Cotabato, Camp Badre, Maguindanao del Sur, the GPH TFDCC provided support to the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) in the provision of Financial Assistance to 857 MILF DCs. Each MILF decommissioned combatant was given Php 5,000.00 as financial assistance through the DSWD's program "Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situation" (AICS). The financial assistance is part of the DSWD's support in the celebration of the 10th Signing Anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).



The activity was facilitated by Mr. Mohammad Khadaffi Daud, OIC-CIU Head, Cotabato Satellite Office, DSWD XII and Ms. Asmerah Lontua, Livelihood and Employment Component Lead, OPAPRU TFDCC.



3. **Profiling of MILF Decommissioned Combatants for the 2nd Batch of Pilot Model Training Course.** On 03 July 2024 at the SDC Building, Dalingaoen, Pikit, North Cotabato, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat spearheaded the profiling of the MILF Decommissioned Combatants (DCs) and their next-of-kin for the selection of participants for the 2nd batch of pilot implementation of model training course under

Skills Development for Economic Empowerment for the Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro).

The profiling of DCs targeted 96 interested participants (41 DCs and 55 of their next-of-kin) residing in Barangay Buliok and Rajah Muda of Municipality of Ligawasan, Special Geographic Area (SGA); and Barangay Dalingaoen, Pikit, North Cotabato.

4. **Meeting with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA).** On 11 July 2024 via videoconference, the GPH TFDCC participated in the meeting with the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), convened by the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and its Secretariat, to brief TESDA on the Normalization Program and apprise them on their accomplishment including the remaining number of 19,901 MILF decommissioned combatants to be trained as well as the implementation gaps reported and observed.

Among the attendees were Undersecretary Vidal D. Villanueva III, Deputy Director General for TESDA Operations, Chairperson Cesar Yano and Director Farrah Naparan of the GPIP and its Secretariat, respectively; and Program Manager Alice Raymundo and Ms. Catherine Espedido from the GPH TFDCC Secretariat.

5. **Bilateral Meeting of Socioeconomic Development Unit-TFDCC and TESDA.**

On 15 July 2024 via videoconference, the GPH TFDCC attended a meeting with Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Main Office and Regional Office XII to discuss the preparatory work required prior to the full-blown implementation of Technical-Vocational program for the decommissioned combatants of the MILF, as committed under the Normalization Program.



Attendees were TESDA Central Office Representative Ms. Jane Eballa; TESDA XII Acting ROD Chief Antonio Distor Jr.; Regional Scholarship Focal Ms. Pamela Lyn Casa; the TESDA provincial directors and focal persons; and, the GPH TFDCC Secretariat.

6. **Coordination Meeting with Mindanao State University.** On 23 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat facilitated an online meeting to discuss the updated timeline of implementation relative to the educational assistance for decommissioned combatants and/or their next-of-kin enrolled or willing to be enrolled in tertiary level education.

Agreed in the meeting was the modality of releasing payments through cheques and the official endorsement by the TFDCC to Mindanao State University (MSU) of the identified 1,014 applicants for posting and compliance of school requirements.

Attendees of the meeting were the MSU team spearheaded by Director of Presidential Management Staff, Atty. Rashid Pandi, GPH TFDCC Program Manager Ms. Alicia Raymundo, GPH TFDCC Senior Technical Staff Ms. Catherine Espedido, and the capacity development component's Secretariat.



7. Meeting with JICA - SEE Bangsamoro Team. On 23 July 2024 at the CPO Office, Cotabato City the GPH TFDCC met with the Expert Team of JICA for the program Skills development and Economic Empowerment for Bangsamoro (SEE Bangsamoro). Discussed in the meeting was the selection of applicants related to the second pilot implementation of the three courses which are safe driving and maintenance for habal-habal, livelihood

improvement for coconut farmers, and corn-post harvest management. Attendees of the meeting were the JICA Team led by its expert Ms. Mariko Ikawa and the TFDCC capacity development component's secretariat led by Ms. Sanabila Sabil.

8. Coordination meeting with the BARMM MOH relative to the turnover of the Rural Health Units in MILF Camps. On 24 July 2024 at BGC Cotabato City, the GPH TFDCC facilitated a coordination meeting with the BARMM Ministry of Health (MOH) to discuss the preparation for the turnover of Rural Health Units (RHU) in MILF Camps and the ICCMN Caravan in Maguindanao and Lanao areas.



Agreed during the meeting was the turnover of the RHU in Camp Bushra located in Butig, Lanao del Sur. During the ICCMN Caravan, the TFDCC will forward an invitation and/or communication letter to the MOH and DOH for the preparation of the RHU turnover.



9. Disbursement of Wages to the MILF Decommissioned Combatants in Camp Abubakar through the DOLE TUPAD Program. On 20 August 2024 at Camp Abubakar, Maguindanao del Norte, the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) South Cotabato Field Office XII together with the OPAPRU TFDCC, disbursed wages to the 614 MILF decommissioned combatants who were given emergency

employment through the *Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers* (TUPAD) program of DOLE.

The provision of emergency employment is part of the Livelihood and Employment Component of the socioeconomic development programs for MILF decommissioned combatants. From 15 - 26 July 2024, the decommissioned combatants participated in community work in their respective barangays in the municipalities of Barira, Buldon, and Matanog in Maguindanao del Norte.

Camp Abubakar Base Commander, H. Abubakar “Jimmy” Balitok, witnessed the payout activity. The event was facilitated by Engr. Romerico P. Carrasco, DOLE Provincial Director, and Ms. Asmerah Lontua, Livelihood and Employment Component Lead for the TFDCC.

10. **Meeting with DOLE Field Office XII on the Implementation of DOLE TUPAD Program.**

On 22 August 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat met with the Department of Labor and Employment - (DOLE) Field Office XII to discuss the implementation of the *Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers* (TUPAD) program for 500 MILF decommissioned combatants from the provinces of Sarangani, South Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat in Region XII.

The meeting focused on the schedule of conduct of the orientation, needs assessment, and profiling of decommissioned combatants and other necessary arrangements of the personnel to be deployed during the activity.

The meeting was led by Ms. Fatima Quorayce L. Bataga, OIC Assistant Regional Director of DOLE FO XII, and Ms. Asmerah Lontua, Livelihood and Employment Component Lead for the TFDCC.

11. **Kick-Off Activity of the SEE Bangsamoro Project.** On 27 August 2024 in Cotabato City, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat participated in the Kick-off activity of the SEE Bangsamoro Project 2nd Pilot Training Course for Decommissioned Combatants and their next-of-kin in Camp Rajamuda.



The activity was facilitated by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), SEE Bangsamoro Program headed by Ms. Marika Ikawa, Senior Consultant.

A total of 50 participants will undergo skills training in September 2024. Half of the 50 participants will undergo 17 days of Safe Driving of Payong-Payong/Habal-Habal Training, while the remaining half will undergo 14 days of Coconut Farmers' Livelihood Improvement Training.

The SEE Bangsamoro Project initiated by JICA was implemented in Camp Abubakar As-sidiqqe in April 2024 involving 50 Decommissioned Combatants and their next-of-kin with 2 Model Training Course/Qualifications focusing on Safe Driving of Payong-Payong/Habal-Habal, and Post-Corn Harvesting Management.

12. **Distribution of Relief Assistance to MILF Decommissioned Combatants.** On 28 August 2024 at Camp Badre, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat in partnership with the BARMM Office of the Deputy Speaker Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, facilitated the distribution of relief assistance to 152 MILF decommissioned combatants in Camp Badre, Brgy. Tambunan 2, Guindulungan, Maguindanao del Norte.



The assistance was extended to MILF decommissioned combatants who were affected by massive floods in Maguindanao. MILF decommissioned combatants in Kapatagan, Lanao del Sur and in Matanog and Parang, Maguindanao del Norte, are set to receive similar assistance from the BARMM Office of the Deputy Speaker and the BARMM Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD).



The activity was graced by Persibal H. Pating Watamama, Municipal Kagawad of Guindulungan, Mr. Jons Jorolo, Team Leader of JPST-Guindulungan; and Mr. Masla Ampao, Admin Officer of the 118th Base Command of the MILF-BIAF.

13. **Relief Distribution to Decommissioned Combatants.** On 18 September 2024 at Kapatagan, Lanao del Sur and Matanog and Parang, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU TFDCC together with the Office of the Deputy Speaker Atty. Laisa M. Alamia, Member of Parliament and GPH TFDCC Chairperson, conducted a 3-day relief distribution extending food assistance to 348 decommissioned MILF combatants previously affected by massive floods. This initiative was made possible through the BARMM Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD).



14. **Ceremonial Commencement of the Educational Assistance Program.** On 26 September 2024 in Cotabato City, the OPAPRU TFDCC and the Mindanao State University (MSU) conducted a Ceremonial Commencement of the Educational Assistance Program for the MILF Decommissioned Combatants and the Release of Cheque to Student-grantees of Bangsamoro Grant-In-Aid Higher Education Program (BGIA-HEP) in Central Mindanao and Region XI.

During the event, the TFDCC and MSU team released the educational assistance, in cheque form, to 326 student-grantees, or 31% of 1,050 target, from the different areas of Maguindanao. Thereafter, a series of check releases in Regions XI and XII shall be conducted on 27 September to 04 October 2024 to cover additional 185 student-grantees, bringing the accomplishment to almost 50% of the annual target before the end of third quarter of FY 2024.

Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

1. **Launching of forum - ZFD Publication on Transitional Justice.** On 14 August 2024 at Rogen Inn, Davao City, OPAPRU Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa as the Chair of the GPH Technical Working Group - Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR), represented OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., in the launching of the forum ZFD publication on transitional justice with the theme "*Transitional Justice in Bangsamoro: What's Next?*".

The conference aimed to make transitional justice a priority topic for both political key actors and civil society organizations by contributing to existing and previous efforts of making transitional justice a priority in the extended transition, to provide a platform and give voice to those communities affected by the previous and on-going conflicts in the Bangsamoro region who might be sidelined by the current narratives and discourses on transitional justice, to raise awareness on transitional justice and provide a platform and opportunity for key actors to exchange with and capacitate others through sectoral and thematic breakout rooms and to learn from regional, national and international experiences on transitional justice and dealing with the past through panel discussions.

The activity concluded with the workshop and presentation of outputs covering four (4) topics: 1) Institutionalization of Transitional Justice; 2) Participatory processes in Transitional Justice Implementation; 3) Overcoming Silos in Transitional Justice Implementation; and 4) Contextualization of Transitional Justice Implementation.



2. Meeting on Land-Related Issues Regarding the Proposed Parcellary Inventory in Priority Areas Associated with the Six Acknowledged Camps.

On 14 September 2024 at the Seda Manila Bay, Aseana City, Paranaque, the OPAPRU Transitional Justice and Reconciliation Office (TJRO) consultant on land-related issues, Ms. Maria Carmen Fernandez, met with the GPH JNC Chairperson, Mr. Ariel

Hernandez, the GPH Co-Chairperson of the JTFCT, MP Baintan Ampatuan, JTFCT Coordinator for Camps Omar and Badre, MP Froilyn Mendoza, and Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo as GPH Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation (TWG-TJR) and Head of the TJRO, to be briefed on the proposed parcel-level inventory of statutory, customary and other land use claims on identified areas that are prioritized for the delivery of socio-economic development aspects of the Normalization program.

Mr. Hernandez agreed in principle to proceed with the proposed undertaking to facilitate the prompt delivery of socio-economic development efforts in the six acknowledged camps. Follow-through meetings shall be conducted with the concerned Normalization mechanisms to further thresh out operational details of the proposed project.

3. Consultation Meeting with Mindanao-Based Civil Society Organizations on the TJR Roadmap of the GPH-MILF TWG-TJR.

On 18 September 2024 at the St. Joseph Retreat House, Cotabato City, the GPIP Panel Secretariat together with the OPAPRU TJRO facilitated a consultation meeting with Mindanao-based Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) relative to the TJR Roadmap. During the meeting, the TJR roadmap that was jointly endorsed by the GPH-MILF TWG on TJR to the Peace Implementing Panels was presented to the CSOs for their comments.



A total of 41 individuals representing 16 CSOs based in Mindanao participated in this undertaking. During the meeting, various inputs and recommendations were generated to enhance the TJR roadmap. This includes determination of possible role/s of CSOs in the implementation of the TJR roadmap; and identification of possible areas of collaboration and support to implement TJR initiatives in response to the 90 TJRC recommendations.



Key attendees of the meeting were the GPIIP Chairperson, Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano and the GPH TWG-TJR represented by EDir. Cesar D. De Mesa, BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (Ret) and Dir. Jana Jill L. Gallardo.

Confidence Building Measures

1. *Amnesty Orientation for MILF and MNLF in Basilan.*

On 17 July 2024 in Isabela City, Basilan, the OPAPRU LNI Team led by Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH-JNC Chairperson, attended and supported the Amnesty Orientation for MILF and MNLF spearheaded by the LNI-Basilan (chaired by the PLGU) and Local Amnesty Board (LAB)-Basilan Secretariat of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC).



The activity started with a brief background and updates on the amnesty provided by Ms. Bai Jessamine Illimin of the LAB-Basilan Secretariat. Thereafter, Atty. Alman-Najar Namla, Provincial Director of Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission-Basilan, oriented the MILF and MNLF members on the amnesty process, such as the application steps, cases covered, among others. The activity was attended by more or less 100 MILF and MNLF members.



2. *18th Meeting of the National Amnesty Commission.* On 17 July 2024 at PICC, Pasay City, the OPAPRU represented by Director Wendell Orbeso for the GPH-MILF Peace Process and Director Emmanuel Santos, Jr. for GPH-CPP-NPA-NDF Peace Process, and representatives from the OPAPRU Peace Tables attended the 18th Meeting of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC).



The Meeting was spearheaded by the NAC Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento and Commissioner Atty. Jamar Kulayan, and was also attended by En Banc members and resource persons from the Department of Justice (DOJ), Department of National Defense (DND), and the Task Force Balik-Loob (TFBL).

During the meeting, the NAC Secretariat provided the body updates on recent accomplishments of the NAC since the 17th NAC Meeting. The presentation also highlighted the work of the late Commissioner Atty. Nasser A. Marohomsalic.

3. ***Inception Meeting and Stakeholders' Forum of MSU-Maguindanao for the Implementation of Agricultural Livelihood Projects for MILF Camps.***

On 29 July 2024 at Camp Abubakar, Barangay Tugaig, Barira, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU through the JTFCT, in partnership with the Mindanao State University (MSU) - Maguindanao, conducted the Inception Meeting and Stakeholders' Forum for the Implementation of Agricultural Livelihood Projects for MILF Camps. The forum aimed to establish a clear roadmap for successful project implementation, ensuring long-term benefits for local communities. This collaborative effort is a crucial step towards transforming former conflict areas into thriving, peaceful, and productive communities. Moreover, part of the activity was the learning session and site visit conducted by the MSU-Maguindanao team and JTFCT. PhilMech performed an ocular inspection of the status of coconuts in the area. This hands-on approach ensured that participants gained valuable insights and practical knowledge to support the successful implementation of agricultural livelihood projects.



The event was graced by notable attendees, including Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano, Chairperson of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel; LTGEN Danilo G. Pamonag (Ret), Co-chairperson of the GPH JTFCT; Dr. Bai Hejira Nefertiti Macalandong Limbona, Chancellor of MSU Maguindanao; Dr. Raquel Santiago-Arenas, Vice Chancellor for Research and Extension at MSU Maguindanao; Khomine Mantawel from the Municipal Planning and

Development Office of the Municipality of Datu Hoffer, MDS; and Head of the MILF JTFCT Secretariat, Mohaimen Usman. Also present in the event were the representatives from cooperatives, JTFCT Camp Coordinators, the GPH PIP Secretariat, JTFCT Secretariat and the JNC Secretariat.

4. ***Groundbreaking of Infrastructure Subprojects in Camp Rajamuda, Omar and Bushra under EU-UNDP's Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Project.***

On 07-08 and 12-14 August 2024 at Camp Rajamuda, Maguindanao del Sur and Camp Omar, Maguindanao del Sur respectively, the OPAPRU, through the Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFCT), participated in the groundbreaking ceremony for six significant projects in Maguindanao del Sur and Lanao del Sur under the United Nations Development Programme's PROACTIVE projects. The ceremony marked the start of construction for several facilities, including a warehouse and solar dryer in Brgy. Kilangan (Pagalungan), Brgy. Tuayan Mother (Datu Hoffer), and Brgy. Poktan (Butig); a water refilling station and children's park in Brgy. Tuayan Mother; and a school library in Brgy. Sandab (Butig) within Camps Rajamuda, Omar, and Bushra.



Key attendees included JTFCT Camp Coordinator of Camp Bushra MP Jannati Mimbantas, the MILF JTFCT Secretariat, and representatives from the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA). UNDP representatives, including Engr. Nelson Peloton and

Melanio Adao, along with local government officials from Datu Hoffer and the barangays of Pagalungan and Butig, were also present.

The ceremony concluded positively, with the community expressing gratitude for these projects. They pledged to utilize the facilities responsibly and committed to their proper maintenance.

PROACTIVE, together with members of the GPH-MILF JTFCT, has identified small-scale, quick-impact infrastructure subprojects in the six MILF camps based on: (1) the priority needs of the MILF camps as reflected in the six-year Camp Transformation Plan (CT); and (2) the results of community consultations, site profiling, needs validation, and revalidation conducted from August to December 2022.



5. **Turn Over of Rural Health Unit in Camp Bushra, Lanao del Sur and Camp Omar, Maguindanao del Sur.** On 15 August 2024 at Sandab, Butig, Lanao del Sur and Brgy. Talibadok, Datu Hoffer, Maguindanao del Sur, the OPAPRU TFDCC turned over a Rural Health Unit (RHU) with birthing facilities to the community of Sandab, Butig, Lanao Del Sur and Brgy. Talibadok, Datu Hoffer, Maguindanao del Sur. The RHU shall provide healthcare to the MILF decommissioned combatants, their families, and even residents of adjacent communities. It can serve an estimated population of 5,000 including the 500 MILF decommissioned combatants residing in Camp Bushra and Camp Omar. The construction of RHU with birthing facilities is part of the socio-economic programs for the MILF decommissioned combatants and their communities. It is a joint effort of the OPAPRU, DOH and BARMM MOH with a total allocation of Php57 million pesos. The ceremony was attended by Butig Mayor Dimnatang Pansar, MP Jannati Mimbantas, MOH Dr. Analyn Dimanapat; OSAP Directors Luisito Rabat and Carlo Paulino, GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair PA Cesar Yano, JTFCT Co-Chair LTGEN Danilo Pamong (Ret.), JPSC Co-Chair MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret.), and GPH CCCH Chair BGEN Nasser P Lidasan.



6. **Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Water System Level-2 Project.** On 03 September 2024 at Brgy. Sapad, Matanog, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU Joint Task Force on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) Secretariat, led by Engr. Bryan Arevalo, Engr. Gerald James Malicad, Engr. Sittie Rayyah Abas and Ms. Soada Watamama, attended the

groundbreaking ceremony of the Water System Level-2 project in Brgy. Sapad. The said event was organized by the Municipality of Matanog led by Mayor Zohria Bansil-Guro.

The Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Water System Level-2 Project is part of the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program and as a priority program of the Government that supports the Normalization in the Bangsamoro. This is also one among the many PAMANA projects in the previously-acknowledged MILF Camps to be implemented for this year.



7. **Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Water System Level-2 and Improvement of Hygiene Facility Project under PROACTIVE Project of EU-UNDP.** On 13 September 2024 at Brgy. Sawir, Masiu, Lanao Del Sur, OPAPRU JTFCT Secretariat, led by Engr. Gerald James Malicad, and Ms. Aiza Ali, attended the groundbreaking ceremony of the Water System Level-2 and Improvement of Hygiene Facility Project under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) Project of EU-UNDP.

The staff of PROACTIVE, together with members of the GPH-MILF JTCT, has identified small-scale, quick-impact infrastructure subprojects in the six MILF camps based on: (1) the priority needs of the MILF camps as reflected in the six-year Camp Transformation Plan (CT); and (2) the results of community consultations, site profiling, needs validation, and revalidation earlier conducted from August to December 2022.



MP Jannati Mimbantas, JTFCT Camp Coordinator, the MILF JTFCT Secretariat, Mr. Melanio Adao, UNDP representative, and representatives from the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) were present during the activity.

8. **Local Consultation of the Master Development Plan for Camp Badre.** On 17 September 2024 at Sitio Project, Brgy. Tamar, Talayan, Maguindanao del Sur, the OPAPRU JTFCT together with several BARMM Ministries and the Office of MP Froilyn Mendoza, held a local consultation regarding the Master Development Plan (MDP) for Camp Badre, Maguindanao del Sur. During the discussion, Indigenous Peoples expressed concerns about how the MDP would benefit them and the potential implications of its implementation. The GPH JTFCT Secretariat gathered recommendations from the Camp Coordinators and Co-chairs.

The MDP is a 20-year vision designed to transform the camps into peaceful and productive communities. It includes a range of initiatives focused on improving local industries, ensuring food security, boosting agricultural productivity, developing housing projects,

enhancing social welfare services, fostering human resources development, and upgrading infrastructure, among other goals.



9. **Turn Over of Irrigation Facilities to Communities in Maguindanao.** On 19 September 2024 at the Pagana Hall, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU TFDCC attended and provided administrative support on the official turnover of the National Irrigation Administration (NIA) of communal irrigation facilities to four communities in the towns of Sultan Mastura and Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte, Guindulungan and in Talayan, Maguindanao del Sur.



The irrigation facilities have the capacity to irrigate 436 hectares of farmlands and will benefit 342 farmers, including the MILF decommissioned combatants. The funding for the project amounting to PhP55.5 million was provided through OPAPRU and NIA was utilized for the construction of lateral canal, access road, protective dike, and development of solar and electro-mechanical pumps.

Present during the ceremony were representatives from the local governments of Sultan Mastura, Talayan, Datu Odin Sinsuat, and Guindulungan; Irrigators' Associations; BARMM Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform; BARMM Ministry of Public Works; NIA; and from members of the media.

10. **Ceremonial Turnover of Rural Health Units with Birthing Facilities.** On 27 September 2024 at Munai Lanao del Norte, the OPAPRU TFDCC and JTFCT together with the DOH and BARMM MOH, turned over the Rural Health Units with birthing facilities to the community in Panggao, Munai Lanao del Norte. These initiatives aim to deliver free medical care in conjunction with the ceremonial turnover/launching of RHUs. Said activities will underscore the strong commitment of the GPH and MILF to deliver the socioeconomic program under Normalization addressing the needs of the decommissioned combatants in their communities.

❖ CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

Mainstreaming of GAD and WPS. Program 1 ensured the women representation and participation in the activities conducted for this period. Furthermore, the program would like to highlight the participation to CSO led activities such as:

- *Women's Action Dialogue organized by Gaston Z. Ortigas (GZO) Peace Institute and WE ACT 1325 on 23 July 2024 in Cotabato City wherein the event was attended by 25 women leaders from various organizations including representatives from the island provinces, BIWAB, and indigenous women.*
- *Initiatives for Peace Dialogue with CSOs on 24 July 2024 in Davao City organized by Catholic Relief Services (CRS) was attended by 15 organizations from Mindanao Peaceweavers and the Principles for Peace Platform groups.*

Mainstreaming of CSPP

1. Declaration of Tuburan, Basilan as an ASG-Free Municipality.

On 17 July 2024 at Tuburan Municipal Gymnasium, Basilan, the OPAPRU LNI Team led by GPH-JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel C. Hernandez attended the Signing of Commitment Ceremony in the Declaration of Tuburan, Basilan as an Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG)-Free Municipality. A ceremonial turn-over of 11 assorted loose firearms to the 101st Infantry BDE was done afterwards as part of the program. Among the attendees present were BGEN Alvin Luzon PA, Brigade Commander of 101 Brigade, Hon. Jhaber S Kallahal, Mayor of Tuburan Municipality, PCOL Carlos I Madrionio, Police Provincial Director as represented by PLT Loerata Viado, COP Tuburan MPS, Mr. Jerry Salapuddin, Former Basilan Governor, and Mr. Richard Narvaez, Municipal Tourism Officer.



2. Conflict Resolution Initiative.

On 17 July 2024 at Ungkaya Pukan, Basilan, the OPAPRU LNI team led by Mr. Ariel Hernandez, OPAPRU GPH-JNC Chairperson together with BGEN Alvin Luzon, Brigade Commander, 101st Infantry Brigade and representatives from LGU Tipo-Tipo, Basilan attended the *Rido* Settlement of the longstanding *Rido* between the parties of Mr. Muslimun H. Yasil, National Dragon Border Command (NDBC) - MNLF and Mr. Barahim Bara Baiti, Jihada Mindanao Command (JMC) - MNLF both residents of Brgy. Bohe Baca, Tipo-Tipo, Basilan. The activity was hosted by the 45IB PA which aimed to settle the dispute that severely crippled the local economy, education, and the normal delivery of government services in the affected area.

3. Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the IP's School of Living Traditions.

On 18 July 2024 at Upi Agricultural School, Nuro Poblacion Upi, Maguindanao Del Norte, the OPAPRU, represented by Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation Jordan S. Bayam, attended the Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the IP's School of Living Traditions in Upi, Maguindanao Del Norte.

EDir. Bayam delivered the message highlighting the value of education and preservation of cultural heritage of IP groups and communities in the Bangsamoro. He also expressed deepest gratitude to the European Union (EU), Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS) and UNOPS for their contributions to the fulfillment of the project.



4. ***Awarding of Plaque of Appreciation to the Commanding General of the 6th Infantry Division.*** On 23 July 2024 at Camp GH Siongco, Awang, DOS, Maguindanao del Norte, the OPAPRU JPSC presented a plaque of appreciation to MGEN Alex Rillera PA for his invaluable support to the JPSC, JPSTs and the whole Normalization Program that contributed greatly to the furtherance of peace process in Mindanao during his stint as the Commanding General of the 6ID from 27 January 2023 to 23 July 2024.



The awarding was held during the 6th Infantry "Kampilan" Division's Change of Command Ceremony with LTGEN Roy Galido, Commanding General, PA as Guest of Honor and Presiding General. The Outgoing Commander, MGEN Alex Rillera PA relinquished his Command to the Incoming Commander, MGEN Antonio R Nafarrete PA.

5. ***Dialogues organized by Peace Process Civil Society Organizations.*** The GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson Cesar B. Yano attended two dialogues organized by civil society organizations (CSOs) supporting the peace process in the provinces of Cotabato and Davao.



On 23 July 2024, the "Women's Action Dialogue - Moving Forward on Normalization" was organized by Gaston Z. Ortigas (GZO) Peace Institute and WE ACT 1325 in Cotabato City. The event was attended by 25 women leaders from various organizations including representatives from the island provinces, BIWAB, and indigenous women.

On 24 July 2024, the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Philippines organized the "Initiatives for Peace Dialogue with CSOs" in Davao City. The activity was a dialogue with the GPH Peace Implementing Panel on the sidelines of CRS - Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies PAM-M scoring with the CSOs. The activity was attended by 15 organizations from Mindanao Peaceweavers and the Principles for Peace Platform groups.



During the dialogues, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson provided updates on the status of the political track, and various aspects of the Normalization Program, and received updates from key CSOs regarding their efforts in supporting the program's implementation.

6. **UNHCR Inception Workshop.** On 02 August 2024 at Davao City, the OPAPRU through the Task Force for Decommissioned Combatants and their Communities (TFDCC) Secretariat and International and Private Partnership Office (IPPO), participated in the Inception Workshop conducted by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the implementation of the project “Promoting Digital Birth Registration in Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao”.



The TFDCC is among the partners of UNHCR in this project which aims to provide birth registration to three specific groups in BARMM such as the Sama Badjao, children affected by armed conflict, and the MILF decommissioned combatants. More than 30,000 people are expected to directly benefit from this project. Civil registration is part of the package of socio-economic programs being provided to MILF decommissioned combatants to help them transition to civilian life and access available government assistance and programs.



Discussed in the workshop were the project objectives and its contribution to improving the resilience of the marginalized population in BARMM; the projected outcomes, outputs, activities, and priority target areas; analysis of potential risks and challenges; strategies to guide project implementation; and monitoring and evaluation protocols.

7. **Launching of ADR Manual.** On 05 August 2024 at EM Manor, Cotabato City, the GPH-MILF PPO and GPH-JNC Secretariat attended the launching of the Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Manual organized by the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS) in partnership with the Mindanao State University (MSU) Marawi - Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (IPDM).

The Community-Based Research and Training Module on ADR manual will serve as a guide for local mediators in the Bangsamoro region. Moreover, the manual can help conflict-affected areas outside the BARMM and may be used at the grassroots level to serve as a reference for future generations.



8. **CGSC Lecture.** On 07 August 2024 at AFPETDC Building, Camp Aguinaldo, Quezon City, Dir. Wendell Orbeso of the OPAPRU GPH-MILF Peace Process Office delivered a lecture to the members of Command and General Staff College (CGSC) class 75 on the GPH-MILF Peace Process. Dir. Orbeso responded to the questions of the students relative to the status

of the implementation of the Normalization Program, the implication of the BARMM elections on the peace process, role of the AFP in the implementation of the CAB, nexus between the Bangsamoro and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) issues, among others.

9. **LRS Activity in support to the celebration of IHL Day 2024.** On 20 August 2024 via videoconference, OPAPRU PPPCO Dir. Ishmael I. Bahjin presented the grassroots application of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in conflict-affected areas during the Learning and Reflection Session (LRS) Activity organized by the PDSKMS for OPAPRU employees. The activity is in celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Geneva Convention and the IHL.



