



FY 2024 FOURTH QUARTER ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT **(October - December 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 Peace Panel and Political Concerns Office (PPPCO), as the National Government IGRB Secretariat, facilitated the conduct of meetings and activities of the IGRB and its various technical working groups (TWGs), and supported the conduct of meetings and activities of the other IGR mechanisms. Moreover, the National Government - Bangsamoro Government Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB) was able to hold two regular meetings for this quarter. The GPH and MILF Peace Implementing Panel was also convened for the 35th time which tackled the ASPIRE and LNI Program, and the pending issues on the implementation of the CAB and next steps for their resolution. These issues included the monitoring and evaluation system for normalization, parameters for the Joint Security Assessment (JSA) for the redeployment of the AFP, transition plan for the JPSTs and the GPH-MILF TJR Roadmap, proposed revitalization of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) and putting MILF weapons beyond use, among others.

Under the **Normalization Track**, the Program 1 facilitated numerous activities towards mainstreaming of Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) and program for the management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) in active partnership with the Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) and the brigade and battalion units of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP). Moreover, various engagements were carried out relative to the provision of Socioeconomic Development programs for the decommissioned combatants and their communities and the transformation of previously acknowledged MILF Camps through programs for emergency employment assistance in partnership with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE), completion of needs assessment for BIAF contingents of the JPSTs in partnership with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), provision of educational assistance in partnership with Mindanao State University (MSU), technical and vocational education and trainings, groundbreaking and turnover of infrastructure projects with PAMANA, DENR, BDA, various BARMM Ministries, among others. The program for Transitional Justice and Reconciliation also made significant strides towards addressing land related issues in partnership with the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR).

The program 1 activities concluded with the successful conduct of the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Housing Resettlement Project in Camp Abubakar, Maguindanao del Norte and Camp Bilal, Lanao del Norte On 19 and 20 December 2024 respectively.

For the last quarter of 2024, the overall security situation in the peace and development focus areas in Mindanao between the GPH and the MILF remained generally peaceful. Isolated incidents of community-induced violence occurred in certain areas, primarily due to *rido* (clan feuds) and other criminal activities and the politically motivated incidents.

Program 2: Peace Process with the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) and Implementation of the 1996 Final Peace Agreement

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:

- Three (3) convergence meetings with MNLF groups were convened, resulting in an agreement to jointly implement and fulfill the remaining commitments of the 1996 FPA, as well as to develop a joint transformation roadmap to ensure an inclusive program for all MNLF.
- A total of One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Eight (1,938) former MNLF combatants received a total of Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-Seven Pesos (PhP 9,747.00) as payment for Twenty-Seven (27) days of hard work on their designated projects under the Cash-for-Work (CFW) Program implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) Field Offices IX, X and XII. Prior to the pay-out for the services they have rendered, the combatants were also oriented on the guidelines of the cash-for-work program for proper monitoring and the process for tracking attendance.
- Eleven (11) MNLF communities in the provinces of Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Sultan Kudarat and Sarangani received over Twenty-five Million (PhP25,000,000.00) worth of agriculture equipment, including eight (8) tractors, six (6) rice harvesters, a corn sheller, and other essential machinery accessories, under the OPAPRU-Mindanao State University (OPAPRU-MSU) Partnership in the implementation of the MNLF Transformation Program.
- Fifty-eight (58) MNLF-identified Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) oriented on Amnesty Program and its application process at the Maximum-Security compound National Bilibid Prison.
- Two Hundred Eighty-six (286) MNLF Study Grantees were validated and oriented on the scholarship guidelines and requirements. Further, each beneficiary will receive a total of Fifty Thousand Pesos (PhP50,000.00), which will be disbursed monthly at PhP5,000.00 to help cover educational expenses and other school-related fees. In addition to cash allowance, these grantees underwent peace formation sessions to provide them with a broader understanding of peace and its related concepts to become peace champions and advocates, enabling them to become peace champions and advocates in their homes, schools, and communities.
- One Thousand Eight Hundred Four (1,804) MNLF profiled combatants received PhilHealth IDs with premium coverage and security papers from the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) during the rollout activity for Security Papers, PhilHealth, and Cash-for-Work Orientation for Combatants in Basilan, Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, North Cotabato, Cotabato City and Lanao del Sur.
- Twenty (20) projects sites for FY 2025 PAMANA proposed projects in MNLF communities across the provinces of Basilan and Sulu were validated.

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 (LPE) 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 4th Quarter of FY 2024, the program highlights the following accomplishments:

- Organized LPE Track 1 and 2 mechanisms in two (2) barangays: (1) Brgy. Agosais and (2) Brgy. Gubat, Lagonoy City. Serbisyo caravan was also provided with various local and national agencies that offered their services such as medical and dental services, training, police clearance application, etc.
- Conducted LPE and its TP Media Orientation, in collaboration with Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and Presidential Communications Office (PCO) in four (4) provinces: (1) Bukidnon, (2) Pangasinan, (3) Iloilo, and, (4) Camarines Sur which aims 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.
- Partnership building with seven (7) provinces to establish PDCs: (1) Agusan del Sur, (2) Bukidnon, (3) Oriental Mindoro, (4) Sorsogon, (5) Samar, (6) Zamboanga Sibugay, and (7) Surigao Del Norte. A series of PDCs were also launched in South Cotabato, Surigao del Norte, Aurora, and South Cotabato.
- Operationalization of 11 Special Project Teams (SPTs) consisting of 63 Former Rebels (FRs) across the following provinces: (1) National Capital Regions; (2) Region II - Cagayan Valley; (3) Region III – Central Luzon; (4) Region V – Bicol Region; (5) Region VI - Western Visayas; (6) Region VIII – Eastern Visayas; (7) Region IX – Zamboanga Peninsula; (8) Region X – Northern Mindanao; (9) Region XI – Davao Region; (10) Region XII – SOCCSKSARGEN; and (11) Region XIII – Caraga.
- Supported 3,082 registered People's Organizations (POs), which currently serve as channels for government interventions aimed at sustainable enterprise.
- Twenty Four (24) target provinces for the year were enabled in developing their respective draft Provincial TP Plans: (1) Rizal, (2) Mountain Province, (3) Zambales, (4) Albay, (5) Camarines Norte, (6) Catanduanes, (7) Iloilo, (8) Capiz, (9) Antique, (10) Zamboanga del Norte, (11) Agusan del Sur, (12) Surigao del Norte, (13) Ilocos Sur, (14) Pangasinan, (15) Batangas, (16) Occidental Mindoro, (17) Palawan, (18) Leyte, (19) Davao del Sur, (20) Davao Occidental, (21) Aklan, (22) Cotabato Province, (23) Biliran, and (24) Southern Leyte.

In total, 50 out of 51 priority provinces have been engaged in crafting their respective TP plans. This shall address the needs of FRs, their families, and communities, as well as the projected timelines and area of implementation. The action plans will be finalized and envisioned to be institutionalized in the respective local plans of the provinces.

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

A. GPH - RMP-P/RPA/ABB Peace Process

The implementation of the GPH - RPM-P/RPA/ABB is anchored on the 2000 Peace Agreement and the 2019 Clarificatory Implementing Document (CID). During the fourth 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 them were carried out by the implementing mechanisms. Moreover, 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.

RCPPO 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, and Regional and Provincial Task Forces of the NTF ELCAC.

B. GPH - CBA-CPLA PEACE PROCESS

The following are the accomplishments achieved by CBA/CPLA Peace Process for this quarter:

- Consistently involved CBA-CPLA members and leaders in the Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC), ensuring their active participation in the inclusive and meaningful implementation of peace and development programs under the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process.
- Led the quarterly meetings to evaluate accomplishments, set targets, and identify strategic actions for the continued success of the Five-year Normalization Program (FY 2020-2024), demonstrating a strong commitment to program monitoring and progress.
- Regularly engaged in the Cordillera Regional Peace and Order Council (CRPOC) and the Regional Development Council-Cordillera Administrative Region (RDC-CAR), reaffirming OPAPRU's dedication to maintaining peace, order, and regional development.
- Conducted continuous monitoring and coordination with the Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) of Mountain Province and Kalinga, alongside critical stakeholders, addressing the Butbut-Betwagan boundary dispute with a focus on long-term solutions and peace-building.
- Ensured the effective implementation of projects aligned with the healing, reconciliation, and confidence-building component of the Five-Year Normalization Program (5YNP), further strengthening peace and trust in the region.
- Provided unwavering support to the National Program Management Office (NPMO) and implementing partners, facilitating the successful implementation of PAMANA projects for FY 2024.
- Consistent coordination efforts with the relevant offices for the proposed establishment of Inter-Cabinet Cluster for Cordillera Transformation, advocating for transformative regional policies and actions that contribute to the region's sustainable growth and development.

Program 5: Social Healing and Peacebuilding

The Social Healing and Peacebuilding Office (SHAPEO) made significant accomplishments for the last quarter of FY 2024 in the continuation of policy and program development/ implementations of interventions on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremists (PTVE), Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) and constituency building with peace partners.

A total of 200 Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) were able to benefit from the Transformation Program (TP) for FVEs through the provision of the transition support that will assist in their reintegration into society. Likewise, the partnership with the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) resulted in the initial support of OPAPRU to the four Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL) who have been acquitted and will finally go back to their respective home provinces. On the other hand, through the series of meetings and dialogues, the Mindanao Religious Leaders Conference (MiRLeC) was finally launched as part of the revitalization of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) to sustain the gains of the peace process and continue peacebuilding initiatives, including the PTVE in Mindanao.

Furthermore, the Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation (IP H&R) continued application through the follow through workshops with the Zamboanga Del Norte Timuay Subanon IPs and another consultation with the IPs in Aurora province.

One major event of the year was the conduct of the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security attended by more than 700 local and international participants from 80 countries. This was organized by OPAPRU, Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), and the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) in partnership with UN Women, the Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID), and the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. The Ceremonial Signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Philippines as a Center of Excellence on Women, Peace and Security was a milestone event in the ICWPS that marked the country's official entry into the global community of Centers of Excellence on Women, Peace, and Security. The Indicator Handbook on the MEAL Plan of the NAPWPS 2023-2033 was also published and launched as one of the side events in the conference.

OPAPRU through SHAPEO actively engaged in Inter-Agency mechanisms and other government agencies, international and local groups in the cascading, mainstreaming and localization of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033 and the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) Agenda.

One (1) Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP) training was completed with the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) and CSPP Orientation as part of the IDP Ordinance Development Workshops to the members of the Philippine Councilors League (PCL) within Visayas. Similarly, the Gender and Development (GAD) is continuously strengthened and mainstreamed through the conduct of regular meetings, capacity building, partnership activities with the PCW and the observance of the 18 Day Campaign to End VAW.

Program 6: PAyapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

The groundbreaking ceremonies for the PAMANA House Resettlement Projects in Camp Abubakar (Barira, Maguindanao del Norte) and Camp Bilal (Munai, Lanao del Norte), marked significant steps in transforming former MILF camps into peaceful, productive communities. Led by key government officials, these housing projects under the PAMANA Program aim to support decommissioned MILF combatants and their families, aligning with the broader Camps Transformation Plan (CTP) for sustainable peace and development in conflict-affected areas.

For proposed FY2025 validation of PAMANA infrastructure projects, a total of 63 projects under Program 1; a total of 44 projects under Program 2; a total of 30 projects under Program 3, and a total of 30 projects under Program 4 have been validated.

The PAMANA NPMO held several Citizen-Led Monitoring training to empower citizens in tracking government projects. The “Peace Watch” initiative promotes transparency, accountability, and community collaboration for effective development.

Approval of the Senate of the proposed Php7.094 billion budget for OPAPRU in FY 2025, with Php5.3 billion allocated to the PAMANA Program to support peace and development projects, including infrastructure and community interventions, in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas nationwide.

OPAPRU through the PAMANA-NPMO, PhilGuarantee, and SBCI met to discuss mobilizing resources for BARMM’s agricultural development. The plan includes rural bank financing, a paperless system for loan monitoring, and the installation of VSAT systems in MILF and MNLF communities to support agricultural operations.

Further, the PAMANA-NPMO has attained the following project management activities and engagements:

- 7 additional PAMANA Final Inspection of FY2024 Infrastructure Projects in various peace and development focus areas.
- 16 PAMANA Joint Project Site Validation of Proposed FY2025 Infrastructure Projects and Project Monitoring of FY2024 Infrastructure Projects.
- 3 PAMANA Ceremonial Launching, Groundbreaking, and Inauguration Activities.
- 4 Policy review and enhancement activities:
 - 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
 - Drafting of PAMANA Roadmap 2023-2030
 - Drafting of PAMANA Halal Industry Food Development Initiative
 - Drafting of PAMANA Monitoring Committee

Program 7: International Cooperation and Private Partnerships

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

For the 4th quarter, the IPPO, in partnership with the relevant offices, continued to engage the OPAPRU’s 33 international partners and provided policy guidance, inputs, and direction on the implementation of their various peace-related programs and projects. The IPPO also continued to engage its 12 private sector partners. There are also ongoing discussions for the possible signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for partnership with at least five (5) private sector partners.

One highlight of the quarter was the IPPO-hosted International and Private Partnerships Forum (IPPF) where the OPAPRU officially launched its Public-Private Partnerships for Peace (4Ps) Initiative. The said event was attended by around 150 international and private sector partners.

Program 8: Continuing management and improvement of OPAPRU business processes

Human Capital. The Human Resource Management Service (HRMS) has been implementing programs and activities in response to changing approaches from transactional to strategic management, covering the Four (4) pillars or core areas under the Program to Institutionalize Meritocracy in Human Resource Management System, namely: 1) Recruitment Selection and

Placement; 2) Learning and Development; 3) Performance Management; and 4) Rewards and Recognition.

In the fourth quarter, the HRMS implemented key initiatives, including the first tranche of the updated salary schedule for civilian government personnel (EO No. 64, s. 2024), and the integration of HRIS and biometric systems at the Davao Field Office. The recruitment process resulted in the hiring of 13 new employees and the promotion and salary adjustment of several personnel. Significant learning and development efforts included courses on public procurement, talent management, and public finance. The organization also focused on employee welfare through Mental Health Day, Employee's Week, and flu vaccinations. Additionally, HRMS made strides in performance management with the creation of an IPCR rating database and began digitizing performance records to enhance accessibility and efficiency.

Organizational Capital. For the period of October - December 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 towards overall improvement and transition to a proposed Department of Peace.

Through its two divisions, the Policy and Strategy Development Division (PSDD) and Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Division (KMPID):

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 PSDKMS provides substantive inputs and recommendations to various internal and external policies and research needs based on the thematic requests of all offices, services, units, and government and non-government organizations, all towards advocating for the government's peace and development agenda. All these accomplishments are geared towards shaping an enabling environment for a just and sustainable peace.

For the 4th quarter, the following activities were conducted, and outputs were produced:

1. *Consultation Meetings with Peace Partners and Stakeholders relative to the Proposed Department of Peace (DoP) Bill, 22 October, 12 November, and 28 November 2024*
2. *Approval and Cascading of Planning Guidance, 11 December 2024*
3. *Strategy Refresh (Cluster-level Planning Sessions), October-December 2024*
4. *Benchmarking Activity and Consultation with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Center for Police Strategy Management (CPSM), 05 November 2024*
5. *2nd Meeting of the Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC), 26 November 2024*
6. *Learning and Reflection Session on Indigenous Peoples and Resource-based Conflict, 14 October 2024*
7. *Learning and Reflection Session on the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process, 06 November 2024*
8. *OPAPRU Peace Education University Tour at West Visayas State University, 14-15 November 2024:*
9. *OPAPRU Peace Education University Tour at Bukidnon State University, 04 December 2024:*
10. *4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference, 09-10 October 2024*
11. *Printing and Publication of the "OPAPRU Peace Research Conference Publication 2021-2024", October-December 2024*

12. *Printing and Publication of the 1st and 2nd issue of the OPAPRU Peacebuilder's Digest, October-December 2024*
13. *Approved Concept and Drafting of the OPAPRU Coffee Table Book, October-December 2024*
14. *Library clients served, October-December 2024*
15. *New titles of peace resource materials AMTYPRC collection added, October-December 2024*
16. *Continuous provision of policy inputs, October-December 2024*
17. *OPAPRU's Monthly Accomplishment Report to the Special Assistant to the President (SAP), October-December 2024*
18. *Support to the conduct of the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security, 28-30 October 2024*

The Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning Service (MEALS), in collaboration with the Office for Strategy Management (OSM), spearheaded the two-part OPAPRU FY 2024 Year-end Program Implementation Review (PIR) on 25 November and 17 December 2025. The PIR highlighted OPAPRU's exemplary financial performance at 96%, exceeding the DBM-mandated target. However, the physical accomplishment of 66% needs to be further improved, moving forward.

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 158, s. 2021, the MEALS presented to the ManCom the proposed OPAPRU FY 2025 Midterm Organizational Assessment Design for implementation in 2025 on 16 December 2024. However, it was put on-hold pending revisions to the design and guaranteed funding allotment.

As Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) in the evaluation of the National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Activities, the MEALS reported the FY 2024 NPCM Evaluation Results to the PAPRU on 04 November 2024. Moving forward, the PAPRU recommended to emphasize on public feedback received, on top of the activity, administrative and logistical-related findings.

The MEALS continue to promote awareness and utilization of the OPAPRU Feedback and Response System (FRS) Web-based Platform to PAMANA Stakeholders as part of institutionalizing transparency and accountability in governance.

Finance/Resource. The Senate formally approved the proposed PHP 7.094 billion budget for the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) for Fiscal Year 2025, recognizing the agency's outstanding budget utilization performance. OPAPRU ranked first among all national government agencies in the first semester of 2024, achieving an obligation rate of 84.3% and a disbursement rate of 91.4% by end June 2024. To enhance financial management and program implementation, the Planning, Programming, and Resource Management Service (PPRMS) conducts regular monitoring and assessments through the Program and Budget Advisory Committee (PBAC) mechanisms. Additionally, in preparation for the FY 2026 budget, OPAPRU organized the FY 2026 Budget Talakayan to provide strategic guidance for its programs, offices, and units, ensuring alignment with the agency's mandate and national development priorities.

THE PHILIPPINE COMPREHENSIVE PEACE PROCESS

PDP Chapter 13. Subchapter 13.1 Ensure Peace and Security

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

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.

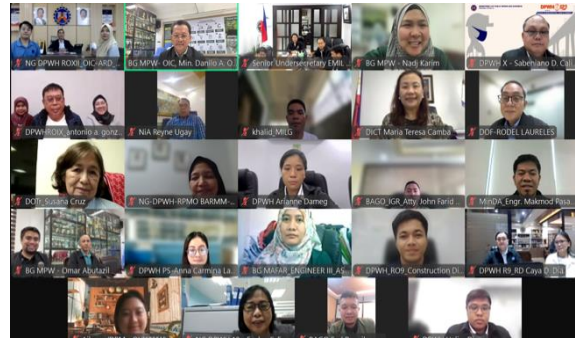
The Political and Normalization Tracks of the CAB

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:

1. **20th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB).** The meeting was held on 11 October 2024 which focused on the Supreme Court ruling on the exclusion of Sulu from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), ongoing and planned programs in Sulu, and the disposition of assets and properties in Sulu. Fiscal autonomy in BARMM, including the Block Grant, Mandanas-Garcia Ruling, devolution of BARMM Local Government Units (LGUs), and financial effects of Sulu's exit were discussed. Other issues included the administration of Hajj and land transport in BARMM. The body agreed to schedule its 21st Meeting on 11 December 2024 in Metro Manila.



2. **8th Meeting of the IIDB.** On 03 December 2024, the OPAPRU attended the 8th Meeting of the Intergovernmental Infrastructure Development Board (IIDB) where the updates on the proposed establishment of the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH) Regional Office and District Engineering Offices (DEOs) in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) was discussed, and recommendations concerning the issue of subsidies for expenditures and infrastructure in the region, as well as Parliament Resolution No. 511, which urges the IIDB to prioritize the rehabilitation and upgrading of the Narciso Ramos Highway in the BARMM, and the status of the Basic Education Facilities Fund (BEFF) for the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE) in BARMM.



3. **21st Meeting of the IGRB.** On 11 December 2024, the OPAPRU facilitated the 21st Meeting of the Intergovernmental Relations Body (IGRB). The meeting discussed the pending issues raised to the IGRB such as the Consultation process on the appointment for the position of Regional Director of the Philippine National Police - Police Regional Office Bangsamoro Autonomous Region (PNP PRO-BAR); the

entry of members of the MILF and the MNLF into the PNP; the administration and management of Haji mission; the transfer of offices of the Public Attorney's Office (PAO) and the National Prosecution Service (NPS) in the BARMM; and, the Supreme Court ruling on the exclusion of the Province of Sulu from the BARMM.

4. **35th Meeting of the GPH and the MILF Peace Implementing Panels.** On 12 December 2024, the OPAPRU facilitated the 35th meeting of the GPH and the MILF Peace Implementing Panels. The panels discussed the ASPIRE and Localized Normalization Implementation (LNI) Program, and the pending issues on the implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) and deliberated on next steps for their resolution. These issues included the monitoring and evaluation system for normalization; parameters for the Joint Security Assessment (JSA) for the redeployment of the AFP; transition plan for the JPSTs and the GPH-MILF TJR Roadmap; proposed revitalization of the International Monitoring Team (IMT); and, putting MILF weapons beyond use, among others.



B. NORMALIZATION PROGRAM IN THE BANGSAMORO

Policy & Cross-Cutting Support to the Normalization

1. ***LNI-Basilan Secretariat Meeting.*** On 14 October 2024 at the Kasinnahan Hotel and Resort, Isabela City, Basilan, the OPAPRU GPH-MILF PPO-Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) team, led by JNC Chairperson Mr. Ariel Hernandez together with the JPSC Chairperson MGen. Francisco Ariel Felicidadario III (Ret), JTFCT Chairperson and JNC Member LtGen. Danilo Pamonag (Ret) and the staff from GPH-MILF PPO/JNC Secretariat, attended the LNI-Basilan Secretariat Meeting. The meeting focused on the updates on the management of Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) program, Rido Settlement, Amnesty, PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program and other matters.
2. ***28th JNC Meeting.*** On 18 October 2024 at Western Mindanao Command, Zamboanga City, the OPAPRU JNC conducted its 28th regular meeting wherein the achievements and challenges related to Normalization deliverables and its mandate were reviewed. A collaborative brainstorming session took place on the implementation of SALW Management Program, Peace Accords Matrix Mindanao (PAM-M), and Redeployment of AFP leading to the formulation of strategic approaches and action plans in achieving the JNC deliverables for FY 2024.

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. ***Series of Profiling Activities for former members of Disbanded Private Armed Groups.*** On 09, 12, & 14 December 2024, the OPAPRU represented the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) Chairperson and concurrently the Head National Secretariat of the National Task Force for the Disbandment of Private Armed Groups (NTF-DPAGs) in the series of profiling and payout activity for former PAG members residing in the provinces of Maguindanao del Norte and Maguindanao del Sur, Tawi-Tawi, and Basilan. Former PAG members have undergone Profiling and Need Assessment, Biometric and Registration to BRaVe System, ID Printing, and Payout of PhP 10,000.00 each through the Assistance to Individuals in Crisis Situations (AICS) program of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD).



Socioeconomic Development Aspect

1. **Turnover of Bangsamoro Camps Transformation Projects in Camp Badre and Camp Rajamuda.**

On 22-23 November 2024 at Brgy. Kinebeka, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte and Brgy. Dungguan, Datu Montawal, Maguindanao del Sur the OPAPRU JTFCT, together with the Community and Family Services International (CFSI), Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA), World Bank, Barangay Local Government Unit (BLGU) and Municipal Local Government Unit (MLGU) conducted a turn-over ceremony with ribbon cutting to formally hand over key development facilities to the local community, aimed at enhancing agricultural productivity and economic opportunities. These facilities included a warehouse with solar dryers and machineries, a women's business center, and portable solar dryers for seedling production. The turnover ceremony marked a significant step towards community empowerment, with key stakeholders ensuring the facilities' successful integration into the local economy. Continuous support and oversight are essential for the project's long-term impact.



2. **Groundbreaking Ceremony of the Housing Resettlement Project in Camp Abubakar, Maguindanao del Norte and Camp Bilal, Lanao del Norte.**

On 19-20 December 2024, the OPAPRU led the groundbreaking ceremony of the Housing and Settlement Projects for the decommissioned MILF combatants and their families in Camp Abubakar, Maguindanao del Norte and in Camp Bilal, Lanao del Norte. The housing project facilitated by the Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCT) is a key component of the Camps Transformation Plan (CTP) which aims to transform six (6) previously government-acknowledged MILF camps into peaceful, productive and resilient communities. The project shall be implemented under OPAPRU's Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA) Program.



3. **Assistance for MILF Decommissioned Combatants through DOLE TUPAD program.**

On 22-25 October 2024 at Lanao Province, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat together with the Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region X, profiled and gave orientation to 350 MILF decommissioned combatants who will be provided emergency employment

through DOLE's Program, Tulong Pangkabuhayan sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD). This initiative is part of DOLE's commitment to the Normalization process by providing 3,000 employment opportunities to MILF DCs for 2023-2024. Emergency employment is one of the socioeconomic programs being given to MILF DCs as part of government's support to their reintegration into society.

The profiling and validation process was jointly supervised by Ms. Vanessa Pacres of DOLE Region X - Lanao del Norte and Mr. Abdulhashib Manal of DOLE Region X - Special Task Force for BARMM Communities, with significant support from Mr. Gideon Dahunan of the DSWD Region X and the TFDCC Secretariat, which coordinated with the MILF DCs, local government units, and security sectors.

4. ***Initial Phase of Needs Assessment for BIAF JPSTs deployed in Central Mindanao.***

On 28-31 October 2024 at Central Mindanao, the OPAPRU JPSC, TFDCC, and JNC, along with personnel from the JPST OPCEN and DSWD Region 12, conducted the initial phase of a needs assessment for 225 Bangsamoro Islamic Armed Forces (BIAF) JPSTs deployed in Central Mindanao. The need assessment is in preparation for the eventual transition of the BIAF-MILF JPST members as the last batch of the 4th phase voluntary decommissioning of the MILF. It is designed to be conducted earlier and prior to their decommissioning schedule so as to allow the JPSC and the TFDCC to be more responsive in preparing the relevant and designed intervention programs and packages for each BIAF-MILF JPST members and their families once they finally transition to peaceful community life.



5. ***Provision of Educational Assistance for the Children of MILF DCs.***

On 5 November 2025 at Mindanao State University, Marawi City OPAPRU Secretary Carlito G. Galvez, Jr., together with the TFDCC Secretariat, attended and facilitated the provision of Educational Assistant to 171 children of MILF decommissioned combatants. This is part of the government's continuing effort to help the transition of MILF DCs into peaceful civilian life by providing them

a package of socioeconomic programs, which includes study grants for them or their children. The educational assistance amounting to PhP 25,000.00 is given to each beneficiary every semester if they are enrolled in a four-year bachelor's degree course. The said assistance can be used for students' expenses such as tuition fee, books, uniform, lodging, and other miscellaneous fees. Moreover, the educational assistance program is being implemented by the OPAPRU TFDCC in partnership with Mindanao State University.

6. **Technical and Vocational Education and Training Graduation of MILF Decommissioned Combatants.**

On 14 November 2024 at Brgy. Inug-ug, Pikit North Cotabato, the OPAPRU TFDCC Secretariat attended the Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Graduation of 30 MILF decommissioned combatants and/or their next-of-kin who completed Dressmaking NC II and Electrical Installation and Maintenance NC II under the Programme on Assistance for Camp Transformation through Inclusion, Violence Prevention and Economic Empowerment (PROACTIVE) of the UNDP. During the ceremony, representative from TFDCC Ms. Fatima Ali shared that the PROACTIVE program aims to enhance the local capacities of decommissioned combatants and accelerate the transition and transformation of six MILF camps into peaceful and productive communities. Under the said project, 600 decommissioned combatants and their families in Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Sur, and North Cotabato are receiving support through TVET or skills training programs. This is part of the Normalization Program being implemented by TESDA and MBHTE with the goal of improving the skills of MILF decommissioned combatants and their families to increase their opportunities for employment or entrepreneurship.



7. **DENR Assists JTFCT in Housing and Resettlement Project for Camp Abubakar.**

On 20 November 2024 at Barira, Maguindanao Del Norte, the OPAPRU JTFCT joined the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) led by Assistant Secretary Michelle Angelica Go from the Office for Inter-Agency Relations and Land Matters, in a site inspection to evaluate the progress of the Housing and Resettlement Project for Camp Abubakar. The site inspection plays a crucial part of DENR's ongoing technical assistance to the JTFCT that focuses on addressing land-related concerns and ensuring the successful implementation of the project. This collaborative effort demonstrates the commitment of various stakeholders to advancing the peace process in Mindanao and ensuring that the Camps Transformation initiative delivers its promised benefits to communities affected by conflict.



Transitional Justice and Reconciliation



1. 8th Meeting of the GPH-MILF Technical Working Group on Transitional Justice and Reconciliation. On 13 November 2024, the agenda of the meeting includes updates on the review and vetting process of the updated TJR roadmap with the Peace Implementing Panel (PIP). Key priorities for 2024-2025 were discussed, including support for the legislative process to establish the National Transitional Justice and Reconciliation

Commission for the Bangsamoro (NTJRCB), launching the TJR Roadmap, strategies to popularize TJR, and the creation of the Joint TWG-TJR logo. Additionally, a joint response to the Swiss-commissioned Study Team's report on the 2016 TJRC recommendations was formulated and agreed upon.

- 2. Focus Group Discussion with Women on the Proposed Development of Community-based Reparation Program Framework.** On 29 November 2024, the OPAPRU facilitated the focus group discussion (FGD) with women on proposed development of the Community-Based Reparation Program (CBRP). The FGD identified effective reparative measures that are culturally and gender responsive, relevant and feasible for the affected communities, particularly the vulnerable groups such as women/widow, youth/children and orphans; assessed various models of reparation programs that may be adopted based on the Bangsamoro context; identified potential legal and institutional gaps that could impede the effective implementation of the reparation framework; and explored how the reparation framework can actively contribute to attaining healing and reconciliation.
- 3. Virtual Meeting with the DAR on the Draft Work and Financial Plan relative to Land Governance and Asset Reform in the Bangsamoro.** On 18 December 2024 via VTC, the OPAPRU TJRO spearheaded a meeting with the Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) to present the draft/ indicative Work and Financial Plan (WFP) of the proposed Land Governance and Asset Reform joint project for comments and finalization of the DAR. This project was proposed in order to make informed decisions on the location and implementation of socio-economic development packages through parcel-level inventory of statutory, customary, and other land use claims among houselots, farm lots, and other sites in identified priority areas.