10. **Launch of Conflict Alert Triennial Report 2021-2023.** On 22 August 2024 at the New World Hotel, Makati City, the GPIP-MILF Chair PA Cesar B. Yano and DILG Usec. Alfredo F. Bayan attended the launch of Appeasing Violence, Conjuring Peace: Conflict Alert Report 2021-2023 organized by the Council for Climate and Conflict Action Asia (CCAA). The event featured Chair Yano as a panelist, providing his commentary and insights on the Conflict Alert Triennial Report, alongside Atty. Marvin Mokamad from the BARMM MILG; Georgi Engelbrecht of the International Crisis Group; and Francisco Lara, Jr., Executive Director of Council for Climate and Conflict Action (CCCA). The new triennial report provides an analysis of the conflict situation from 2021 to 2023, examining the factors contributing to the ongoing challenges in achieving sustainable peace in the Bangsamoro region. It explores the complex dynamics that have led to the resurgence of violence, despite a decline following the Marawi siege in 2017, the enforcement of martial law, and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. The CCAA is an independent NGO that evolved from International Alert Philippines focusing on the roots of violent conflicts and the vulnerabilities affecting the achievement of lasting peace.



11. **International Forum on Law and Religion.** On 22 August 2024 at University of the Philippines, Bonifacio Global City, Taguig, Dir. Ishmael Bahjin of OPAPRU PPPCO served as a speaker in the International Forum on Law and Religion organized by the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy, University of the Philippines College of Law, and the International Center for Law and Religion Studies, Brigham Young University. The theme of the forum is "Building Peace Through the Protection of Religious Freedom". Dir. Bahjin discussed

Peacebuilding, Conflict Mitigation, and the Role of Faith-Based Actors in the BARMM during the Faith, Peace, and Security Session of the forum.

12. **PROSPER Bangsamoro Inception Workshop.** On 04 September 2024 at Jade Hall, Em Manor Hotel, Cotabato City, the OPAPRU Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Secretariat staff Ms. Sittie Sahara Kasan and Ms. Reshiel Sombrio represented Dir. Wendell P. Orbeso, head of the GPH-MILF PPO and GPH-JNC Secretariat, during the PROSPER Bangsamoro Programme on Stabilization, Peacebuilding and Resilience in the Bangsamoro Inception Workshop. PROSPER Bangsamoro seeks to contribute efforts to strengthen post-conflict governance, enable community stabilization and support



normalization processes as urgently needed. This initiative is spearheaded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), funded under the Australian Aid.

The inception workshop aims to provide convergence among Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Bangsamoro Government, National Government Agencies (NGAs), and other pertinent stakeholders in addressing emerging issues of the peace and security in the Bangsamoro Region, establishment of means and ways to address post-conflict issues and filling in the gaps.

The JNC Secretariat provided an opening message and shared insights on the progress of the Normalization Program and the different components aligned to it in transforming former combatants and their communities to peaceful, developed and productive civilian lives.



In attendance during the workshop were representatives from BARMM Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG); Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS); Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS); Peace, Security and Reconciliation Office (PSRO); Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC); Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC); Mindanao State University (MSU) representing the academe; Teduray Lambangian Women's Organization through MP Froilyn Mendoza; and the Religious Sector.

13. **Baseline Training on IHL.** On 06 September 2024 at Dimalupig Hall, AFPCOC, Camp Aguinaldo, in commemoration of the IHL Month in the Philippines, the OPAPRU through GPH-MILF PPO Director Wendell P. Orbeso, served as a resource person on the Baseline Training on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) facilitated by the Department of National Defense (DND) in partnership with the International Committee on the Red Cross (ICRC). Dir. Orbeso tackled IHL in the context of the Philippine comprehensive peace process, and the Philippines' faithfulness to the signed international covenants as stipulated in some of the provisions of the peace agreements.

The attendees of the said training were IHL Ad Hoc Committee Member Agencies including the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and the Philippine Coast Guard (PCG).

14. **Positive Peace Training.** On 10 September 2024 via videoconference and at the Sheraton Manila Bay, the GPH-MILF PPO and other OPAPRU offices/units attended the Positive Peace Training with the theme: Measuring & Integrating Data-Backed Peace Frameworks hosted by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) and the NTF-ELCAC.

The resource persons from IEP provided the participants with a deep understanding of Positive Peace and its eight pillars. Unlike Negative Peace, which is simply the absence of violence or conflict, Positive Peace focuses on the factors that actively promote and maintain harmony, justice, and well-being in a society. It includes elements such as a well-functioning government, equitable distribution of resources, free flow of information, good relations with neighbors, and high levels of human capital.

Practical tools and methodologies were also discussed through breakout rooms and workshops. These tools focused on how to measure the impact of Positive Peace initiatives and track its progress.

The activity was attended by various government agencies, NTF-ELCAC Cluster Heads and Representatives, JRTF Heads/Representatives, Members, and Desk Officers.

15. **AFPPDO Peace Symposium Caravan.** During the following dates and venue the AFP Peace and Development Office together with the OPAPRU conducted a peace symposium caravan:
- 12 September 2024 at TRADOC PA, Capas, Tarlac City
 - 17 September 2024 at Philippine Navy NETDC, San Antonio, Zambales
 - September 2024 at PMA, Baguio City

The OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO together with the other Peace Table Representatives served as Subject Matter Experts during the Peace Symposium Caravan organized by the AFP Peace and Development Office (PDO).

The Peace Symposium is with the Philippine Army Training and Doctrine Command and is geared towards fostering a deeper sense of commitment to peace among military leaders. This direct engagement aims to cultivate a cohesive armed forces with a profound understanding of how peace contributes to stability and socioeconomic growth.

PPPCO Director Ishmael Bahjin and GPH-MILF PPO Deputy Head Ms. Ma. Erlinda Villa, representing Director Wendell Orbeso, discussed the topic on Peace Pulse: Significant Milestones in the GPH-MILF Peace Process.



16. **Peace Forum.** On 19 September 2024 at the Al Nor Convention, Cotabato City, Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa, Chair of the GPH TWG-TJR, served as a resource person and provided updates on the implementation of the TJR Program in the Bangsamoro during the Peace Forum organized by the World Vision Development Foundation in partnership with Forum ZFD and Plan International Pilipinas and members as follows: OND Hased Foundation; Kutawato Greenland Initiatives; Tiyakap Kalilintad; Kadtuntaya Foundation Inc.; Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society Organizations; Cotabato City – Tri-people Youth Organization; and Empowered Youth as Peacebuilder.

The Peace Forum is a platform for regular gathering, dialogue and meaningful engagement as members meet on a quarterly basis to tackle pressing issues in the BARMM. This platform is composed of representatives from various community sectors involving regional and local government line agencies, CSOs, NGOs, youth, women mediators and faith and traditional leaders.

The activity was participated by various CSOs based in Cotabato City as well as representatives from the city school's division office. Moreover, it was graced by the Chairperson of the GPH Peace Implementing Panel, Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano who provided a message of support along with the member of the MILF TWG-TJR, Mr. Anwar Upahm.

17. **Du'a Offering Ceremony.** On 24 September 2024 at OPAPRU Peace Center, Camp BGEN Gonzalo H. Siongco, Awang, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao, the OPAPRU Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster through the GPH-MILF PPO with support from the GPH Panel Secretariat, JTFCT, TFDCC, TJRO, Field Operation Support Unit (FOSU), Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH) - Ad Hoc Joint Action Group (CCCH-AHJAG), Joint Peace and Security Committee (JPSC), International Decommissioning Body (IDB), and the Cotabato Office for Financial Management Service (FMS) facilitated the conduct of the Du'a Offering Ceremony.



BGEN Nasser P Lidasan, Assistant Division Commander of the 6th Infantry Division and the GPH Chairperson of the CCCH delivered his welcome remarks and followed by the Du'a and Prayer offering led by CPT Alinair Guro PA and Fr. Renante Aban. The Du'a Offering Ceremony is a posthumous recognition of the invaluable contributions of key peace pioneers in the BARMM peace process. These individuals made an indelible mark in peacemaking, peacekeeping and peacebuilding in the country.



On behalf of Hon. Abdulraof Macacua, Governor of Maguindanao del Norte, Provincial Administrator Tomanda Antok, PhD delivered his Keynote Message.

Subsequently, Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano, Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, BGEN Nasser Lidasan, and Dr. Tomanda Antok presented the Plaques of Recognition to former Chairperson Ghazali Jaafar of the Bangsamoro Transition Commission (BTC), former MILF-JNC Chairperson Muhammad Nasif, former MILF

AHJAG Chair and BTA member Atty. Abdul Dataya, former MILF CCCH Chair Mr. Rasid Ladiasan, and former GPH CCCH Head Secretariat, Maj. Carlos T. Sol, Jr (Ret). The said plaques were received by the immediate family members of the awardees.

The activity also included awarding of one of the 2024 Gawad Kapayapaan awardees, former BTC Chairperson Ghazali Jaafar. The award was given in recognition and celebration for his invaluable contributions towards the promotion and attainment of just and lasting peace in the Bangsamoro.

The activity concluded with the Closing message from Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation, PA David B. Diciano wherein he reiterated the sacrifices of the awardees in paving the way for a peaceful and just future. He also encouraged everyone to honor their memory and inspire future generations of their work.



18. **Wreath Offering Ceremony.** On 26 September 2024 at the Manila Memorial Park-Sucat, the OPAPRU PPPCO together with other Program 1 units organized a Wreath Offering Ceremony in commemoration of the contributions of former Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process Ambassador Manuel T. Yan Sr. and Former Presidents Corazon C. Aquino and Benigno Aquino III in achieving a just and lasting peace for the nation and all Filipinos.

Stakeholders Participation



1. ***Courtesy Meeting of the United Nations Development Programme Philippines to the National Amnesty Commission.*** On 01 July 2024 at the PICC, Pasay City, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in the Philippines, accompanied by the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO paid a courtesy visit to the National Amnesty Commission (NAC). In this courtesy meeting, the NAC and the UNDP Philippines, with the support of the GPH-MILF PPO, had the opportunity to meet and learn about the meaningful work carried out by their offices and organizations. The Commission, represented by its Chairperson Atty. Leah Tanodra-Armamento, provided a brief introduction about the NAC and the amnesty program for the members of the MILF.

Dr. Srinivas Kumar Venkumahanthi, Team Leader of the UNDP Philippines Peace and Stabilization Programme, introduced the UNDP and its support

to the Bangsamoro and the Peace Process. He also introduced Dr. Judith De Guzman, Project Manager of the UNDP Philippines Peacebuilding Cluster, for their presentation on the Project ReBUILD: Resilience Capacity Building for Cities and Municipalities to Reduce Disaster Risks from Climate Change and Natural Hazards. The project highlights a collaborative support to the amnesty process for the MILF.

After a fruitful discussion on areas for partnership and collaboration, particularly through Project ReBUILD, the parties have agreed to continue in their next meeting by instituting a technical working group for a more detailed discussion and planning on the efforts for the amnesty of MILF members through the said project.



2. ***Meeting of the GPIP-MILF with Catholic Relief Services Philippines on Peace Accords Matrix – Mindanao.*** On 10 July 2024 via videoconference, the GPIP-MILF met with Ms. Myla Leguro and Mr. Bencel Giguiento of Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Philippines. The purpose of the meeting was to present updates and

discuss the next steps regarding the ongoing JNC monitoring of the normalization process using the PAM methodology. CRS apprised the GPH Panel Chairperson of the key results from the baseline report, including additional analyses requested by the MILF using the new coding system (Institution, Processes, and Program/Outputs). The team also shared the upcoming activities of Peace Accords Matrix - Mindanao (PAM-M) for this year (i.e., schedule of the joint scoring), while recognizing the mandate of the TPMT as the main monitoring body for the Bangsamoro Peace Process.



3. **OPAPRU Mindanao Mid-Year Assessment and Planning.** On 10-13 July 2024 in General Santos City, the OPAPRU Field Operations Support Unit (FOSU) in collaboration with the Human Resource Management Service (HRMS), spearheaded the OPAPRU Mindanao Mid-Year Assessment and Planning participated by 133 personnel of Mindanao Field Offices and the Chairpersons of the Peace Implementing Mechanisms. The activity aimed to provide staff a venue for assessing

their performance, discussing work issues and identifying group solutions for various concerns and help the personnel perform better. Further, the activity was done to implement a variety of group dynamics, group processing and sharing sessions, and personnel resilience and welfare discussions.

4. **Meeting with the Australian Embassy in the Philippines to discuss the Localizing Normalization Implementation.** On 11 July 2024 in Makati City, the OPAPRU led by Mr. Ariel Hernandez, GPH-JNC Chairperson together with Lt. Gen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret.), GPH-JTFCT Co-Chairperson, and Dir. Dennis Legaspi, IPPO Head, met with Mr. Matthew Boyall, Second Secretary (Political) and Mr. EJ Solis, Program Officer of the Australian Embassy to discuss the Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) program.



During the meeting, Mr. Hernandez provided updates on and ways forward of the LNI program. He emphasized that the program provides substantial and sustainable impact to the Normalization program through alignment of National, BARMM, and local projects.

Mr. Boyall inquired on how international partners may support the LNI program. The OPAPRU team answered that they can adopt a province and introduce industry-based programs for value-adding crop and farming outputs. The Australian Embassy in the Philippines expressed their support to OPAPRU's LNI program.

5. **Media Forum on the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro.** On 13 July 2024 in Cotabato City, the GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chairperson Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano attended the Media Forum on CAB organized by the BARMM Office of Member of Parliament, Atty. Suharto Ambolodto. The event gathered around 30 media practitioners and influencers from BARMM areas to discuss critical issues and developments in the peace process.



During the Q&A session, the participants sought clarification on various concerns, including the status of camps transformation, the progress of interventions for decommissioned combatants, the policing, and the amnesty program. The engaging dialogue provided valuable insights and addressed the media's queries on these pivotal aspects of the peace agreement.



Additionally, MP Ambolodto provided detailed explanations about the Special Development Fund (SDF) under the BOL and its significant impact on conflict-affected communities. His comprehensive response highlighted the importance of the SDF in fostering sustainable development and improving the lives of those affected by the conflict.

The forum served as a vital platform for enhancing understanding and fostering transparency about the ongoing efforts and challenges in the Bangsamoro peace process.

6. ***Courtesy Call and Meeting with Governor Imelda Q. Dimaporo and Party.*** On 15 July 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. together with Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation David B. Diciano, Executive Director for Bangsamoro Transformation Jordan S. Bayam, and GPH-JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez met with Governor Imelda Q. Dimaporo and Vice Governor Allan Lim of Lanao del Norte, DSWD Undersecretary Aliah Dimaporo, DILG Lanao del Norte Provincial Director Bruce Colao, and Mr. Musa Sanguila to discuss the ongoing LNI projects of the province.



Governor Dimaporo expressed her gratitude for the support of the OPAPRU in implementing projects in Lanao del Norte, especially in Camp Bilal and other MILF communities. The PAPRU reiterated his commitment to peace and development in the province through the LNI program and PAMANA projects. The meeting concluded with both parties agreeing to sustain the momentum of the LNI program in the province.



7. ***Meeting relative to Partnerships for Peace and Development in Mindanao.*** On 18 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF PPO and the IPPO attended a meeting related to the program on Partnerships for Peace and Development in Mindanao funded by the European Union (EU). The meeting

discussed the implementation process as well as the designated implementing partner for the program. The meeting was attended by Dir. Wendell Orbeso, Mr. Prisci Val Bulanhagui, and Ms. Shiela Del Rosario from OPAPRU, Director General Mohajirin Ali from BPDA, Atty. Bong Montesa, delegates from the EU led by Mr. Christoph Wagner, Ms. Emily Mercado, and Ms. Myrto Christofidou.

8. **Meeting with the United Nations Development Programme.** On 19 July 2024 at OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, the OPAPRU through the GPH-MILF PPO and IPPO met with the UNDP to discuss the United Nations Electoral Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) for electoral assistance.



The aforementioned program was made through a request from the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) which shall enhance the development activities in digitalization and capacity building for electoral reform and political participation that supports gender equality catered towards the conduct of the 2025 BARMM elections. The NAM team was composed of Mr. Haissam Minkara, the Political Affairs Officer of the Electoral Assistance Division, Mr. Dan Malinovich, Political Specialist and focal point for electoral assistance in UNDP HQ, and Ms. Alma saliu-Pulver, Senior Political Affairs Officer and Team Leader for South and Southeast Asia.



9. **South-South Cooperation Program for Peace Building Meeting: Colombia - Philippines Consultation.** On 30 July 2024 via videoconference, the OPAPRU through Dir. Wendell Orbeso of the GPH-MILF PPO joined Dir. Dennis Legaspi of IPPO in an online meeting with the APC Colombia led by Mr. Ariel Halpern, and the Colombian Embassy in Manila represented by Consul Ladyz Rodriguez, to discuss the ways forward for the South-South Cooperation (SSC) Program for Peace Building. Presented during the meeting were the common areas of interest between the Philippines and Colombia such as financial mechanisms, reintegration of combatants, transitional justice, and development programs for the priority conflict-affected areas.

Dir. Orbeso emphasized that the Philippines is advanced in political reintegration but may be needing support for specific socioeconomic interventions, among others. He joined Consul Ladyz Rodriguez in recommending that future partnerships and activities should take off from the previously-approved Agreed Conclusions on the Project between the OPAPRU, DFA, and the Embassy of Colombia in the Philippines, entitled “Strengthening Institutional Capacities in Reincorporation and Normalization for Former Combatants in the Philippines based on the Colombian Experience”. This is to ensure that the previous efforts and discussions will not go to waste and succeeding efforts will have added value to ongoing programs both in the Normalization Program in the BARMM and Colombia.

10. **Symposium Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the CAB.** On 07 August 2024 at JICA Ogata Sadako Research Institute for Peace and Development, Tokyo, Japan, the OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., Presidential Assistant for Bangsamoro Transformation David B. Diciano, GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano and GPIIP-MILF Secretariat Director Farrah Grace V. Naparan attended the Symposium “Commemorating the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the CAB” with the theme “Decade of Progress: Reviewing the Peace Process after CAB and Charting the Future” organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). The event centered on the review of the progress of the Bangsamoro peace process since the signing of the CAB in March 2014, highlighting the initiatives and major accomplishments reached by both the GPH and the MILF and the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) over the past decade. The symposium also aimed to foster a shared understanding of the challenges in sustaining peace, stability, and development since the establishment of the BARMM and ways forward after the establishment of the elected Bangsamoro Government in 2025.

Secretary Galvez and Bangsamoro Chief Minister Ahod B. Ebrahim delivered keynote messages, underscoring the overview of the past decade in the implementation of the CAB and its challenges and prospects. The symposium also included a panel discussion with DBM Sec. Amenah F. Pangandaman, GPH Peace Implementing Panel Chair PA Cesar B. Yano, BARMM Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE) Min. Mohagher M. Iqbal, MILG Min. Sha Elijah B. Dumama-Alba, and JICA Vice president Miyazaki Katsura.

11. **UN PSEA Brown Bag Session on Peacebuilding in the BARMM.** On 16 August 2024, via videoconference, the United Nations Protection Against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Network (UN PSEA) conducted an online brown bag session on peacebuilding in the BARMM, with the participation of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) from the region. The OPAPRU PPPCO, represented by Mr. Mark Sherwin C. Bayanito, presented the OPAPRU's approach to peacebuilding in the BARMM focusing on the normalization/transformation process for the Bangsamoro peace process. The PPPCO likewise accommodated questions raised by participants on peacebuilding practices for the GPH-MILF and the GPH-MNLF peace processes. The UN PSEA will look into possible partnerships with the OPAPRU and the security sector for the promotion of the PSEA framework.
12. **CSO Refresher on the Comprehensive Agreement on Bangsamoro.** On 20 August 2024 at The Linden Suites, Ortigas Center, Pasig City, GPIIP-MILF Chair PA Cesar B. Yano and Secretariat Head Dir. Farrah Grace V. Naparan presented updates on the implementation of the CAB during the Civil Society Organization Refresher on the CAB, a forum organized by the Institute for Autonomy and Governance (IAG) and the Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID) with the support of the Australian Government. The event was participated by the representatives of Principles for Peace (P4P) constituent CSOs, Manila-based CSOs, and the academic community.

Aside from the updates on the implementation of the CAB, former OPAPP Secretary Teresita Quintos-Deles presented the overview and challenges in the Bangsamoro peace process while former GPH Peace Negotiating Panel Chair Prof. Miriam Coronel Ferrer and IAG Executive Director Atty. Benedicto Bacani provided their reactions.

During the open forum and reflection session, the participants highlighted the need for continued dialogue, addressing gaps in implementation, and ensuring inclusive governance in the Bangsamoro. The importance of the first regular elections in the BARMM in 2025, role of CSOs in the peace process, and the need to revitalize local peacebuilding efforts were also emphasized. Concerns were raised about ongoing conflicts, displacement especially of non-Moro IPs, and the need for effective dispute resolution mechanisms.

13. **Courtesy Call and Meeting on SALW Program with the 6ID Commander.**

On 22 August 2024 at Camp Siongco Gonzalo, 6th Infantry Division. GPH-JNC Chair Mr. Ariel Hernandez along with GPH-JPSC Chairperson MGEN Francisco Ariel Felicidadario (Ret.) and member PMGEN Eden Ugale (Ret.) paid a courtesy visit to MGEN Antonio Nafarrete PA, Commander of the 6th



Infantry Division. Part of the courtesy visit is the discussion on the implementation of the Localizing Normalization Implementation - Small Arms and Light Weapons (LNI-SALW) Program and how it can significantly increase the number of individuals to turn in loose firearms in areas covered by the 6th Infantry Division.

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

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

1. Briefing Session for the Newly Reconstituted GPH Management Committee.

On 26 July 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), Pasay City, the GPH-MNLF PPO organized a briefing session for the newly reconstituted GPH Management Committee to orient the new panel on the mandate of the mechanism



and update them on the status of the implementation of the remaining commitments of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement and the MNLF Transformation Program. BGen Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.) chairs the new GPH committee, with Executive Director Jordan Bayam, BGen. Alexander Macario (Ret.), Atty. Agripino G. Javier, and Dr. Mario J. Aguja as members.

The contributions of the former members of the GPH-MNLF Peace Mechanisms, most notably former Chairperson Presidential Assistant Cesar B. Yano, were recognized, and Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr, presented plaques of appreciation. The session was also attended by Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisima, Bangsamoro Transformation Cluster Head Presidential Assistant David B. Diciano, Executive Director Andres S. Aguinaldo, Jr., and Chief of Staff Dir. Francisco Mendoza, Jr.

At the end of the briefing, Secretary Galvez provided guidance on the focus areas for the GPH Management Committee, emphasizing programs and interventions related to security, socio-economic development, community healing and reconciliation, and confidence-building.



2. CSGC presentation on the updates of the MNLF peace process.

On 08 August 2024, Dir. Jana Jill Gallardo of the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office (GPH-MNLF PPO) presented an update on the GPH-MNLF Peace Process during the Peace and Security module discussion at the Command and General Staff College (CGSC). Her presentation was part of a series focused on various peace

processes, including those involving the MILF, the MNLF, and localized peace engagements.

Following her presentation, a Q&A session delved into several critical issues. Participants raised concerns about holding MNLF members accountable for illegal activities, such as involvement in the Zamboanga Siege or unauthorized recruitment, and discussed the MNLF's role in the upcoming BARMM elections. Strategies to prevent the resurgence of armed groups were also explored. The discussion further covered the government's stance on not negotiating with terrorist groups like the BIFF, the aftermath of incidents like the Zamboanga Siege, and the challenges associated with decommissioning and reintegration efforts.

Additional topics included the validation of MNLF member affiliations, their reintegration into security forces, and the broader national strategy for managing armed conflict, as well as the limitations of OPAPRU's mandate. There were also questions regarding the MNLF Amnesty Program and the procedures for verifying applicants.

3. **4th Convergence Meeting.** The 4th Convergence Meeting, held on 13 August 2024 at the Apo View Hotel, Davao City aimed to strive towards the convergence of efforts with the MNLF and to identify and address issues within the various subcommittees. It was attended by key officials, including Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., leaders from both the MNLF groups and Members of the Bangsamoro Parliament, members of the GPH Management/Peace Implementing Committee led by Chairperson BGEN. Buenaventura Pascual, security sector leaders headed by Western Mindanao Command Chief LtGen. William Gonzales, Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA) Chief Secretary Leo Tereso Magno, and the Guest of Honor, Special Assistant to the President, Secretary Ernesto Antonio Lagdameo Jr.



In his opening remarks, Secretary Galvez highlighted the MNLF's vital role in achieving peace and development in Mindanao and underscored the need for cooperation and convergence among all MNLF groups to transform their members into agents of peace and development. The meeting addressed several key issues, including the implementation of socio-economic programs tailored to the needs of the MNLF, enhancing security coordination, raising awareness of the amnesty process and the number of applications, and developing a framework for community healing and reconciliation. Joint GPH-MNLF convergence meetings were recognized as essential to addressing these concerns.

Numerous issues and concerns were discussed and initial recommendations to address the same were drawn up, including the development of a socio-economic roadmap for 2025-2028, exploring alternative funding sources for identified socio-economic interventions, securing government agency support to improve access to social services for MNLF communities, and expanding educational assistance. In response, MNLF leaders expressed their full commitment to the peace process and emphasized the importance of continued collaboration with the government to support MNLF communities and achieve lasting peace. Messages of support from the security sector, MinDA, and SAP Lagdameo reaffirmed the government's commitment to the MNLF peace process and the fulfillment of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement.

4. **4th GPH-MNLF Management Committee Meeting.** In September 2024 at the Manila Prince Hotel, The GPH-MNLF Management Committee convened to address pressing concerns related to the MNLF Transformation Program (TP) implementation. The meeting was attended by members of the GPH and MNLF Management Committees led by Co-chairpersons BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.) and Co-chairperson Uttoh Salem Cutan.



During the discussion, one major issue raised was the discrepancy between the number of registered firearms and profiled combatants, which calls for immediate resolution.

Participants highlighted the need to follow established verification protocols for firearms to ensure accuracy. The Peace and Security Subcommittee was also urged to strengthen its mechanisms for addressing security concerns and improving coordination to manage conflicts on the ground effectively.

On the socio-economic concerns, the GPH committed to prioritize the profiling and payout of remaining 37 MNLF combatants in the next batch. The MNLF was encouraged to streamline the consolidation of lists to avoid further delays. The implementation of the cash-for-work program was also discussed and resolved to finalize the details of its implementation including the parameters for choosing the actual beneficiaries. The list of 350 individuals eligible for study grants was confirmed, with an awarding ceremony and peace seminar scheduled in the coming weeks. Discussions also touched on challenges in community projects, leading to an agreement that replacement projects focused on livelihood (agriculture/fishery) would be developed and proposed.



The amnesty program was another key topic of discussion, particularly the need to resolve legal cases of applicants before proceeding with their applications. It was agreed that enhanced coordination with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) would help facilitate and expedite the amnesty application process.

In line with the development of the Transformation Program, the committee emphasized the need for a comprehensive roadmap focusing on the welfare of MNLF families and combatants. A workshop to solidify the direction of the program and its objectives is scheduled for early October 2024 in Davao City. The meeting concluded with a commitment from both GPH and MNLF representatives to enhance trust and confidence in the peace process.

5. **Meeting between the PAPRU and MNLF Leaders.**

On September 2024 at the Philippine Army Headquarters – Granstand Taguig City, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr., Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity, convened key leaders of the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) to address the Supreme Court's recent ruling excluding Sulu from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The ruling, dated September 09 2024, was authored by Associate Justice Marvic Leonen. The meeting included Chair Muslimin Sema and Deputy Speaker Ustadz Abdulkarim Misuari, representing their respective MNLF factions, along with other prominent MNLF figures and officials from the OPAPRU.



The discussion focused on reactions to the ruling. Deputy Speaker Misuari shared that many Tausugs in Sulu felt abandoned by the BARMM government, while MNLF representatives expressed concerns over underrepresentation and unequal resource distribution in BARMM. In contrast, the MNLF faction led by Minister Sema emphasized filing a Motion for Reconsideration (MR) to reintegrate Sulu into BARMM, highlighting the province's historical significance to the Bangsamoro struggle. The group is gathering 200,000 signatures in support of the MR and stressed the importance of MNLF unity.

❖ TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

Security Component

1. **Verification of Eighty-Nine (89) MNLF Firearms.** In July 2024 in Lamitan, Basilan, the Joint Verification Groups (JVeGs) carried out the stenciling and documentation of eighty-nine (89) MNLF firearms at the 18th Infantry Battalion Headquarters in Barangay Kampo Uno, Lamitan, Basilan. This operation was overseen by BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.), who co-chairs the Peace and Security Sub-committee. The Joint Verification Team (JVET) was led by LCDR Jose F. Covarrubias Jr. PN, Admin Officer of OU7, Western Mindanao Command, along with PLTCOL John H. Cundo, Deputy Provincial Director for Operations at the Basilan Police Provincial Office. Coordination and planning for security and perimeter movement were coordinated by LT Roy Albert Paller PN of OU3 WMC and PLTCOL Cundo, representing the Joint Security Monitoring and Coordination Team (JSMCT).

This recent operation brings the total number of verified firearms in Basilan to five hundred fifty-six (556), which highlights the ongoing commitment to managing arms as part of the peace process. In attendance were members of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) secretariat, including COL Ferdinand Romano PAF, Assistant Chief of the AFP Peace and Development Office, CPT Rodel Basco



Jags, and Tsg Lourence Bautista. Also present were PLTCOL Heinrich Alafriz, Chief of the Bangsamoro Peace Process Section from the PNP Peace Process and Development Center, along with PMSG Ruel Quiamco and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, GPH-MNLF PPO Security Focal. LTC Mark Lagud, Commander, 18th Infantry Battalion PA and his personnel were also present.

2. **2nd Meeting of the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces.** The 2nd Joint meeting of the Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) was conducted at Maringal Hall, 103rd Infantry Brigade PA, Marawi City, with several key agreements and actions established. Firstly, the validation of 161 MNLF combatants and their firearms proceeded without issues, as confirmed by the IRC, DI, PNP, and OJ2. For assembly and processing area, it was agreed that Masiu would serve as the location for both assembly and processing. The assembly area is designated at Brgy Manalocon, Covered Court, Masiu, with the same location used as the processing site. Additionally, socio-economic profiling of the 161 MNLF combatants is scheduled for 21-22 August 2024 at the 103rd Infantry Brigade.



3. **JVeG Training/Orientation.** On 18 August 2024, Joint Verification Group (JVeG) Training and Orientation session was held at Maringal Hall, Kampo Ranao, Marawi City. The session was facilitated by Ms. Maricon Sagayno, the Focal for the Security Component of the GPH-MNLF PPO, and PLTCOL. Heinrich Alafriz, Chief of the Bangsamoro Peace Process Center of the Philippine National Police (PNP). During the session, PBGEN. Alexander Macario (Ret.), Co-chair of the Security and Peace Sub-committee, delivered a message of support to the JVeGs, which comprise personnel from the AFP, PNP, and MNLF. The training focused on the JVeGs' duties and responsibilities, site setups, and the procedures for verification activities. Key topics covered were the process flow for verification, designated assembly areas, and processing sites among others.



4. **Verification of 55 MNLF Firearms in Lanao del Sur.** On 19 August 2024, the Joint Verification Groups (JVeGs), composed of personnel from the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), successfully conducted the verification of fifty-five (55) MNLF firearms at Brgy. Manalocon Covered Court, Masiu in Lanao del Sur. Present during the activity, were BGEN. Alexander Macario (Ret.), Security and Peace Sub-Committee Co-chair, LTC. Palawan Miondas PA, S7, 103rd Bde and PCPT Abdul Nail M Panda-Ag COP, Masiu, LDS. Also in attendance were the JBMAF Secretariat COL. Eric Culvera PA, Chief, Bangsamoro Peace Process Division of the AFP Peace and Development Office, PLTCOL Heinrich Alafriz, Chief, Bangsamoro Peace Process Section of the PNP PPDC, and Ms. Maricon Sagayno, focal for Security Component, GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office.



Socio-economic Component

1. **Interagency Meeting in Preparation for the Verification and Socio-economic Profiling in Basilan.** The GPH-MNLF PPO held an interagency meeting on 03 July 2024 at the Lamitan Gymnasium to prepare for the verification and socioeconomic profiling of the remaining 97 MNLF combatants in Basilan.

This meeting, led by GPH-MNLF PPO Director Jana Jill L. Gallardo, brought together several partner agencies involved in the MNLF Transformation Program. These included the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Mindanao State University (MSU), the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and the Philippine National Police (PNP). The primary objectives of the meeting were to provide updates on the fiscal year 2023 accomplishments and the remaining deliverables in Basilan, as well as to reorient the eight-step process of verification and socioeconomic profiling scheduled for 04 July 2024. Additionally, the meeting aimed to introduce the focal points from each partner agency that would assist in the upcoming activities and to outline the specific roles and responsibilities of these agencies in the verification process.





2. **Socio-economic Profiling of Ninety-Seven (97) combatants in Basilan.** The Office of the Presidential Adviser for Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity, in collaboration with partner agencies, commenced the socioeconomic profiling of the remaining 97 MNLF combatants profiled in FY 2023 in Basilan at the Lamitan Gymnasium. The event opened with welcoming messages from DSWD Undersecretary Alan Tanjuszay, Mr. Awad Hamid of the MNLF Management Committee, Executive Assistant Noel Baul representing the Governor of Basilan, and GPH-MNLF PPO Director Jana Gallardo. By the end of the activity, OPAPRU successfully profiled all 97 combatants, reaching the target of 560 MNLF combatants in Basilan.

3. **Preparatory Meeting for the Verification and Socio-economic Profiling of MNLF Combatants in Lanao del Sur with DSWD and PSA.** The MNLF Transformation Program Socioeconomic Individual Component Team held preparatory meetings with the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) and the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to discuss the upcoming Verification and Profiling Process in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, scheduled for August 21-22, 2024 via Zoom Teleconference.

During the meeting with the PSA, the agenda focused on the distribution of security papers for FY 2023, specifically for combatants who were successfully profiled and assisted with civil registry and National ID enrollment in the initial profiling process. The PSA committed to work with their regional offices to provide data for individuals not found in the civil registry. This meeting was attended by representatives from the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, PSA Central Office, PSA Basilan, and PSA BARMM. In the meeting with the DSWD, the discussion centered on the Cash-for-Work program for combatants profiled in FY 2023. The DSWD committed to submit the Cash-for-Work guidelines and signed payroll within August, with the program set to be implemented from September to November 2024. Attendees included representatives from the GPH-MNLF PPO, DSWD Central Office, and DSWD Regions IX, X, and XII.



4. **Preparatory Meeting for the Verification and Socio-economic Profiling of MNLF Combatants in Lanao del Sur with DSWD and MSU.** The MNLF Transformation Program's Socioeconomic Individual Component Team held a preparatory meeting with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to discuss the upcoming Verification and Profiling Process scheduled for August 21-22, 2024, in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur. During the meeting, Mindanao State University (MSU) presented the data on the 97 MNLF combatants who had been profiled in Basilan on 04 July 2024. Attendees of the meeting included representatives from the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office, and from MSU, Dean Mario "Mayong" Aguja, Prof. Raihan Yusoph, Dr. Laiza Limpin, and Ms. Myles Disca.



5. Inter-agency Meeting on the Verification and Profiling Process in Lanao del Sur. On 20 August 2024, an inter-agency meeting was held at the 103rd Infantry Brigade in Marawi City, Lanao del Sur, to discuss the upcoming verification and profiling process scheduled for August 21-22, 2024, in the same area. The meeting was attended by key representatives from various agencies, including the OPAPRU GPH-MNLF PPO; GPH Security Co-chair, BGEN Alexander Macario (Ret.); and focal persons from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), Mindanao State University (MSU), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), and Philippine National Police (PNP). The discussion focused on the coordination and preparations needed to ensure a smooth and efficient verification and profiling process.

6. Verification and Socio-economic Profiling of 161 MNLF Combatants in Lanao del Sur. On 21 to 22 August 2024, a total of one hundred sixty-one (161) Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) combatants were successfully assisted in civil registration and National ID enrollment by the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA). Additionally, all combatants underwent profiling conducted by Mindanao State University (MSU). Each combatant received transitional cash assistance and food packs from the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), along with 25 kg of rice provided by the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office.



In addition to the partner agencies, key officials present during the profiling activity included GPH Management Committee Chair BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.) and Mr. Awad Hamid, of the GPH-MNLF Management Committee Socio-Economic Committee. The Presidential Adviser for Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., also visited the profiling process on the second day.

Socio-economic component (Community)



1. Support to the site survey of the DPWH Region IX for MNLF areas under FY2024 PAMANA Projects. On 30 July 2024, the GPH-MNLF PPO, represented by Mr. Bensaudi Sawabi, and the DPWH Region IX site survey team held a coordination meeting with District Engineer (DE) Ajan Ajijul of the MPWH 1st District Engineering Office (DEO) BARMM. The team briefed DE Ajijul on the FY 2024 PAMANA project implementation,

prompting him to assign five additional staff to assist the survey team, with MNLF representatives present to guide and ensure their security.

Following the meeting, the team proceeded to Camp Astana Dragon in Barangay Kagay, Indanan, Sulu, to inspect the implementation site. They were welcomed by Commander Abraham Joel and surveyed the Water System Level II project inside the camp. After completing the survey of the Water System, the team moved on to Barangay Sawaki, Budtaran, and Kuppong to survey a 1.3 KM road from Kagay, Sawaki to parts of Budtaran. However, due to bad weather conditions, the team decided to postpone the remainder of the site survey until the next morning to cover the unexplored portions in Budtaran and Kuppong. The continuation of the survey was scheduled for 31 July 2024.

Confidence-Building Measures

1. IEC on Amnesty for MNLF and MILF Members.

On 17 July 2024, the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) of Basilan under the National Amnesty Commission (NAC), in collaboration with the Basilan Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), conducted an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) session on Amnesty at Kassintahan Hotel in Isabela City, Basilan. The event was attended by members of both the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), who actively participated in the discussion related to the amnesty process. Atty. Alman Najar-Namla and Atty. Rosebelle Sanson, the Provincial Legal Officer, explained the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Amnesty Program, addressing various legal matters concerning the initiative.



The session highlighted the importance of reaching out to MNLF and MILF combatants with outstanding warrants of arrest. To ensure comprehensive coverage, it was recommended to conduct more IEC activities on the ground, directly within MNLF and MILF communities. This approach aims to facilitate better understanding and encourage more members to avail themselves of the amnesty program, fostering peace and stability in the region.

The event was attended by government officials and other representatives including Ms. Nulkaisa Jaladain from PLGU Basilan, Col. Jhovel Abduhaman, Hji. Sam Ahidding of the MILF Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH), Atty. Rosebelle Sanson, LAB Basilan staff, members of the 101st Brigade, and representatives from OPAPRU.

NPCM Activities

1. FY2024 National Peace Consciousness Month Opening Ceremony and Commemoration of the 28th Anniversary of the signing of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement.

On 02 September 2024, the opening ceremony of the 2024 National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) and the commemoration of the 28th anniversary of the signing of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) were successfully held at Malacañang Palace. The event was



graced by key government officials led by

President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., MNLF leaders Minister Muslimin Sema and MP Abdulkarim Misuari, members of the diplomatic community, including representatives from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) member states, and the United Nations Resident Coordinator, along with other representatives of international organizations.

The pre-program commenced with interfaith prayers led by Cardinal Orlando Quevedo and Ustadz Abdulkahar A. Musa, followed by briefings and rehearsals for the main program. The official ceremony began with the arrival of the President, who was welcomed with a gallery walk through the OPAPRU photo exhibit, featuring key milestones of the MNLF peace process, guided by Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (PAPRU) Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr.



The ceremonial sounding of the gong marked the official start of the National Peace Consciousness Month celebration. Sec. Galvez then delivered his welcome remarks, followed by the introduction of the Guest of Honor and Keynote Speaker, President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., by Special Assistant to the President Secretary Antonio Ernesto F. Lagdameo Jr. In his keynote address, President Marcos highlighted the significant milestones of the GPH-MNLF peace process

and underscored the positive contributions to peace in Mindanao. As a gesture of gratitude, MNLF leaders presented the President with a symbolic memento consisting of cultural artifacts and keepsakes, which he graciously accepted.

The ceremony concluded with photo sessions with the President to remember the momentous event by. This activity reinforces the government's and the MNLF's commitment to lasting peace in Mindanao and reflects the theme of this year's NPCM celebration, *"Peace Month @ 20: Bagong Pilipinas – Transforming Minds, Transforming Lives."*

2. **Coordination Meeting Regarding the NPCM: Service Caravan in Albarka, Basilan.**

On 18 September 2024, the GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office held a coordination meeting to prepare for the Service Caravan activity as part of the National Peace Consciousness Month. The meeting aimed to brief the participating agencies on the event's concept, partnership scheme, and secure their commitment in providing services during the activity. Logistical needs were discussed to ensure smooth operations.

The meeting was held at the Provincial Capitol Conference Room at Isabela City, Basilan. The meeting was attended by representatives from various agencies including the 101st Brigade of the Philippine Army, Police Provincial Office (PPO), Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), Provincial Health Office (PHO), Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE), Ministry of Public Works (MPW), Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR), Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC), Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC), National Amnesty Commission (NAC) – LAB Basilan, Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA), Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) of Albarka, and the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Basilan. The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) and



Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) central office joined via videoconference. The gathering was facilitated by the provincial government's efforts to ensure collaboration.

The discussions focused on finalizing agency commitments for the caravan, including disseminating information on programs, projects, and services. Various agencies have committed to provide essential services and interventions. The PLGU pledged to provide two vehicles and snacks for participating agencies, while the MLGU committed to offer logistical support such as the venue setup, prizes for the Sports Peace event, meals, vehicles for VIPs, and coordination with MNLF commanders, MILF DCs, and IPs. Additionally, the MLGU will mobilize 70 Barangay Health Workers for the Kids for Peace activity, alongside organizing bloodletting services.

The PHO and PSWDO will provide medical check-ups, eye check-ups with free eyeglasses, dental services, circumcision procedures, and a feeding program through their 5-in-1 Health Caravan initiative. BHRC will offer free legal services, while MOLE will conduct an orientation seminar on employment and livelihood opportunities. MPW committed accommodation at its hostel and snacks for participants, and PSA will administer National ID registration through the PhilSys system and a "Rehistro Bulilit" campaign targeting children aged 1-4. MAFAR will provide agricultural tools, seedlings, fishing gear, insecticides, fertilizers, and livestock support, as well as register participants for the Registry System for Basic Sectors in Agriculture (RSBSA). MTIT will offer business name registration, business startup orientations, information on microfinancing, and consumer education, while the NBI will provide free clearance for first-time job seekers. NAC will assist with amnesty applications, and the 101st Brigade will handle perimeter security and ensure safe access to and from the event.

Although MOST and BWC have yet to finalize their commitments, they expressed full support and pledged to coordinate further with OPAPRU. The 101st Brigade also committed to consult their commander about additional services they might offer. The PPO clarified that they could not provide police clearance due to legal sensitivities, particularly the enforcement of outstanding warrants among participants.

The MLGU suggested that the participating agencies provide the number of target individuals or families they can accommodate. They plan to distribute coupons to the participants of the caravan.

3. **Wreath Offering Ceremony.** The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) led a wreath-offering ceremony on 26 September 2024 as part of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) celebration to honor the nation's peace exemplars. Honored at the Libingan ng mga Bayani were the late Presidents Ferdinand E. Marcos Sr., Fidel V. Ramos, and former Commission on Election (COMELEC) Commissioner Haydee B. Yorac.

Sec. Carlito G. Galvez Jr., laid a wreath on Yorac's tomb, praising her as "brilliant, courageous, and passionate," and a model of an empowered Filipina. Yorac, as head of the National Unification Commission (NUC), the predecessor of OPAPRU, played a pivotal role in advancing peace talks with various Moro groups during President Ramos' administration.

At the tombs of former Presidents Ramos and Marcos Sr., Sec. Galvez highlighted their essential contributions to peace, particularly with the Bangsamoro. The Marcos Sr. presidency saw the signing of the 1976 Tripoli Agreement between the Philippine government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), a landmark in peace efforts with Moro groups. President Ramos, in turn, oversaw the signing of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement (FPA) with the MNLF and the resumption of peace talks with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the peace process with the Communist Party of the

Philippines-National Democratic Front (CPP-NDF), solidifying his legacy as a key figure in the country's peace process.

4. **KAPEACETAHAN 2024: Service Caravan with Sports Peace and Kids for Peace in Albarka, Basilan.** In line with the National Peace Consciousness Month 2024, the GPH-MNLF PPO, with support from the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office, successfully organized KAPEACETAHAN 2024—a Service Caravan for MNLF, MILF, and Indigenous Peoples' communities in Albarka, held at the municipal grounds of Albarka, Basilan. This event brought together 15 government agencies and local government units to provide essential services and interventions to MNLF combatants, MILF decommissioned combatants, and Indigenous Peoples' communities, fulfilling commitments made during previous consultation meetings.

Various services were offered to the community. The BARMM Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform (MAFAR) oriented 340 individuals on its programs in Basilan, registered 58 for the Registry System for the Basic Sector in Agriculture (RSBSA), and distributed gardening tools, durian seedlings, vegetable seeds, fertilizers, native chickens, and goats to local farmers. The Provincial Health Office (PHO) and Lamitan District Hospital provided medical consultations, dispensed medicines, performed circumcision procedures, eye check-ups, ECGs, blood tests, malaria smears, blood typing, and introduced family planning methods.

Other agencies contributed as well. The Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO) held a feeding activity for children and adults, while the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) registered children for the National ID system, assisted with birth certificate applications, and facilitated ID corrections. The National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) processed clearance applications and committed to prioritize Albarka residents in Zamboanga City. The Ministry of Trade, Industry, and Tourism (MTIT) provided free business permits and orientations on microfinancing, while the Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE) held a seminar on employment and livelihood opportunities.

The Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) oriented participants on its services, and the Police Provincial Office (PPO) distributed slippers, organized a feeding activity, and arranged entertainment for children. The National Amnesty Commission (NAC) facilitated amnesty applications for MNLF/MILF combatants, while the Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC) conducted women's rights sessions and provided snacks for children.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) ensured security, offered free haircuts, organized games, and provided transportation. The Ministry of Public Works (MPW) provided snacks and accommodation, while the Municipal and Provincial Local Government Units (MLGU and PLGU) handled logistics, prepared meals, and organized a Sports Peace event.

Finally, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) distributed clothing and supplies, facilitated storytelling sessions, and gave out loot bags and school supplies to the children, further strengthening community engagement and support.

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

A. LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

1. Conduct of Localized Peace Engagement Track 1 and 2 Mechanisms.

- Serbisyo Caravans.** The OPAPRU, in coordination with the DILG and PLGUs, conducts a series of LPE activities. LPE Track 1 and Track 2 implementation facilitated a solution-seeking activity through a simple workshop that engaged LGU officials and participants from various sectors, including women, youth, and farmers. Serbisyo Caravans were also provided, where various local and national agencies offered their available services, such as medical assistance, training, birth certificate applications, free haircuts, and vegetable seeds.



DATE	MUNICIPALITY	BARANGAY
13-16 August 2024	Camarines Sur	Antolon, Bacgong, Poloan, Patag Beleb, Malabog, Madiclum, Gibgos, Lidong, Toboan
09-14 September 2024		San Ramon, Agay-Ayan, San Roque, Pantat, Buenavista, Olag Grande, San Antonio
19 September 2024	Eastern Samar	Hinolasan, Jicontol, Osmeña, Magongbong, San Pascual, Villahermosa
23-28 September 2024	Camarines Sur	Lidong, Bantugan, Pagsangahan, Bicalen, Bitagan, Liwacsa

- Declaration of Stable Internal Peace and Security (SIPS) on 30 August in Occidental Mindoro.** The declaration of SIPS status, along with the ceremonial burning of CTG flags, is a significant achievement for Occidental Mindoro. This event demonstrates that peace efforts to maintain security are yielding positive results.
- 1st Misamis Oriental FR Leaders Consultative meeting and PO Formation on 05 September 2024 at Misamis Oriental.** The 1st Misamis Oriental FR Leaders Consultative Meeting was hosted by H58IB in Claveria, led by Mr. Jose Regulus Ortega. Ms. Myra Yuto highlighted funding for FRs to support personal and economic transformation. The attendees established a People's Organization, "Hugpong sa Katawhan alang sa Kalinaw ug Panginabuhian – Mis. Or.," and elected Mr. Rodel Balangiao as President.





2. **3rd Mid-Year Convention and Regional Adviser on Peace and Security Conference.** The convention started with a warm message from EDir. Cesar De Mesa. Later, Ms. Ma. Celin Mendoza then reviewed the Year-End Convention, followed by discussions on TP Planning

and best practices. The afternoon featured the RAPS Conference and sessions on establishing M&E systems, while Day 2 included TP Plans assessments. The highlights of Day 2 were the budget announcements from EDir. Susana Marcaida and a visit from Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. Day 3 focused on the Amnesty program and enhancing the TP Framework, closing remarks by Atty. Wilben Mayor, emphasizing strategic guidance for future initiatives.

3. **Media Orientation on Localized Peace Engagements and its Transformation Program.** The PPO, in coordination with the PIA and the PCO, conducted a series of media orientations aimed at enhancing journalists' and government information officers' understanding of LPE and its TP. This quarter, three (3) media orientations were conducted on the following dates:

DATE	LOCATION
08 August 2024	Filipiniana Hotel, Oriental Mindoro
05-06 September 2024	Grand Palace Hotel, Butuan City
19-20 September 2024	Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City

4. **National Peace Consciousness Month Celebration.**

In celebration of the NPCM, a Grand Serbisyo Caravan was organized in Brgy Dabong, Janiuay, by the Provincial Government of Iloilo, the 3rd Civil Military Operations Regiment, 82nd Infantry Battalion, and the OPAPRU Area Management Unit-West Visayaz (AMU-WV) on 06 September 2024. The event, themed "*Serbisyo Caravan: Halad sa mga Pumuluyo sang Dabong para sa Kalinong kag Kauswagan,*" aimed to provide essential medical and dental services to Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas, particularly in a region formerly affected by communist terrorist groups.



Part of the celebration of NPCM involved hosting KaPEACEtahan events at various universities. The GPH-CPPO, co-facilitated by the PNU school administration and the student body, celebrated "KaPEACEtahan at PNU" on 24 September 2024, at the PNU auditorium. The event featured two main highlights: a symposium on peace in the morning and the kapeacetahan in the afternoon.



During the symposium, MGen De Leon and MGen Felicdario delivered a lecture on the CPP-NPA-NDF dynamics and national peace

engagement in the Philippines. The kapeacetahan then transformed into a joyful and exciting atmosphere as the hosts awarded the winners of the following contests: a) Digital Poster Making Contest; b) Best KaPEACEtahan Booth; and c) Demo Teaching on Peace.

B. TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

1. Transformation Program Planning Workshop.

The TP Planning Workshop aims to initiate the implementation of the TP that is participatory and inclusive among the FRs, including their family and the community. At the end of each workshop, participants are expected to produce an output which will be consolidated and included into a finalized TP plan by the PLGU. This quarter, there were four (4) TP Planning Workshop conducted and to date, eighteen (18) out of twenty-six (26) or sixty-nine percent (69%) of the target provinces for 2024 have created their respective TP Plans. In total, with FY 2023 targets, 44 provinces have undergone TP Planning Workshop since its inception. Below are the series of the conducted Transformation Planning Workshop for the 2nd Quarter of 2024:



PROVINCE	DATE
Zambonga del Norte	04-05 July 2024
Iloilo	30-31 July 2024
Leyte	27-31 August 2024

2. Transformation Program Refinement Writeshop.

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

PROVINCE	DATE
Palawan	11 July 2024
Davao de Oro	18-19 July 2024
Sultan Kudarat	15-16 August 2024
South Cotabato	29-30 August 2024
Zamboanga Sibugay	16-17 September 2024
Zamboanga del Sur	25-26 September 2024

The writeshop focused on the discussion of Project, Activity and Plans laid down during the Transformation Program (TP) Planning Workshop. Participants also discussed the implementation of the TP in the province. The OPAPRU, through the Area Management Units (AMUs), provided technical assistance on crafting the province's refined Transformation Program (TP) Plan. The activity is foreseen to improve the feasibility and adaptability of the TP Plan.



3. **Launching of Peace and Development Center (PDC).** The PDC aims to act as a repository that will integrate all Government Peace initiatives and shall ensure the urgent implementation of crafted TP plan of the province. It provides FRs with resources and support to help them reintegrate into society. This quarter, there were three (3) provinces which have launched PDCs:

PROVINCE	DATE
Aurora	17 July 2024
Surigao del Sur	15 August 2024
South Cotabato	27 September 2024

4. **Other Transformation Program Activities.**

On 06 August 2024, the National Housing Authority (NHA) X hosted a ceremony in Cagayan de Oro City to award housing units at CDO Midland Valley Homes to fourteen (14) FRs from Bukidnon. This event was organized in close collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Cagayan de Oro, the City Social Welfare and Development office, and the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office of Bukidnon. The AMU-Northern Mindanao and the AFP, represented by the 1st Special Forces and the 48th Infantry Battalion, were also present to witness the turnover ceremony held in Malaybalay City, Bukidnon.



C. NTF-ELCAC ACTIVITIES

1. **Presentation of LPE Cluster Report and Closing Ceremony for 1st Semestral of CY 2024 Accomplishment Report of the JRTF and National Clusters.**

On 11 July 2024, the LPE Cluster presented its report, led by Cluster Chairperson and Presidential Adviser for Local Conflict Transformation, Atty. Wilben Mayor. The presentation highlighted achievements in LPE Track 1 and Track 2, detailing 11,869 Track 1 activities and 5,035 Track 2 activities. Atty. Mayor also presented the list of target provinces that have already crafted their TP Plans and the remaining targets for 2024-2025. Additionally, the discussion covered target provinces that have operationalized their PDC and those yet to launch their PDCs.





In the afternoon of the same day, Secretary Galvez attended the closing ceremony, which was also graced by Secretary Eduardo Año. During the closing program, a presentation on NTF-ELCAC's achievements highlighted that, over the past two (2) quarters, four (4) Communist Terrorist Group units have been dismantled. Looking forward, efforts are focused on dismantling the remaining seven (7) weakened guerrilla fronts.

2. NTF-ELCAC Meetings.

In continued support of the OPAPRU for the NTF-ELCAC, several meetings were conducted to discuss relevant topics such as the NTF-ELCAC Roadmap, LPE and its TP, amnesty applications, accomplishment reports, E-CLIP claims, and more. These discussions aimed to enhance collaboration among stakeholders, identify challenges in implementation, and ensure that initiatives are aligned with the goals of promoting sustainable peace and development. Participants also shared best practices and strategies for effective engagement with local communities.



During this quarter, the following NTF-ELCAC meetings were held:

DATE	MEETING
06 August 2024	8th E-CLIP Committee Meeting
12 August 2024	JRTF-ELCAC XI TWG Meeting
22 August 2024	JRTF E-CLIP Program CY 2024 2nd Regular Meeting
28 August 2024	RTF-ELCAC VI 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting
05 September 2024	JRTF-ELCAC XII TWG Meeting
11 September 2024	RPOC VI 3rd Quarter Full Council Meeting
18 September 2024	Joint EAP, PLEDS, LCC & LPE Cluster Workshop

3. Nationwide Former Rebels Summit.

The National FR Summit is a three-day activity designed to convene FRs and discuss important topics relevant to them. The summit commenced with a warm welcoming message from the Undersecretary Ernesto Torres, Jr., Executive Director from NTF-ELCAC, on the first day. Several important discussions were shared with the participants including Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion, Amnesty Proclamation, NTF-ELCAC Roadmap, Unity and Peace against Armed Struggle, Current Landscape of CTG Operations, and Empowering People's Organizations (POs). Moreover, concerns and issues of SPTs were raised during the FR consultation. One of the highlights of the event is the signing of Manifesto which symbolizes the commitment of all peace partners towards peace and unity.



The attendees included Undersecretary Torres, Director Alex Umpar, and other representatives from NTF-ELCAC, Executive Director De Mesa and other OPAPRU staff, POs, and SPTs.

D. AMNESTY PROGRAM

1. Amnesty Application Orientation and Workshop.

The Amnesty Application Workshop and Orientation, conducted by OPAPRU LCT-FISU AMUs, involved key partners, including the AFP, PNP, DOJ, and LGUs. The



workshop aimed to streamline the processing of amnesty applications, ensuring that all documents met legal requirements. Participants reviewed the amnesty application process, eligibility criteria, and necessary documentation. During each workshop and orientation, emphasis was placed on inter-agency coordination and the importance of community support for FRs. For this quarter, the following orientations and workshops were conducted:

PROVINCE	DATE
Agusan del Sur	08-12 July 2024
Davao de Oro	29 July-03 August 2024
Bulacan	02 August 2024
Davao Oriental	05-10 August 2024
Cagayan de Oro	15 August 2024
Samar	05 September 2024
Iloilo	19 September 2024

❖ CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

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

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

GPH – RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process

Implementing Mechanisms

1. From 01 to 03 July 2024, crucial coordination efforts and site validations occurred in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City for the establishment of an Elementary School in the area. At least 2.36 hectares from the settlement site have been earmarked for the project.

On 08 July 2024, the core team of the Site Coordination Team (SCT) - comprising representatives from the Department of Education (DepEd), OPAPRU, City Planning and Development Office (CPDO), Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) Locotan, and KAPATIRAN-came together to discuss and finalize the provisions of the Usufruct Agreement. This agreement, to be formalized between KAPATIRAN and DepEd, will be observed by LGU Kabankalan, OPAPRU, and DENR-CENRO Kabankalan.

Additionally, there are plans to advocate to the Kabankalan Division Superintendent, to approve opening classes for Grade 5 students at the new school. This step is crucial to ensure the school serves its intended student population.

Furthermore, GPH-RCPPPO has been coordinating with Ms. Maria Veronica Tabara to secure a resolution from KAPATIRAN, which will officially allocate a parcel of land to DepEd as part of the Usufruct Agreement. This resolution is necessary to finalize the land transfer and progress with the project.

2. **Joint Meeting of the Site Coordinating Teams (SCT) and JEMC, San Jose Buenavista, Antique.** On 09 July 2024, the 2nd Quarter Joint Meeting of the Site Coordination Team (SCT) and the Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) was held in San Jose Buenavista, Antique. The meeting focused on several key presentations and outlined future actions.



The meeting centered on the proposed settlement site development plan for sixteen (16) profiled KAPATIRAN members. This plan includes the relocation of four (4) KAPATIRAN members to Barangay San Juan, Culasi, and the remaining twelve (12) members to in-situ locations across various areas. The attendees reviewed the attachments and compliance requirements necessary to fulfill the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) stipulations related to the fund transfer for both in-situ and on-site housing programs. These transfers will be facilitated through the 552nd ECB and the 53rd EBDE, PA. The meeting also covered proposed strategic livelihood interventions, NGA programs for the KAPATIRAN settlement and production sites, and other relevant matters.

Additionally, there was a discussion about the proposed settlement sites in Brgy. Candari, Pandan, and Brgy. Lupa-an, Laua-an, under the National Housing Authority (NHA) Community Based Initiative Approach (CBIA).

Furthermore, KAPATIRAN representatives, Mr. Farrol and Mr. Estoloso agreed to provide a deed of donation for a proposed 2,500-square-meter site in San Luis to establish an on-

site settlement. The settlement sites in Pandan and Laua-an will be included in the NHA application and sponsored or granted by the local government units.

Finally, the proposed CBIA mechanisms for developing the area and constructing all units were discussed. A site visit and technical orientation meeting will be arranged to further enhance KAPATIRAN's understanding of the program.