• Stakeholders Participation

- 1. Meeting of the Thai delegation with the GPH Peace Implementing Panel and the GPH-MILF ceasefire mechanisms.** On 19 November 2024, the Thai delegation and the GPH PIP Panel and the GPH-MILF ceasefire mechanisms shared insights on challenges in peace negotiations while the latter provided a briefing on the overview of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB), mandates of the ceasefire mechanisms, and best practices and lessons on implementing ceasefire-related protocols. This is part of the cross-learning exchange organized by the Southeast Asia Women Peace Mediators (SEAWPM) for 21 Members of Parliament (MPs) and advisers of the Thai



Parliamentary Ad-hoc Committee on Considering, Studying, and Proposing Guidelines for the Promotion of Peacebuilding Process to Resolve Security Conflicts in the three (3) Southern Thailand Provinces.

- **Mainstreaming of CSPP**

1. **KaPEACEtahan sa Paaralan sa BARMM.** On 15 October 2024, the OPAPRU, with support from various national government agencies, hosted "KaPEACEtahan sa Paaralan sa BARMM" as part of the 20th National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) and the 10th anniversary of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB). The event aimed to raise awareness and encourage youth participation in the Bangsamoro peace process, attracting over 350 students and educators from various institutions. A key highlight was the public forum "Peace Talk: Conversations on the Bangsamoro," which focused on self-governance and the 2025 elections in BARMM. The forum provided a platform for students to discuss their roles as voters and peace advocates, fostering a deeper understanding of their contribution to community peacebuilding.



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

POLITICAL ENGAGEMENT

GPH Management Committee and Security Sector Consultation Meeting relative to the Implementation of Transformation Program in Sulu. On 17 October 2024, the OPAPRU held a consultation meeting with the GPH Management Committee and Security Sector to discuss the MNLF TP in Sulu and provide updates on socio-economic interventions. Key agreements included: securing LGU approval, conducting Information, Education and Communication (IEC) with stakeholders, re-engaging the Provincial Governor, validating perceptions of MNLF combatants, prioritizing TP implementation with Chair Muslimin Sema's group while engaging Chair Nur Misuari's group, and finding acceptable local terms for security processes.



TRANSFORMATION PROGRAM FOR THE MNLF

A. Socioeconomic Component



Validation and Orientation for MNLF Study Grant Program in Sultan Kudarat State University and Cotabato City. On 05-06 October 2024, the validation and orientation for Cluster 2 beneficiaries of the MNLF Transformation Study Grant were held at Sultan Kudarat State University - Annex Campus.

Attended by 26 validated beneficiaries from Maguindanao del Sur, South Cotabato, and General Santos City, the event covered the grant's retention policy, cash assistance procedures, and activity calendar. The grant program aims to uplift MNLF members and their families through education. Key speakers highlighted the transformative power of education in peacebuilding in Mindanao. Mr. Alvin Lois E. Pembarat, Director of the Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao, emphasized education's role in advancing peace. Director Janna Jill Gallardo from OPAPRU highlighted the grant's importance for empowering MNLF youth, while Mr. Naguib Solano stressed healing and reconciliation within the MNLF community. These leaders underscored education as a tool for fostering peace and progress in Mindanao.

Rollout Activity of Security Papers and Orientation on Cash for Work and PhilHealth-Konsulta for Profiled MNLF Combatants in Basilan.

On 12-13 October 2024, the OPAPRU, together with various government agencies, conducted a rollout activity for security papers, orientations on Cash for Work and PhilHealth-Konsulta for 560 profiled combatants in the province of Basilan. The activity aimed to build upon the foundation established by the initial support, aiming to further facilitate the integration and development of former combatants into civilian life. These combatants have successfully completed the Phase I processes, which involved verification and socio-economic profiling. The 2-day activity concluded with a total of 471 MNLF profiled combatants served.



Validation and Orientation for MNLF Study Grant Program in Basilan.

On 13 October 2024, the OPAPRU and MSU-Maguindanao continued the face-to-face validation and orientation for the MNLF Transformation Study Grant in Lamitan City, Basilan. Ms. Nor Ann Abdilla and BGen. Buenaventura Pascual (Ret.) emphasized the grant's role in reintegration and peacebuilding through education. The event included detailed sessions on the grant's requirements and policies, addressing beneficiaries' queries, and distributing school supplies to 58 validated attendees from Basilan and Zamboanga. The OPAPRU also provided socio-economic assistance, demonstrating a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding and community development.





Inter-agency Meeting with PSA, DSWD and PhilHealth for the Roll-out Activity of Socio-economic Interventions in Lanao del Sur. On 18 October 2024 at the 103rd Infantry Brigade in Marawi City, an interagency meeting was conducted by the OPAPRU relative to the Roll Out Activity of Security Papers, Orientation for Cash-for-Work Program (CFW) and

PhilHealth - Konsulta MD in Lanao del Sur. During the meeting, PhilHealth committed to inviting a private hospital to conduct Konsulta-MD and provide medicines to the profiled MNLF combatants near Marawi City. On the other hand, the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) committed to conduct fieldwork in municipalities of the profiled MNLF combatants that are still not included in the civil registry system.

Rollout Activity of Security Papers and Orientation on Cash-for-Work and PhilHealth-Konsulta for Profiled MNLF Combatants in Lanao Del Sur.

Following the interagency meeting on 18 October 2024, and subsequent meetings on 19-20 and 23-24 October 2024, Phase II of the MNLF Transformation Program (TP) began its rollout activities. These activities included issuing security papers and providing orientations on the Cash-for-Work and PhilHealth-Konsulta programs in Lanao del Sur and Central



Mindanao. In Lanao del Sur, 475 out of the 606 profiled MNLF combatants were assisted during the rollout activity. In Central Mindanao, the OPAPRU assisted 769 out of the 797 profiled MNLF combatants. On 20 and 24 October 2024, the OPAPRU and MSU-Maguindanao held an orientation and validation session for students enrolled in the MNLF Scholarship Grant Program which was attended by 63 grantees from the Lanao del Sur (LDS) cluster and 43 grantees from the Marawi cluster, and 43 grantees from the Kabacan cluster. These participants underwent a comprehensive validation process to verify their eligibility and alignment with the program's criteria, ensuring accountability and transparency. Through this initiative, MSU Maguindanao and OPAPRU reaffirmed their commitment to empowering youth from marginalized communities, enhancing their access to quality education, and strengthening their roles as contributors to peace and development in the region.

Cash-for-Work Orientation for 560 MNLF Profiled Combatants in Basilan led by DSWD Region 9. On 12-13 November 2024, the OPAPRU assisted the DSWD Field Office (FO) Region IX in conducting a cash-for-work (CFV) orientation for 560 MNLF-profiled combatants in Basilan Province. During the orientation, the combatants and their commanders identified land areas for the Communal Garden Activity. Gardening was the chosen activity throughout the process.

Rollout Activity of Security Papers and Orientation on Cash-for-Work and PhilHealth-Konsulta for Profiled MNLF Combatants in Lanao Del Sur and Central Mindanao. Phase II of the MNLF Transformation Program commenced its rollout activities for security paper and orientation on Cash-for-Work and Philhealth-Konsulta in Central Mindanao on 23 to 24 October 2024 at MPW District Office, Mintex, Datu Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Sur, respectively. A total of 769 out of the 797 profiled MNLF combatants were assisted during the aforementioned activity.

Ceremonial Turnover of farm equipment to the MNLF Communities. On 03 December 2024, the OPAPRU, has partnered with Mindanao State University - General Santos (MSU-GenSan) for the Transformation Program (TP) which has yielded substantial results for MNLF communities. The OPAPRU handed over PhP25M worth of agricultural equipment to 11 communities in the provinces of Maguindanao del Sur, Maguindanao del Norte, Sultan Kudarat, and Sarangani. These communities were prioritized based on the location of MNLF combatants who completed the required security and socio-economic processes earlier in 2023.



Cash-for-Work Program Payout for the FY 2023 Profiled MNLF Combatants. On 10-18 December 2024, the OPAPRU facilitated the implementation of the cash-for-work (CFW) program capped by the pay-out of 1,548 MNLF combatants who completed the required socio-economic and security processes in FY 2023 and were held in various MNLF communities across selected provinces of BARMM. The CFW program is part of Phase II of the socio-economic interventions for MNLF combatants. Prior to the actual work, combatants underwent a comprehensive orientation on the program's guidelines, which include proper monitoring procedures and attendance tracking to ensure the seamless implementation of CFW activities.



PAMANA Site Validation of Proposed Projects under FY 2025 PAMANA Program in Basilan and Sulu. The GPH-MNLF Peace Process Office (MNLF PPO) and the PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO), successfully conducted site validation activities for the 23 proposed PAMANA Projects across the 20 barangays in the provinces of Basilan and Sulu from 12-14 November 2024.



These activities aimed to visit MNLF barangays and conduct site validation for the proposed projects under the FY 2025 PAMANA Program and assess whether the identified areas and proposed projects were feasible for implementation.



To ensure the validation activities were completed efficiently within the one-week timeframe, the team was strategically divided into two groups: one assigned to cover the barangays in Basilan and the other for Sulu. This approach allowed for simultaneous validation efforts, ensuring timely data collection and evaluation.

B. Security Component



Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign with Security Sector relative to the MNLF Transformation Program in Sulu. On 20 November 2024, the Joint Body on the Management of Arms and Forces (JBMAF) Secretariat held an Information, Education and Communication (IEC) campaign in Sulu regarding the MNLF Peace Process. Presentations included

updates on the MNLF Transformation Program (TP) by Ms. Maricon Sagayno; security component updates by PLTCOL Heinrich Alafriz; and, the security mechanisms by COL Eric Culvera. Key forum takeaways included managing MNLF members with warrants, handling combatants processing for amnesty, verifying membership claims, and enhancing security. BGEN Buenaventura Pascual (RET), Chairperson, GPH Management Committee, expressed appreciation for the AFP and PNP for their efforts.

Information, Education and Communication Campaign with MNLF Leaders in Sulu relative to the MNLF Transformation Program.

On 21 November 2024, the JBMAF held another IEC campaign with 20 senior MNLF leaders. Key topics included resolving missing names of MNLF combatants from Talipao, addressing eligibility concerns for government-employed MNLF combatants, and finalizing firearm verification locations in Talipao and Patikul. The MNLF committed to submitting their membership lists by 26 November 2024. BGEN Pascual mediated tense discussions and reassured participants about the phased implementation of the TP, while MNLF Co-chair Awad Hamid encouraged leaders to embrace the program.



C. Confidence Building Measures – Amnesty Program

Jail Visit to MNLF Detainees. On 13 December 2024, the OPAPRU conducted a jail visit at the Maximum-Security Compound of the National Bilibid Prison for an Information and Education Campaign (IEC) for prospective applicants of Amnesty from the detained MNLF members. In his message, PBGen Atty. Agripino Javier (Ret), emphasized OPAPRU's commitment to assist detainees in regaining their freedom subject to existing laws and procedures. He noted that many detainees had already served over 20 years and could be eligible for release through alternative legal remedies, should their amnesty applications be delayed or denied. He also reassured detainees that OPAPRU is working very closely with the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) to expedite the application process.



Amnesty Process Orientation Session and Meeting with MNLF Secretariat, Confidence Building Measure Sub-Committee, and National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Local Amnesty Board in Cotabato City. On 25 October 2024, the amnesty program and a description of the mandates and responsibilities of the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) and the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) was conducted. LAB Cotabato announced its first endorsement of an MNLF applicant for amnesty approval,

demonstrating initial program progress. During the presentation, LAB representatives addressed questions raised by MNLF participants, particularly on challenges related to verifying MNLF affiliation for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) who lack proper identification. Other key topics included eligibility criteria, NAC's organizational structure, confidentiality protections, LAB's decision-making processes, and the use of Safe Conduct Passes for applicants under review. The group also discussed specific amnesty exclusions, such as cases involving corruption and the Maguindanao Massacre.

Further discussions addressed verification of MNLF affiliation, with LAB recommending a verification model similar to that used by the MILF, in which certifiers visit detention facilities. Procedures for firearms surrender, coordination mechanisms, and documentation requirements were also reviewed. LAB encouraged MNLF certifiers to consider site visits, with NAC potentially coordinating jail visits involving MNLF representatives.

Moving forward, the MNLF committed to conducting internal discussions to finalize its processes to streamline verification efforts. The GPH-MNLF PPO will formally notify NAC regarding the appointed certifier, and coordination letters will be sent to BJMP facilities to facilitate certifier visits. This session established a foundation for effective collaboration between LAB and MNLF, setting a structured approach to improve the amnesty application process for MNLF applicants. The meeting concluded with a commitment to ongoing engagement and enhanced coordination among all parties involved.

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

LOCALIZED PEACE ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

A. Localized Peace Engagement Efforts

Track 1 - COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS AND PROBLEM SOLVING-SESSIONS.

LPE Track 1 conducts Community Consultation and Problem-Solving Sessions in priority areas aiming to provide platform for community stakeholders to discuss, clarify and surface issues that affects the GPH-CPP/NPA/NDF peace process. Issues surfaced from this activity shall guide the formulation of the area's local peace agenda. Overall, the cluster effort achieved the conduct of 10,216 Pre-Localization activities, 4,451 Localization activities, and 2,286 Post-Localization activities. In sum, there are 16,953 total LPE Track 1 activities conducted nationwide through the collaborative efforts of the cluster's member agency.

Track 2 - LOCAL PEACE DIALOGUES WITH THE CPP-NPA-NDF GROUP.

The cluster effort achieved a total of 1,657 Pre-Localization activities, 5,806 Localization activities, and 1,771 post-localization activities. In sum, there are 9,234 total activities LPE Track 2 activities. In line with the principles of LPE and ensure sustainability, the following mechanisms were carried-out: 142 Joint Local Peace Agreement, creation of 1,226 Local Peace Engagement Teams and 485 Local Peace Panel. These mechanisms are expected to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the LPE.

Serbisyo Caravans. This initiative provides access to government services in hard-to-reach areas. It aims to make people from different community groups and the government more united by providing services to the people affected by the CPP-NPA-NDF insurgency. By working closer together, the program aims to heal the root of conflicts and build stronger camaraderie within the community and address the real reasons why some people join the rebel groups.

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.



Community Problem-Solving Session. A community problem-solving session between the barangay and the POs in Dibut, Aurora City was conducted on 06 November 2024. This initiative resulted in the resolution of key local issues and improved collaboration between the community and government officials.

Media Orientation on LPE and its TP. The GPH-CPPO, in partnership 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. During the media orientations, discussions were focused on highlighting the media's influence in promoting ongoing peace initiatives and reinforcing its role in conflict transformation, as well as the need for cooperation with government entities.

Some thirteen (13) media orientations were conducted on the following dates:

DATE	LOCATION
31 July 2024	Hotel Guillermo, Pagadian
15 August 2024	Melindas Resort, Borongan, Easter Samar
08 August 2024	Filipiniana Hotel, Oriental Mindoro
30 August 2024	PIA Central Office, Quezon City
18 September 2024	Seda Hotel, Nuvali City, Sta. Rosa, Laguna
05-06 September 2024	Grand Palace Hotel, Butuan City
19-20 September 2024	Greenleaf Hotel, General Santos City
23 September 2024	Newton Plaza Hotel, Baguio City
02-03 October 2024	Veranda Hotel, Malaybalay City, Bukidnon
21 November 2024	Region 7 via VTC
09 December 2024	Pangasinan Province
11 December 2024	Iloilo City
12 December 2024	Legazpi, Albay

- B. **Launching of Peace and Development Centers (PDCs).** The PDCs aim to act as a central hub that will integrate all Government Peace initiatives and shall ensure the implementation of crafted TP plan of the province. It provides former rebels with resources and support to help them reintegrate into mainstream society.

Currently, the LPE through OPAPRU is pursuing partnership with 7 more provinces this year namely: (1) Agusan del Sur, (2) Bukidnon, (3) Surigao del Norte, (4) Oriental Mindoro, (5) Sorsogon, (6) Samar, and (7) Zamboanga Sibugay for the establishment of the PDC. In total, there are fifteen (15) PDC established including those established FY 2023. A total of PhP 35 million has been allotted to support the PDCs with PhP 5 million per province.

The PDC aims to act as a repository that will integrate all government peace initiatives and shall ensure the hasty implementation of crafted TP plan of the province. It provides FRs with resources and support to help them reintegrate into society.

This year, there are five (5) provinces which have launched PDCs:

PROVINCE	DATE
Surigao del Norte	21 May 2024
Aurora	17 July 2024
Surigao del Sur	15 August 2024
South Cotabato	27 September 2024
Agusan del Sur	29 November 2024



The PDC also facilitated the distribution of tilapia fingerlings for the People's Organizations (POs) from Brgy. Dibut. The PO officers, PDC (PDC) staff, and the SPT for Central Luzon, visited the BFAR Aurora site for the awarding event. The initiative was organized by the Aurora PDC in collaboration with the 91st Infantry Battalion. Representatives from the Dibut POs, ANMKKA Provincial officers, and the 91st IB were present during the event, held at the BFAR office in Barangay Mijares, Dipaculao.

C. Operationalization of Special Project Teams (SPTs). To date, there are eleven (11) established SPTs with a total of sixty-three (63) members, composing of former members of CPP-NPA-NDF which will act as transformation agents and will assist in the operationalization of the TP. The SPTs shall also aid in organization and accreditation of different POs to ensure sustainability. This is complementary to the objective of the TP, through providing livelihood to the former members of CPP-NPA-NDF and developing recovery of CPP-NPA-NDF resilient communities. Below is the list of established SPTs and the total number of their members.

#	Region	No. of Members
1	National Capital Regions (NCR)	5
2	Region II - Cagayan Valley	6
3	Region III – Central Luzon	4
4	Region V – Bicol Region	4
5	Region VI - Western Visayas	6
6	Region VIII – Eastern Visayas	8
7	Region IX – Zamboanga Peninsula	6
8	Region X – Northern Mindanao	6
9	Region XI – Davao Region	6
10	Region XII – SOCCSKSARGEN	6
11	Region XIII – Caraga	6
	Total	63

All SPTs actively participate in all the TP Planning workshop and refinement sessions

to provide inputs and participate in the planning process, along with PLGUs, different NGA and RLAs, stakeholders during the TP planning sessions.



- D. **Support to People's Organization (POs).** One of the major goals that the LPE Cluster is anticipating is the organization of FRs into a unified and sustainable group. To date, there are 3,082 registered POs acting as a channel of government interventions for sustainable enterprises.

A particular initiative conducted this year was the Peace and Development Summit held on 04 December 2024 at Summit Hotel, Tacloban City. The summit served as an avenue for a dialogue between the local and national agencies involved and the present PO members. Also, it served as an opportunity for the participating organizations to foster a stronger sense of unity amongst members.



- E. **Implementation and Operationalization of the Transformation Program**

Twenty-four (24) provinces underwent TP Planning workshops to craft their respective TP plans in the provinces. Thus, in total, 50 provinces have been engaged to implement peacebuilding interventions anchored to the peace framework.

The TP Planning workshop aims to enable the crafting of TP Plans through capacitating local government units and create a participatory and inclusive plan for the former rebels, their families, and communities. At the end of each TP planning workshop, participants produced TP Plans to be incorporated into their local development plans. These activities provided an opportunity to get the commitment and support of the Regional Line Agencies, Provincial Local Government Units (PLGUs) and other stakeholders on mainstreaming LPE and its TP.

Below are the conducted TP Planning Workshops nationwide:

DATE	PROVINCE	LOCATION
20-22 February 2024	Albay	St. Ellis, Legaspi City Albay
	Catanduanes	
12-14 March 2024	Occidental Mindoro	Isla De Oro Hotel, Mamburao Occidental Mindoro
19-21 March 2024	Palawan	Uno Hotel, Palawan Puerto Princesa
2-3 April 2024	Camarines Norte	One Platinum Hotel. F. Pimentel Ave Cor Vicente Basil, Baet Camarines Norte
3-5 April 2024	Agusan del Sur	Mabe's Savory Plance, San Francisco, Agusan del Sur
16-18 April 2024	Rizal	Makiling Highlands Resort, Capt. Mamon, Brgy. Pansol, Calamba, Laguna
	Batangas	
21-22 May 2024	Antique	JLC Hall, Antique Provincial Capitol
5-6 June 2024	Davao Occidental	My Sun Hotel, Davao Del Sur
	Davao del Sur	
26-28 June 2024	Surigao Del Norte	Rejuzhalem EY Miner's Suites, Borromeo
26-28 June 2024	Ilocos Sur	Sacred Heart Savings Cooperative Bagani Gabor, Candon City, Ilocos Sur
3-4 July 2024	Zamboanga del Norte	Ariana Hotel, Dipolog City
30-31 July 2024	Iloilo	Goldberry Lite Hotel Iloilo
27-31 August 2024	Leyte	Hotel De Fides, Brgy. 75, Fatima, Tacloban City
27-31 August 2024	Biliran	
27-31 August 2024	Southern Leyte	
29-30 October 2024	Cotabato Province	AJ Hi-Time, Plaided St., Kidapawan City
14 November 2024	Pangasinan	Pangasinan
18-19 November 2024	Mountain Province	Mountain Province
18-21 November 2024	Capiz	Capiz
4-5 December 2024	Zambales	Zambales

During each TP Planning workshop, Provincial and Regional Task Forces to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF- and RTF- ELCAC), representatives of former rebel groups, and other key stakeholders converged in crafting their province's respective TP plans. Representatives of RTF- and PTF-ELCAC member agencies, and key local authorities collaborated to create a comprehensive plan that addresses the needs of the former rebels while simultaneously promoting sustainable peace and development in the region.

The activity also served as an avenue to strengthen partnerships between key actors relative to the TP. Various topics were also discussed, ranging from the security situation of the province, the status of national and local peace efforts implemented, social preparation of concerned agencies, and other pertinent area relative to TP.



One of the highlights this year was the conduct of the first TP Planning Assessment. On 06-07 November 2024, the Province of Aurora facilitated the 3-Year TP Planning Assessment. The goal of the workshop is to assess the first year of the TP and to establish a Focal Point System which aligns with the province of Aurora's Resolution no. 409 that incorporated the TP in the province's Annual Investment Plan. Moving forward, the updated TP will be submitted to the Provincial DILG for endorsement to local councils together with the proposed TP monitoring committee.



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

GPH-RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process

A. Implementing Mechanisms

FY 2024 Kabankalan and Cauayan Site Coordinating Teams (SCT) Assessment and Planning Workshop. On 05 to 07 October 2024, the site coordinating teams (SCTs) of Kabankalan and Cauayan finalized their catch-up plan for late 2024 and priority Program, Activity and Project (PAP) for FY 2025 for the KAPATIRAN TP.



They discussed the Community Resource Management Framework (CRMF), Area Development Plan, and Social Welfare and Development Institute (SWDI) Assessment results, addressing water supply, malnutrition, and stunting issues. SCT members were organized into six (6) sectors (Security, Environment, Social Services, Livelihood and Employment, Infrastructure, and Organization) and reported their accomplishments for the first three quarters of FY 2024 based on the FY 2024-2026 SCT Plan.

Meeting the land acquisition of the proposed settlement site in Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo. On 22 October 2024, the Provincial Planning and Development Office and the SCT Head Secretariat spearheaded the meeting with the National Housing Authority (NHA) and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) to discuss updates and concerns in the land acquisition of the proposed settlement site in Brgy. Caraudan, Janiuay, Iloilo. The NHA shared that all required documents have been complied with and submitted to NHA Commission on Land Acquisition (COLA) for review and assessment. On 17 October 2024, the COLA provided advance results which stated that the Lot B (3.7 has.) is approved for acquisition by the committee. Lot D (1. 4 has.) is not feasible for housing but can be utilized as a production area, however, it is not included in the mandate of the National Housing Authority. NHA COLA shall issue a resolution on this matter.

A meeting shall be called by Provincial Administrator Raul Baniyas with the Land Owner and KAPATIRAN to discuss COLA's decision to commence the process of acquisition for Lot B.

B. Social and Economic Reintegration of KAPATIRAN Members

Ceremonial Turnover of Two (2) Vehicles for the KAPATIRAN Negros Oriental Chapter in Tanjay. On 19 November 2024, a ceremonial turnover of two (2) vehicles to the KAPATIRAN Negros Oriental Chapter took place at the PDC Site in Sitio Ling-ab, Brgy. San Miguel, Tanjay City. The Provincial LGU of Negros Oriental allocated a budget of PhP 2.5 million pesos for the acquisition of the two (2) vehicles, which will be used to transport students from the PDC to the nearest elementary school and back.



Rice and Corn Mill Project – KAPATIRAN Cauayan Chapter. On 11 October 2024, the Rice and Corn Mill project, funded by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), was officially turned over to the KAPATIRAN Cauayan Chapter during a ceremonial event which marked a significant milestone in supporting local agriculture and enhancing the community's economic capacity.

Distribution of Educational Assistance to 250 KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin in Negros Occidental.

On 20 and 27 December 2024, the distribution of educational assistance to 250 KAPATIRAN Next-of-Kin (NOK) in Negros Occidental took place at the Food Terminal Market of Negros Occidental (FTMON) in Bacolod City. The primary focus of the event was to provide educational support to 250 KAPATIRAN families who were enrolled in Senior High and College.

Each recipient was granted financial assistance amounting Php5,000.00, provided by the Provincial Government through the Negros Occidental Scholarship Program Division (NOSPD). This assistance aims to support the educational needs of the beneficiaries, ensuring that they have the resources to continue their studies and pursue their academic goals.



C. Community Peace Dividends

Socio-Economic Intervention for KAPATIRAN Women of Kabankalan and Cauayan Chapters in Negros Occidental. From 22-25 October 2024, a socio-economic intervention program for 64 KAPATIRAN Women from Kabankalan and 39 women from Cauayan was conducted. This initiative, in partnership with the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental through the Provincial Planning and Development Office (PPDO), assessed existing skills and identified potential livelihood programs to enhance household well-being. It also aimed to empower the KAPATIRAN Women and promote sustainable development within their communities.



D. Transformation of the KAPATIRAN into a Civilian Organization

Site Visit and Pulong-Pulong with the KAPATIRAN Women of Kabankalan Chapter in Kabankalan City.

On 29 October 2024, a site visit was held at the Kabankalan PDC to validate resources and identify potential products for the KAPATIRAN Women. The assessment involved a collaborative team comprising of representatives from the Association of Negros Producers (ANP), the Provincial Government of Negros Occidental, and OPAPRU, following the recent socio-economic intervention activity held from October 22-25 at Murcia, Negros Occidental. During the visit, the KAPATIRAN Chapter showcased their skills through product presentations and prototyping, highlighting their readiness to embark on livelihood initiatives that could benefit their community and enhance their economic opportunities.



On 08 November 2024, the OPAPRU, in partnership with the Association of Negros Producers (ANP) and the Provincial LGU of Negros Occidental, conducted a site visit and pulong-pulong with the KAPATIRAN Women of Cauayan Chapter. This event followed the 22-25 October 2024 activity in Mambukal and aimed to assess the existing resources and skills of the KAPATIRAN Women. During the activity, the KAPATIRAN Women highlighted their current resources and identified areas where their skills could be enhanced. Additionally, the women showcased their craftsmanship and culinary abilities, providing valuable insights into their potential for further development and growth.

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

Amnesty Application Proceedings for Seven (7) KAPATIRAN members from Iloilo with pending legal cases. On 17 October 2024, the OPAPRU in collaboration with the Janiuay LGU and the Local Amnesty Board (LAB) Iloilo, organized the amnesty application proceedings for seven (7) KAPATIRAN members from Iloilo with pending legal cases. Prosecutor Flosemer Gonzales, Chairperson of the Legal Cooperation Cluster of RTF-ELCAC 6, led the administration of oaths by the applicants, formalizing their commitment to the terms of the amnesty program. The LAB Secretariat presented a comprehensive overview of the Amnesty Program's objectives, detailing its application requirements and procedural steps to ensure applicants clearly understood the process.

NAC Performance Assessment and Evaluation on the amnesty program

On 07 to 08 October 2024, the RCPPO participated in the National Amnesty Commission (NAC) Performance Assessment and Evaluation, which reviewed the status of amnesty applications, reporting 1,157 applications as of 07 October 2024. With each application for former rebels estimated to require approximately four months for processing. The current timeline prompted discussion on efficiency improvements.

The assessment identified several challenges, including delays in record access and data collection from national and regional counterparts, limited staffing in essential departments (such as HR, finance, procurement, and IT of the NAC), and the need for optimized funding for regional and local operations. Concerns were also raised by security sector agencies regarding the amnesty application process.

GPH - CBA-CPLA PEACE PROCESS

A. Support to Implementing Mechanisms

Joint Evaluation and Monitoring Committee (JEMC) 4th Quarter Meeting.

The JEMC 4th Quarter meeting was held on 05 December 2024. The meeting focused on the following key agenda items: (a) the accomplishments of the Five-Year Normalization Program; (b) updates on peace process programs; (c) presentation of the Transformation Program; and, (d) identifying ways forward. The first agenda highlighted the overall accomplishments of the GPH-CBA-CPLA Five-year Normalization Program from 2020 to 2024, with cumulative interventions amounting to PhP1,262,565,750.13.



The accomplishments were supported by the following agency reports:

- 1) DENR-CAR: Implementation of the Bantay Gubat Program with a total funding of PhP 299,739,000.00 (2019 to present).
- 2) NCIP-CAR: Implementation of OPAPRU-NCIP Special Educational Assistance Program with a total funding of PhP 28,060,000.00
- 3) DSWD-CAR: Implementation of the Sustainable Livelihood Program and KALAHI-CIDDS, amounting to PhP 212,653,558.00.