3. **Project Inspection of the Completed Rice, Corn Mill and Satellite Market in Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan.** On July 10, 2024, the SCT inspection team evaluated the Rice and Corn Mill and Satellite Market projects in Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan. These projects were funded under AECID, and the inspection aimed to determine the work's completeness before the projects were officially turned over to Kapatiran and BLGU Talacdan.



During the inspection, several issues were identified that required further attention from the contractor. For the Rice and Corn Mill project the following concerns were noted: there was no paint coating on the steel frame or structure which could lead to corrosion; the main door needs to be modified to open outward as requested by KAPATIRAN; small cracks and crevices were found in the pavement dryer and mill building; and no project billboard was installed.

For the Satellite Market project the only issue identified was the absence of a project billboard. The team plans to schedule a final inspection, pending the contractor's completion of the required corrections. During this final inspection, an actual demonstration of the Rice and Corn Mill machine will also be conducted. The findings and recommendations of the Local Government Unit (LGU) will be documented in writing for the inspection team's reference.



4. **Aklan Coco Oil Mill Test Run and KAPATIRAN Chapter Assessment.** On 18-19 July 2024, a test run of the Integrated Coco Oil Mill facility and an assessment of the KAPATIRAN Chapter were conducted in Ibajay and Kalibo, Aklan. The objectives of this visit were twofold: first, to test the functionality of the Coco Oil Mill equipment at the KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter in Brgy. Cabugao, Ibajay, and second, to assess the status and challenges faced by the KAPATIRAN members in Aklan and to

provide recommendations for sustaining peace and development.

The results and highlights of the assessment were significant. The JEMC and OPAPRU observed the demonstration of the Coco Oil production process and the Emergency Food Reserve (EFR) Facility managed by the KAPATIRAN Aklan Chapter. Based on their observations, recommendations were made to the fabricator team to enhance the mill's equipment and processes. Additionally, guidance was provided on collaborating with DOST and other relevant agencies for ongoing technical assistance to support the development of the Integrated Coco Oil Mill and the EFR facility.

A meeting with Provincial Local Government (PLGU) Aklan officials was held to express appreciation for the province's support and to address the remaining challenges. During this meeting, a timeline and tasks for the final turnover of AECID funds from PLGU to KAPATIRAN were discussed, with a proposed turn-over ceremony.

Further, a meeting with KAPATIRAN members was conducted to address concerns related to amnesty. Recommendations were made for OPAPRU to enhance technical and legal assistance and to explore partnerships with the private sector for additional livelihood opportunities. A JEMC meeting in August 2024 was proposed to continue these discussions.

Moving forward, it is essential to re-engage with DOST, present a report on the test run, and incorporate recommendations for technical assistance. Additionally, finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between OPAPRU and PLGU Aklan will be essential, including inputs from the technical working group. Lastly, the proposed JEMC meeting is scheduled to review the status, challenges, and future steps in the GPH-KAPATIRAN Peace Process.

5. The OPAPRU participated in the turnover ceremony of one school building, which includes five multi-grade classrooms, and the Brigada Eskwela program. This event took place at the KAPATIRAN PDC in Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, and was attended by the Kabankalan City Mayor, officials, KAPATIRAN JEMC Co-Chair Ms. Maria Veronica Tabara, and JEMC member Mr. Milo Ibrado, Jr. Following the turnover, the assessment team provided recommendations to both the City Local Government Unit (CLGU) and the Department of Education (DepEd) to ensure the sustainability and expansion of the school's operations.

The JEMC also guided further development of the PDC, emphasizing the need to secure a stable and potable water supply and enhance the organizational capabilities of the KAPATIRAN chapter. This development aims to complete the KAPATIRAN's transformation and ensure sustainable livelihood for their growing families.

The following steps include continuing engagement with DepEd and providing technical support to facilitate the DepEd Secretary's signing of the usufruct agreement to expand the local school's operations. Additionally, finalizing the technical assistance intervention for the organizational and enterprise development of the local KAPATIRAN chapter is essential. The status, challenges, and future steps for the local KAPATIRAN chapter will be discussed in the next JEMC meeting.

6. The GPH-RCPPPO, together with the Provincial Veterinary Office (PVO) representative, inspected the proposed area identified by the KAPATIRAN for the "ITIK PINAS" Project, which would be funded by the Provincial Government thru the Provincial Veterinary Office of Negros Occidental. The site inspection activity is a requisite of the PVO to facilitate the turnover of around 200-250 heads of itik for each chapter, accompanied by an incubator and a sack of feeds. The KAPATIRAN Chapters have agreed to prepare the shelter and production space before project turnover.

7. The CBIA program by the NHA and the ongoing programs and projects under the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID) was presented during the SCT Antique 3rd quarter meeting last 08 August 2024. All agencies participating in the meeting stated expectations and their commitments to delivering the intended accomplishments in the Province. Based on the prioritization matrix, which has an ongoing and proposed project program to be implemented from FY 2024 to 2025, it is necessary to note that those agencies concerned may initially identify project intervention to this peace table, which may be augmented through convergence and community-based approaches with various NGA and private individuals/groups.



The 4th quarter SCT meeting will be conducted in November 2024 to present initial developments and updates of PAPs indicated on the matrix labeled as direction and

sustainability under the CID 2019. A site visit is also planned to be organized for the housing resettlement project in October.

8. The Iloilo Site Coordinating Team (SCT) Meeting was held at the Casa Real, Iloilo on 19 September 2024 to discuss the concerns of the KAPATIRAN in the province. The meeting was chaired by Iloilo Provincial Administrator, Dr. Raul Banias. Concerns on the purchase and development of the KAPATIRAN Iloilo PDC Site were tackled and ways forward were provided by the body.

The Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Iloilo will be coordinating with the National Housing Authority through an SCT resolution, expressing the province's support to the proposed settlement site acquisition and development, in the municipality of Janiuay, Iloilo. PA Banias and SP Mondejar, the committee chair on peace and security, expressed full support in the development of the proposed site as one of the planned Iloilo Peace Villages across the province.



9. The GPH-KAPATIRAN Joint Enforcement and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) visited the KAPATIRAN PDC Site in Barangay Cabugao, Ibajay, Aklan to inspect the progress of the Integrated Coco Oil Mill, as part of the sustaining livelihood interventions.

The JEMC also had a meeting to discuss concerns on amnesty, socioeconomic support, and partnerships with the local government units and the private sector. As part of the ways forward, JEMC Co-Chair, Ms. Maria Veronica Tabara, will visit the site once again on 01-04 October 2024, to finalize the arrangements with the mill fabricator. The progress of the operationalization of the mill is around 95%.

DISPOSITION OF ARMS AND FORCES AND SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS

1. The GPH-RCPPPO, along with the 11IB and KAPATIRAN, inspected three (3) identified potential sites within the KAPATIRAN's Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) as a possible relocation site for the PA Detachment in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy San Miguel.

The final site inspected was found to be the most viable place for relocation out of the three identified. As a prerequisite for the relocation, 11IB will conduct a parcellary survey of the area. The required budget for the relocation will be lobbied to the admin division of the 11IB. Concerns over the detachment's electricity bill will be raised with the barangay during their Peace and Order Council (POC) meeting on July 31, 2024.

Further issues were duly documented for follow-up in the Central Office, including the distribution of the Supplemental Allowance for the July-December FY 2023, which amounts to PHP2,500.00 per month, and the SGP of certain retired CDUs.

SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC REINTEGRATION OF KAPATIRAN MEMBERS

1. **Series of Coordination and Joint Site Validation Regarding the Establishment of an Elementary School.**

To build on efforts relative to the establishment of an Elementary School in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan, a series of meetings from 01-03 July were conducted to discuss details related to actions required and to initially explore the entering of a Usufruct Agreement between the KAPATIRAN and the DepEd. The parcellary survey and installation of monuments for the 2.36 hectares allocated for the school site was conducted on 04 July 2024. A follow-up meeting was conducted on 08 July with the primary objectives of reviewing the action plan resulting from the 03 July 2024 Joint Survey and Onsite Meeting, and to discuss and finalize the provisions of the Usufruct Agreement. This work has been accomplished with KAPATIRAN, DepEd, and CEO Kabankalan, with the Sketch Plan and Technical Description (TD) being prepared.



The Technical Working Group (TWG) reviewed KAPATIRAN's approved Community-Based Forest Management Agreement (CBFMA) to ensure that the provisions included in the draft usufruct are consistent with the CBFM Program's Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR), as outlined in DAO 2004-29.

The final draft of the usufruct agreement will be forwarded to the legal units of DEPED and DENR for their comments and recommendations.

As a way forward, the KAPATIRAN still needs to coordinate with the claimants of the identified school site. The affected claimants include two KAPATIRAN members and one associate member. This issue will be addressed during the KAPATIRAN Chapter Council Members' monthly meeting on July 11, which will be included in the agenda.

2. The Office of the 6th Congressional District of Negros Occidental, led by Congresswoman Mercedes Kho-Alvarez, awarded PHP5,000.00 each to 58 members of the KAPATIRAN Kabankalan Chapter and 51 members of the KAPATIRAN Cauayan Chapter. Congresswoman Alvarez expressed her full support for the KAPATIRAN Transformation Program. She committed to providing educational assistance to KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin (NOK) students who will be enrolled in college for the 2024 academic year.

Ms. Maria Veronica Tabara, Co-Chair of the JEMC, extended her gratitude to Congresswoman Alvarez for supporting the KAPATIRAN members. She highlighted that Cong. Alvarez's father, former Congressman Genaro "Lim-ao" Alvarez, has long supported the RPA Peace Process. Ms. Tabara also expressed confidence that KAPATIRAN in Negros South is under the guidance of a political leader who aligns with and upholds the government's vision and mission.

3. A meeting with the KAPATIRAN Ibaday Chapter was organized to address the revalidation of ongoing projects, follow through on implementation activities, and endorse new projects for inclusion in the Comprehensive Resource Management Framework (CRMF) for FY 2024-2025.

One of the main agreements from the meeting was that the coco plantation and the disbursement of AECID funds would be managed through a supplemental Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). This decision was made during a meeting held on July 19 at the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO) capitol building. The relevant

agencies are scheduled to reconvene in the second week of August to finalize the details of this MOA.

Additionally, projects requiring urgent attention were identified. These include preparing for the coco mill's operationalization, managing the disbursement of AECID funds, providing a stable water supply to the coco mill, and planning for the mill's turn-over.

To ensure effective progress, the following steps were planned: conduct a mini-workshop to finalize project details, requirements, and timelines; submit vetted project details by the first week of August 2024; and finalize the coco plantation establishment and AECID fund disbursement through the MOA, to be followed by a meeting of relevant agencies and offices.

4. **AECID Project Inspection in Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan, Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan, Negros Occidental.** On 09 August 2024, the RCPPO, together with the KAPATIRAN, inspected the newly installed Rice and Corn Mill Machine in Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan, which is funded under the AECID. The contractor has also made corrections in response to the LGU Cauayan's pre-inspection report, with demo training and test runs to be scheduled.



5. **Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the 25M FMR Project leading to the KAPATIRAN Congregated Site.** On 11 September 2024, the ceremonial groundbreaking for the Php25 million pesos Farm-to-Market Road (FMR) project took place at the project site in Sitio Malabong, Brgy. Talacdan, Cauayan.



Mayor John Rey Tabujara spearheaded the event, marking a significant milestone in the development of infrastructure that will connect the KAPATIRAN Congregated Site in Sitio Binacay. This project, funded under the PAMANA (Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan) Program, reflects the government's ongoing commitment to the KAPATIRAN initiative, aligning with the

goals outlined in the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID).

The new road is expected to enhance accessibility for local farmers, facilitating the transport of goods and improving overall economic opportunities in the area. The groundbreaking ceremony not only celebrated this crucial infrastructure investment but also underscored the collaborative efforts of local government and community stakeholders to promote sustainable development and strengthen the local economy, ultimately contributing to the welfare and empowerment of the KAPATIRAN community.

6. On 12 September 2024, a Pre-Marriage Counseling and Orientation session was conducted to prepare six KAPATIRAN couples for their upcoming marriages scheduled on 27 September 2024, as part of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Celebration. This initiative, organized by the RCPPO in collaboration with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Kabankalan, took place at the Peace and Development Center (PDC) site in Brgy. Locotan. Key attendees included John Rey Tabujara from the City Social Welfare and



Development Office (CSWDO), Aira Talagon from the DSWD Regional Office VI, Fevilyn Nifras from the City Health Office (CHO), Desiree De Jesus from the Civil Registrar Office, and Cherilyn Alanaza from the CSWDO, highlighting a strong partnership among various governmental bodies.

During the orientation, the couples received important guidance on marital responsibilities and relationship dynamics, fostering a solid foundation for their upcoming unions. Additionally, the couples submitted the necessary documentation to the Civil Registrar's Office to expedite the processing of their marriage contracts, ensuring that they are well-prepared for their significant day. This event not only emphasized the importance of pre-marriage preparation but also showcased the community's commitment to supporting families and strengthening relationships within the KAPATIRAN initiative.

- 7. Lecture on Family Disaster Preparedness and Responsible Parenthood.** On 25 September 2024, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Kabankalan, through the City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), organized a comprehensive lecture on Family Disaster Preparedness and Responsible Parenthood at the Peace and Development Center (PDC) site in Locotan, Kabankalan City. This event, part of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Celebration and Family Day, brought together key attendees, including John Rey Tabujara from CSWDO, Aira Talagon from the DSWD Regional Office VI, Fevilyn Nifras from the City Health Office (CHO), KAPATIRAN members and their wives, representatives from the Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) of Locotan, and the RPA-CPLA Peace Process Office (RCPPPO).



The lecture focused on equipping families with essential knowledge and skills for disaster preparedness while emphasizing the principles of responsible parenting and family planning. The participants gained valuable insights into safeguarding their families during emergencies and received food packs from the CSWDO, reinforcing the community's commitment to supporting its members. This initiative highlighted the importance of proactive family planning and disaster readiness, aiming to strengthen the resilience of KAPATIRAN families and foster a sense of community responsibility.

COMMUNITY PEACE DIVIDENDS

1. Mayor Irene Montilla of Isabela, Negros Occidental, led the turnover ceremony of the Cattle Fattening Project of the Strong Women's Association in Brgy. Sebucauan (SWABS). The project, which is funded under PAMANA-CPD SLPA 3rd cycle implementation, amounts to Php300,000.00. In her message, the OPAPRU representative expressed gratitude to the DSWD and LGU Isabela for their support of the peace process. She also congratulated the SWABS and wished them good success in the project implementation.

2. **Blessing and Inauguration of the Agri-mart Project of the Canlamay Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Farmers Association.**

OPAPRU participated in the blessing ceremony of the Canlamay Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries Farmers Association's (CARBFA) newly opened agri-mart project, funded under the PAMANA Program 2nd cycle implementation amounting to PhP300,000.00. The CARBFA is a successful PAMANA association that has previously participated in the DSWD's Regional Sibol Writing Contest as an entry from the Municipality of Ilog. Immediately following the activity, the team visited the water refilling station livelihood project of the Balicotoc Farmers Association in Brgy. Balicotoc, Ilog.



RESTORATION OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (SUPPORT TO THE AMNESTY PROGRAM)

1. On 08 July 2024, the amnesty application process for Former Rebels (FRs) affiliated with Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs) was held at Bacolod City College, Bacolod City, Negros Occidental in collaboration with LAB Bacolod and the AFP. The event's primary objective was to observe the application process and determine the types of support and assistance the OPAPRU could offer.



Various concerns and details were documented throughout the proceedings. These records will serve as valuable references for the AMU and RCPPO, ensuring that the issues raised during the application process are addressed and appropriate support can be provided for the next batch of Amnesty applicants, especially for the KAPATIRAN.

❖ CROSS CUTTING THEMES

1. Peace, meaningful dialogue and cooperation were highlighted during the KaPEACEtahan sa Negros Occidental peace fair held last 17 September and campus symposiums on 25-26 September at the Central Philippines State University (CPSU) Kabankalan Campus. The week-long peace fair showcased the successes of the Transformation Program of the KAPATIRAN and the local Peace and Development Center (PDC) through exhibits, presentations, and dialogue among various peace partners, stakeholders, and the students and youth of CPSU and Kabankalan City.

The KaPeaceTahan Peace Symposium 2024 took place at the Conference Room of the Research and Development Building at Central Philippine State University (CPSU) Main Campus in Kabankalan City, featuring a two-day Campus Peace Symposium as part of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) celebration. Approximately 120 student leaders from CPSU actively participated in the symposium organized by the OPAPRU with partners. Each day of the event included engaging sessions on crucial topics, concluding open forums that allowed attendees to pose questions and seek clarifications.



On Day 1, topics covered included Anti-Illegal Drugs and Anti-Bullying Awareness, presented by PCPT Sammy Gasataya, Deputy Chief of Police for Kabankalan; the Role

of Youth in the Community and an overview of the Pag-asa Youth Association of the Philippines (PYAP) by Jessa Mae Teovisio; Responsible Adolescence and Teenage Pregnancy by Danilo Bantaran Jr.; Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) by Dennis Cabaylo; and Programs and Services of the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) by Elmer Gangoso.

Day 2 focused on more specialized themes, including the Seven Stages of NPA Recruitment and Anti-Insurgency Awareness by Jenril Villaris; Executive Order 70 by Michael Advincula from the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) 6; the Government's Peace Process presented by April Casalem from OPAPRU; and Programs and Services of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) by Aira Talagon. This symposium not only aimed to enhance the awareness and knowledge of student leaders on pressing social issues but also fostered a sense of responsibility and activism among the youth, encouraging them to play a proactive role in promoting peace and development within their communities.

2. On 27 September 2024, the KAPATIRAN Community held a Kasalang Bayan as a highlight of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Celebration. This joyful event took place at the PDC Site in Sitio Mambinay, Brgy. Locotan, Kabankalan City, and was made possible through a partnership with the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Kabankalan and the Site Coordinating Team (SCT). The ceremony was officiated by Mayor Benjie Miranda, who added a sense of civic pride and authority to the occasion, while Pastor Evangelista delivered an inspiring sermon, emphasizing the values of love and commitment.

During this event, four couples from the KAPATIRAN community officially tied the knot, celebrating their union in a festive atmosphere that fostered a spirit of togetherness and community support. This initiative not only marked a significant step in the couples' lives but also reinforced the importance of community engagement and collaboration in fostering family and social ties.

GPH - CBA-CPLA PEACE PROCESS

SOCIO-ECONOMIC COMPONENT

A. Monitoring of AECID-funded Nursery Projects:

1. Monitoring of the completed AECID-funded nursery project on 15 July 2024 in Mogao, Licuan-Baay. The project's water tank serves both the nursery and the community. Issues such as pending deliveries of materials and unpaid salaries of PO members were noted. The RCPPO will coordinate with the ICPPO to urge compliance of the service provider (Baculi Engineering) to fulfill the contract provision.
2. On 06-07 August 2025, RCPPO CPLA Division with Consultants conducted an ocular visit at Ileb, Nambaran, Tabuk City, and in Kinama, Rizal. The AECID Nursery project in Kinama is currently under construction and has an allocated budget of PhP2,686,790.11.

B. OPAPRU NCIP Special Educational Program (SEAP)

OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, conducted a meeting with NCIP-CAR regarding the SEAP 2024 program, which supports 200 grantees (137 females and 63 male) in the Cordillera Administrative Region. Of the allocated PhP8,000,000.00, 5% is allotted for administrative costs. Payments have been made to 178 grantees; however, payments to the remaining grantees have been delayed due to documentation issues. For SY 2023-2024, 37 grantees (28 females, 9 male) are set to graduate, with review assistance provided to 17 grantees through administrative costs.



The release of second-semester payments was delayed due to the late issuance of SARO, unprocessed stipends resulting from incomplete documentary documents, and the termination of 15 grantees for reasons including failure to meet the GWA and participation in other government programs.

To improve transparency, affidavits will be required from non-parent CPLA members and the vetting of SEAP applications through the OPAPRU Baguio Field Office. The program guidelines will also be revised. An Orientation in August 2024 will address the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process and facilitate discussions with CBA-CPLA principals and parents regarding their respective roles.

C. Support to the PAyapa at Masaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) in CAR

1. Monitoring visit of the ongoing PAMANA FY 2024 Projects in Ifugao was conducted on 23-24 September 2024. The team inspected the PAMANA Project in Barangay Luhong, where the community has consented to the road right-of-way. Project billboard indicates that the project was awarded to DJY Construction for the two-lane, 3.29-kilometer farm-to-market road project, with a budget of PhP39,613,755.50 and a duration of 236 calendar dnays. The project commenced on 13 June 2024, and is currently 24% complete, with 1.1 kilometers of the single lane set to be concreted. Major works include clearing, excavation, concrete pavement installation, and drainage system construction. The implementing partner has already acquired the Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC), and the Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) process is ongoing, with a community dialogue planned for October. The Municipal Administrator was also reminded to meet the requirements in the MOA for the release of the final 20% funding tranche.
2. On 05 August 2024, OPAPRU, represented by Executive Director Cesar D. De Mesa, OPAPRU Consultants, and personnel, attended the "Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Construction and Road for Barangay Poswoy, Balbalan, Kalinga." Kalinga Governor James Edduba and other officials from Kalinga's Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) graced the event. The PhP89,833,789.93 project stems from the ELCAC consultation with the PLGU, which identified 11 out of 14 municipal barangays as ELCAC areas. Proposals from these barangays were validated through consultation. Barangay captains from neighboring barangays pledged their support for constructing and maintaining bridge and road projects. They noted that these projects symbolize success and reconciliation, enhance tax awareness, and ensure resource accountability. They committed to securing construction workers through the Bodong System and thanked the



families in Barangay Poswoy who waived their land rights. Mr. Redgie Wakas, representing the Office of Congressman Allen Jesse Mangaoang, emphasized the importance of community collaboration for provincial development. Governor Edubba highlighted the extension of government services to remote areas and called for community-led solutions to the insurgency. Asec. De Mesa advocated for unity among agencies and communities for sustainable peace and encouraged active community involvement in project monitoring.

Following the groundbreaking ceremony, the team conducted an ocular at Ileb, Nambaran, Tabuk City, and AECID Monitoring in Kinama, Rizal, and Kalinga. The AECID Nursery currently under construction has an allocated budget of PhP2,686,790.11.

3. On 13 September 2024, OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., together with Mountain Province officials led by Governor Bonifacio C. Lacwasan, Jr., spearheaded the groundbreaking ceremony for the PhP25 million Balicanao-Am-am Provincial Road improvement project at Sitio Balicanao, Bauko, Mountain Province. The Balicanao-Am-am Provincial Road improvement project aims to enhance access to agricultural products and government services by resurfacing, widening, and installing better drainage systems. Secretary Galvez, Jr. praised the PLGU of Mountain Province for its efforts to improve infrastructure for its residents. Additionally, officials from the provincial government and Bauko LGU expressed their gratitude for the ongoing support from the national office for road projects.

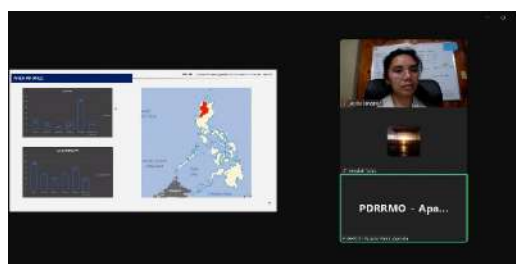
SECURITY ASPECT

1. On 16 July 2024, the RCPPO CPLA Division had an informal consultation with Kalinga Governor James Edubba regarding the Transformation Program and FGD with RPOC members and women peace advocates regarding the Butbut-Betwagan border dispute.
2. RCPPO and Peace Sustainability (PS) had a discussion on Youth Peace and Security Program. The YPS point person will include the issues on youth participating in tribal wars to be discussed with NCIP.

CONFIDENCE BUILDING MEASURES

Solar Panel Installation Coordination Meeting.

The OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, Provincial Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Programs (PDRRMO) of PLGU Apayao and Mapúa University's Social Orientation and Community Involvement Program (SOCIP) converged for the installation of twenty-one (21) solar panels within the selected barangays of Kabugao, Pudtol, and Santa Marcela municipalities. Before installing the solar panels, Mapúa University conducted an orientation. The MLGU counterpart will guide the team and document the installation activities.



HEALING AND RECONCILIATION



Comprehensive Peace Process in CAR, updates on the PAMANA program in the region, and other projects of the OPAPRU.

On 12 September 2024, the OPAPRU convened a meeting with some members of the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera to discuss concerns on regional development, peace and security, and autonomy for the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR). OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr. led the meeting with Presidential Assistant for the CAR, Assistant Secretary Antonio Tabora, presenting the

For this year, almost PhP600 million pesos was allotted for CAR thru PAMANA FY 2024 while around PhP 594,000,000.00 will be allotted for the region for CY 2025, totaling an estimated amount of PhP1.2 billion pesos for the two years.

Present in the meeting were RDC Chairperson and Apayao Governor Elias Bulut Jr., governors of Benguet, Ifugao, Kalinga, Mountain Province and representatives from the provincial government of Abra, City government of Baguio and League of Municipalities of the Philippines National President La Paz Mayor Joseph Bernos. Also present were regional directors from the different regional line agencies in the Cordillera region who gave updates on projects and programs that their agency are undertaking. Secretary Galvez, with the Cordillera leaders, also expressed their commitment to fully support the bid for the autonomy of the Cordillera region.

MANAGEMENT OF THE PEACE TABLE

1. **GPH-CPLA Division Monthly Operations Meeting.**

The OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, conducted the GPH-CBA-CPLA Division Monthly Operations Meeting. Present during the meeting were Professor Stanley Anongos and a team from Benguet State University (BSU), Charine Abalos of DENR-CAR and OPAPRU Consultants. The agenda focused on the finalization of terms and reference of the Impact Assessment Study, Bantay Gubat Program concerns particularly budget for FY 2025, and implementation of Five-year Normalization Program.



- For the Operations Concerns of the Normalization Program: DENR will prioritize the Forest Protection Program initiative in their Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. They will provide an impact assessment to OPAPRU as a reference to recommend the continuation of the project; hence, the need to source funds for the salary of the affected 473 Bantay Gubat personnel. Further, thirty-seven (37) graduates for the SY2023-2024 under the NCIP SEAP programs, with their stipends recently released due to a delayed Special Allotment Release Order (SARO). Regarding the Butbut-Betwagan Boundary conflict, a focus group discussion (FGD) with Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) members was agreed upon. Other matters included the coordination with the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) regarding the installation of solar panels to target areas in Apayao through the Mapúa University, renewal of JEMC from July to December this year, and a meeting to be conducted in August to discuss the transition of the 5YNP into the Transformation Program.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM

1. On 23 September 2024, Mr. Adonis Bringas, OPAPRU, provided an overview of the OPAPRU's Localized Transformation Program, focusing on reviving inactive Provincial Task Forces to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC) and strengthening advocacy campaigns under Executive Order No. 70.

MGen. Edgardo De Leon (Ret.) then discussed the Multi-Dimensional Nature of the Local Communist Armed Conflict and emphasized the importance of Information Education Campaigns (IECs) in raising public awareness about the ongoing insurance crisis in the country. During the open forum, participants highlighted the need for PLGUs to clarify their roles as stakeholders in the "Whole-of-Nation Approach" mandated by EO No. 70. They underscored the importance of identifying local issues and effectively reaching Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDAs) through IECs.

Concerns were also raised about members of the National Democratic Front (NDF), many of whom may not fully understand their affiliations due to underground recruitment practices. These individuals often engage with local causes without realizing their ties to larger organizations. Additionally, MGen. De Leon noted that socio-economic grievances and the allure of social justice can draw individuals to Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs), which present themselves as champions of the marginalized. He also stressed the need for public awareness campaigns on International Humanitarian Law (IHL) to protect media professionals in conflict zones and promote an end to local CTGs, emphasizing the role of education in ensuring their safety.

Further, former rebel 'Ka Iyong' shared his personal experience regarding the recruitment process of Communist Terrorist Groups (CTGs) and his journey to leaving the group. PBGen. Ferdinand Dela Cruz then provided an update on the CTG situation and the efforts of the Joint Task Group (JTG) Baguio, explaining the group's mandates and functions aimed at information dissemination.

The OPAPRU is crucial in the implementation of the Localized Peace Engagement (LPE) program by facilitating dialogues, promoting socio-economic development, and ensuring diverse community voices are included in peace processes. Moving forward, OPAPRU aims to strengthen partnerships with local government units (LGUs) and civil society organizations (CSOs), enhance community-based programs that tackle the root causes of conflict, and foster trust through transparent communication and sustained engagement to effectively transform conflict dynamics and promote lasting peace.

Other attendees of the meeting were from the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and other mass media sectors within the Cordillera Administrative Region.

2. On 24 September 2024, OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, attended the Ceremonial Mass Withdrawal of Support from the CPP-NPA-NDF which was organized by the PNP Regional Mobile Force Battalion 15 and attended by the Local Government Unit of Ifugao and various government agencies, including DSWD, DOLE, and the AFP.

During the program, forty-four (44) individuals formally withdrew their support for the CPP-NPA-NDF, marked by the ceremonial burning of the group's banner and the signing of an Oath of Support to the Government, reaffirming their commitment to peace. Further, the DOLE awarded certificates related to Integrated Livelihood Programs, and participants received food packs from the DSWD, AFP, and OPAPRU. Attending agencies included PNP PRO-CAR, DOLE CAR and NICA. Local government officials from Tinoc were also present, along with representatives from DSWD, AFP, DILG, and TESDA.

CELEBRATION OF THE NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH (NPCM) in CAR

1. On 13 September 2024, OPAPRU led the commemoration of the 38th Sipat Commemoration (Peace Accord) at Mt. Data Hotel, Bauko, Mountain Province. Governor Lacwasan Jr. warmly welcomed attendees, Ms. Goldamier Pag-asa Balweg delivered a peace message, followed by a tribute to the 1986 Mt. Data Sipat by Engr. Andres Ngao-i, and a cultural performance by the Mountain Province State University. The call for autonomy was highlighted by Mountain Province Congressman Maximo Dalog Jr.'s office and Atty. Joshua Pablito, Regional Director for the Department of Transportation, expressed support for the Cordillera Peace Process.