Following the presentation of the transformation Program, the functions of the JEMC would be integrated. OPAPRU officials emphasized that the TP should also prioritize the needs of communities and their respective organizations.

The ways forward include continuing the dialogue with the CBA-CPLA to address pending concerns, such as the establishment of a mechanism to succeed the JEMC, consultations with key agencies to support the TP, the implementation of the Impact Assessment Study for the GPH-CBA-CPLA Peace Process, and the continuation of TP planning in each province within the Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR).

B. Socio-economic Development

4th Quarter Regional Development Council - CAR Sub-Sectoral Committee on Agriculture Meeting.

On 07 November 2024, the OPAPRU attended a meeting led by DA-CAR Executive Director Atty. Jennilyn Dawayan. The meeting covered the endorsement of validated Farm-to-Market Roads (FMRs), Value Chain Innovation for Sustainable Transformation in Agrarian Reform Communities - Additional Financing



(VISTA-AF) funding, the 2024 Regional Development Report, reconstituting the Agriculture Sub-Committee, Typhoon Kristine damage, and updates on the Tanudan LGU FGD. The group endorsed improving FMRs in Paracelis, Mountain Province, and allocated PhP 540 million for FMR projects benefiting 67 Agrarian Reform Communities (ARCs). Typhoon Kristine caused an estimated PhP 369 million in agricultural losses, and progress on the Barangay Lower Talocto FMR was reported.

RDC Sub-Committee on Transportation, Water Resources and Social Infrastructure 4th Quarter Meeting. On 14 November 2024, the OPAPRU attended a meeting with sub-committee members on transportation, water resources, and social infrastructure. The agenda included discussions on the 2023 DPWH-CAR and CLGU Baguio projects, and the involvement of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD) and OPAPRU, as requested by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA), for funding the calamity fund and creating a comprehensive damage report on Typhoons Kristine, Nika, and Pepito.



C. Security Aspect

Participation of OPAPRU in the Visitation, Inspection and Meeting at the Regional Task Force – Cordillera Administrative Region (RTF-CAR) Operation Center (OpCen), in La Trinidad, Benguet. On 04 October 2024, OPAPRU joined the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC) delegation for a visitation and meeting with the Cordillera Regional Task Force (RTF)-ELCAC, discussing collaborative efforts against insurgency under E.O. 70. They reviewed the status of the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG), the RTF's functions, and achievements. NTF-ELCAC Director Arnulfo G. Bajarin outlined E.O. 70's purpose and accomplishments, and NTF-ELCAC Director Monico S. Batle praised the Cordillera JRTF, revealing plans for a LAB in Baguio City. Issues like standardizing terminologies were addressed, with a focus on peacebuilding and continued engagement with national initiatives.



D. Confidence Building

3rd Quarter Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC) Meetings. On 04 October 2024, OPAPRU attended a meeting led by DSWD-CAR's Maria Aplatén-Catbagan with representatives from 30 agencies. Key agenda items included the 2025 Work and Financial Plan (WFP), Regional Gender and Development Committee (RGADC) GAD Agenda, and the 18-day Campaign to End Violence Against Women (VAW). An orientation for RGAD Focal Points and a podcast on peace initiatives are scheduled for 29 November 2024. Members gave feedback on the RGAD logo design, and the final logo will be presented to the RDC. The next meeting will include GAD monitoring report results, with DOLE-CAR sponsoring the Fourth RGADC Meeting.



Orientation for the Regional Gender and Development Council – CAR on Conflict-sensitive and Peace-promoting Approach, Women, Peace and Security.

On 29 November 2024, the OPAPRU held an Orientation on Women, Peace and Security (WPS), Youth, Peace and Security (YPS), and Conflict-Sensitivity and Peace Promoting (CSPP) at the Ritz Hotel, Baguio City. This event informed Regional Gender and Development Council (RGADC) members about the importance of these frameworks in shaping inclusive and equitable policies for Cordillera women and youth. Additionally, CSPP provided insights into the local context, aiding in the creation of policies and interventions that avoid escalating tensions or conflicts.



E. Management of Implementation Mechanisms

Consultative Dialogue for the Implementation of the GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process. On 27 November 2024, a consultative dialogue for the implementation of the GPH - CBA-CPLA Peace Process was conducted dedicated to the review of the 26-point demand of the CBA-CPLA from 1986 in relation to the government's response. The accomplishments of the Five-Year Normalization Program (2020-2024) were also discussed. The CBA-CPLA will draft a proposal regarding its support for the completion documents of the peace agreement through internal meetings. Finally, the participants reviewed and signed the summary of the agreements that had been reached during the meeting.



F. Implementation of the Transformation Program

On 14-16 October 2024, OPAPRU attended a meeting convened by DSWD-CAR, presenting the 5-point Peace and Development Agenda and the TP program. The critical role of LGUs and sustainable programs for former rebels were discussed. In the afternoon, a consultation meeting with the PLGU of Mountain Province discussed the TP Plan, with Governor Lacwasan expressing support. The OPAPRU team also inspected ongoing PAMANA projects in Bontoc, including the construction of a Public Market and the Improvement of a Local Access Road.

Special Meeting with the Peace and Order Council Mountain Province regarding the Transformation Program.

On 19-20 November 2024, the OPAPRU has provided an orientation to the members of the Provincial Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (PTF-ELCAC) on LPE and the TP Plan, with the Mountain Province Planning to develop its own



template based on existing files of DILG and Provincial Planning Office. Officers and members of the Balik-Loob Organization of Mountain Province (BLOMP) shared their reasons for joining the movement, including concerns about the lack of Free, Prior, and Informed Consent (FPIC) for the construction of a hydroelectric dam on ancestral lands, the establishment of a logging company, government corruption, and a lack of government interventions.

• Cross-Cutting Themes

DOST CAR-OPAPRU Exploratory Meeting.

On 02 December 2024, an exploratory meeting between the OPAPRU and Department of Science and Technology (DOST) was held. The said exploratory meeting was an offshoot of the directive of DOST Secretary Renato U. Solidum Jr. to DOST-CAR Regional Director Nancy Bantog, instructing her to explore potential programs in CAR that are similar to and in relation to the OPAPRU-DOST Memorandum of



Agreement (MOA) for the implementation of Community Empowerment on Science and Technology (CEST) initiative in MILF camps. It was highlighted that OPAPRU, in collaboration with DOST CAR, could focus on initiatives addressing climate change and capacity building. The OPAPRU highlighted that consolidated needs for former combatants are reflected in the TP Plan. This plan ensures that all Regional Line Agencies (RLAs) thru their provincial counterparts are provided the opportunity to review and commit to implementing specific needs of the former rebels, in alignment with their respective agency mandates.



Participation of OPAPRU officials in the 4th Quarter Meeting of the Cordillera Regional Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (RTF-ELCAC). On 04 December 2024, the Department of Transportation (DoTr) Secretary and Cabinet Officer for Regional Development and Security (CORDS) Sec. Jaime J. Bautista presided over the 4th quarter meeting of the Cordillera RTF-ELCAC. The agenda for the meeting included the accomplishment reports of the RTF-

ELCAC clusters covering January to July 2024; updates on the implementation of Capacitating Urban Communities for Peace and Development (CUCPD) Program, RCSP, and support to Barangay Development Program (SBDP) programs, projects, and activities; resolutions regarding the inclusions of additional barangays in Kalinga and Mountain Province as ELCAC Barangays; and other matters.

PROGRAM 5: SOCIAL HEALING AND PEACEBUILDING (SHAPE) PROGRAM

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

200 Former Violent Extremists (FVEs) in Lanao del Sur provided with Transition Support from the Transformation Program (TP) for FVEs

The Transformation Program for FVEs that aims to foster a comprehensive implementation of a needs-based, gender-responsive, and conflict-sensitive and peace promoting approach for the transformation of FVEs, victims of terrorism and conflict (VoTCs), their families and communities ---was finally implemented through the partnership between the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) and the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur (PGLDS).

Meeting and Handover of Transition Support from OPAPRU to the Provincial Government of Lanao del Sur.

On 05 November 2024, the OPAPRU handed over an amount of Php9.2 million to the PLGU of Lanao del Sur (LDS) to provide transition support to Former Violent Extremists (FVEs). During the

event, two (2) female FVEs, who are currently housed at the temporary halfway house of the PLGU of LDS were given the opportunity to share their concerns and challenges with OPAPRU and PLGU of LDS officials. This direct conversation allowed for a better understanding of their needs as they reintegrate into society.



Distribution of Transition Support to Former Violent Extremists (FVEs).

The actual distribution of the Transition Support to the 200 FVEs was completed last 25 November 2024. Aside from OPAPRU and provincial government of Lanao Del Sur, the partners in this endeavor included the Provincial Peace and Order Office (PPOO), Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office (PSWDO), the AFP

103rd Brigade, Lanao del Sur Police, and other members of the LDS ECLIP Committee. Each FVE received Php45,000.00 under OPAPRU's Preventing and Transforming Violent Extremist (PTVE) Program to aid their reintegration into society. The support extended beyond financial aid, with the Provincial Health Office offering free medical consultations and DOLE Region 10 distributing Tulong Panghanapbuhay sa Ating Disadvantaged/Displaced Workers (TUPAD) program to participating FVEs. This comprehensive approach, combining financial assistance, healthcare access, and employment opportunities, underscores the government's commitment to the successful reintegration of FVEs and the promotion of lasting peace in Lanao del Sur.

Partnerships forged to promote PTVE and Peacebuilding Initiatives between OPAPRU and Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP). The BJMP and OPAPRU signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on 25 October 2024 to collaborate on programs to foster peace, mutual understanding, and healing. The MOU outlined areas of collaboration such as the promotion of peacebuilding initiatives, capacity-building activities for BJMP personnel on conflict-sensitive and Peace

Promotion concepts, and the Reintegration Process of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) into Society.



As a follow-through of the partnership with BJMP, OPAPRU provided immediate support to the four Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) PDL who were released last 15 November 2024 after decades of imprisonment. These individuals had spent the past 20 years in prison, waiting for justice after being accused of participating in attacks carried out by the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG). On 16 November 2024, three (3) of the said PDLs finally went home with their families,

while another one is scheduled to go home in July 2025.

Revitalized Interfaith Engagement through the Mindanao Religious Leaders Conference (MiRLeC) organized from the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC). The Mindanao Religious Leaders Conference (MiRLeC) was established to advance interfaith peacebuilding in Mindanao. MiRLeC is a new organization formed from the Bishops Ulama Conference (BUC). Through OPAPRU, the Technical Working Group (TWG) and Focal Persons from the Muslim and Christian groups were identified and mobilized in the revitalization of the conference. MiRLeC's main outcome was its commitment to inclusive peacebuilding by actively engaging women, youth, and Indigenous leaders in decision-making, crucial for lasting peace in the Bangsamoro.

During the Mindanao Religious Leaders Assembly on 08-09 October 2024, the Conference issued an official declaration of their existence alongside the announcement of the Mindanao Week of Peace, scheduled for November 28 to December 4, 2024, with the theme, "Sustaining the Gains of Peace, Solidarity, and Resilience," emphasizing a collective commitment to fostering interfaith unity in the Mindanao region.

The Dialogue of Key Religious Leaders was conducted on 08-09 October 2024 and attended by a total of 26 representatives where the Vision, Mission and Objectives of the Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) were revisited; the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) of the BUC were analyzed and strategies that will strengthen the BUC as an organization and respond to existing and emerging issues were initially identified. Partners who supported the establishment of the MiRLeC included the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), Australian Aid (AusAID), World Vision Development Foundation, Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS), Silsilah Dialogue Movement, and Catholic Relief Services (CRS).





2024 Mindanao Week of Peace (MWOP) Celebration led by the Mindanao Inter-Religious Leaders Conference (MiRLeC).

The 2024 MWOP was celebrated on 28 November until 04 December 2024 with the theme “Sustaining the Gains of Peace, Solidarity and Resilience. The OPAPRU through SHAPEO joined and supported the activities spearheaded and organized the Mindanao Inter-Religious Leaders Conference

(MiRLeC) and other peace partners. The series of activities included the Walk for Peace, Interfaith Dialogue with the MSU Bombing Survivors, Youth Encounter and Peace Caravan all aimed at promoting peace and solidarity among Christians, Muslims, IPs including the sectors of women and youth.

On 27 November 2024, at the Queen of Peace Parish Church in Cotabato City, the MiRLeC spearheaded the interfaith gathering for the MWOP activities. The activity was attended by 50 Participants coming from Bangsamoro Darul-Ifta (BDI), National Council of Churches in the Philippines (NCCP), Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches (PCEC), Roman Catholic Church, and Indigenous Peoples (IPs). Monsignor Ben Torreto and Pastor Dan Cabarrubias led the process, while representatives from the Muslim, Christian, and IP communities led the prayers.

The MWOP was opened on 28 November 2024 in Cotabato City through the Walk for Peace organized by the Notre Dame University (NDU) together with the MiRLeC. An estimated 2,000 students from different private schools and multi-sectoral groups joined the early morning Walk for Peace. The activity aimed to share the message of peace following the MiRLeC-endorsed theme of sustaining the gains of the Peace Process, Solidarity, and Resilience.

The culmination program in the NDU Gymnasium, led by its President, Fr. Francis Zabala, showcased cultural presentations embedded with peace messages. Two short talks were provided: through the lens of IRD in schools by Fr. Rockmoore Saniel, OMI, and the Mindanao Religious Leaders by Abp Angelito Lampon, OMI DD. An estimated 900 participants attended the program. Abp. Lampon, OMI DD, and Fr. Zabala, OMI extended their gratitude for OPAPRU's support through MiRLeC.

B. Indigenous Peoples Healing and Reconciliation

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

IP Healing and Reconciliation Framework applied to empower the Zamboanga del Norte Subanen Timuay and IPs in Aurora province. As follow through of the community consultations conducted with the Subanon Timuay of Zamboanga Del Norte, a Visioning and Planning Workshop on 15 – 16 October 2024 was conducted based on the assessment results which surfaced the needs and priorities of the said communities. The two- day process of Visioning resulted to their formulation of their Vision, Mission, Goal and Objectives. They were able to come up with their criteria of membership, process of decision making and their Core Values, and priority Activities and Plans for their ICC. Another IPHR process conducted was the Community Problem-solving Session for the IPs in Brgy. Dibut, San Luis, Aurora last 05 November 2024. Aurora is one of the AMU-Central Luzon Transformation Program (TP) priority

areas. To come up with a model on IP H&R programmatic intervention, Barangay Dibut was identified which is already a registered Certificate of Ancestral Domain Title (CADT) holder. With the issue raised during the meeting, all parties, including the AFP, SMMD members, and OPAPRU staff, agreed to conduct a follow-up discussion to explore the possibility of merging the two (2) existing POs and future collaboration and coordination among all parties towards peace, reconciliation, and unity.

C. National Action Plans on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) and Youth, Peace and Security (YPS)

For this quarter, the SHAPEO together with other offices in OPAPRU focused in the preparations and actual conduct of the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (ICWPS).