Secretary Galvez Jr., in his keynote address, provided updates on the peace process and expressed gratitude to the Cordillera community, particularly its elders and leaders, for their role in maintaining regional resilience. He emphasized the importance of the ongoing commitment to peace, quoting President Marcos: "Peace is not just a day-long, week-long, or even month-long commitment. It is the commitment of a lifetime." The event underscored the national government's continued support for peace and development in the Cordillera region, alongside messages from local leaders emphasizing the region's push for autonomy.

After the program, OPAPRU officials attended the "Handog ng Pangulo: Serbisyon Sapat para sa Lahat" event, part of the Bagong Pilipinas initiative celebrating the President's birthday. Services offered included programs from TESDA, DOLE, DSWD, and DA, with over 900 individuals signing TUPAD contracts.

Secretary Galvez Jr. emphasized the importance of Mt. Data and announced that OPAPRU will enhance the Barangay Mt. Data Multipurpose Hall. He also stated that OPAPRU will work with the Department of Agriculture (DA) and the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) to prioritize road interconnectivity projects in the Cordillera Administrative Region, aiming to improve transport for local farmers.

The event was fully participated and supported by the PLGU of Mountain Province through the Office of Governor Bonifacio Lacwasan Jr. and Congressman Maximo Dalog, Jr. Attendees of the event were regional directors from various departments, high-ranking military officials, police officials, other LGUs of CAR and members of regional line agencies and peace advocacy groups (RLA, CBA-CPLA, JEMC).

2. Further, the RCPPO-led the observance of the Wreath-laying Ceremony in the region recognizing peace advocates like Father Conrado Balweg on 26 September 2024. This event took place in Abra. The program started with an opening prayer led by Rev. Fr. Manolito Baroña, followed by a message from PD PCOL Jeremias G. Oyawon, conveyed by PLTCOL Jethro Moog, emphasizing the importance of peace and political neutrality in the community. LTCOL Jose Wilfredo Panes stressed that peace starts within individuals and requires collective effort. The AFP presented videos illustrating the impact of terrorism, government support for former combatants through the Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP), and information on international human rights and humanitarian law.

The program concluded with Rev. Fr. Baroña leading a wreath-laying ceremony at Fr. Balweg's tomb in Bangued Public Cemetery. Attendees of the event included personnel from PNP Abra, 24th IB, students of Mt. Carmel Agri-Tourism and Training Center Inc., and representatives from Abra PPO and DZRA.

❖ CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

1. The Regional Development Council (RDC) formally opened the 37th Cordillera Month celebration on Monday, July 01, 2024, with the theme "Multiculturalism Towards Regional Autonomy and Development." OPAPRU officials and personnel attended the kick-off ceremony.



The National Commission on Indigenous Peoples-CAR (NCIP-CAR) performed traditional rituals with elders as early as 6:00AM at the Baguio Convention and Cultural Center (BCCC). This was followed by a multicultural parade at 8:00AM from the newly opened Carantes Street, proceeding up Session Road to the BCCC. Baguio City Mayor Benjamin Magalong delivered the welcome remarks and manifesto re: call for Cordillera Autonomy, followed by the opening message of RDC Chairperson and Apayao Governor Elias Bulut Jr. The program concluded with a community dance led by the NCIP Cultural Dance Group.

2. OPAPRU Consultants and personnel joined officials, guests, and delegates from different parts of the Cordillera region during the kick-off of the 37th Cordillera Day Celebration in Bangued, Abra on 15 July 2024. Cordillera leaders led the beating of the Cordillera Unity Gong to start the program proper of the 37th Cordillera Day celebration, which has the theme "Multiculturalism Towards Regional Autonomy and Development." Following the program, the team visited Mr. Philip Tinggonong to extend an invitation to commemorate the 1986 Mt. Data Peace Accord. He accepted the invitation and will deliver a tribute to the 1986 Sipat Commemoration.
3. OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, attended the RDC-CAR TWRSI meeting to report on the status of 2023 RDC-endorsed projects seeking funding from OPAPRU last 13 August 2024. Out of 33 proposals totaling PhP1,156,900,000.00, only three projects received funding from OPAPRU for FY 2024, amounting to PhP150,000,000.00. Projects not meeting the funding criteria will be referred to other agencies for potential inclusion. The meeting also covered updates on project terminations and fund reversions due to implementation delays.

The meeting included representatives from DPWH-CAR, NCCA-PSR, OPAPRU-RAPS-CAR, PLGU Kalinga, CLGU, DOT-CAR, BWD, DAR-CAR, DA-CAR, DepEd-CAR, DENR-CAR, NIA-CAR, OCR-CAR, DOH-CAR, DTI-CAR, and Benguet State University (BSU).

4. OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, joined LGUs, DPWH, PIA, DENR, NIA, DICT, the Energy sector, and members of the Regional Development Council for the 3rd Quarter Infrastructure Development Committee meeting last 15 August 2024.

It was announced that Baguio City will host the Cordillera Month in 2025. A proposal to form a Technical Working Group (TWG) focused on autonomy will be discussed on September 12, 2024. The TWG will include representatives from PIA-CAR and PLGUs.

Sub-committee reports addressed ongoing issues and actions: DPWH will handle the project terminations and delays, coordination with DepEd-CAR is recommended for BEFF projects, and DENR-CAR seeks collaboration with NIA-CAR on water and forest management. The ICT Sub-Committee is working on improvements in internet connectivity through hardware redistribution and fiber optic installations. At the same time, the Energy Sub-Committee has passed resolutions to increase benefits for host communities and redefine "host community" to include LGUs.

CAR Priority PAPs include a feasibility study for a new Baguio Airport and the funding for the Ziwang River Irrigation Project. The following steps involve endorsing thirty-two proposed roads to boost tourism in CAR for DOT-DPWH funding and implementation.

5. Following the 3rd Quarter Infrastructure Development Committee, the RCPPO, along with representatives from various government and local administration sectors and addressed key issues and updates. Central topics included enforcing the Solid Waste Management (SWM) Law, with EMB and DILG CAR collaborating on implementation strategies. The Committee Secretariat will tackle environmental law issues with DEVAD SECOM, while DepEd will engage students in SWM education.

Concerns regarding water quality in Balili River, Bued River, and Upper Amburayan River were discussed, with EMB, DILG CAR, NEDA CAR, and DENR CAR working towards long-term solutions and innovative technologies. An Integrated Watershed Management Plan has been proposed, with SECOM advocating for increased DENR funding for water resource management.

Additionally, guidelines for PAMB clearances will be streamlined, FPIC requirements will be addressed, and MGB will enhance the monitoring of small-scale mining operations. The OCD will revise and present reports on the CDRRM Plan 2021-2023, including achievements and challenges, and will present funded RRP PAPs. Agencies are encouraged to propose additional priority projects for the 2024 RNIP Dialogue.

6. Participation of OPAPRU in the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) - CAR Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development Training held on 18-20 September 2024 in Baguio City. The training was attended by OPAPRU through the RCPPO, City Mayor's Office, Baguio City Police Office (BCPO), City Planning Development and Sustainability Office (CPDSO), City Social Welfare and Development Office (CSWDO), Liga ng mga Barangay, Local Youth Development Office, non-governmental organizations, community associations, and youth advocacy groups.



Highlighting Executive Order No. 70, signed on 04 December 2018, the order aims to achieve inclusive and sustainable peace in the Philippines by establishing the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). This initiative promotes collaboration among government agencies to deliver essential services in conflict-affected areas, addressing

insurgency root causes and fostering community development.

Key components include localized peace initiatives, capacity-building programs for local leaders, and monitoring mechanisms. The Retooled Community Support Program (RCSP) empowers communities through development projects and enhances the capabilities of local government units.

Meanwhile, the Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) - developed by the DILG, empowers urban communities to address peace and development through tailored government services and enhanced sector cooperation. While the CUCPD specifically targets urban communities, the RCSP is designed for conflict-affected and vulnerable communities in general.

The participants were engaged in various sectors to address critical issues: Urban Poor, Labor and Employment, Women and Youth Sector. The Sectoral Issues and Needs Assessment Test (SINAT) was used to identify the specific needs and challenges faced by these sectors. Through assessment and consultations, the SINAT helped shape

specific tailored programs that addressed each group's unique concerns. Moving forward, OPAPRU is crucial to the CUCPD, for the management of initiatives to promote reconciliation and unity among urban communities.

7. OPAPRU, through the RCPPO, attended the forum organized by the Joint Task Unit Panagkaykaysa in partnership with the City of Baguio on 27 September 2024. PCol. Francisco B. Bulwayan emphasized the importance of stakeholder awareness regarding national threats and sovereignty.

The forum included a lecture on "Awareness of Threats to National Security" and an overview by BGen. Dela Cruz highlights the need for collaboration among stakeholders to address potential threats while adapting to an evolving security landscape that includes foreign, and economic threats, and index crimes.

Following the presentations, participants engaged in a workshop on the Project Baguio Collective Threat Response Initiative, discussing its positive impacts, challenges, and stakeholder contributions. The forum concluded with a commitment-setting session, where all stakeholders signed a pledge displayed on a tarpaulin, reinforcing their commitment to the initiative.

Attendees in the forum were City of Baguio Mayor Benjamin Magalong, officials from the Joint Community Defense and Development Support Task Unit, Baguio City Police, and representatives from Civil Society Organizations, media, city agencies, and women and youth sectors.

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

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

1. **Partnership between OPAPRU and the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur for the Implementation of the Transformation Program (TP) for FVEs.**

The pilot for the implementation of the TP for FVEs was finally formalized through the Ceremonial MOA Signing between OPAPRU and Lanao del Sur last 22 August 2024 at the Provincial Capitol of Lanao Del Sur. The MOA outlines collaboration to implement the Transformation Program for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs), aiming to promote peace and development in the province. The event highlighted the strong commitment of both parties to work together for peace, with attendees from OPAPRU, the provincial government, local CSOs and peace partners, including Enhanced - Comprehensive Local Integration Program (E-CLIP) member agency representatives.



The event also marked the launch of the FVEs Organized Cooperative, with Governor Mamintal Bombit Alonto Adiong Jr. leading the oath-taking ceremony. The initiative aims to empower the community and promote sustainable development. Additionally, over 200 FVEs received various forms of assistance, including PTVE Transformation Support, Department of Labor and Employment through the *Tulong*

Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (DOLE-TUPAD) Program assistance, and DSWD Region 10 relief aid. These efforts highlight the collaborative commitment to peacebuilding and community development in Lanao del Sur, advancing the transformation of FVEs and their communities.

The SHAPEO has been preparing for the TP and the MOA for the first and second quarter of the year especially in the identification and finalization of the 200 FVE beneficiaries of the program in collaboration with the Lanao del Sur Provincial Social Welfare and Development (PSWD), Armed Forces of the Philippines 103rd Brigade and the members of the Enhanced - Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP).

2. **Strengthened networking and collaboration at the national and local levels for the implementation of the TP for FVEs.** To strengthen the implementation of the TP for FVEs, the OPAPRU through SHAPEO has been coordinating with the BARMM Ministries and actively attending Cluster Meetings in NAP PCVE. The NAP PCVE Cluster Meetings also provide opportunities for capacity building and learning especially in building partnerships in this particular sector.



Coordination Meetings with BARMM Ministries on PTVE Programs.

On 15-16 August 2024, the SHAPEO initiated coordination meetings with the different stakeholders in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The coordination meetings served as an avenue for both the OPAPRU and BARMM Ministries to identify and align efforts in providing transition support and rehabilitation initiatives for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) in BARMM, maximizing the effectiveness of the programs.

The meetings with the BARMM Ministries of Internal and Local Governance (MILG), Public Order and Safety (MPOS), Social Services and Development (MSSD), Labor and Employment (MOLE), Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC) and the Civil Military Operations, G7, 6th Infantry “Kampilan” Division, PA resulted in the identification of relevant programs for the FVEs, providing opportunities for OPAPRU to collaborate with BARMM ministries’ existing programs for the FVEs.



As a way forward, follow-through meetings with the BARMM Ministries and its respective local government units will be conducted to discuss the details of the identified programs and to formalize the partnership between OPAPRU

and BARMM. A comprehensive and collaborative program is expected to be developed as the product of the next engagements with BARMM.

First Semester NAP-PCVE Learning Institution Cluster Meeting.

On 02 July 2024, the first semester NAP-PCVE Learning Institution Cluster Meeting was held at the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) Central Office, co-facilitated by CHED and the Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG). The meeting was attended by representatives from Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), Department of Education (DepEd), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Philippine Public Safety College (PPSC), National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), National Security Council (NSC), and Anti-Terrorism Council – Program Management Center (ATC-PMC).



The DILG presented the NAP-PCVE Implementation Plan (Implan) for the Learning Institution Cluster which provided the overview of the plan, focusing on the roles and

responsibilities of each agency involved. Additionally, updates on deliverables and commitments were shared by DepEd, CHED, TESDA, PPSC, and NCMF, showcasing the progress made by these agencies.



NAP-PCVE International Engagement Cluster Meeting.

On 05 July 2024, the NAP-PCVE International Engagement Cluster convened for its first semester meeting, facilitated by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA). Attendees included representatives from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU), Commission on Filipinos Overseas,

National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), National Security Council (NSC), National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF), and Anti-Terrorism Council – Program Management Center (ATC-PMC).

The DFA presented updates on the NAP-PCVE Implementation Plan (Implan) for the cluster, which was developed last year. This session set the foundation for future collaboration, ensuring that all agencies are synchronized with the goals and responsibilities outlined in the NAP-PCVE Implementation Plan.

NAP P/CVE: Strengthening Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships and National-Regional Synergies.

The two-day activity last 19-21 August 2024, brought together participants from various organizations including the OPAPRU, Department of Finance (DOF), Anti-Terrorism Council – Program Management Council (ATC-PMC), National Intelligence



Coordinating Agency (NICA), Bureau of Corrections (BUCOR), Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP), Ministry of the Interior and Local Government (MILG), Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) Regions IX and XII, Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services (IDEALS), Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID), CBCS, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund (GCERF), BNC, Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC), and Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS). The event aimed to enhance DILG's implementation of programs under the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE), with a focus on tailoring these programs to fit local contexts.

The DILG presented the progress of both the National Action Plan – Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE) and the National Action Plan on Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Risk (NAP-CBRN). The presentation included overviews of the action plans, their legal bases, and their respective roadmaps. While the ATC-PMC presented updates on the 2024 NAP-PCVE Implementation Plan, detailing the progress across various clusters. Representatives from BARMM Ministries, Local Government Units (LGUs) in Regions XII and IX, and



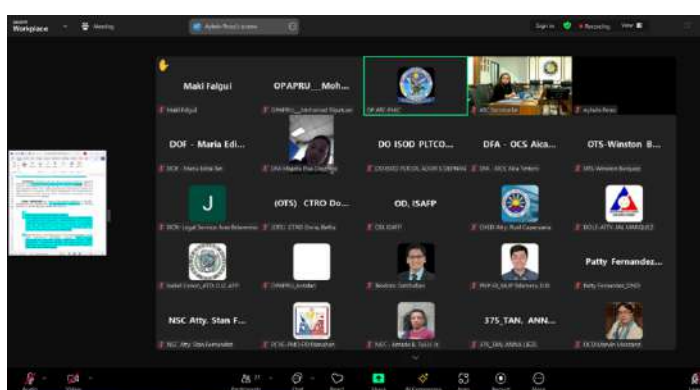
selected Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) shared insights into their PCVE interventions both past and ongoing local programs related to NAP-PCVE, highlighting the processes they took and the challenges they faced.

The DILG's Program Management Office (PMO) for NAP-PCVE will consolidate all the updates, including contributions from the NAP-PCVE Core Group and Cluster Member agencies at the national level. These updates will be integrated into a draft report, which will undergo review by executives before being submitted to Congress by the ATC-PMC.

Among the issues raised was the lack of support for LGUs in implementing the Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agenda, as well as the insufficient information and education campaigns (IEC) regarding the amnesty process through the National Amnesty Commission (NAC). Additionally, it was suggested that religious groups should be actively involved in implementing the NAP-PCVE, given the significant influence of religious leaders in communities and the high level of trust people have in them.

Anti-Terrorism Council Liaison Desk (ATCLD) Meeting. The Anti-Terrorism Council Liaison Desk (ATCLD) held a meeting via videoconference (Zoom) last 06 September 2024 to review two proposed Anti-Terrorism Council (ATC) Resolutions, both aimed at enhancing the government's anti-terrorism efforts by improving inter-agency coordination and defining responsibilities.

The first draft resolution, titled "Directing the DFA, AMLC Secretariat and ATC-PMC to actively coordinate with and seek the assistance of other states, jurisdictions, international entities and organizations in preventing and combating international terrorism", focuses on instructing the Department of Foreign



Affairs (DFA), the Anti-Money Laundering Council (AMLC), and the ATC-Program Management Center (PMC) to collaborate with global partners in the fight against terrorism. Its primary objective is to strengthen international cooperation and information exchange. The second draft resolution, "Assigning the PNP to assume the lead role in carrying out the government's anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism operations, and directing the AFP and other law and intelligence agencies to assist and provide the PNP will all the necessary support, assistance, and cooperation, as may be warranted to carry out the government's anti-terrorism and counter-terrorism

efforts, as issued and directed by the Council”, designates the PNP as the lead agency in national counterterrorism operations. It also clarifies that the AFP and other law and intelligence bodies will support the PNP as required, promoting a unified, multi-agency approach.

Meeting On National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP - PCVE) Implementation Plan (IMPLAN) Results Consultation.

On September 24, 2024 via Zoom videoconference, the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP-PCVE) Implementation Plan (ImPlan) Results Technical Level Consultation was conducted. Representatives from various clusters and member agencies participated, focusing on finalizing the inputs provided by cluster members last year, which had been consolidated by the PCVE Project Management Office (PMO). The meeting facilitated a productive exchange of ideas, contributing to refining the ImPlan to better align with NAP-PCVE's goals and objectives.

Coordination Meeting Between OPAPRU and the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).

OPAPRU, led by Presidential Assistant Atty. Mayor, met with the BJMP led by Atty. Madrigal on 10 July 2024 to discuss the proposed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the two agencies. PA Mayor welcomed the participants from BJMP sharing that the proposed MOU shows areas of mutual interest between the two agencies especially in peacebuilding.

The BJMP presented the overview of the mandate and existing program of the BJMP Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism Center related to peacebuilding and in relation to the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism (NAP P/CVE). The BJMP is also overseeing the operations of the recently constructed Marawi City Jail as a world class facility at par with international standards and is currently implementing the Transition Program and Family Program in the said jail facility which aims to provide support to Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) and their families while at the facility.

The proposed programs and projects that can be conducted with OPAPRU for the proposed MOU was also presented such as the Peace Education Program, Establishment of Peace Education Halls in Jail Facilities, Disengagement and Deradicalization Program, Gray Dove Award, and Outreach Program for Families and Children of PDL through Stakeholders Mobilization.

Executive Director Marcaida shared that the BJMP and the OPAPRU have the same vision in implementing plans and programs for peace highlighting that the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) has action points related to PDLs as well as Peace Education through the conduct of Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) capacity building trainings. It was also added that one of the areas of engagement that OPAPRU can align with is the Peace Education Program as part of its mandate on mainstreaming CSPP in National Government Agencies.



It was agreed in the meeting that OPAPRU will transmit the inputs and comments of the Legislative and Legal Services and the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office to the proposed MOU for the BJMP's review and consideration. A technical meeting will be set between the two agencies to further discuss details of the MOU and the activities to be conducted.

3. **Revitalization of the Inter-Religious Group Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) through the Dialogue of Key Religious Leaders.**

To continue the efforts in the revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference, a Dialogue of Key Religious Leaders was conducted last 20-21 August 2024 in Davao City aimed to set the course for an interreligious dialogue group steered by prominent Christian-Muslim religious leaders and to outline the next three years of engagements in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and surrounding areas directly affected by conditions in BARMM. The Bishops-Ulama Conference (BUC) served as the foundation for the revitalization of an interreligious group envisioned to support the gains of peace in Mindanao and, consequently, the entire Philippines.



The Key Dialogue of Key Religious Leaders was attended by a total of 26 representatives (4 Catholic Bishops, 1 Mufti, 3 Ustadz, 1 Ustadia, 3 Episcopalian Priests from the Diocese of Southern Philippines, 1 Female Deacon/Youth Representative from Episcopalian, 2 Pastors and 2 Lay from the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC), 2 personnel from Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta' [1 youth representative], 4 Catholic Priests, 1 Religious Nun, 2 Lay Representatives [1 youth] from the Roman Catholic).

During the discussion and dialogue, the Vision, Mission and Objectives of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) was revisited, the group was also able to identify the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of the BUC and initially identified strategies that will strengthen the BUC as an organization and respond to existing and emerging issues. Updates on the Bangsamoro Peace Process was also presented by Dir. Farrah Grace Naparan of the Program 1 (GPH-MILF Peace Process).



It was also agreed to conduct a General Assembly (GA) where the creation of a Mindanao Council of Religious Leaders will be announced, to be held on 7-10 October 2024 in Davao City. The composition of the GA in October will be the four (4) Conveners (Bishop

Edwin dela Peña, Bishop Ernie Moral, Dr. Aldrin Peñamora, Dr. Muhammad Nadzir Ebil), 15 Roman Catholic, National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP-Episcopal) – 5 Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC), 25 Islam, 3 IP Traditional Religious Group as Observers, 19 Focal Persons and Technical Working Group (TWG) and 6 OPAPRU (SHAPEO and AMU).

Likewise, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and International Non-Government Organizations (INGOs) interested to support the BUC will be invited to join as Observers.

B. INDIGENOUS PEOPLE HEALING AND RECONCILIATION

For this quarter the IPHR program of SHAPE focused on the engagement with the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) together with the start of the activities applying the IPHR Framework in Zamboanga del Norte.

1. **Strengthened engagements with the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) at the local and national levels and other partners on IPHR.**

Coordination Meeting Between OPAPRU and National Commission for Indigenous Peoples (NCIP) on IP Consultations and Updates on the Joint Administrative Order (JAO).

On 07 August 2024, the meeting discussed the need for Community Consultations in IP communities with issues on their Ancestral Domain (AD) due to overlapping titles like the issuance of Certificate of Land Ownership Award (CLOA) to AD's without the Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT)/ Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT) yet. The CPP-NPA-NDF is using this issue in their propaganda for recruitment or recovery efforts. It was agreed that NCIP will identify the areas in the list from OPAPRU to be prioritized for this year in the conduct of community consultations. They will also prepare the Concept Paper and Budgetary Requirements to be submitted to OPAPRU. NCIP AND OPAPRU will be sharing the logistical needs of the community consultation in areas affected with CPP/NPA/NDF in North Luzon.



The Draft Joint Administrative Order (JAO) of OPAPRU, NCIP and DILG was also discussed, it was agreed to include the Data Sharing between OPAPRU and NCIP and the conduct of Programmatic Community Consultations.

Coordination Meeting with the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) - Indigenous People (IP) Sectoral Representative regarding the Situation of IP in the Cordillera Autonomous Region (CAR). On 11 September 2024 in Baguio City, the coordination meeting between OPAPRU and NAPC focused on the priority issues of the IP that the National Anti-Poverty Commission-IP Sector and issues to be referred to the government agencies concerned.

OPAPRU is one of the partner agencies in the three NAPC - Basic Sectors: Non-Government Organization (NGO); Victims of Disaster and Calamities (VDC); and Indigenous Peoples (IPs).

The meeting also highlighted the decades old issue which the IP continuously struggle with presented by NAPC IP-SR through a matrix of which the most urgent is the killings of IP leaders, Non-registration of Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title/ Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CADT/CALT) in the Register of Deeds due to JAO #1, Non-recognition and encroachment of their Ancestral lands, disrespect to their cultures,



violation of the Free and Prior Informed Consent (FPIC) process and Indigenous People Mandatory Representative (IPMR) selection process.

As ways forward, OPAPRU to initiate a coordination meeting with NCIP, NAPC-IP Sector to come up with clear action plan on various questions regarding the JAO, International Labor Organization (ILO) 169, MOA between IP Community and Mining Corporations and other issues; NAPC-IP Sector to provide the JAO # 1 and their proposed amendments.

2. IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework applied to empower the Zamboanga del Norte Subanen Timuay.

The IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework is currently being piloted with the Agusan Del Norte IP Women's Organization (ANIPWO) through the profiling, assessment, strategic planning, organizational development and capacity building being conducted. The second IP community targeted for this purpose is the Zamboanga Del Norte Subanen Timuay.



To assess the current situation of the Subanen Timuay community, visits and consultations were conducted last 12-16 August 2024 which was attended by the Subanen Timuay of Zamboanga del Norte, which consists of three IP tribes - the Subanen, Kulibugan and Sama.

A short workshop was facilitated to determine the priority concerns of the Timuay and to validate their prior request to OPAPRU to assist and facilitate their Indigenous Political Structure (IPS) and Indigenous Political Organization (IPO) resulting to three primary concerns:

- a) Ancestral Domain Delineation / Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT)/ Certificate of Ancestral Land Title (CALT)
- b) Ancestral Domains Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP)
- c) Indigenous Political Structure/Organization (IPS/IPO)

The Timuay also identified five priority Municipalities since these are populated by a majority of the Subanen tribe and are areas of concern in terms of vulnerability to the CPP-NPA-NDF.

MUNICIPALITY	STATUS/ISSUES/CONCERN	RECOMMENDATIONS
1. Gutalac	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No IPMR- Municipal and Barangay level No budget for the AD Delineation/ ADSDPP IPs/IPO - Need to finalized the Book Formulation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> OPAPRU to discuss with NCIP. To integrate some points related to budgeting for the AD Delineation/ ADSDPP/ IPS and IPO in the Joint Administrative Order (JAO) between OPAPRU and NCIP.
2. Godod	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No budget for AD Delineation LGU budget for ADSDPP PAMANA Project not implemented not budgeted in the 2023 GAA 	
3. President Manuel Roxas	No budget yet for the AD Delineation/ADSDPP, IPS/IPO	
4. Sergio Osmeña	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AD Delineation already budgeted by NCIP Regular Fund (2M) ADSDPP, IPS/IPO no budget yet 	
5. Katipunan	No budget for the AD Delineation/ADSDPP, IPS/IPO	

As ways forward, OPAPRU shall discuss with the NCIP the priority issues and additional action points/interventions in the Joint Administrative Order as a result from the consultations. In addition, discuss with NCIP the recommendations of the IP leaders to consider commissioning the documentary requirements for the AD towards the issuance of the CADT/CALT. The OPAPRU SHAPEO shall coordinate with the GPH-CPPO and PAMANA NPMO for the consideration of issues identified in the refinement of the Transformation Program of Zamboanga del Norte.

C. National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security and Youth, Peace and Security

For this quarter, the SHAPEO focused on the continuation and validation of the MEAL Framework, cascading of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 to government agencies through the Bilateral Meetings, regular convening of the NSCWPS and the preparation for the International Conference on WPS.

1. **The National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 was continuously enhanced through the validation of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability and Learning (MEAL) Framework Developed.** Two workshops were already completed in the development of the MEAL Framework of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 within the year. On 29-30 August 2024, the Validation Workshop of the MEAL Plan and Framework for the Philippine National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 gathered over 70 participants from government agencies and civil society organizations. Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida of OPAPRU opened the event, highlighting the importance of the MEAL Plan and Framework in shaping the effective implementation of NAPWPS. Ms. Milagros Rimando then set the workshop's tone by emphasizing the need for comprehensive indicators and accountability mechanisms. Participants prioritized midterm outcome indicators, reviewed agency-submitted data, and assessed international frameworks, leading to discussions on key challenges and the potential for realigning or creating new indicators.

Ms. Rimando presented strategies for reporting and accountability, guiding the participants in refining proxy indicators for hard-to-measure outcomes. The workshop concluded with group presentations on their findings and remarks from Ms. Mildred Corral of the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), who emphasized the collective effort required to advance the WPS agenda through a strong MEAL framework.

2. **Strengthened collaboration with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) and Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID) for the 2024 International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (ICWPS).**

The preparation for the 2024 ICWPS was firmed-up during the 3rd quarter as the date of the event nears. Series of meetings of the Technical Working Group and Principals Meeting were conducted during this period.



Meeting with Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) on Thematic Session. On 12 July 2024, OPAPRU met with the DFA to discuss the thematic sessions for the International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security.

The DFA presented its initial concept note for Session 1: "Shaping Peace: The Meaningful Participation and Indispensable Role of Women in Peace Processes," while OPAPRU presented the draft note for Session 2: "NAPWPS Praxis: From Vision to Reality." They also discussed proposed speakers and moderators. The program flow and guide questions were also reviewed. The DFA agreed to finalize the concept note within the week, and OPAPRU agreed to coordinate with the identified speakers and moderators.

Second Principal's Meeting for the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (ICWPS). On 16 September 2024, the Second Principal's Meeting for the ICWPS was conducted and attended by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) led by Secretary Enrique Manalo, Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) led by Chairperson Ermelita Valdeavilla, and OPAPRU led by Secretary Carlito Galvez, Jr. Together with the PAPRU were Senior Undersecretary Isidro Purisima, Executive Director Susana Marcaida, heads from IPPO, CPAS and SHAPEO.



3. **Mainstreaming of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 conducted for 10 National Government Agencies (NGAs) through Technical Briefing and Bilateral Meetings.**

As part of the mainstreaming of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 to NGAs, OPAPRU through SHAPEO provided technical support through NAPWPS Orientations for the Department of National Defense (DND) Gender and Development Executive Briefing. Likewise, Bilateral meetings were conducted with 10 NGAs to reaffirm their commitment in the implementation of the said NAP.