The Philippines hosted the International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security (ICWPS) from 28-30 October 2024, at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC). The event, themed "Forging Collaboration and Convergence for Advancing Women, Peace, and Security," was organized by the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA), OPAPRU, PCW, and DBM, with partners like UN Women, Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID), and the ASEAN Institute for Peace and Reconciliation. The conference included two (2) high-level panels, a parliamentary roundtable, and four thematic discussions, featuring key sessions on women's roles in peace processes and translating the NAPWPS vision into reality. Additionally, it hosted a special forum, 23 side events, and exhibits showcasing women's contributions to peace and security.

The ICWPS highlighted the Philippines' commitment to the WPS agenda and promoted international dialogue and collaboration, ensuring women's voices in peace and security initiatives.

Establishment of the Philippines as Center of Excellence on Women, Peace and Security and Launch of Indicator Handbook for The Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) Plan of the National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (NAPWPS) 2023-2033. On 29 October 2024, the Philippines ceremonially signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) at the PICC, marking its entry into the global community of Centers of Excellence on Women, Peace, and Security, showcasing its commitment to advancing peace and security initiatives through a gender-inclusive lens.



The same day, the OPAPRU, in partnership with UN Women, launched the Indicator Handbook at the ICWPS. This handbook serves as a guide for tracking the implementation of the NAPWPS 2023-2033. Opening remarks highlighted its significance, followed by a video overview and insights from local and international perspectives. An audiovisual presentation detailed the handbook's features, with closing remarks calling for continued commitment to WPS.

National Steering Committee On Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) Exhibit.

On 29-30 October 2024, the Exhibit of the NSCWPS at the PICC highlighted the Philippines' cross-agency dedication to the WPS agenda, celebrating women's essential roles in peace-building across sectors such as defense, healthcare, energy, and education. Key exhibits featured stories of women's contributions in the military (AFP and DND), rural electrification (NEA), law enforcement (PNP), and healthcare initiatives in conflict areas (DOH). Agencies like DSWD, DAR, NCMF, NCIP, PCW, CHED and OPAPRU presented information, education and communication (IEC) materials and programs promoting gender equality, peace, and community resilience. The exhibit underscored the collaborative efforts driving the National Action Plan on WPS, inspiring further participation in creating a peaceful and inclusive future.



Fourth Quarter National Steering Committee on Women, Peace and Security (NSCWPS) Meeting.

On 09 December 2024, this meeting highlighted significant accomplishments from various NSC member agencies in advancing the WPS agenda for 2024. Key achievements included efforts to strengthen institutional

frameworks and capacity-building initiatives, such as the development of academies and training programs for law enforcement and local government officials. Agencies also focused on enhancing data centralization, addressing gender-based violence through community-based mechanisms, and implementing policies to ensure safe spaces in education. Strategic contributions included aligning programs with broader peace and security goals, tackling cybercrime and terrorism financing, and emphasizing the importance of sustained program continuity through plantilla positions. Challenges, such as the need for dedicated resources and harmonized data collection, were also addressed, with agencies expressing support for solutions that ensure the sustainability and institutionalization of WPS initiatives.

Youth Leaders in Region 1 Empowered to Take Active Roles in Localizing the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security (NAPYPS) Agenda.

On 15-18 October 2024, the OPAPRU, together with the National Intelligence Coordinating Agency (NICA) and the Philippine Information Agency (PIA) and other agencies of the Regional Peace and Order Council (RPOC) - 1 Situational



Awareness and Knowledge Management (SAKM) Cluster, held the Phase 2 of the Elevate, Engage and Empower Youth Summit. The 3-day summit focused on empowering 49 young leaders and fostering a culture of peace in the region. The summit aimed to engage the youth in understanding peace and security concepts, developing conflict resolution skills, and designing community-based peace projects aligned with the National Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security (NAPYPS).

D. Mainstreaming Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP)



Workshop On Optional Standard Valuation (OSV) For Commercial and Other Property Claims and Orientation on Conflict Sensitive Peace Promoting (CSPP) Approaches. On October 17-18, 2024, the OPAPRU, in collaboration with the Marawi Compensation

Board (MCB), conducted a workshop focused on Conflict Sensitive Peace Promoting (CSPP) approaches and the development of an Optional Standard Valuation (OSV) model for commercial and culturally significant properties. Facilitated by Community and Family Services International (CFSI), the workshop is part of ongoing efforts to ensure fair compensation for those affected by the 2017 Marawi Siege. The workshop aimed to develop a conflict-sensitive, peace-promoting OSV framework to value properties in commercial and cultural spaces and essential personal belongings of internally displaced persons (IDPs) within key structures such as mosques, schools, colleges, and hospitals. This initiative aims to provide fair and dignified compensation, supporting broader peace and reconciliation goals for the region.

A preliminary OSV was developed through a collaborative workshop. This draft will undergo additional refinement by the key personnel of the Management and Capacity Building (MCB) team before being presented to stakeholders for their inputs.

• CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

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

Gender and Development (GAD) Advance Training.

From 02-04 October 2024, the OPAPRU GAD Focal Point System (GFPS) Secretariat, in partnership with the Philippine Commission on Women (PCW), conducted a training for 22 OPAPRU GAD Focal Persons and technical staff. The training aimed to strengthen their



understanding of Gender Analysis, GAD (Gender and Development) Planning, and how to address gender issues within the context of the Comprehensive Peace Process. Participants were expected to lead the development and implementation of GAD Plans and budgets in their respective areas.



Gender and Development (GAD) Orientation for the 74 Joint Peace and Security Team (JPST) Members. On 21 October 2024, OPAPRU provided technical assistance for a GAD orientation with 74 members of the Joint Peace and Security Teams (JPST) facilitated by the GPH-MILF Peace Process Office (MILF PPO) in Datu

Odin Sinsuat, Maguindanao del Norte. The orientation covered basic GAD concepts,

gender biases, and the role of gender in conflict stages, with a focus on integrating gender considerations into JPST operations. Moreover, recommendations on how to integrate gender in the JPST's respective unit were collected for future reference and follow through.

Gender Sensitivity Training (GST) for the Office of the Civil Defense Regional Office IV-A.

From 23-25 October 2024, OPAPRU assisted the OCD (Office of Civil Defense) Regional Office IV-A and the Department of National Defense (DND) in conducting Gender Sensitivity Training for 16 DRR (Disaster Risk Reduction) personnel.

The training aimed to enhance their capacity to mainstream gender in DRRM programs. These activities were part of OPAPRU's ongoing efforts to promote gender-sensitive approaches in peacebuilding, disaster risk reduction, and related programs.



Promoted the Protection of Women through the Observance of the 18 Day Campaign to end Violence Against Women (VAW). The 18-Day Campaign to End VAW supports the Philippine government's goal of protecting the human rights of women and girls by upholding its commitment to address all forms of gender-based violence as enshrined in the 1987 Constitution. By Republic Act 10398, or the Act declaring November 25 of every year as the National Consciousness Day for the Elimination of VAWC, government agencies are mandated to raise awareness on the problem of violence and the elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls.

For 2024, a series of activities were conducted in observance of the 18 Day Campaign, which included the Kick-off Activity, Orientation on MOVE, and Forum on Breaking the Vicious Cycle of Violence.



PROGRAM 6: PAyapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program

The PAyapa at MAsaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program was launched in 2011 as a government priority initiative to support peace negotiations and contribute to the overarching goal of attaining peace.

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

The program's sustained relevance is pointed out in Chapter 13 of the latest PDP for 2023-2028, bearing the title "Ensure Peace and Security and Enhance Administration of Justice." This chapter accentuates Outcome 1, emphasizing 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

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.

Given that Camp Bilal is classified as forest land by the National Mapping and Resource Information Authority (NAMRIA), the PAMANA Program - National Program Management Office (NPMO) suggests employing either Presidential Proclamation-based tenurial rights or the CBFM program. These tenurial mechanisms will enable the residents to secure legitimate possession, facilitating the implementation of agroforestry and other land-use practices essential for community development and environmental sustainability. This comparative review serves as a critical resource for decision-making, ensuring that the chosen tenurial approach aligns with legal requirements and fosters long-term stability and growth for the communities of Camp Bilal.

Drafting of PAMANA Roadmap 2023-2030. 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.

Drafting of PAMANA Halal Industry Food Development Initiative. The PAMANA Halal Industry Food Development Initiative is a strategic endeavor aimed at fostering inclusive economic growth and sustainable development in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas. 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.

Drafting of PAMANA Monitoring Committee. 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. This ensures a cohesive approach to achieving lasting peace and stability. Further, the committee will reinforce the integration of PAMANA into the broader plans and programs supporting various peace processes.

GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY OF PROJECTS

Groundbreaking Ceremony of Phase 1 of The Maslog-Jipapad Road and the Panic-An Bridge in Eastern Samar. The OPAPRU marked a significant milestone with the groundbreaking of two major infrastructure projects under the PAYapa at MASaganang PamayaNAn (PAMANA) Program in Maslog, Eastern Samar, on 16 December 2024. The Php 193-million initiative includes Phase 1 of the 15-kilometer Maslog-Jipapad Road and the Panic-an Bridge. These projects aim to improve connectivity, facilitate economic growth, and enhance access to essential services, reflecting PAMANA's mission to foster peace and development in conflict-affected areas.

Groundbreaking of PAMANA Housing Resettlement Project at Camp Abubakar. On 19 December 2024, this project, which is part of the Camps Transformation Plan (CTP), aims to provide housing for decommissioned Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) combatants and their families, fostering peace and development in one of the largest former MILF camps. The initiative underscores OPAPRU's commitment to transforming conflict-affected communities into peaceful and productive areas.

Through the Housing Resettlement Project, the government demonstrates its resolve to sustain the gains of the Bangsamoro peace process and its dedication to uplifting the lives of former combatants and their communities.

Groundbreaking of PAMANA Housing Resettlement Project at Camp Bilal. On 20 December 2024, the OPAPRU led the groundbreaking of a housing and resettlement project for decommissioned MILF combatants in Camp Bilal, Munai, Lanao del Norte. The initiative, part of the Camps Transformation Plan (CTP) under OPAPRU's PAMANA Program, aims to transform the camp into a peaceful and productive community. The housing project is a testament to the government's dedication to delivering on its peace commitments and transforming conflict-affected areas into thriving communities.

CONSTITUENCY BUILDING

Exploratory Meeting with the Philippine Guarantee Corporation and San Bernardino Celebes, Inc. on BARMM Agricultural Development. On 19 December 2024, an exploratory meeting was held with San Bernardino Celebes, Inc. (SBCI), and Philippine Guarantee Corporation (PhilGuarantee). The proposal centers on integrating rural banks and technology to enhance agricultural finance and operations. Rural banks will play a key role in financing agriculture, with local government units (LGUs) collaborating to improve financial processes. Further, a paperless commerce system will be implemented to boost efficiency and accountability in loan and financial monitoring. Keystakeholder roles were defined and PhilGuarantee has expressed interest in supporting the initiative but requires the final submission of the mechanism structure for review.

PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

Final Inspection of PAMANA Infrastructure Projects. The final site inspection of PAMANA FY 2024 was conducted from 09-11 December 2024 in Agusan del Norte. This inspection covers details and observations made at the Construction of Afga-Sitio Linao-Linao Farm to Market Road with Bridge (Phase 1) at the Municipality of Buenavista, Construction of Balang-Balang-San Antonio-Kaunlaran Farm to Market Road (Phase 1) at the Municipality of Remedios T. Romualdez (RTR), Construction of Kaunlaran-Masundong-Sumubay Farm to Market Road (Phase 1) at RTR and Cabadbaran City, and Construction of Mahaba-Belwang Farm to Market Road (Phase 1) at Cabadbaran City.

As for the 18-21 December 2024 final site inspection, the following areas were covered, Concreting of La Victoria-Taisan Road (4.57 Km) Phase 2- Brgy. La Victoria and Taisan at the Municipality of Bula, Concreting of Palaspas-Nagkalit Road Phase II- Brgy. Palaspas and Nagkalit at the Municipality of Del Gallego, and Concreting of Rizal - Costarica Road at Batuan, Masbate. This final inspection was conducted in preparation for the project's capacity turnover, which is scheduled for March 2025.

Project Site Validation of Proposed FY 2025 PAMANA Infrastructure Projects and Project Monitoring of FY 2024 PAMANA Infrastructure Projects. In the entire month of October, in compliance with the mandate of the OPAPRU which serves as the oversight and/or implementer of the PAMANA Program, the PAMANA-NPMO spearheaded the conduct of Project Site Validation Activities of proposed FY 2025 PAMANA Projects in various peace and development focus areas.

This is to ensure that the proposed projects are: (a) technically and financially feasible, (b) conflict sensitive and peace promoting, and (c) compliant to all documentary requirements such as but not limited to project proposals, work and financial plans, road right of way certification and other pertinent clearances.

In continuation of the previously conducted PAMANA site validation activities conducted in October, the OPAPRU-PAMANA National Program Management Office (NPMO) carried out another round of validation activities across the regions of Region IV-A, Region IV-B, Region XIII, Negros Island Region (NIR), BARMM, and Regions II, X, and XII.

The following are provinces that have conducted site validation activities:

Activity	Date	Venue
PROJECT SITE VALIDATION OF PROPOSED FY 2025 PAMANA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AND PROJECT MONITORING OF FY 2024 PAMANA INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS	03 – 05 October 2024	Alamada, North Cotabato
	07 – 12 October 2024	Albay, Sorsogon, Masbate
	14 – 19 October 2024	Camarines Sur and Camarines Norte
	21 – 25 October 2024	Sarangani, Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, North Cotabato
	21 – 25 October 2024	Ilocos Norte and Cagayan
	28 – 31 October 2024	Maguindanao del Norte, Maguindanao del Sur, Sultan Kudarat
	04 – 08 November 2024	Agusan del Norte, Surigao del Sur, Surigao del Norte
	11 – 15 November 2024	Basilan
	11 – 15 November 2024	Sulu
	11 – 15 November 2024	Davao de Oro, Davao del Norte, Davao Oriental
	11 – 16 November 2024	Iloilo, Antique, Aklan
	18 – 22 November 2024	Lanao del Sur
	18 – 23 November 2024	Ayungon, Tanjay, Cauayan, Kabankalan
	25 – 30 November 2024	EB Magalona, Escalante, Cadiz, San Carlos
	03 – 05 December 2024	La Castellana and Bago City, Negros Occidental
	03 – 06 December 2024	Sapang Dalaga, Misamis Occidental and Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur

These efforts aim to ensure that the proposed projects are: (a) technically and financially viable; (b) CSPP; and (c) compliant with all documentary requirements.

From 03-06 December 2024, in continuation of the previously conducted PAMANA site validation activities conducted from October to November 2024, the OPAPRU-PAMANA National Program Management Office (OPAPRU-PAMANA PMO) carried out another round of validation activities.

These efforts aim to ensure that the proposed projects are: a) technically and financially viable; b) conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting (CSPP); and c) compliant with all documentary requirements. This includes, but is not limited to, project proposals, work and financial plans (WFP), road right-of-way certifications, and other

pertinent clearances. As per assessment by the OPAPRU-PAMANA NPMO, validated projects in Project Sapang Dalage, Misamis Occidental and Dumingag, Zamboanga del Sur are deemed implementable and ready for implementation.

Citizen-Led Monitoring Training of Trainers. As part of the efforts to uphold accountability and transparency in the implementation of PAMANA projects, the OPAPRU-PAMANA-National Program Management Office (NPMO) conducted an Orientation Training for Citizen-Led Monitors in General Santos City, Borongan City, and the Municipality of Ibajay. The initiative, branded as “Peace Watch,” empowers citizens to actively participate in monitoring public services and affairs, ensuring that government interventions are responsive and effective. In this regard, the following CLM TOT activities were conducted:

Activity	Date	Venue
CITIZEN-LED MONITORING TRAINING OF TRAINERS	07 October 2024	General Santos City
	09 – 11 December 2024	Borongan City, Eastern Samar
	09 – 12 December 2024	Ibajay, Aklan

Citizen-led monitoring fosters the co-production and co-construction of decisions, plans, and processes between the government and its people. This approach strengthens governance by equipping communities with access to relevant information and encouraging their active involvement in decision-making. By promoting accountability, “Peace Watch” reinforces the principle that public service is a public trust, enabling citizens to hold governments accountable while fostering mutual collaboration for inclusive development.

Rollout Activity of Security Papers and Orientation on Cash-for-Work and Philhealth. On 12-13 October 2024, the OPAPRU held activities in Basilan, distributing security papers and offering orientations on Cash-for-Work and PhilHealth to empower conflict-affected communities. The event issued civil registry documents, enabling access to government services, and provided comprehensive information on livelihood support and healthcare coverage.

This 2-day initiative, part of PAMANA, demonstrated a commitment to holistic interventions, addressing immediate needs and long-term goals for peace and development in the region.

Ceremonial Groundbreaking of the Abubakar Community Housing Project. On 19-20 December 2024, a ceremonial groundbreaking at Abubakar Community and Bilal Community Housing Project was conducted. The project is a collaborative effort between the OPAPRU, National Housing Authority (NHA), BARMM Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE), Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority (BPDA), and the municipal government of Barira, Maguindanao del Norte.

• CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

National Peace Consciousness Month

Run for Peace 2024. On 12 October 2024, the 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 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 to the advocacy for peace, carrying forward the message of unity and understanding within the level of communities.

PROGRAM 7: INTERNATIONAL AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS

POLICY REVIEW AND ENHANCEMENT

Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (PPDM) Programme with the European Union (EU). On 22 October 2024, the Technical Review Committee of the Partnership for Peace and Development in Mindanao (PPDM) met at OPAPRU in Pasig City. This meeting, following discussions with the EU, prepared for projects under PPDM, with EUR 7.5M allocated for SO2 - Normalization.

Updates from OPAPRU indicated the Department of Finance (DOF) had granted Special Authority, aiming to sign the Financing Agreement within October. Preparations were also underway for the 4th PH-EU Joint Committee Meeting on 03 December 2024, in Manila, and the EU Subcommittee on Development Cooperation's meeting on 25 November 2024. On 23 October 2024, the OPAPRU coordinated with the Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany to meet regarding their joint trip with the Embassy of France to Zamboanga and Tawi-Tawi. The OPAPRU was tasked to monitor the joint trip of the Embassy of Germany and France, and evaluate possible support that Germany and France may provide in the area.

NETWORK BUILDING

On 01 October 2024, the OPAPRU, met with the Ayala Corporation to present the agency's peace programs which include: (1) the Normalization process and Transformation framework; (2) the Convergence framework: Public-Private partnerships for Peace; (3) Prospective areas the private sector can support, such as scholarship program, local leadership development, socio-economic programs, etc.; and (4) the proposed landscape framework and partnership arrangement.

OTHER INITIATIVES

For this quarter, the IPPO, in cooperation with the Human Resource Management Services (HRMS) and the Office of the Deputy Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (ODPAPRU), headed the National Organizing Committee – Operations Center (NOC-OPCEN) for the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security (WPS) on 28 to 30 October 2024.

On 14 November 2024, the OPAPRU hosted the 1st International and Private Partners Forum (IPPF) at The Manila Hotel, Manila City, where guests from the National Government Agencies (NGAs), International Community, and the Private Sector were welcomed. The IPPF was a platform for OPAPRU to present to its partners the updates on the peace process, and to introduce the Public-Private Partnerships for Peace (4Ps), an initiative which rooted from the support from the partnership of the Philippine Government with the private sector during the heights of the COVID-19 pandemic. With the establishment of the 4Ps, the OPAPRU aims to work jointly with the private sector in the implementation of peacebuilding initiatives, especially for healthcare, education, and food security. The Heads of Agencies, Ambassadors, and officials also delivered a message of support, reassuring their cooperation to the peace process.

On 16 November 2024, during the OPAPRU visit to Taw-Tawi with the Ambassadors of Germany and France, the Provincial LGU showcased the island's economic potential in shipping and tourism, Member of Parliament Atty. Jet Lim highlighted technical challenges in water and electricity. The Ambassadors expressed interest in tourism and reiterated the EU's support for the Bangsamoro peace process. A Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on Localizing Normalization Implementation (LNI) was signed, focusing on sustaining peace and progress.

In Basilan, Governor Jim Salliman-Hataman shared his administration's programs for sustainable development in peace and security. The visit included, a briefing on local peace initiatives and a showcase of surrendered firearms under the Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Management Program. The Ambassadors praised the collaborative efforts in Basilan and pledged support for peace programs, reassessing travel advisories due to improved security.

The visit highlighted strong international support for peace and development in the Bangsamoro region.

PART II. MANAGEMENT OF INTERNAL SYSTEMS AND IMPROVING OPAPRU BUSINESS PROCESSES

A. HUMAN CAPITAL

COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- **First Tranche of the Updated Salary Schedule.** In the fourth quarter the HRMS implemented the Executive Order (EO) No. 64, s. 2024, the Updated Salary Schedule for the Civilian Government Personnel.
- Successfully implemented and integrated the Human Resource Information System (HRIS) and biometric systems at the Davao Field Office, ensuring seamless tracking of attendance and workforce management.
- Initiated **HRIS Enhancement Project** - Spearheaded the procurement process and successfully launched the kickoff for the enhancement of the HRIS, aimed at improving system capabilities, user experience, and operational efficiency.
- **Repaired and Maintained HRIS and Biometrics** in Baguio Field Office - Conducted critical repairs and regular maintenance of the HRIS and biometric systems at the Baguio Field Office, restoring full functionality and ensuring reliable performance to support workforce operations.

RECRUITMENT, SELECTION AND PLACEMENT

- **Interviews and Deliberations.** On 17 October 2024 and 19 December 2024, the HRMS facilitated two HRMPSB interviews and deliberations for contractual and contract-of-service positions. Additionally, on 08 November 2024 and 17 December 2024, the team conducted interviews and deliberations for the selection of the Director IV position under SHAPEO and the Director IV position under RCCPO, respectively.
- **Hiring and Onboarding of New Personnel.** OPAPRU hired three (3) contractual employees to be assigned to GPH-MNLF, PPRMS, and LLS, as well as ten (10) contract-of-service employees to be assigned to LCT-FISU (AMU-NL), LCT-FISU (AMU-CL), CPAS, TJRO, IDB, HRMS, FOSU, and GPH-MILF PPO.
- **Promotion and Salary Adjustment.** The HRMS facilitated the promotion of two (2) Contractual personnel and salary adjustment of eight (8) Contract of Service personnel. These actions reflect our commitment to recognizing employee performance, supporting career growth, and ensuring fair and competitive compensation within the organization.
- 94% (234) filled up positions for December 2024, the remaining 6% (16) vacancies are still for processing.
- Ongoing review and enhancement on Hiring Contract of Service and Job Order

LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT

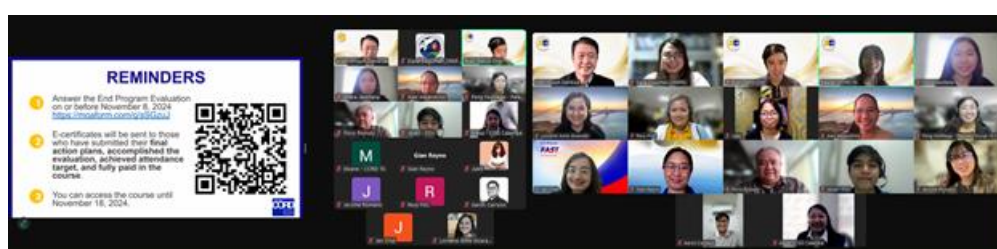
- Public Procurement Specialist Certification Course - Level 1.** Overall facilitation in the participation of thirty-six (36) OPAPRU BAC members, secretariat, technical working group, end-user representatives in the Public Procurement Specialist Certification Course – Level 1 of the University of the Philippines Los Banos and GPPB-TSO on 2,3,7,9,11 & 21 October – 11, 13 November 2024 at the OPAPRU – Central Office.



- International Conference on Women, Peace and Security.** Co-led the NOC – Security and the establishment of Multi-Agency Command Center (MACC) for the International Conference on Women, Peace and Security in coordination with IPPO and SHAPEO on 28-31 October 2024 at the PICC, Pasay City.



- Talent Management Course.** Online participation of HRMS personnel in Talent Management Course of the Ateneo CORD on 30 September to 3,7,10, 14, 17, 21, 28 October 2024 thru videoconference.



- **Public Finance and Budgeting Certification Course.** In partnership with Planning, Programming, and Resource Management Service (PPRMS), Sixteen (16) OPAPRU Budget Focals participated in the Certification Course on Public Finance and Budgeting on 08 November - 19 December 2024 via videoconference sessions and class held by the Development Academy of the Philippines – Graduate School.



REWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- **Awards and Recognition Ceremony.** On 17 December 2024, the PRAISE Committee held a ceremony to present the Service Incentive Award, the Best Employee Award, and to recognize the outstanding efforts of the other OPAPRU personnel.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND WELFARE

- **Mental Health Day.** On 12 December 2024, the HRMS hosted an impactful awareness program titled 'Breaking the Vicious Cycle of Violence.' The program aimed to raise awareness about the pervasive issue of violence, its cycles, and the harmful effects it has on individuals and communities. Through this initiative, HRMS sought to educate participants on how to identify and address violence in its various forms, while promoting strategies for prevention and support.
- **Employee's Week.** On 13 December 2024, HRMS organized an Employee's Week event, where the office invited various service providers to offer pampering and wellness services. These included barbers, makeup artists, as well as professionals providing facials, manicures, and pedicures. The event aimed to promote employee well-being and provide a relaxing and enjoyable experience for staff, fostering a positive and supportive workplace environment.
- **Flu Vaccination.** On 20 December 2024, OPAPRU held the flu vaccination for the first batch of employees. This initiative aimed to promote the health and well-being of staff by providing them with protection against the flu, helping to ensure a healthier workplace during the flu season.

Performance Management

- **IPCR Rating Database.** The creation of an IPCR rating database aims to facilitate faster and more efficient access to employee performance ratings. This system will support the PRAISE rewards and recognition program by providing quick retrieval of performance data to identify top performers. Additionally, it will assist in the creation of individual development plans within the Learning and Development section, allowing for targeted training and development initiatives based on performance trends and gaps.

- **Digitization of OPAPRU IPCR.** To streamline the process of accessing the IPCR, making it easily available for employees whenever they request it. This approach ensures that employees can swiftly retrieve their performance ratings and related information without delays, enhancing transparency and improving communication within the organization

Human Resource Information System

- **Updates on HRIS.** The HRIS is currently in the process of data migration as part of the preparation for the next phase.

B. ORGANIZATIONAL CAPITAL

Policy Development, Strategic Planning, Legal and Legislative Services: Draft bill on OPAPRU transformation to DPRU (approved PAPRU-level)

Consultation Meetings with National Government Agencies (NGAs), Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) Government, Academe, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), and International Partners relative to the Proposed



Department of Peace (DoP) Bill, 22 October, 12 November, and 28 November 2024. The OPAPRU conducted a series of consultation meetings and convened various partners and stakeholders to ensure that the proposed DoP bill is inclusive and reflects a “whole-of-society” approach to bring sustainable development and long-lasting peace in the country.

The consultation meetings served as a crucial platform for dialogue among partners and stakeholders to solicit support for the establishment of a DoP. As part of the policymaking process, consultations with relevant stakeholders are done to ensure an inclusive and participatory process for producing a policy document vetted and supported by stakeholders. It aimed to facilitate a collaborative approach to refining the proposed bill, ensuring it reflects the collective vision and addresses the unique needs of all stakeholders involved.

Policy Development, Strategic Planning, Legal and Legislative Services: Agency Planning Guidance and Strategic Thrusts

Approval and Cascading of Planning Guidance, 11 December 2024. The PAPRU approved the Planning Guidance for Fiscal Year 2026 which outlines the alignment of all operational plans, programs, and activities of all Programs with the OPAPRU’s overarching strategy to ensure cohesion, accountability, and a clear sense of direction toward the fulfillment of the Five-Point Peace, Reconciliation and Unity Agenda of President Ferdinand R. Marcos, Jr.’s administration. This annual policy issuance also provides all Programs with strategic flexibility in identifying appropriate interventions and deliverables that are responsive to emerging realities while remaining anchored on the medium-term and long-term goals of the OPAPRU. The FY 2026 Planning Guidance intends to make the OPAPRU future-proof by fortifying the 2024-2028 organizational strategy while giving all Programs and Clusters strategic flexibility to chart their respective ways and means to attain the organizational goals by 2028.

Organizational Systems and Processes: Implemented PGS interventions (internal) for Proficiency Stage

The OPAPRU continues to ramp up the implementation of several interventions under the Proficiency Stage of the Performance Governance System (PGS) to transform the organization into a direct implementer of the comprehensive peace process and to usher the attainment of its identified medium-term and long-term breakthrough results. In accordance with this, the Office of Strategy Management (OSM) led by the PSDD accomplished the following:

- **Strategy Refresh (Cluster-level Planning), October-December 2024.**

As part of the initiatives of the OSM to inculcate a culture of good governance and planning in the Agency, a series of cascading sessions were conducted to ensure that all Clusters and Programs are informed and levelled-off with the revised OPAPRU Organizational Strategy. To this effect, a Cluster-level Strategic Planning was deemed necessary to revisit and ensure uniformity of mission-essential deliverables, indicators and measures across the core processes and harmonize the PGS to OPAPRU's day-to-day operations starting with concrete plans to link the performance and budget to the strategy. The Cluster-level planning sessions involved the Clusters in cascading, aligning and operationalizing the strategic direction set by the leadership.



- **Benchmarking Activity and Consultation with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Center for Police Strategy Management (CPSM) - 05 November 2024.**

The OSM facilitated a benchmarking and consultation activity with the Philippine National Police (PNP) Center for Police Strategy Management (CPSM) at Camp Crame, Quezon City. Benchmarking is one of the

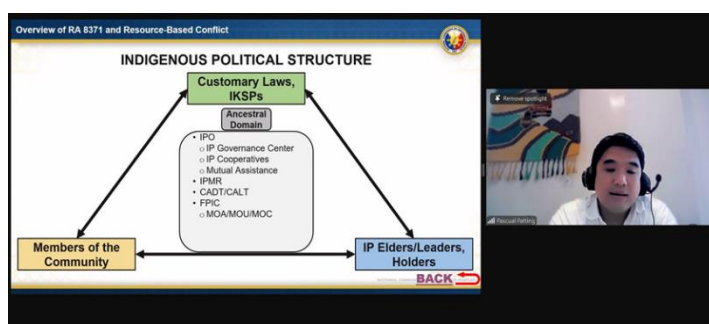
prescribed ways of the Institute for Solidarity in Asia (ISA) to share good governance practices among government agencies. The OSM chose the PNP-CPSM for its first leg of benchmarking activities as the PNP is one of the few government agencies who attained the Institutionalized Stage of the PGS. The OSM will have another benchmarking activity with the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) to attain the same objectives.