Last 13 September 2024, the DND Executive Briefing, presided over by Senior Undersecretary Ireneo C. Espino, Chairperson of their GAD Focal Points System, was attended by the agency's third-level officials. The Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), represented by Chairperson Ermelita V. Valdeavilla, provided an orientation on GAD and shared its newly formulated initiatives. Meanwhile, OPAPRU, represented by SHAPEO Officer-In-Charge Karen O. Marcelino, discussed Gender, Peace, and Security, emphasizing the key features of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 and the intersection between GAD and WPS. Following these two presentations, the DND outlined its GAD and WPS-related accomplishments and future projects, noting that the WPS plan within the DND is in progress. An open forum then followed, where discussions centered on clarifications regarding the utilization of the 5% GAD Budget, enhancing women's participation in the security sector, and potential collaborations among the three agencies.



Bilateral Meeting with the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR). The meeting with DAR, OPAPRU and Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) last 18 July 2024 was aimed to reaffirm DAR's commitment to the NAPWPS. The comprehensive NAPWPS 2023-2033 was presented underscoring DAR's crucial role in its implementation, as well as the connection between Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace, and Security (WPS).

The timeline for submitting the Gender and Development Plan and Budget (GPB) and the Agency Specific Action Plan (ASAP) was clarified that for 2024, given the recent launch of NAPWPS and the ongoing establishment of mechanisms, the current submissions were acceptable. However, for 2025, it is anticipated that the GPB and ASAP will be harmonized.

DAR also expressed their need for OPAPRU and PCW's assistance in training and capacitating their regional and provincial personnel. OPAPRU confirmed their willingness to assist, aligning with their localization efforts.

Bilateral Meeting with National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF). In this bilateral meeting last 19 July 2024, the NAPWPS 2023-2033 was presented, emphasizing the vital role that NCMF plays in its implementation. The PCW



provided clarity on how GAD is intricately connected with WPS, further explaining the importance of the collaboration. Executive Director Marcaida encouraged NCMF to submit concept notes for any essential and beneficial programs, projects, or activities lacking technical or financial support. She assured that OPAPRU would seek the necessary support from the NSCWPS. It was also agreed that NCMF can still improve their inputs to the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Plan. The meeting marked a significant step towards strengthened collaboration and a reinforced commitment to advancing the goals of the NAPWPS.



Bilateral Meeting with Commission on Human Rights (CHR) on NAPWPS. On 12 August 2024, OPAPRU provided an overview of the ongoing initiatives, including the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Plan and Framework, localization efforts, and the proposed amendment of EO 865 to

CHR. Although CHR's role within the NSCWPS has not yet been formalized, CHR committed to sharing relevant documents and identifying possible areas of collaboration by mid-August. They also discussed CHR's capacity development needs regarding WPS, with OPAPRU offering to assist in future training efforts.

Key agreements during the meeting included the identification of CHR's action points for the NAPWPS, CHR's review of their GAD agenda to align with WPS targets, and the coordination of capacity-building sessions for CHR staff. OPAPRU and PCW were recommended to conduct orientation sessions for GAD and WPS. Moving forward, OPAPRU will provide CHR with key documents, including the NAPWPS 2023-2033 and the draft MEAL indicators.

Bilateral Meeting with the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on NAPWPS. On 16 August 2024, the first bilateral meeting to be attended by a Head of Agency, Secretary Amenah Pangandaman of the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) committed to harmonizing the Gender and Development (GAD) and Women, Peace and Security (WPS) initiatives of the DBM, particularly on gender-responsive financing that the NSCWPS can include in the NAPWPS implementation and related MEAL processes. Further, the meeting explored the possibility of incorporating a reminder during budget calls for NSCWPS agencies and relevant implementing agencies to include WPS initiatives in their annual budgets.



Particularly with PAMANA projects, Secretary Pangandaman committed that they will ask agencies for a profile and time series on projects that are for women. It was emphasized that PAMANA should evolve to an explicit WPS mechanism. Further, the DBM stated that it can help extract data from overall agency budgets and indicators that may not be identified by the PCW (i.e. included in GAD Plans and Budgets) through the National Expenditure Program. Overall, the DBM expressed its support to the implementation of the NAPWPS and related endeavors.

Bilateral Meeting with the Department of National Defense (DND) on NAPWPS. On 20 August 2024, various updates and future plans were discussed concerning the OPAPRU, PCW and DND. The main focus of the discussions revolved around Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) and Gender and Development (GAD) initiatives, with particular emphasis on capacity building, policy reviews, and tracking mechanisms for these initiatives.



OPAPRU mentioned that they have a budget allocation for capacity-building initiatives, extending beyond WPS to include Youth, Peace, and Security, as well as Indigenous Peoples' Healing and Reconciliation Framework. They also highlighted their commitment

to the Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting (CSPP) approach. OPAPRU expressed their willingness to collaborate with DND on reviewing existing policies and updating them. This collaboration opens new opportunities for policy enhancement in areas where DND might identify a need.

The DND shared its ongoing efforts, which include increasing women's representation in various positions across the department and enhancing their skills.

They emphasized the importance of submitting GAD and WPS reports from all offices under the DND and ensuring that proper budget allocations are utilized for these initiatives. Furthermore, DND is aligning its programs and projects with the action points laid out in the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS). Progress reports on these efforts will be shared with OPAPRU and PCW.

Bilateral Meeting with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) on NAPWPS.

The meeting between OPAPRU, PCW and AFP on 20 August 2024 focused on ongoing efforts to advance the National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS). OPAPRU provided updates on key initiatives, including the development of the MEAL Plan, localization of NAPWPS, and the transition to the Gender Mainstreaming Monitoring System (GMMS) Version 3 by 2025. General Romeo Brawner, Jr., Chief of Staff of the AFP shared significant progress, notably the increasing representation of women in leadership and combat roles, including female cadets at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA) and female infantry commanders. He emphasized the importance of women's roles in peace and security operations, while acknowledging areas for improvement in advancing gender equality within the organization.



The discussion also addressed policy considerations for female personnel, with AFP suggesting a review of policies related to pregnancy during service and proposing family-friendly facilities to support women in balancing career and family responsibilities. OPAPRU affirmed that the NAPWPS recognizes all gender identities and their vulnerabilities, and emphasized the importance of collaboration among agencies to accurately track and measure contributions to the WPS agenda through the MEAL Plan. The meeting concluded with a commitment from AFP to continue its efforts in advancing gender and WPS initiatives, with support from OPAPRU and PCW.

Bilateral Meeting with the Department of Agriculture (DA) on NAPWPS. During the meeting on 27 August 2024, the DA acknowledged that while some of their projects potentially contribute to the Women, Peace, and Security (WPS) agenda, there is a lack of clarity on how these programs align with WPS objectives. The meeting provided an opportunity for OPAPRU and PCW to offer guidance on these concerns. DA listed several programs that could be indirectly contributing to WPS, including Farm-to-Market Road Projects, National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) initiatives, the Special Area for Agricultural Development (SAAD) Program, Kabuhayan at Kaunlaran ng Kababayang Katutubo (4K), and a gender-friendly registry system. However, DA



expressed a need for further understanding on how to monitor these contributions in relation to WPS and how to report them accurately in their GAD Plans and Budgets (GPB).

In response, OPAPRU and PCW clarified the types of indicators to be used, explaining the distinction between Peace and Conflict

Indicators and Development Indicators. OPAPRU also highlighted its Transformation Program, which contributes to WPS objectives. It also mentioned the Conflict-Sensitive and Peace-Promoting (CSPP) training sessions conducted for the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP). They offered to provide additional training for the DA if needed.

Additionally, OPAPRU and PCW discussed the existing Joint Memorandum Circular (JMC) between the two agencies, which integrates WPS programs and activities into the annual GAD Plans and Budget and the GAD Accomplishment Report. OPAPRU further emphasized that certain DA projects, such as PAMANA, contribute to WPS and GAD initiatives.

Bilateral Meeting with the Education Sector - Department of Education (DepEd), Commission on Higher Education (CHED), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA). The meeting with the education sector on 27 September 2024 focused on the role of education in advancing the NAPWPS 2023-2033. The session highlighted the sector as a vital entry point for promoting the WPS agenda, particularly through the transformative potential of Peace Education. The discussion covered the far-reaching consequences of women's subordination, starting at the household level, and how education can serve as a tool for empowerment and societal transformation.

Key policies related to Peace Education, such as Executive Order No. 570 and CHED Memorandum Orders supporting peace education in curricula, were also noted. While the importance of education in peacebuilding and conflict resolution was unanimously acknowledged by representatives from DepEd, CHED and TESDA, they recognized their unfamiliarity with the WPS concept, attributed to recent restructuring and onboarding of new personnel.



The meeting addressed the lack of compliance from TESDA and DepEd as NSCWPS member agencies, with both pledging to improve their participation. As a next step, the agencies recommended capacity-building initiatives on Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) approaches, and the NAPWPS, facilitated by OPAPRU, to harmonize WPS in their GAD mainstreaming efforts.

National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) Third Quarter Meeting. The Third Quarterly Meeting of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace, and Security (NSCWPS) took place on 20 September 2024 at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The meeting, presided over by Executive Director Susana Guadalupe H. Marcaida, brought together representatives from various NSCWPS member agencies.

OPAPRU presented updates on the status of agency endorsements for the proposed amendment to Executive Order 865, noting which agencies had already provided their concurrence and following up with those yet to respond. OPAPRU also shared progress on the development of the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Plan and Framework, with a specific emphasis on the refinement of draft indicators. Furthermore, the body was briefed on the key outcomes from bilateral meetings conducted with 10 member agencies.



Following this, the Secretariat presented the entries for the NAPWPS logo-making contest

and provided members with a voting platform. Lastly, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) updated the committee on the ongoing preparations for the upcoming International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security.

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

Preparatory Meetings for the conduct of the Phase 2 of Elevate, Engage, Empower Youth Summit for Region 1. OPAPRU conducted online coordination meetings with the Regional Peace and Order Council of Region 1 to discuss the conduct of the Phase 2 of Elevate, Engage, Empower: Youth Pioneers Shaping Peace and Development in celebration of International Youth Day in August 2024. The Summit aims to provide capacity development training to identified youth and student leaders who participated in Phase 1 of the program to become peace educators and launch peacebuilding projects in their respective provinces in relation to the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS), National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) and Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Concepts.

The coordination meetings discussed the proposed implementation design of the summit, modules on peacebuilding for the summit, and the tasks and responsibilities of each agency in the conduct of the summit.

The SHAPEO will be the lead Resource Persons and Facilitators in the training that will include learning sessions and workshops on CSPP, NAPWPS and NAPYPS. The Youth Summit will be an opportunity for SHAPEO to integrate CSPP, WPS and YPS in the youth agenda and plans at the provincial and municipal levels.

This was followed up by a face-to-face meeting on 15 August 2024 of which two SHAPEO personnel attended the SAKM Cluster Meeting in La Union to present the design and program of the Youth Summit for the Phase 2 of the Elevate, Engage, Empower: Youth Pioneers Shaping Peace and Development.

The representative from the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG) raised the Joint Memorandum Circular between OPAPRU and DILG in the mainstreaming of the Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) Approaches in the Comprehensive Development Plan of the Local Government Units. It was responded by OPAPRU that the training would include the orientation and workshop on CSPP that would allow the youth participants to develop local plans, programs and policies that are CSPP compliant.

Workshop on the Updating of the Guidelines On Reporting/ Coverage of Cases of Children in The Media. On 30-31 July 2023, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) hosted the workshop on the updating of the guidelines on reporting/coverage of cases of children in the media. The updating Media Guidelines promulgated in 2008 was one of the identified activities of the Inter-Agency Council for Children in Situations of Armed Conflict (IAC-CSAC) under its advocacy and communications plan to implement Republic Act No. 11188 or the Special Protection of Children in Situations of Armed Conflict Law.

The workshop was participated by National Government Agencies and civil society organizations (CSOs) implementing programs for the protection of children. During the workshop, the participants discussed and proposed amendments to the 2008 Media Guidelines considering newly enacted laws on children's rights and data privacy as well as the development of new forms of media and the evolving digital landscape.



To synthesize the workshop, an online validation workshop will be conducted by the CWC on 22 August 2024 and present the proposed New Guidelines on Reporting/Coverage of Cases of Children in the Media.

Coordination Meeting with National Youth Commission (NYC) on the MOU Signing. On 30 August 2024, four personnel from NYC and three from SHAPEO attended the Coordination Meeting which discussed the MOU signing between OPAPRU and NYC focused on the NAPYPS implementation.

It was agreed that the Ceremonial MOU signing be conducted on the second week of October 2024, tentative on 14 October 2024 upon the availability of both Head of Agencies. The venue will be at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) and proposed to be attended by 10 OPAPRU and 10 NYC Officials and personnel, 5 Media representative and 5 Youth Representatives.



Furthermore, since there is a newly appointed Chair of the NYC, a Courtesy Meeting will be conducted to also brief him on the NAPYPS and collaboration between OPAPRU and NYC.

D. CONFLICT SENSITIVITY AND PEACE PROMOTION (CSPP) MAINSTREAMED

- 1. Two (2) Regional Government Agency and National Organization completed the CSPP Training for integration in the Program Plans and Implementations and Policy Development.**

As a follow-through of the CSPP Training Conducted with the Department of Social Welfare and Development – Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD-SLP) in the second quarter of the year, a CSPP Training was conducted with the

DSWD Region 5 – Sustainable Livelihood Program last 04-05 July 2024 in Sorsogon City.

A CSPP Second Level training was recently conducted by SHAPEO for the Department of Social Welfare and Development Field Office V – Sustainable Livelihood Program (DSWD FO V-SLP). The training, spanning two days, was attended by 32 participants from the field offices in Albay, Camarines Sur, Camarines Norte, Masbate, and Sorsogon.

In his letter to OPAPRU and message for the participants, Regional Director Norman S. Laurio emphasized the significance of this capacity development for the agency's personnel involved in programs supporting the macro-level peace agenda of the government. The training



evaluation feedback from the participants consequently confirmed the relevance of the CSPP tools in their daily work and in examining the impact of SLP in Peace Development Areas in the region. Moreover, owing to the methodology of utilizing their work context as a reference for the group workshop, participants shared that the knowledge gained expanded their perspectives in crafting and implementing conflict-sensitive projects contributing to peacebuilding.

This training is a follow-up to the 2023 CSPP Training organized by the agency and builds upon OPAPRU's successful implementation of the same training with DSWD-SLP NPMO in May 2024. The involvement of the Area Management Unit – Southern Luzon (AMU-SL) personnel, alongside SHAPEO staff as co-resource persons and coaches during the workshops, showcases the inter-cluster support system within OPAPRU.



CSPP Integrated in the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Ordinance Development Writeshop. On 24 September 2024, two SHAPEO personnel participated in the Writeshop on IDP Ordinance Development Cum Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting Training for Municipal and City Councilors organized by the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). The IDP Ordinance Development Writeshop is one of UNHCR's strategic supports to strengthen the local capacity to better protect and uphold the rights of internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the Philippines. This activity aimed to engage the members of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) of selected municipalities and cities and capacitate them to develop a comprehensive local ordinance that protects IDPs and their host communities within their respective areas of jurisdiction and enrich their understanding on the concepts of peace and conflict resolution, leading to more comprehensive and effective policy reforms. OPAPRU through SHAPEO provided orientation and inputs on the CSPP and how principles and process can be integrated in the IDP Ordinance the Councilors will develop. The Writeshop was attended by 35 councilors within the Luzon Cluster.

❖ CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

A. MAINSTREAMING GENDER AND DEVELOPMENT (GAD), AND WOMEN, PEACE AND SECURITY (WPS)

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

Gender and Development (GAD) Focal Point System - Technical Working Group (GFPS-TWG) 6th Regular Meeting. The GFPS Technical Working Group has convened for the 6th Regular Hybrid Meeting on 12 July 2024, which discussed the following: 1) Draft GFPS policy and the GFPS TWG Sub-Committees' Functions and Projects; 2) Status of the Program 1st semester implementation (Program 1-8); 3) Conduct of the 2024 GAD Mid-Year Assessment and Planning (Pre-work); and 4) Other matters, such as updates on the collection of relevant NAP indicators, GAD Corner, GFPS Survey, and leveling on GAD attributions in the Dashboard.



Gender and Development (GAD) Mid-Year Assessment and Planning. On 18-19 July 2024, the Gender and Development (GAD) Mid-Year Assessment and Planning was conducted aimed to assess the OPAPRU's performance in the implementation of GAD activities in the first semester of FY 2024. The GAD Mid-Year Pre-work was provided to the participants prior to the activity and the participants were given the opportunity to complete and present their respective program's GAD accomplishments for the 1st semester, the challenges and actions taken, best practices and learnings, and the formulation of Catch-Up plans for the unimplemented 1st semester activities.

The conduct of the GAD Mid-Year Assessment and Planning is envisioned to contribute to the strengthening of the GAD Focal Point System's institutional and technical capacity, as the backbone of gender mainstreaming in OPAPRU.



Inter-Agency Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network Brown Bag Session. On 20 August 2024, the Brown Bag Session was attended by SHAPEO personnel as one of the resource person. The objective of the activity was to sensitize the PSEA Network members and

partners on peacebuilding and PSEA frameworks, and existing projects/programs and explore how PSEA can be mainstreamed.

The OPAPRU's efforts on the protection of stakeholders from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse were presented during the meeting. Specifically, the following were highlighted: 1) the Development and implementation of Programs /Peace Tables Annual GAD Plan which includes activities that directly and indirectly respond to various gender based sexual violence in conflict setting and the submission of Semi-Annual and Annual Report on its implementation; 2) enhancement of

OPAPRUs Committee Decorum and Investigation on Sexual harassment (CODI); 3) the Creation of the National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) to implement UNSCRs 1325 and 1820 by virtue of EO 865, designating OPAPRU as Chair with specific mandate to spearhead the implementation and localization; 4) development of NAPWPS 2023-2033 MEAL Framework; 5) development of gender-responsive Youth, Peace and Security National Action Plan (NAPYPS) and Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation Framework; 6) integration of GAD and CSPP in the Transformation Program (TP) Planning for Former Rebels (FRs) and Former Violent Extremists (FVEs), PAMANA Social Preparation and Citizens Led Monitoring; 7) creation and enhancement of the OPAPRU GAD Focal Point System and implementation of various GAD/ WPS related capacity development initiatives which includes the protection of stakeholders against all forms of sexual exploitation and abuse; and 8) Implementation of Gender and Conflict Sensitive and Peace Promoting capacity building interventions for the peace partners.

B. STAKEHOLDER'S PARTICIPATION

SHAPEO worked with different external stakeholders especially in the development and implementation of the Transformation Program for Former Violent Extremists (FVEs), promotion and mainstreaming of the National Action Plans on WPS and YPS and through the attendance in inter-agency meetings, workshops and trainings to strengthen or explore partnerships in the implementation of OPAPRU and SHAPE's programs.

KRA	Number of Stakeholders	Name of Stakeholders
1. Reintegration and Rehabilitation of FVE Communities	18	1. Provincial Government of Lanao Del Sur 2. 103 rd Infantry Brigade, AFP 3. Enhanced Comprehensive Local Integration Program (ECLIP) Committee 4. Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region X 5. BARMM Ministry of Internal and Local Governance (MILG) 6. Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD), 7. Ministry of Labor and Employment (MOLE), 8. Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (BHRC) 9. Civil Military Operations, G7, 6 th Infantry "Kampilan" Division, PA 10. Ministry Public Order and Safety (MPOS) 11. Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) 12. Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) 13. Anti-Terrorism Council – Program Management Center (ATC-PMC) 14. Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) 15. Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta' BARMM 16. Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines (CBCP) 17. National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP) 18. Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC)
2. IP Healing and Reconciliation	4	1. National Commission on Indigenous People – Central Office 2. National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) 3. Zamboanga del Norte Provincial Government 4. Timuay Subanen
3. National Action Plans on WPS and YPS	19	1. National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) 2. Philippine Commission on Women (PCW) 3. Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) 4. Philippine Council for Islam and Democracy (PCID)

KRA	Number of Stakeholders	Name of Stakeholders
		5. UN Women 6. WEAct 1325 7. Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) 8. Department of National Defense (DND) 9. Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) 10. National Commission on Muslim Filipinos (NCMF) 11. Commission on Human Rights (CHR) 12. Department of Budget and Management (DBM) 13. Department of Agriculture (DA) 14. Department of Education (DepEd) 15. Commission on Higher Education (CHED), 16. Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) 17. National Youth Commission (NYC) 18. Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC) 19. Inter-Agency Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse (PSEA) Network
4. CSPP Mainstreaming	3	1. DSWD Region V - SLP 2. United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) 3. Philippine Councilors League
Total	44	

C. OTHER ACTIVITIES

Participation to the 2024 National Peace Consciousness Month.

The month of September is the celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month and this year's theme is "Peace Month @20: Bagong Pilipinas-Transforming Minds, Transforming Lives".

The SHAPEO personnel participated in the different activities for the month and led the KaPeacetahan sa Maynila at the Trinoma Mall in Quezon City.



Ceremonial Peace Bell Ringing. On 01 September 2024, personnel from the SHAPEO participated in the Ceremonial Peace Bell Ringing at the Quezon City Memorial Circle (QCMC) with the theme "Peace Month @20: Bagong Pilipinas-Transforming Minds, Transforming Lives". The Peace Bell is rung at the beginning of September as part of the opening activities of the annual National Peace Consciousness Month celebration.

The Presidential Peace Adviser Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. led the ceremonial ringing, together with him were His Excellency Endo Kazuya, Japanese Ambassador to the Philippines; Mr. Sakamoto Takema, Chief Representative of the Japan International Cooperation Agency; Quezon City Government Assistant Administrator Alfredo Kimpo; Director Gafur A. Kanain represented the Bangsamoro Government Chief Minister; and KAPATIRAN Chairperson Veronica "Ka Inca" Tabara. Representatives from the international diplomatic corps and development community also graced the event.



KaPEACEtahan sa Maynila.

The SHAPEO, as the office of primary responsibility (OPR), successfully organized the KaPEACEtahan sa Maynila from 17-19 September 2024, at Trinoma Mall, Quezon City. The event commenced with a ribbon-cutting ceremony led by the OPAPRU Executive Committee and the Guest of

Honor and Speaker, PBGEN Joseph R. Arguelles. The formal program began with opening remarks by Senior Undersecretary Isidro L. Purisima, followed by a presentation of OPAPRU's key milestones. The highlight of the ceremony was the speech delivered by PBGEN Arguelles, who emphasized the importance of unity and a multi-stakeholder approach in achieving just and lasting peace.

The three days KaPeacetahan highlighted the exhibit and marketing of local products and services from twelve People's Organizations (POs), Cooperatives, Non-government Organizations (NGO) and Local Government Units. Seven National Government Agencies (NGAs) including OPAPRU exhibited their programs and services to mall goers during the fair.

31st OPAPRU Foundation Anniversary.

On 20 September 2024 at the Crowne Plaza Galleria Manila, one of the event highlight was the Acknowledgement of the GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) in recognition of the agencies 7% GAD Utilization in FY 2023 and 11% in FY 2024 GAD Plan and Budget of the OPAPRU.



VI. PROGRAM 6: PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

The PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program was launched in 2011 as a government priority initiative aimed at supporting the implementation of signed peace agreements and contributing to the overarching goal of attaining just and lasting peace.

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

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

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

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

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

POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

1. DRAFTING OF LAND TENANCY RIGHTS FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF CAMP BILAL: A COMPARATIVE REVIEW OF TENURIAL INSTRUMENTS GRANTED THROUGH PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ISSUANCES AND THE CBFM PROGRAM

This policy draft provides a comprehensive analysis of two major mechanisms for granting land tenancy rights in the Philippines: Presidential Proclamation issuances and the Community-Based Forest Management (CBFM) program. The objective is to identify and compare the legal frameworks, processes, and impacts of these tenurial instruments to inform policy decisions supporting the transformation and reintegration of communities in conflict-affected areas.

The policy is particularly relevant to the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), as it seeks to aid in the development of policies crucial for the successful transformation of Camp Bilal—a key area under the Normalization Process of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

The Camp Transformation Plan (CTP), devised by the OPAPRU - Joint Task Forces on Camp Transformation, serves as a strategic blueprint for converting former Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) camps, like Camp Bilal, into thriving, peaceful, and self-sufficient communities.

Camp Bilal, situated across Lanao del Norte and Lanao del Sur, encompasses 3,513.44 square kilometers, with a designated settlement area of 10 square kilometers in Barangay Tamparan, Munai, Lanao del Norte, hosting around 1,000 MILF residents. The development of Camp Bilal under the CTP requires a master development plan that ensures both the transformation and sustainability of the land. However, to actualize these plans, it is essential to legitimize the land rights of resident communities, especially for land and resource use in alignment with sustainable practices.

2. DRAFTING OF PAMANA ROADMAP 2023-2030

Launched in 2011, the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program stands as the Philippine government's flagship peace and development convergence initiative. It is strategically designed to operationalize peace agreements and ensure the sustainability of interventions in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas, aligning closely with the objectives of the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process. The drafting of the PAMANA Roadmap 2023-2030 lays the groundwork for reinforcing these efforts through a well-structured and forward-looking plan.

PAMANA prioritizes regions with deficient infrastructure and limited access to basic resources, aiming to rectify these disparities through conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting (CSPP) interventions. The program's mandate includes establishing strategic partnerships for the convergent delivery of goods and services, while tackling regional development challenges in a manner that ensures equitable progress and development. The dual focus on physical and social infrastructure reinforces the vision of creating resilient, self-sufficient communities across regional, provincial, and barangay levels.

The Roadmap 2023-2030 will serve as a comprehensive guide to ensure that PAMANA's measures effectively address the needs of local populations, strengthen community resilience, and drive sustained economic growth in peace and development focus areas. By maintaining a conflict-sensitive approach and fostering inclusivity, the roadmap aims to consolidate past gains while charting a course for future advancements, ensuring that these regions are no longer marginalized but integrated into the country's broader development agenda.

3. DRAFTING OF PAMANA HALAL INDUSTRY FOOD DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

The PAMANA Halal Industry Food Development Initiative is a strategic endeavor to foster inclusive economic growth and sustainable development in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas. Anchored on the core principles of the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program, this initiative seeks to capitalize on the growing demand for Halal products both domestically and internationally. By tapping into the Halal industry, which represents a significant growth sector, the program aims to provide sustainable livelihoods, reduce poverty, and improve the overall well-being of local communities.

The PAMANA Halal Industry Food Development Initiative is not just an economic project, it is a peace-building effort that leverages economic empowerment to transform conflict-affected areas into hubs of opportunity and prosperity, ultimately contributing to long-term stability and harmonious development in the region.

4. DRAFTING OF PAMANA MONITORING COMMITTEE

The creation of the PAMANA Monitoring Committee (PMC) marks a significant milestone in enhancing the oversight and effectiveness of the PAYapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program. The PMC is established as the primary body for monitoring, enforcing, and providing oversight for the program's implementation and operations. It is tasked with ensuring that PAMANA's strategic interventions remain aligned with peace agreements, security initiatives, and normalization and transformation efforts.

In this regard, the PMC will actively monitor and verify that PAMANA's activities and provisions are consistent with existing peace agreements, closure programs, and corresponding normalization and transformation programs. This ensures a cohesive approach in achieving lasting peace and stability. Further, the committee will reinforce the integration of PAMANA into the broader plans and programs of the various peace tables/ peace processes. It will ensure that PAMANA serves as a complementary intervention, bolstering the overall objectives laid out in peace and development roadmaps.

By upholding the shared goal of resolving security conflicts peacefully, the PMC will advocate for mutual interests among stakeholders and contribute to the overall peace process. In addition, the PMC will drive initiatives that expedite progress and economic development across the nation. Through PAMANA's targeted projects and activities, it aims to uplift conflict-affected and vulnerable communities, promoting resilience and equitable growth for all citizens. By ensuring rigorous oversight and alignment with peace-building objectives, the PMC will play a crucial role in realizing PAMANA's vision of establishing resilient communities for economic development in achieving just and lasting peace.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. **Turnover of 200 Pamana-MSAP Housing Units to MNLF Communities.** On August 30, 2024, the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), in partnership with the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), officially handed over 300 housing units to former Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) combatants and their families in Zamboanga del Norte and Zamboanga Sibugay.

Strategically, the communication of this significant milestone highlights the collaborative efforts between the DSWD, OPAPRU, and local government units (LGUs). It emphasizes the comprehensive approach to reintegration and rehabilitation, addressing the housing needs and ensuring the long-term socio-economic well-being of vulnerable communities. This strategic communication effort reinforces the significance of inter-agency and LGU cooperation, which has been pivotal in the additional 75 housing units funded by the PAYapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program's -- Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) which will also be built in the Municipality of Sibuco, Zamboanga del Norte.

By showcasing these achievements and the continuous provision of support, the communication strategy effectively builds public trust and underscores the tangible benefits of peace-building initiatives. The narrative also highlights the importance of community involvement and local leadership in sustaining the outcomes of these projects.

2. **Groundbreaking Ceremony of the bridge and road infrastructure project of the PAMANA Program in Brgy. Poswoy, Balbalan, Kalinga.** On 06 August 2024, a groundbreaking ceremony for PHP 89.8 million worth of PAMANA infrastructure projects in Barangay Poswoy, Balbalan, Kalinga, marks a pivotal communication milestone that highlights the government's ongoing commitment to peace and development in conflict-affected areas. The strategic communication of these efforts underlines the importance of fostering trust and engagement between the government and marginalized communities, showcasing the tangible outcomes of peace-building initiatives.

The projects, which include the construction of a bridge and road, are strategically significant as they address long-standing socio-economic isolation while demonstrating the government's dedication to equitable service delivery. By emphasizing the collaboration between OPAPRU, the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Kalinga, and local communities, this communication initiative aims to reinforce public confidence in government interventions.

Highlighting statements from OPAPRU Executive Director Cesar De Mesa and Kalinga officials, the communication strategy underscores the transformational impact of these infrastructure projects. The focus on interconnectivity and economic benefits directly aligns with the government's broader narrative of inclusive growth and conflict resolution. EDir. De Mesa's call for community involvement in project monitoring also serves as a strategic appeal for public participation, fostering a sense of shared responsibility and ownership over developmental gains. Through this, key messages are integrated into broader strategic communication efforts.

3. **Commemoration of the 38th Mt. Data Sipat Peace Accord Anniversary.** The commemoration of the 38th anniversary of the historic Sipat Peace Accord was also marked by a groundbreaking ceremony for the Balicanao-Am-am Provincial Road improvement project in Mountain Province on 13 September 2024. This PHP 25 million project, funded under PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program, is expected to enhance market accessibility for local farmers by serving as an alternate route to neighboring provinces. OPAPRU Secretary Carlito Galvez Jr. emphasized the sustained peace and development achieved in the Cordillera region since the signing of the Sipat Accord, transforming communities once impacted by conflict into thriving areas. He underscored the government's commitment to turning the region into a beacon of peace and economic growth.

Strategically, the communication emphasizes the significance of the partnership between OPAPRU, local government units, national agencies, civil society, security sector, stakeholders and communities in achieving developmental goals. Secretary Galvez's call for the harmonization of stakeholder efforts and the importance of thorough project planning by LGUs underscores the necessity of collaboration and strategic execution.

Moreover, the reaffirmation of support for Mountain Province State University's peace education efforts further solidifies OPAPRU's dedication to fostering a culture of peace, reconciliation, and unity in the Cordillera. The strategic messaging highlights a clear government focus on infrastructure and livelihood programs, reinforcing the narrative of inclusive development and regional empowerment while acknowledging the community's aspirations for autonomy.

CONSTITUENCY BUILDING AND RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

1. **OPAPRU Plenary Budget Hearing for FY2025.** On September 23, 2024, the House of Representatives (HoR) approved the proposed 2025 budget for OPAPRU amounting to Php 7.095 billion during its budget deliberations. This decision marks a significant step forward in supporting the national government's peace initiatives and

consolidates support for the OPAPRU's peace agenda. Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., emphasized that the budget allocation serves as a validation of the government's commitment to peacebuilding, indicating that the peace agenda is gaining traction and credibility. The 2025 budget is described by the Secretary as an "investment for peace," essential for continuing the transformation of former combatants and their communities while ensuring the effective implementation of all signed peace agreements.

With this, OPAPRU is committed to maximizing the allocated funds to maintain the momentum of peace initiatives and projects, particularly through the PAMANA Program. With PHP 5.3 billion allocated for PAMANA projects, the OPAPRU aims to significantly enhance the social and economic conditions in areas affected by conflict, thus contributing to sustainable peace and development throughout the country. The increase from the previous year's budget of Php 6.9 billion to the current proposal illustrates the government's commitment to scaling up peace investments and expanding the impact of PAMANA projects in 15 regions, 47 provinces, and 120 municipalities nationwide.

2. **OPAPRU Senate Finance Panel Budget Hearing for FY 2025.** On September 25, 2024, the Senate Finance Subcommittee C, chaired by Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa, formally approved the proposed budget of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025. This approval follows the endorsement from the House of Representatives, positioning OPAPRU to continue its vital peacebuilding and development initiatives, particularly those under the PAMANA Program. Presidential Adviser Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. led the presentation of OPAPRU's proposed PHP 7.094 billion budget, which represents a 2.7% increase from FY 2024. The primary objective of the increased budget is to further accelerate the implementation of OPAPRU's critical normalization and transformation programs, specifically aimed at former combatants, their families, and conflict-affected communities.

A significant portion of the budget is allocated to the PAMANA Program, OPAPRU's flagship initiative, which directly addresses the socio-economic roots of conflict through sustainable development interventions. The program's primary focus is on the provision of essential infrastructure, governance reforms, and livelihood opportunities in geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas, particularly those impacted by armed conflict.

3. **OPAPRU Meeting with National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) – Indigenous People (IP) Sectoral Representative (SR) in Cordillera Administrative Region.** On September 11, 2024, the OPAPRU through the Office of the Executive Director for Peace Sustainability (OEDPS) convened a meeting with the National Anti-Poverty Commission (NAPC) Indigenous Peoples (IP) Sectoral Representative (SR). The primary objective of this meeting was to assess the current situation of Indigenous Peoples (IPs) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) and explore potential institutional interventions that could contribute to sustained peace and security within Indigenous Cultural Communities (ICCs). The agenda of the meeting encompassed key issues such as unresolved concerns impacting IPs, the identification of actions left unaddressed, and the formulation of institutional measures to enhance peacebuilding efforts. During the meeting, OPAPRU emphasized the agency's commitment to healing and reconciliation initiatives, which extend beyond IPs to include conflict-affected and vulnerable areas. This approach, grounded in the concept of peace sustainability, integrates social healing, the PAMANA program, and international partnerships as essential components of the peacebuilding process.

4. **OPAPRU Meeting with Cordillera Administrative Region Governors and Regional Development Council.** The OPAPRU convened a high-level meeting with members of the Regional Development Council (RDC) in the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) to address pressing concerns related to regional development, peace, security, and the pursuit of autonomy for the region. The meeting was led by OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez Jr., together with Presidential Assistant for the Cordillera Administrative Region, Assistant Secretary Antonio Tabora Jr., and aimed to align national peace initiatives with regional development priorities. The meeting was further enriched by the presence of local chief executives and regional directors from various Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) who provided updates on their respective provinces and agencies' projects and programs being implemented in the region.

During the meeting, OPAPRU presented the Comprehensive Peace Process in the Cordillera Administrative Region, including critical updates on the implementation of the PAMANA program, as well as other OPAPRU-led initiatives. In particular, the agency highlighted the allocation of PHP 594,000.000.00 in 2024 to support socio-economic and development programs across the Cordillera region. For the upcoming calendar year 2025, an additional allocation of PHP 594,000.000.00 has been earmarked, bringing the total to approximately PHP 1.2 billion for a two-year period. This significant financial commitment underscores OPAPRU's strategic investment in the region's peacebuilding and development efforts.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1. **Conduct of Social Preparation Activities for FY 2024 PAMANA Projects.** In continuation of the previously conducted PAMANA SocPrep from 03 – 20 June 2024, The OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO in collaboration with the OPAPRU Area Management Units (AMUs), OPAPRU Field Offices, concerned M/CLGUs, BLGUs, and other implementing agencies carried out the remaining SocPrep Activities in Lanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Norte, Davao, and Samar. The SocPrep Activities conducted were aligned with the established Implementing Guidelines on the PAMANA Priority Infrastructure Project - Interventions, the PAMANA Manual of Operations, the operations of the OPAPRU-PAMANA-National Program Management Office (NPMO), and the commitments and priorities of the Comprehensive Peace Process.

Activity	Date	Venue
SOCIAL PREPARATION ACTIVITIES FOR FY2024 PAMANA PROJECT BENEFICIARIES	01-05 July 2024	Lanao del Norte & Lanao del Sur
	01-05 July 2024	Maguindanao del Norte & Maguindanao del Sur
	01-05 July 2024	Davao de Oro
	08-12 July 2024	Northern and Western Samar
	24 July 2024	Maslog, Eastern Samar

The SocPrep Activities were conducted in order to capacitate beneficiaries, their families, and communities for the forthcoming interventions. At the same time, it aimed to empower beneficiaries by fostering a sense of ownership, accountability, and inclusivity. The OPAPRU team carried out these discussions to prepare the communities to effectively engage with and benefit from the interventions brought about by the national government with the goal of enhancing the quality of personal and community life through improved infrastructure and support.

2. **Conduct of Site Suitability Assessment for FY 2025 PAMANA Housing Projects.**

The OPAPRU PAMANA – National Program Management Office (NPMO) conducted a site suitability assessment for the FY 2025 PAMANA housing projects in Agusan del Sur, Agusan del Norte, Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro, and Davao Oriental. This assessment aimed to evaluate the feasibility and readiness of the proposed sites for housing development.

Activity	Date	Venue
SITE SUITABILITY ASSESSMENT FOR FY2025 HOUSING PROJECTS	05-09 August 2024	Agusan del Sur and Agusan del Norte
	27-30 August 2024	Davao del Norte, Davao de Oro, and Davao Oriental

In Agusan del Sur, the assessment focused on two (2) key areas. The first site, located in San Lorenzo, Prosperidad, has a proposed plan for 100 housing units. However, due to space limitations, only 21 units will be constructed on-site, with the remaining units to be built in alternative locations. The second project, the Home Defense Village, is currently in the process of access road construction. Originally planned for 100 housing units, the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMO assessed that the site was found to have the capacity to accommodate up to 123 lots, allowing for possible expansion beyond the initial plan.

Meanwhile, in Agusan del Norte, the assessment centered on the housing project in Cabadbaran. The site is fully developed and includes 17 existing housing units for Former Rebels (FRs). An additional 34 units are proposed for construction in this area, with the site being deemed fully suitable for further development.

In Davao del Norte, the OPAPRU-PAMANA-NPMP assessed the Kapalong Housing Project, which aims to provide 100 housing units for FRs in Sitio Mangkai. During a courtesy call with Governor Jubahib, it was noted that the site's accessibility poses a significant challenge, as the area is currently only reachable by raft. A bridge is needed to ensure reliable access. Additionally, the site is prone to flooding, prompting the need for a revised subdivision layout with an easement from the riverbanks to mitigate flood risks. Meanwhile, the Talaingod Housing Project, which plans to build 40 housing units, requires reassessment due to a lack of site development progress. In Davao de Oro, the proposed housing project, submitted through the Area Management Unit (AMU), consists of 100 units. Of these, 15 will be constructed in Kalayaan Village, while the remaining 85 units will be developed on private land owned by former rebels.

The assessment in Davao Oriental focused on relocating the proposed housing site. Overall, the assessment highlighted critical infrastructure needs, site vulnerabilities, and financial concerns that require resolution to ensure the successful implementation of the housing projects in these regions.

3. **DSWD-OPAPRU Collaboration Meeting on the Finalization of FY 2024 PAMANA Targets and Preparation of FY2025 PAMANA Proposals.** The DSWD, in collaboration with the OPAPRU, through the PAMANA-NPMO, convened a high-level consultation to address strategic concerns regarding the FY 2024 targets and the formulation of proposals for FY 2025. This meeting was a critical step in ensuring alignment between both agencies to effectively implement the PAMANA program, which focuses on promoting peace and development in conflict-affected and vulnerable areas.

4. Ceremonial Groundbreaking and Turnover Activities of PAMANA Projects

- **Ceremonial Groundbreaking in Pantukan, Davao De Oro.** The Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) of Pantukan, Davao de Oro, initiated the Ceremonial Groundbreaking Ceremony for the following OPAPRU-PAMANA Projects in the Municipality of Pantukan on July 04, 2024:
 - Construction of Concrete Road, Purok 17 Tipga Leading to Purok 25 Makitang Dagat, Brgy. Napnapan, Pantukan, Davao De Oro
 - Construction of Concrete Road, Purok 13 to Purok 14a, Brgy. Magnaga, Pantukan, Davao De Oro
 - Construction of Concrete Road, Sitio Tugop to Gumayan Road, Brgy. Kingking, Pantukan, Davao De Oro
 - Construction of Concrete Road, Sitio Ayan - Sitio Bingag, Brgy. Kingking to Sitio Sarog, Brgy. Napnapan Road, Pantukan, Davao De Oro

The groundbreaking ceremony represented a pivotal mobilization effort for the communities in Pantukan, encouraging their active engagement in the transformative development process. This event provided a platform for OPAPRU-PAMANA to engage directly with the beneficiaries, fostering a shared vision of progress and unity. By involving the community in the ceremony, a sense of ownership and connection was cultivated, aligning with PAMANA's mission as the national peace convergence program. This inclusive approach empowers individuals to contribute to meaningful and impactful initiatives, thereby generating stronger community support and enthusiasm. Such engagement ensures that the community is deeply invested in the project's success from its inception. This event took place at Barangay Napnapan, Pantukan, Davao de Oro. The projects entail a comprehensive investment totaling PHP 90,000,000.00.

- **Ceremonial Groundbreaking for Improvement of Balicanao AM-AM Provincial Road, Bauko, Mountain Province.** For the FY 2024 PAMANA Program, PLGU Mt. Province led the Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the Balicanao-Am-am Provincial Road with a project cost of PHP 25,000,000.00. A ceremonial cheque worth PHP 105,000,000.00 was also handed to the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) for the implementation of other OPAPRU projects in Mountain Province. As part of the oversight/implementing function of the OPAPRU, the PAMANA-NPMO with the GPH-RCPPPO field office and in close coordination with the PLGU of Mt. Province conducted project site validation of the abovementioned project for FY 2024 PAMANA Program last October 2023. As a result, the joint validation team signifies the feasibility and viability of the said projects.

The groundbreaking ceremony represented a pivotal mobilization effort for the communities in Bauko, encouraging their active engagement in the transformative development process. This event provided a platform for OPAPRU-PAMANA to engage directly with the beneficiaries, fostering a shared vision of progress and unity. By involving the community in the ceremony, a sense of ownership and connection was cultivated, aligning with PAMANA's mission as the national peace convergence program. This inclusive approach empowers individuals to contribute to meaningful and impactful initiatives, thereby generating stronger community support and enthusiasm.

- **Ceremonial Groundbreaking in Balbalan, Kalinga.** On August 06, 2024, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU), in partnership with the Provincial Local Government Unit (PLGU) of Kalinga, conducted the groundbreaking ceremony for the following infrastructure projects under the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program: a) Construction of Bridge in Barangay Poswoy, Balbalan, Kalinga; b) Construction of Road in Barangay Poswoy, Balbalan, Kalinga. These initiatives are designed to enhance socioeconomic development in Brgy. Poswoy, Balbalan, Kalinga, a remote hinterland barangay. The total funding for these PAMANA projects amounts to Php89,833,789.93. The scope of the projects includes the construction of a bridge and a road that will establish a crucial link between Brgy. Poswoy and the town center, as well as other neighboring communities. Once completed, these infrastructure projects are expected to improve accessibility, promote economic activities, and contribute to the overall development of the area. The implementation of these projects is aligned with the PAMANA Program's mission to support conflict-affected and geographically isolated communities, fostering peace and prosperity through strategic infrastructure investments.

- **Ceremonial Groundbreaking in Guinobatan, Albay.** The PAMANA program serves as a government initiative aimed at addressing the root causes of issues in conflict-affected areas through various socio-economic interventions. It reflects the government's commitment to providing sincere support for the development of peaceful and prosperous communities. A groundbreaking ceremony was held for two significant projects under the OPAPRU's PAMANA program held last September 13, 2024, in Brgy. Calzada, Guinobatan, Albay. The projects include: a) Concreting of Pinaric-Agpay Road Phase 2- Brgy. Agpay-Pinaric, Guinobatan, Albay; b) Construction of Farmers Training Center, Sitio Kisanglay, Barangay Calzada, Guinobatan, Albay.

- **Ceremonial Turnover of 200 units under the Modified Shelter Assistance Project (MSAP) at Caparan, Ipil, Zamboanga Sibugay, Sitio Matawis, Jatian, Sibuco, Zamboanga Del Norte.** On 30 August 2024, the OPAPRU, led by Secretary Galvez joined the local community in Sitio Matawis for the handover of 200 MSAP units. The event was graced by DSWD Secretary Rex Gatchalian and the Municipal Mayor of Sibuco, Joel Ventura, who expressed deep appreciation for the completion of these shelter units and the unwavering support of the Philippine government in fostering peace. The turnover ceremony underscore the collaborative efforts between national agencies and LGUs in enhancing the living conditions of the beneficiaries. This project reflects the government's commitment in rebuilding communities and promoting social cohesion.

The OPAPRU's involvement highlights its dedication to transforming lives through the PAMANA Program. The successful implementation of 200 MSAP units in Sibuco, representing an investment of PHP 53,400,000.00 under the FY 2023 Appropriations, marks a significant achievement. Looking ahead, an additional 225 MSAP units are planned for 2024, with 75 of these units allocated to Sibuco, amounting to PHP 20,814,750.00 under the FY 2024 Appropriations.

The event also featured discussions on strengthening partnerships with DSWD and local officials to ensure the fulfillment of the Comprehensive Peace Process and the continued advancement of peace and development goals. The turn-over of these shelters signifies a new chapter for MNLF communities, providing them with a stable foundation to build productive lives and further contribute to the broader objectives of peace and reconciliation.

OTHER ACTIVITIES: 20TH NATIONAL PEACE CONSCIOUSNESS MONTH CELEBRATION

Proclamation No. 675, also known as the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM), is observed annually in September to highlight the significance of peace in the Philippines. It serves as a crucial reminder to all Filipinos about the necessity of maintaining peace and harmony in our society. This aims to relay consciousness to current and future generations, ensuring they grasp the vital role of peace in fostering progress and unity nationwide. This year, the PAMANA National Program Management Office was designated as the NPCM Chair.

1. **Peace Concert.** Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. articulated the concert's significance as a reflection of the Filipino people's collective aspiration for enduring and equitable peace. He stated, "The path to peace is not one that can be walked by a few alone. It requires a whole-of-nation, whole-of-society approach to achieve lasting peace for all." This year's Peace Day Concert was conducted in observance of the International Day of Peace and as a key event within the framework of the 20th National Peace Consciousness Month celebrations. The overarching theme for this year, "Peace Month @ 20: Bagong Pilipinas: Transforming Minds, Transforming Lives," underscores the necessity of fostering genuine transformation at the individual level, which is essential for broader societal development.

The transformation referenced by Sec. Galvez is evidenced by the successful reintegration of former combatants and rebels into mainstream society, demonstrating the positive outcomes of government peace initiatives. The Peace Day Concert functioned not merely as a platform for entertainment but as a pivotal occasion for enhancing awareness and unity among Filipinos. It reinforced the concept that peace is a shared responsibility necessitating the collaborative efforts of all sectors of society. Through initiatives such as this concert, OPAPRU continues to advocate for the principles of peace, reconciliation, and unity, which are vital for the progress and development of the nation.

The Mall of Asia (MOA) Concert Grounds in Pasay City served as the venue for the Peace Day Concert held on September 21, 2024. The concert showcased an impressive lineup of esteemed Filipino musical acts, including Sponge Cola, Mayonnaise, Adie, The Juans, and Lunarlights, whose performances significantly engaged the audience and contributed to the concert's success.

2. **Run for Peace 2024.** Last 12 October 2024, the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) endeavored to enhance the NPCM celebration by introducing the Run for Peace 2024. The event sought to blend physical activity and entertainment with advocacy for a just and lasting peace. The event promoted an active lifestyle but also emphasized among the participants on the ongoing peace processes and government initiatives for conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas.

The Run for Peace 2024 served as a platform for individuals from all walks of life to come together in solidarity for the continuous development of the peace initiative in the country. With this, participants were able to enhance their well-being and contribute in the advocacy for peace, carrying forward the message of unity and understanding within the level of communities.

3. **Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) Ball Toss for Peace.** On September 15, 2024, the Philippine Basketball Association (PBA) hosted the Ball Toss for Peace at the Smart Araneta Coliseum, a ceremonial event aimed at promoting peace and unity in alignment with the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) celebrations. The event featured a ceremonial ball toss officiated by the OPAPRU, with the presence of notable figures, including PBA Commissioner Willie Marcial, PBA Vice-Chairman and Governor of Brgy. Ginebra San Miguel, and PBA San Miguel Beermen Governor Mr.

Robert Non. The ceremonial ball toss marked the commencement of the highly anticipated game between Brgy. Ginebra San Miguel and the San Miguel Beermen, scheduled for that night. This event served not only as a sporting competition but also as a platform for advocating the importance of peace in society, utilizing the influence of sports to foster community engagement and solidarity. During the halftime break, the event included a PBA Courtside Interview featuring representatives from OPAPRU, allowing them to discuss the significance of the NPCM and the role of sports in promoting peace.

4. **KePEACEtahan sa Maynila.** This three-day event aims to showcase the significant contributions of various stakeholders in sustaining and enhancing the peace initiatives undertaken by the national government. The OPAPRU underscores the critical importance of every Filipino in enhancing the nation's peace initiatives. The successful execution of the KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair is a testament to the dedication and collaborative efforts of numerous individuals and organizations committed to assisting the national government in promoting a culture of peace and harmony. This year's observance of the National Peace Consciousness Month is centered around the theme, "Peace Month @ 20: Bagong Pilipinas: Transforming Minds, Transforming Lives," which highlights the imperative of both individual and collective contributions to the cultivation of a peaceful society.

The KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair serves as an annual convergence of diverse sectors, celebrating the transformative impact of the national government's peace initiatives in communities once plagued by conflict. Throughout the fair, attendees can explore a variety of products crafted by OPAPRU-supported communities, local government units (LGUs), and other beneficiaries. By facilitating dialogue and collaboration among various stakeholders, the KaPEACEtahan Peace Fair reinforces the commitment to creating a harmonious society where the principles of peace, reconciliation, and unity are deeply embedded in the cultural fabric of the nation.

VII. PROGRAM 7: INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND PARTNERSHIPS

A. POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

Revised Rules on Visits of Foreign Governments and International Organizations to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao. The OPAPRU, through the IPPO and Program 1, is currently working with the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) and members of the security sector, particularly the Department of National Defense (DND), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA), in updating the Guidelines on Visits of Foreign Governments and International Organizations to Conflict-Affected Areas in Mindanao (CAAM), first issued in August 2010 and revised in April 2022.

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

For the third quarter, the OPAPRU, through the IPPO and P1, has been working with the DFA and other relevant agencies on the proposed issuance of a memorandum circular on the foreign engagements of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The draft MC has been circulated to the various agencies for input and vetting.

Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (PPDM) Programme with the European Union (EU). The EU, in partnership with the OPAPRU, the Mindanao Development Authority (MinDA), and the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Government, is implementing a new programme entitled, “Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (PPDM).”

The PPDM Programme, which amounts to EUR 27 million and which will be implemented from 2024 to 2030, aims to contribute to consolidating and sustaining peace gains, increasing resilience, and reducing sources of conflict and instability in Mindanao.

The Specific Objectives of the Programme include the following: (1) Good Governance; (2) Normalization/Implementation of Peace Agreement; and (3) Human Security/Humanitarian-Development-Peace Nexus. The BARMM will implement SO 1 (worth EUR 6 million), BARMM SO 2 (EUR 7.5 million) and MinDA SO 3 (EUR 11.5 million).

For the third quarter, the IPPO, together with Program 1, continued to closely work with the EU on the priority interventions to be implemented under the PPDM. It was proposed that the interventions under the PPDM build upon the current peace-related programs of the EU implemented in partnership with the OPAPRU and the BARMM Government, among others, namely: the Peace and Development in the BARMM (PD-BARMM) Programme, Support to Bangsamoro Transition (SUBATRA) Programme, Bangsamoro Agro-Enterprise Programme (BAEP), and the Mindanao Peace and Development (MinPAD-RISE) Programme.

Project for Promoting Awareness and Digitalization of the Electoral Process in the Bangsamoro with the Japan Embassy and the UNDP. The OPAPRU, through the IPPO, provided policy guidance and recommendation to the UNDP during the consultation of its Needs Assessment Mission (NAM) on July 2024, prior to the ceremonial signing of the Exchange of Notes between the UNDP and the Japan Embassy on August 2024 where OPAPRU served as a witness. The Project, which has a total cost of JPY 234 million (approximately USD 1.5 million), and which will be implemented with the Commission on Election (COMELEC) for 2024 to 2028, will enhance voter education and digitalize key election management processes. It aims to boost voter participation by informing the citizens – particularly women and vulnerable groups about the Bangsamoro Parliament’s role and the specifics of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of the Bangsamoro Electoral Code for a more inclusive and comprehensive election in the BARMM.

Project to Advance Primary Health Care Towards Universal Health Care (UHC) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The OPAPRU provides guidance to the project implemented by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

Other Activities. The IPPO, in partnership with Program 1, also provided policy advice and recommendation to the following: (1) Australian Embassy on the priorities of the national government on the peace process relative to its upcoming launch of its new country program strategy, and (2) Colombia on its South-South Peacebuilding Cooperation Program. The IPPO also provided the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) relative to the upcoming establishment of the Philippine Embassy in Bogota, Colombia and the drafting of the Philippines Soft Power Roadmap.

B. NETWORK BUILDING

For the 3rd quarter of 2024, the IPPO continued to engage its 33 international partners and 12 private sector partners:

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS	PRIVATE SECTOR PARTNERS
<p><u>22 Foreign Governments and Intergovernmental Entities</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Australian Embassy 2. Embassy of Brunei Darussalam 3. Canadian Embassy 4. Embassy of Colombia 5. Embassy of Germany 6. Embassy of Indonesia 7. Embassy of Japan 8. Embassy of Malaysia 9. Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands 10. Embassy of Qatar 11. Embassy of the Royal Norwegian Government 12. Embassy of South Korea 13. Embassy of the Kingdom of Spain 14. Embassy of Switzerland 15. Embassy of Turkiye 16. Embassy of the United Kingdom and Northern Ireland 17. Embassy of the Delegation of the European Union in the Philippines 18. Embassy of the United States 19. United States – Department of State 20. Japan International and Cooperation Agency (JICA) 21. United States Institute for Peace (USIP) 22. World Bank <p><u>United Nations and its Attached Agencies</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23. International Organization on Migration (IOM) 24. United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) 25. UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) 26. UN Resident Coordinator's Office (UNRCO) 27. UN Entity for the Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women (UN Women) 28. World Food Programme (WFP) <p><u>5 Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs)</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 29. The Asia Foundation (TAF) 30. Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue (CHD) 31. Conciliation Resources (C-R) 32. Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) 33. Principles for Peace (P4P) 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. McDonald's Philippines 2. SM Supermalls 3. Ayala Corporation Health 4. Philippine Disaster Resilience Foundation 5. Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) 6. Affordable Private Education Center, Inc. (APEC) 7. Advancement for Rural Kids (ARK) 8. Zuellig Family Foundation 9. Ayala Foundation 10. TBWA Worldwide – SMP 11. Kennemer Group 12. Advancement of Rural Kids (ARK)

The IPPO is currently working with the following private sector partners for the possible signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for partnership: ARK, Kennemer Group, Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP), and Ayala Group. The IPPO also provided technical assistance to Secretary Galvez on his official trip to Japan for the JICA Symposium on the 10th Anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

C. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT. For this quarter, the OPAPRU, through the IPPO, continued to provide government oversight to the Community Peace Dividends Fund (CPDF) Project, which is still in the process of closing out. On the other hand, in support of the Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan – National Program Management Office (NPMO) which served as

the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for the NPCM, hosted the opening of the NPCM at the Quezon City Memorial Center (QCMC) on 01 September 2024.

- D. **RESOURCE MOBILIZATION.** The IPPO has been continuously exploring avenues to tap the available resources of international partners and private sector partners to support the funding gaps and requirements of the various peace tables through the bilateral and multilateral meetings of the executives with international and private sector partners.
- E. **CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT.** For the third quarter, the OPAPRU, through the IPPO, has engaged the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) for capacity-building on Community-Based Monitoring System (CBMS) and the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP) for Positive Peace Training: Measuring and Integrating Data-backed Peace Frameworks, respectively. The IPPO also attended capacity building activities on basic procurement.
- F. **STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS.** For this quarter, the IPPO was able to secure partnership with the Manila Times for the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM). The IPPO also participated in various committees for the NPCM, International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security (ICWPS), and Bagong Pilipinas Roadshow. Lastly, the IPPO also provided support to the PAPRU on the vetting of columns, speeches, and news releases.
- G. **OTHERS.** For this quarter, the IPPO supported the Office of the Executive Director for Peace Sustainability (OED-PS) and the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) on the following: the preparations for the ICWPS on 28 to 30 October 2024 and the establishment of the WPS Center of Excellence in the Philippines.

❖ **CROSS-CUTTING THEMES**

- **Mainstreaming GAD, WPS, and CSPP.** The IPPO has been integrating Gender and Development (GAD), WPS, and CSPP, with its every engagement with international partners. It is included in policy recommendations to executives and even in the policy guidance provided to peace-related programs and projects of international partners.
- **Stakeholders Participation.** Constituency-building is core to the work that the IPPO does. As such, it ensures that for all the interventions that the IPPO implements, internal and external stakeholders are involved. Internally, the IPPO works with all the core programs and support offices. Externally, it also engages with the relevant national government agencies (NGAs), local government units (LGUs), academe, international partners, and civil society organizations (CSOs).

PART II. MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING OPAPRU BUSINESS PROCESSES

A. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPITAL

1. **Approval and Dissemination of Office Order No. 313, s. 2024, "Core Team and Technical Working (TWG) on the Establishment of a Department of Peace", 25 September 2024.** The OPAPRU has made significant strides in its transformation towards a more permanent character in the machinery of the national government. This is to ensure that the promotion of sustainable peace and development is not just a temporary, but rather a sustained and consistent effort by the government, extending beyond political administrations. Hence, the agency shall work together to secure its proposed legislative action. To pursue this, Office Order No. 313, s. 2024 was issued on 25 September 2024, signed by the PAPRU, creating a Core Team and Technical Working Group (TWG) on the establishment of a Department of Peace (DoP). This Order is aimed at formalizing and delineating specific functions and responsibilities of the different OPAPRU offices/services to ensure proper accountability and responsibility.
2. **Approval and Issuance of Office Order No. 260, s. 2024, "Adoption and Operationalization of the Approved OPAPRU Organizational Structure", 08 August 2024.** Pursuant to the expanded mandates of the Agency by virtue of Executive Order No. 158, series of 2021, the OPAPRU continuously sets its course towards organizational transformation through the reconfiguration of its structure. Since the approval of the said EO, the OPAPRU, through the PSDKMS, facilitated several reorganization efforts which included the submission of its request for additional Director IV-level positions and proposed OS to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM). Following the approval of the DBM on the aforesaid request, the OPAPRU OS has been updated to reflect the prescribed organizational modifications based on the Agency's needs and requirements. The proposed OPAPRU Organizational Structure was approved by the PAPRU on 23 July 2024, and this was followed by the issuance of Office Order 260, s. 2024 for the official adoption of the same.
3. **Organizational Systems and Processes: Implemented PGS interventions (internal) for the Proficiency Stage**

Vetting of Refreshed Organizational Strategy.

On 20 August 2024, the OSM led by PSDD presented the refreshed 2028 OPAPRU organizational strategy to the PAPRU. Among the highlights of the presentation were the modified Strategic Positions that captures the medium-term and long-term vision of the Agency as follows: (1) OPAPRU by 2025 shall be "A regular agency mission capable of resolving all internal armed conflicts and sustaining the gains of the Philippine comprehensive peace process", (2) OPAPRU by 2028 shall be "A model peace process agency in the global community through the ending of all internal armed conflicts and sustainment of the gains of the Philippine comprehensive peace process", (3) OPAPRU by 2034 shall be "A center of excellence in the peace process by fully implementing the commitments of all signed peace agreements and contributing to international peace and mediation", and (4) OPAPRU by 2040 aims to be "An international authority on conflict resolution and mediation contributing to a just and lasting peace for all". The PAPRU commended the OSM for doing completed staff work in revising the OPAPRU strategy, noting that the direction set by the organization is more strategic and aligned with his vision for OPAPRU's transformation into a full-fledged agency.





MSGC Oath-taking and First Official Meeting. On 27 August 2024, the OSM led by the PSDD convened the OPAPRU MSGC to conduct its first official meeting. The MSGC, being one of the mechanisms under the Performance Governance System (PGS), had been formed to assist the Agency in communicating and executing its vision, commitments, and

strategic direction. Six (6) out of the eight (8) MSGC members were able to attend physically, namely, Mr. Guillermo M. Luz, Mr. Austere A. Panadero, Dr. Cameron P. Odsey, Professor Jasmin N. Galace, Professor Manuel J. De Vera, and President Amina Rasul-Bernardo. Mr. Evaristo S. Francsico, on the other hand, attended the meeting virtually. On the part of the OPAPRU, Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr. together with the members of the Executive Committee, Management Committee, Program technical staff and OSM members were present. The MSGC members provided their inputs and comments on the refreshed 2028 OPAPRU organizational strategy, and committed to provide their full support to the Agency to help it attain its medium-term and long-term breakthroughs.

Immersion of PSDD-OSM Personnel in the Field Activity of Core Programs. On 20 – 23 August 2024, the GPH-Moro National Liberation Front-Peace Process Office (GPH-MNLF PPO) invited the PSDD-OSM for the conduct of a verification and socioeconomic profiling of MNLF combatants in Lanao Del Sur. This activity is part of the remaining deliverables for the 161 MNLF combatants in the same province, an essential component of the comprehensive social reintegration and Transformation Program for the aforementioned combatants. As the office that is mandated to develop and manage the overarching policies and strategy of the OPAPRU, the PSDD-OSM designated Mr. Jonel Y. Sendaydiego to observe the conduct of this activity. This immersion activity allowed Mr. Sendaydiego to navigate the full cycle of strategy management—from development to implementation and monitoring—through a ground up perspective.

4. **Organizational Systems and Processes: Completed Service Process Streamlining for Internal Management Programs**

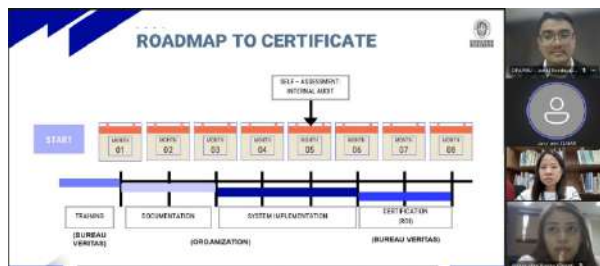
A. Development of a Quality Management System (QMS) certifiable to International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015, September 2024

Meeting with Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS).

On 05 September 2024, the Strategic Planning Section (SPS) held a virtual exploratory meeting with the SGS to discuss their services and the consultancy requirements of the OPAPRU for the development of its QMS that is certifiable to ISO 9001:2015. SGS is recognized as a global benchmark for sustainability, quality and integrity. As a certifying organization, the SGS made it clear that they cannot provide consultancy to the OPAPRU when it comes to developing and documenting its processes to avoid conflict of interest. Instead, they offer their training services to capacitate OPAPRU personnel, from



executive and management committees down to technical staff, on process documentation, internal audit and certification. Additionally, the SGS recommended engaging an independent consultant in their network who would help the OPAPRU in terms of process improvement and documentation. The SGS also provided the OPAPRU with details of the range of their services.



Meeting with Bureau Veritas.

The SPS held another exploratory meeting with the Bureau Veritas last 27 September 2024 relative to the needs of the OPAPRU in the development of its QMS. Similar to the SGS, Bureau Veritas informed the SPS that they could only

capacitate the OPAPRU personnel to avoid conflict of interest since they are also a certifying body. They also recommended a list of independent consultants who could help the OPAPRU in preparing all the requirements for the actual certification to ISO 9001:2015.

5. Organizational Systems and Processes: Updated, Published and maintained OPAPRU Citizen's Charter.

Printing and Publication of the 2024 OPAPRU Citizen's Charter Handbook (2nd Edition), August 2024. The PSDD successfully facilitated the reproduction and dissemination of the 2nd edition of the OPAPRU Citizen's Charter in compliance with the Republic Act (RA) 11032 otherwise known as the Ease of Doing Business and Efficient Government Service Delivery Act of 2018. This document is used to communicate OPAPRU's internal and external services and their corresponding turnaround time.

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



Nomination for this year's Future Policy Award for the Philippines' Peace Education in Schools through Executive Order 570, s. 2006, "Institutionalizing Peace Education in Basic Education and Teacher Education". On 29 August 2024, representatives from

the Future Policy Award, organized by the World Future Council interviewed Director Rowena T. Lopez of OPAPRU regarding EO 570, series of 2006. They informed the unit that they received a nomination for this year's Award for Philippines' Peace Education in Schools through EO 570 series of 2006, "Institutionalizing Peace Education in Basic Education and Teacher Education".

EO 570 s. 2006 mandated the institutionalization of peace education in basic education and teacher education for students and the youth to learn peace concepts, skills and values to contribute to building a culture of peace in the country. This policy instrument aims to build a society that embodies interfaith and intercultural understanding, tolerance, harmony and unity.

The Future Policy Award recognizes exemplary policies that shape a better future for all generations. Each year, they focus on a critical issue, and this year's theme is "Peace and Future Generations." As part of their evaluation process, they are to conduct three interviews per policy with experts: a policymaker, an academic, and a civil society representative. Director Rowena Lopez was interviewed as representative of the policymaker's group.

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

Learning and Reflection Session on Academe's Role in Operationalizing the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS). On 10 July 2024, KMPID hosted a Learning and Reflection Session (LRS) dedicated to exploring the formulation, implementation, and current status of the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security (NAPYPS) in the Philippines. This session engaged 154 participants—130 from external stakeholders and 24 from internal (OPAPRU) participants, comprising 88 women and 66 men. Attendees included representatives from academic institutions, national government agencies, international organizations, non-governmental organizations, and private individuals.



Expert speakers from the National Youth Commission (NYC) and the Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) of OPAPRU facilitated the discussions. The LRS received an overall evaluation score of 4.45,

reflecting a "Very Satisfactory" rating. Participant feedback was also collected to enhance future sessions.

Overall, attendees found the session to be highly informative and productive, culminating in a strong call to action for academic institutions. By leveraging their strengths in education, research, and community engagement, these institutions can play a vital role in operationalizing NAPYPS and contributing to a more peaceful and secure society, particularly through youth engagement.

8. 3rd National Peace Education Summit, anchored on the theme: "Harnessing the Transformative Power of Peace Education in Educational Reforms and Societal Harmony". Against the backdrop of the National Peace Consciousness Month 2024, the 3rd National Peace Education Summit served as a catalyst for renewed commitment and action towards building a more peaceful and harmonious society, grounded in the principles of justice, equality, and respect for all. Over a hundred peace advocates and champions from various basic and higher education institutions, civil society organizations and regional offices of the Commission on Higher Education (CHED) and Department of Education (DepEd) as well as other learning institutions from across the country, threw their full support behind the establishment of a peace constituency and the national government's peace agenda during the 3rd National Peace Education Summit, held at the Luxent Hotel, Quezon City from 25-26 September 2024.



The activity had five thematic sessions, which included: 1) Perspectives of University Administrators on Peace Education Institutionalization in Philippine Higher Education Institutions (HEIs); 2) Different Strokes for Different Folks: Learning from Varied Peace Education Integration Models in the Academe; 3) Peace Education Application in Basic Education Reading, Science and Mathematics; 4) Embedding Peace Education in



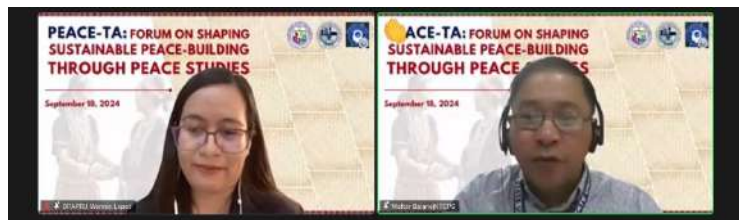
Local Communities and Public Governance; and 5) Peace Education Icons: Ways Forward for Peace Education in the Philippines.



The event was concluded with a solemn commitment to peace from all participants. They

manifested their commitment to reject all forms of violence, physical, psychological and structural, as well as signified their support for the nation's comprehensive peace process. Moreover, the participants vowed to continue working in solidarity with their fellow peacebuilders, and support efforts to bridge divides and heal the wounds of conflict across the country.

9. **Participation in an online forum titled "Peace-Ta: Shaping Sustainable Peacebuilding through Peace Studies" organized by the Kalandang Taw Center for Peace Studies - Bukidnon State University.**



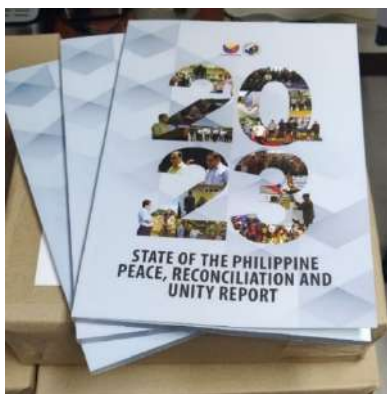
On 18 September 2024, Dir. Rowena Lopez was invited to be one of the Resource Persons for an Online forum titled "Peace-Ta: Shaping Sustainable Peacebuilding through Peace Studies" organized by the Kalandang Taw Center for Peace Studies - Bukidnon State University (BukSu). She was tasked to speak about the Government 5-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda and Research Grant Opportunities for the Academe. This is in line with the BukSu's celebration of the month-long Peace Month and was attended by faculty member and students from BukSu.

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

Digital Packet for the 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference, September 2024. Providing a comprehensive information resource for participants before the actual conduct of the 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference, a digital packet was crafted and shared with all participants, providing participants with all necessary information about the event, such as the schedule, venue details, program, event logistics, and related resources, all in a convenient digital format.

One highlight of the digital packet is the advance copy of the OPAPRU Peace Research Conference Publication which enabled all attendees to be familiar with the presentations and be able to share its copy for wider reach and dissemination.

11. **Multiple Technical Working Group (TWG) Meetings on the Crafting of the OPAPRU Coffee Table Book (CTB), July-September 2024.** As the lead Secretariat for the crafting of the OPAPRU Coffee Table Book, the PSDKMS has devised shared documents for input generation among all members of the TWG-CTB. Reference documents were consolidated by the PSDKMS which served as major reference for the external service provider hired for this purpose. Throughout this process, multiple meetings were held with TWG members, providing an essential platform for discussing critical details and suggestions to refine the proposed book. On 27 August 2024, a presentation was made to the PAPRU, during which valuable guidance was received, leading to improvements in the book's coverage, focus, and overall purpose.



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

Printing and publishing of the State of the Philippine Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (SOPPRU) Report 2023, September 2024. The State of the Philippine Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (SOPPRU) Report is the Agency's annual accomplishment knowledge product that sought to mainstream and make known OPAPRU's efforts and

successes toward just and lasting peace for the nation and for all Filipinos—communicating the peace process in text and in images. The SOPPRU Report 2023 was distributed to both internal and external stakeholders; copies were already endorsed for the Executive Secretary, the DBM, Senate's Committee on Finance, and HoR's Committee on Appropriations.

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

Library clients served, July-September 2024. As of September 2024, the Ambassador Manuel T. Yan Peace Resource Center (AMTYPRC) has made significant progress towards this target. The total number of unique online clients for the 3rd quarter of the year stands at 249. Additionally, 43 physical clients have been served during this period. This gives a total of 292 internal and external library clients served from July-September 2024.

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

New titles of peace resource materials AMTYPRC collection added, July-September 2024. As of September 2024, the AMTYPRC acquired 7 new titles, leaving 23 titles to be procured for the rest of the year. The titles of the acquired books are:

- Women, Peace and Security: Repositioning Gender in Peace Agreements
- The Oxford handbook of Women, Peace, and Security
- Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men
- World Politics of Peace and War: Geopolitics in Another Key: Geography and Civilization
- Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse
- The Art of Meditation
- Comparing Peace Processes (Routledge Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution)

15. Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: Gawad Kapayapaan Operationalized.

Operationalization of Gawad Kapayapaan.

The Gawad Kapayapaan 2024 Awards concluded the month-long National Peace Consciousness Month celebration on 30 September 2024 at The Manila Hotel. This year, Gawad Kapayapaan honored Prof. Miriam Coronel-Ferrer for her advocacy of peace through dialogue; Budget Secretary Amenah F. Pangandaman for her leadership in empowering the Bangsamoro region; the Municipality of Kauswagan for its impactful peace and development initiatives; and Mr. Ghazali Jafaar who was recognized posthumously for his contributions to the peace process between the GPH and MILF on 24 September 2024 in Cotabato City. Their recognition sets standards and presents good peacebuilding practices that can be replicated, upscaled, and sustained by other peace advocates.



16. SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Continuous provision of policy inputs, July-September 2024. The PSDKMS is committed to integrate the peace agenda of the Philippine Government in all international, national and local policies, all aimed at ensuring that the priorities contributing to the attainment of a just and lasting peace are continuously provided with policy spaces. For the 3rd Quarter, the Service has successfully provided policy inputs and recommendations on the following:

- Statements of the 44th and 45th ASEAN Summit
- Concept Note of the Proposed Regional Conference on the International Humanitarian Law

Technical and Secretariat Support to the 2024 National Peace Consciousness Month, September 2024. The celebration of the National Peace Consciousness Month is mandated by Proclamation no. 675, s. 2004, which aims to expand engagement platforms for peacebuilding. On its 20th year, the PSDKMS has played a critical role in the planning, programming and execution of the annual celebration. More specifically, the Service provided substantive technical and secretariat support from the inception of slated activities to the actual implementation (February-September). Activities wherein PSDKMS centered in include the mounting of the mother memorandum and its relevant attachments, cascading of request and invitation letters to encourage the support of all relevant stakeholders and facilitate the issuance of mobilization policies, in view of the aim to localize the celebration of the peace month. The Service was likewise instrumental in convening all relevant committee members either through the issuance of internal policies or regular coordination meetings. General reportorial requirements were likewise facilitated by the Service in its capacity as the Organizing Committee's Overall Secretariat.

Conduct of the Learning and Reflection Session on the International Humanitarian Law (IHL), 20 August 2024. The commemoration of the International Humanitarian Law Month (IHL) is in line with Executive Order No. 134, s. 1999. The said executive fiat likewise created an IHL Ad Hoc Committee to which the OPAPRU is a



member of. In active participation to the Ad Hoc Committee-spearheaded activities, the PSDKMS successfully conducted a learning and reflection session that provides a platform for co-learning and knowledge-sharing on matters relating to the implementation of the IHL in relation to the pursuit of a just and lasting peace. The said session was attended by lawyer experts from the OPAPRU and the International Committee on the Red Cross (ICRC). The former highlighted the best practices of the Agency in terms of adhering to the spirit of the IHL in inching the country closer to a peaceful Bangsamoro. The latter, on the other hand, provided a comprehensive overview of the IHL as a tool and policy that governs wars and conflict and its impact in the delivery of humanitarian aid and post-conflict recovery and rehabilitation. The activity was attended by at least 70 participants from the Agency and external partners.



Technical and Secretariat Support to the Philippine Representative to the ASEAN-IPR Advisory Board (ASEAN-IPR AB) during the 15th AB Meeting and 10th Interface Meeting of ASEAN-IPR AB and Governing Council (GC) Members, 18 August 2024. The Peace Resource and Capacity Development Section (PRCDS) of PSDKMS provided technical and secretariat support to Executive Director Andres S. Aguinaldo, Jr. in his capacity as the Philippine Representative to the ASEAN-IPR Advisory Board (ASEAN-IPR AB) last 18 August 2024 during the 15th AB Meeting and 10th Interface Meeting of ASEAN-IPR AB and Governing Council (GC) Members.

The discussion mainly focused on the priority research areas of the institution to be recommended and lobbied with the GC, for approval. The AB members also discussed possible strategies for training and activities in relation to the 50th Anniversary of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC).

❖ CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

- A. **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** The PSDKMS is committed to ensuring that all its programs, projects and activities are gender and conflict-sensitive and puts a premium on highlighting women, peace and security. This is pursued by ensuring that WPS concerns as well as GAD-related concepts are integrated in the various services being rendered by the unit, including in the policy inputs provided internally and externally. The PSDKMS ensures that all its interventions take into account the meaningful involvement of all its target participants regardless of gender.
- B. **Mainstreaming of CSPP.** The PSDKMS utilizes the CSPP tools institutionalized for planning and programming activities of the Agency, when applicable. It likewise ensures that the Agency continuously mainstreams CSPP in the provision of policy inputs, program and framework development both internally and externally. Part of the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda is the mainstreaming of culture of peace and CSPP approaches in the agency's plans, programs and activities. Hence, as the lead agency in advocating the CSPP practice and as an integral strategy at the core of its efforts, it is foremost crucial that CSPP is embedded in the work of OPAPRU, and in realizing such, PSDKMS endeavors to capacitate relevant external stakeholders in mainstreaming CSPP in the performance of their duties and functions through its projects and capacity building endeavors. Most importantly, in designing activities, PSDKMS ensures the adoption of CSPP Principles.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING SERVICE (MEALS)

1. Data Quality for OPAPRU Results Framework assessed.

FY 2024 Strategy Review Report. As a result of the Special Joint Executive and Management Committee Meeting – OPAPRU FY 2024 1st Semester Strategy Review in June 2024 and conducted at OPAPRU Central Office, Ortigas, MEALS completed the comprehensive strategy review report which was shared with the OSM-TWG on 06 June 2024 for reference.

The strategy review report covered the physical accomplishments for the 1st semester, based on the latest approved and issued OPAPRU Basic Governance Documents (BGD) and data extracted from the Automated Program Dashboard in June 2024. The report also included an assessment, program's issues and concerns, assessments, and recommendations.

Furthermore, the guidance / ways forward from the PAPRU emphasized the need to review and recalibrate current commitments under the approved BGD of April 2024. It also called for the conduct of strategy refresh sessions, focusing on articulating targets for each component of the existing peace agreements and major programs; and it highlighted the importance of prioritizing baseline data collection to serve as a reference for measuring accomplishments and targets.

FY 2024 Strategy Refresh. MEALS assisted the OSM in facilitating the strategy refresh sessions, in line with PAPRU's guidance during the FY 2024 1st Semester Strategy Review. The strategy refresh, conducted in July 2024, allowed OPAPRU's program offices, services, and units to act on the review's findings, address the identified gaps, and make necessary adjustments to align with their strategic objectives. This process provided an update on the ongoing and upcoming projects, including their resource allocation to ensure alignment with the new direction. Furthermore, the refresh allowed the agency to modify its approach to performance improvement and efficiency.

Survey for the PGS Strategic Communications Plan. As part of the initiatives on communicating the PGS, the MEALS, in collaboration with the OSM and HRMS conducted a survey on 15 August 2024 to assess the level of knowledge and awareness of OPAPRU personnel on the PGS. As of reporting period, data analysis results and slide deck has been submitted to the OSM Secretariat on 11 September 2024 for review.

OPAPRU FY 2025 Midterm Organizational Assessment. Pursuant to Executive Order (EO) 158, the OPAPRU shall undergo a midterm organizational assessment to assess its effectiveness, relevance, and responsiveness. The MEALS is currently reviewing and finalizing the proposed assessment design for program clusters. The MEALS will present the proposal at the October 2024 Management Committee (ManCom) Meeting for vetting before submitting it to PAPRU.

National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM 2024) Evaluation. The MEALS, in partnership with the NPCM Secretariat, is currently reviewing the NPCM Competency Assessment Tool to assess NPCM committee members' overall competency as well as feedback on the overall conduct of the NPCM activities. The enhanced tool will be rolled out to the NPCM committee members through a debriefing session on October 2024.

2. Assessment report on 2 internal process/systems

Cross-Validation Study. Following last year's process evaluation of the FMS, MEALS conducted a follow-up cross-validation study to: 1) measure the actual time required to complete each process against prescribed guidelines and 2) gather feedback from end-

users and clients. The MEALS reviewed the results and full report with the FMS in August, and they plan to present them to the ManCom in October 2024.

Concept Notes on Baseline Studies: CPP/NPA/NDF, CBA-CPLA, and GPH-RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process. The MEALS crafted concept notes outlining the proposed baseline studies for Programs 3 and 4, with the objective of generating relevant baseline information to meet the agency's data requirements. As discussed, the MEALS will integrate the design into the FY 2025 midterm organizational assessment.

Physical and Financial Status (OSEC clearbook) Report. The MEALS submit monthly updates on OPAPRU's physical and financial accomplishments through the OSEC Clearbook Report. The MEALS will submit the September accomplishments by the first week of October.

ORGANIZATIONAL SYSTEMS AND PROCESSES

1. OPAPRU TAM utilized by all Programs

Feedback and Response System (FRS). As of the 3rd quarter, there were no feedbacks submitted on the FRS Web-Based Platform. The MEALS continue to advocate for its use to further improve the organization's feedback processes.

2. Two (2) Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced, and/or maintained

System Enhancements. As the system administrator for the Automated Program Dashboard, MEALS continuously and proactively maintains the dashboard and provides technical support to programs for its utilization. Moreover, to ensure the accuracy and availability of data, MEALS periodically validates encoded data.

The MEALS met with GASS/ICTD and FMS on 9 August 2024 to discuss integrating the National Government Accounting System (NGAS) with the program dashboard for more accurate, real-time financial reporting. Once implemented, this integration will eliminate the need for programs to manually encode their financial accomplishments. The units have scheduled a meeting in October to discuss the roll-out plan.

❖ CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

- A. **Mainstreaming GAD and WPS.** The MEALS continue to mainstream GAD and WPS through its membership and participation in the GAD Focal Points System (GFPS). Specifically, the MEALS is a member of the Gender Audit subcommittee of the GFPS, which ensures that OPAPRU GAD initiatives are compliant with relevant existing GAD policies and responsive to the needs of OPAPRU stakeholders.
- B. **Mainstreaming of CSPP.** Likewise, the MEALS continue to mainstream the CSPP through its membership and participation in the CSPP Resource Pool. The unit bases inputs provided to program offices on the CSPP principles. Most recently, the MEALS participated in the Peace Education Summit, held on 25-26 September 2024 in Quezon City.
- C. **Stakeholders Participation.** The program offices, services, and units, through their designated PCME personnel, continue to serve as MEALS' major stakeholders in the implementation of MEAL initiatives and assistance.

FINANCE/RESOURCE

1. **OPAPRU Recognized as the Top-Performing Agency with the Highest Budget Utilization Rate.** The Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) was ranked first among National Government Agencies during the first half of Fiscal Year 2024. This was highlighted in a report presented by the Development Budget Coordination Committee (DBCC) during the Senate Committee on Finance's deliberations on the proposed 2025 National Expenditure Program. OPAPRU demonstrated an obligation rate of 84.3% and a disbursement rate of 91.4%, underscoring its effective and efficient use of allocated resources.
2. **OPAPRU FY 2025 Annual Budget Proposal.** The Planning, Programming, and Resource Management Service (PPRMS), in collaboration with OPAPRU programs, conducted a series of meetings and consultation sessions in preparation for the House of Representatives Plenary scheduled for 19 September 2024 and the Senate Budget Deliberation. These efforts aimed to strategically and efficiently address Congress and Senate inquiries, facilitating the approval of the agency's FY 2025 Annual Budget Proposal. The preparatory activities included the following:
 - 01 July 2024: Initial preparation for submitting the OPAPRU FY 2025 Agency Budget Proposal to Congress.
 - 09 September 2024: Meeting to address potential critical issues during the FY 2025 Budget Hearing.
 - 11 September 2024: OPAPRU budget hearing with Representative Zia Adiong.
 - 16 September 2024: Review budget cue cards and anticipated critical questions.
 - 19 September 2024: Budget hearing dry-run for the House of Representatives Plenary Budget Deliberations.
 - 24 September 2024: Preparatory meeting for the Senate Budget Hearing.
3. **Continuous Monitoring of OPAPRU Program Physical and Financial Accomplishment Report.** In line with the institutionalization of the Program Performance and Budget Execution Review (PPBER), the PPRMS has consistently facilitated regular Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) meetings. These meetings and performance checkpoints are designed to establish a systematic approach to reporting the implementation of program and unit PAPs, as well as fund utilization status, in alignment with data from the Financial Management Service (FMS) and program data and implementation status.

The PBAC mechanism also ensures that programs effectively track their financial performance and expenditures, ensuring alignment with the agency's physical targets for FY 2024. During the second quarter, the PPRMS conducted the following meetings, focused on monitoring of fund utilization, status of fund transfers and other concerns pertaining to PAPs and funds:

- 09 July 2024, 7th Senior Program and Budget Advisory Committee (SPBAC) Meeting: present and discuss the Status of Financial Accomplishments, Fund Transfer as of 30 June 2024, unfunded PAPs and the proposed PAPs and funds for reprogramming.
- 17 July 2024, 6th Junior Program and Budget Advisory Committee (JPBAC) Meeting: Discuss the resubmission of Work and Financial Plan based on approved FY 2025 NEP
- 07 August 2024, 8th SPBAC Meeting: Presentation of the Status of Financial Accomplishments as of June 30, 2024 (FY Regular Fund)
- 12 August 2024, Special PBAC: Discussed Contract of Service (COS) computation for the revision of FY 2025 Work and Financial Plan.

- 20 – 29 August JPBAC Program-Level Consultation: Assess the status of the FY 2024 Regular Fund and the FY 2023 Continuing Fund as of July 31, 2024
- 06 September 2024, 8th Senior PBAC Meeting: Present the Status of Financial Accomplishments as of 1st Semester FY 2024 and discuss the unfunded PAPs and the proposed PAPs and funds for reprogramming
- 18 September 2024, 7th Junior PBAC Meeting: Presentation of the Status of Financial Accomplishments as of August 31, 2024 (FY 2024 Regular Fund and FY 2023 Continuing Fund)

The status of funds of the OPAPRU (and NAC) for FY 2024 regular fund and FY 2023 continuing fund are as shown (for the month end of September 2024):

PARTICULARS	ALLOTMENTS	OBLIGATIONS	UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT	% OF BUDGET UTILIZATION
Regular Fund FY 2024	6,909,236,552.00	6,491,649,611.17	417,586,940.83	93.96%
NAC FUND FY 2024	112,193,266.00	41,397,788.72	70,795,477.28	36.90%
Continuing Fund FY 2023 - OPAPRU	188,759,553.39	98,395,891.27	90,363,662.12	52.13%
Continuing Fund FY 2023 - NAC	58,667,652.17	6,553,628.06	52,114,024.11	11.17%
Grand Total:	7,268,857,023.56	6,637,996,919.22	630,860,104.34	91.32%

4. **Effective Support to OPAPRU Various Activities and Programs.** The General Administrative Support Service (GASS) has provided extensive support to the activities and programs of OPAPRU. This support encompasses a wide range of functions, including mobilization logistics, procurement, and technical assistance, all aimed at enhancing the effectiveness and efficiency of OPAPRU's initiatives. Notable events that GASS has supported include the following:

- Mindanao Team Building and Year-End Planning Assessment;
- Focused Group Discussion (FGD) on Cybersecurity and the Role of Information Technology in Fostering a Culture of Peace in ASEAN;
- Various Activities During the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) FY 2024 Celebration;
- Provided Technical Support to the Intergovernmental Relations Body;
- International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security;
- Attended the National Press Launch of the 2024 Census of Population and Community-Based Monitoring System with representatives from IPPO, MEALS and MNLF-PPO; and
- Annual Physical Examination and Medical Laboratory Check-ups for OPAPRU Drivers and Utility Personnel at East Avenue Medical Center.

5. **Conduct of Initial Physical Inventory of OPAPRU Property, Plants, and Equipment (PPE) in various Area Management Units (AMU) in Davao, Zamboanga, and Cagayan De Oro.** The OPAPRU Inventory Committee thoroughly updated the property records by aligning the outcomes of the recent physical inventory with the corresponding account records. This reconciliation process ensured that the PPR accounts reflected an accurate and up-to-date balance. Further, the committee comprehensively assessed the motor vehicles under the agency's care. Each vehicle was evaluated for its repair status and serviceability. Vehicles in good working condition were included in the 2024 inventory, while those deemed unserviceable were documented with relevant details for further action. This process is part of the agency's ongoing efforts to maintain accurate records, ensure proper asset management, and effectively address the agency's operational needs.