- **2nd Meeting of the Multi-Sector Governance Council (MSGC) - 26 November 2024.** This activity served as a significant milestone in engaging with OPAPRU's broad network of stakeholders and revamping the organization's good governance mechanisms as part of the PGS. During the meeting, the OSM provided the body with updates on the matters arising from the 1st Official Meeting last August 2024 and a recap of OPAPRU accomplishments from September to November 2024. The body was also apprised of the Agency's thrusts for 2025 and the endeavor to transform the agency into a regular department.



Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: 9 OPAPRU peacebuilding capacity development initiatives conducted

Learning and Reflection Session on Indigenous Peoples and Resource-based Conflict, 14 October 2024. The LRS revolved around the discussion on the IP perspective and their equal access to participation in the peace process, peacebuilding, and security.



Mr. Pascual Patting from the National Commission on Indigenous People (NCIP) included the Indigenous People's Rights Act (IPRA) No. 8371, and IP Agenda. He elucidated the issues on how resources or the lack of them can contribute to the onset, aggravation, conflict, and disagreement between two or more parties. The LRS was participated in by 115 participants from the national government agencies, local government units, private sector, CSOs, and academe.



Learning and Reflection Session on the Philippine Comprehensive Peace Process, 06 November 2024.

The invited Resource Person, Director Jana Jill Gallardo from the MNLFP Peace Process Office discussed the Comprehensive Peace Process and efforts of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) relative thereto. She

discussed the efforts to the establishment of key agreements of the main OPAPRU Peace Tables like MILF, MNLF, and CPP-NPA-NDF, and provided status of the main projects of OPAPRU.

Peace Capacity and Constituency-building: Partnership with at least 4 peace, research, and/or academic institutions established

OPAPRU Peace Education University Tour at West Visayas State University.

In collaboration with West Visayas State University (WVSU), OPAPRU successfully conducted a Peace Education University Tour on November 14-15, 2024. The activity aims brought together students, faculty, and officials to deepen their understanding of peacebuilding and its transformative impact. The tour also coincided with the university's celebration of International Students' Day, amplifying its message of unity and global collaboration.

OPAPRU also supported the conduct of different peace-related student competitions such as: Peace Photography Competition, Peace Essay Competition, and Reels Making Competition, by providing the prizes for the winners.



The tour also featured a panel discussion on Updates on the GPH-RPMP/RPA/ABB Peace Process and the Transformation Program for Former Rebels, Their Families, and Communities.

This milestone was further solidified through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OPAPRU and WVSU, establishing a formal partnership aimed at institutionalizing peace education and promoting collaborative

initiatives. The event concluded with the launch of the 1st Peace Education Resource Nook in the Visayas, housed in the University Library. This initiative, a first in the region, provides a dedicated space for peace education resources and serves as a hub for learning and collaboration.

OPAPRU Peace Education University Tour at Bukidnon State University. In celebration of its centennial anniversary and the Mindanao Week of Peace 2024, the Bukidnon State University (BukSU)



hosted the final leg of the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity's (OPAPRU) Peace Education University Tour for this year on 04 December 2024. The event, the fourth and last leg of the Peace Education University Tour for this year, highlighted the vital role of academic institutions in fostering the culture of peace across the country. Spearheaded by the OPAPRU, the activity was conducted in partnership with the Kalandang Taw Center for Peace Studies, the Center for Local Governance, in collaboration with the BukSU General Education Courses Department, BukSU Peace Educators Council, and the Council of Peace Educators in Northern Mindanao.

The Peace Education University Tour at BukSU featured presentations on the status of the peace processes being implemented by OPAPRU, as well as the agency's various peacebuilding and development initiatives. The event also included the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between OPAPRU and BukSU, further strengthening their commitment to advancing peace education initiatives. At the same event, the OPAPRU and BukSU unveiled the Peace Education Resource Nook (PERN) at the University Library. This BukSU's PERN will provide educators and students in Northern Mindanao with peace-related materials they can use to integrate peace education into their school's academic curricula. To date, OPAPRU, in partnership with academic institutions, has established eight PERNS throughout the country.

The event concluded with the awarding of winners for the Mindanao Week of Peace Digital Poster Competition and the Peace Education Teaching Demonstration Competition.

Knowledge Management and Organizational Learning: 2 Knowledge services for knowledge creation, knowledge storage, and knowledge sharing developed, implemented, and/or enhanced.

4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference. The 4th OPAPRU Peace Research Conference was able to gather representatives from the academe (a total of 24 academic institutions), national line agencies, civil society organizations, security sector, and international peace partners to present their innovations in peace research to inform peace-related policies and programs of the government. Through the 10 research presentations, 12 articles in the Conference Publication, a keynote speech, and a panel discussion, insights, approaches, challenges and strategies on peacebuilding research towards value-creating results for peace and development efforts were gathered. Long-term commitment to knowledge generation on peace towards evidence-based problem solving to inform peace and development efforts was also established from representatives from various sectors.

Through all these met objectives, the Peace Research Conference was effectively seen as one of OPAPRU primary knowledge service, showcasing not just peace innovations in the country and abroad, but also the vigorous peacebuilding community. It has validated OPAPRU efforts and provided motivations that peace research has a huge demand, and a platform will continuously be offered.



Printing and Publication of the “OPAPRU Peace Research Conference Publication 2021-2024.”

This comprehensive publication offers essential data and insights that illustrate the positive impacts and progress of the peace process through OPAPRU’s efforts. They also serve as a critical foundation for identifying areas for improvement and informing evidence-based adjustments to peace policy and programming. By highlighting both achievements and challenges, these studies contribute to a deeper understanding of

peacebuilding’s complexities and provide actionable insights to strengthen and sustain peace efforts. The Publications were distributed to internal and external stakeholders including various NGAs and academic institutions.

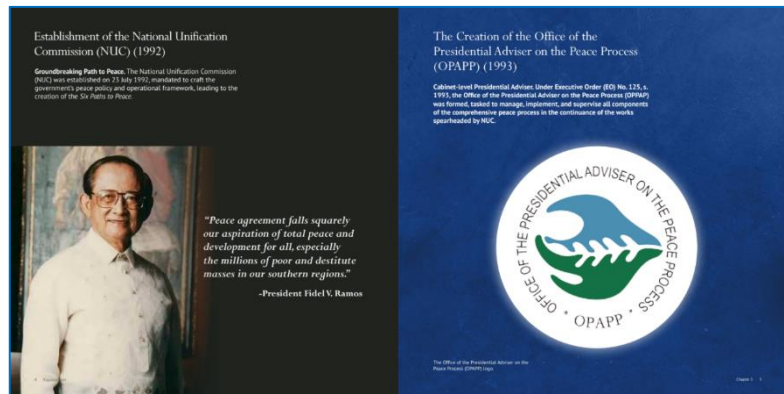


Printing and Publication of the 1st and 2nd issue of the OPAPRU Peacebuilder’s Digest. Another knowledge product produced by the PSDKMS-Knowledge Management and Peace Institute Division is the Peacebuilder’s Digest. The 1st issue was successfully published and was distributed to several NGAs and academic institutions (i.e. CSC, DBM, COA, PTV, DSWD, ADMU, & BukSU). Meanwhile, the layout and editing of the 2nd issue is underway and expected to be published in early January 2025.



Approved Concept and Drafting of the OPAPRU Coffee Table Book.

As a result of the efforts from all OPAPRU Programs, a storyline and concept for the OPAPRU Coffee Table Book was created and finalized, which was approved by the PAPRU. The



The Coffee Table Book will provide a walkthrough on the historical transformation of peace efforts in the Philippines, from the 1976 Tripoli Agreement, to the establishment of formal peace institutions prior to what will become the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (e.g., the National Unification Commission, and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process), until the commemoration of the 10th Anniversary of the Signing of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB) led by President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. The Coffee Table Book will highlight key milestones, agreements, and social development initiatives, showcasing the evolution of the Agency and emphasizing the importance of sustaining peace, fostering reconciliation and unity. The Coffee Table Book is now being drafted and is projected to be published in the 1st semester of 2025.

Peace Resource Administration and Management: At least 700 internal and external library clients for 2024 served (physical and online).

Library clients served. The total number of unique online clients for the 4th quarter of the year stands at 378. Additionally, 27 physical clients have been served during this period. This gives a total of 405 internal and external library clients served from October-December 2024.

Peace Resource Administration and Management: At least 30 new titles of peace resource materials added to AMTYPRC collection

New titles of peace resource materials AMTYPRC collection added. As of December 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:

1. The Oxford Handbook of Women, Peace and Security
2. Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World Designed for Men
3. World Politics of Peace and War: Geopolitics in Another Key: Geography and Civilization
4. Networks of Rebellion: Explaining Insurgent Cohesion and Collapse
5. The Art of Meditation
6. Comparing Peace Processes
7. Region, Nation and Homeland

Continuous provision of policy inputs. For the 4th Quarter, the Service has successfully provided policy inputs and recommendations on the following:

- Concept of the 2025 Northeast, Asia, and the Pacific Regional Conference on the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) in August 2025
- Office Order Setting the Planning, Programming, Budgeting Processes for FY 2026 Onwards
- Terms of Reference of the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) Center of Excellence (CoE)

OPAPRU's Monthly Accomplishment Report to the Special Assistant to the President (SAP), October-November 2024. Facilitated the submission of the OPAPRU's October-November 2024 Accomplishment Report to the Special Assistant to the President (SAP).

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT – MONITORING, EVALUATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND LEARNING SERVICE (MEALS)

Data Quality for OPAPRU Results Framework assessed.

- **FY 2024 Year-End Program Implementation Review (PIR).** Cluster Heads and Designated Representatives initially presented their year-end accomplishments to DPAPRU based on the approved template. The Pre-PIR facilitated thorough discussions and opportunities for further enhancement prior to its final presentation to the PAPRU on 17 December 2024.

On 17-20 December, the final presentation to the PAPRU is vetted based on the enhanced reports at the OPAPRU office. Cluster Heads presented their updated accomplishments per major component/ key result areas vis-à-vis the approved allotments under the General Appropriations Act (GAA).

- **FY 2024 National Peace Consciousness Month (NPCM) Evaluate.** On 11 October 2024, MEALS, in collaboration with the NPCM secretariat conducted a debriefing session to evaluate the overall conduct of FY 2024 NPCM. Participants submitted insights on facilitating and hindering factors, and recommendations moving forward. Said evaluation was highlighted by the introduction of new Peace Month activities such as the Peace Concert, Run for Peace, and Swing for Peace among others. Consolidated debriefing outputs was formally reported to the PAPRU on 04 November 2024 as part of the agenda of the Joint ExeCom and ManCom Meeting. Moving forward, the PAPRU recommended to emphasize on public feedback received, on top of the administrative and logistical-related findings.
- **OPAPRU FY 2024 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 proposed assessment design for program clusters was reviewed, finalized, and presented by MEALS to the Management Committee (ManCom) on 16 December 2024. However, it was put on-hold pending revisions to the design and guaranteed funding allotment.

Assessment report on 2 internal processes/systems

FMS Cross-Validation Study. The MEALS presented to the ManCom the vetted results of the FY 2024 FMS Cross-Validation Study on 14 October 2024. Consequently, comments and suggestions were incorporated to the full report and was formally disseminated to the programs on 12 November 2024. Moving the forward, the MEALS will be conducting a cross-validation study on the HRMS' processes.

Organizational Systems and Processes

OPAPRU TAM utilized by all Programs

Feedback and Response System (FRS). MEALS was invited to share the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning of OPAPRU as part of the Community-Led Monitoring (CLM) - PAMANA Training of Trainers conducted in October 2024. During

the two-day training in General Santos City in Mindanao, MEALS presented the web-based Feedback and Response System (FRS) to be integrated into their monitoring process

Two (2) Digitized Systems operationalized, enhanced and/or maintained

System Enhancements. Currently, the Automated Program Dashboard is being used by each Program offices, services, and units for their physical and financial updates. To further improve and make this system more beneficial for monitoring their physical and financial status. MEALS, in collaboration with PPRMS continues to gather feedback from end-users through surveys to identify areas for improvement.

For the Feedback and Response System (FRS), there are also plans to enhance it based on the needs of the Program particularly in GAD to maximize the system's capability in gathering information and this will enable them also to better focus on monitoring their activities and funds.

C. Finance/Resource

1. **Senate Plenary Budget Deliberation for OPAPRU FY 2025 Agency Budget Proposal.** On 19 November 2024 at the Senate of the Philippines, Pasay City, the Senate formally approved the proposed PHP 7.094 billion budget for the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU) for Fiscal Year 2025.



Senator Ronald "Bato" Dela Rosa, serving as the principal sponsor of the OPAPRU budget, addressed inquiries regarding the agency's flagship program, Payapa at Masaganang Pamayanan (PAMANA). This program is a comprehensive peace and development initiative designed to support conflict-affected and vulnerable communities across the Philippines.

The OPAPRU also implements various initiatives catering to the needs of diverse groups with signed peace agreements --- including the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF), Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa ng Pilipinas/Revolutionary Proletarian Army/Alex Boncayao Brigade (RPM-P/RPA/ABB), and the Cordillera Bodong Administration-Cordillera People's Liberation Army (CBA-CPLA).

The Senate also acknowledged OPAPRU's exemplary performance in budget utilization, as the agency ranked first among all national government agencies (NGAs), achieving an obligation rate of 84.3% and a disbursement rate of 91.4% for the first semester of 2024 (end of June 2024).

Senator Pimentel commended OPAPRU for its effective implementation of peacebuilding mechanisms and normalization programs, which have significantly improved the well-being of its beneficiaries. Senator Juan Miguel Zubiri, Chair of the Senate Committee on Economic Affairs, similarly expressed full support for OPAPRU's continued efforts to achieve sustainable peace and development across the nation.

2. **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 fourth quarter, the PPRMS conducted the following meetings, focused on monitoring fund utilization, the status of fund transfers, and other concerns pertaining to PAPs and funds:

- **11 – 15 October 2024, Program-level Consultation Junior PBAC Meeting:** present and discuss the status of Financial Accomplishments as of 30 September 2024.
- **06 November 2024, 6th Senior PBAC Meeting:** the objective is to present the status of Financial Accomplishments and Fund Transfers as of 30 September 2024 (FY 2024 Regular Fund and FY 2023 Continuing Fund), discuss the unfunded PAPs and the proposed PAPs for reprogramming; recommendation for the conduct of the year-end assessments and FY 2026 Forward Estimates.
- **20-21 November 2024, Program-level Consultation PBAC Meetings:** review and assess Financial Accomplishments as of 31 October 2024.
- **10 December 2024, 9th Junior PBAC Meeting:** present the status of Financial Accomplishments as of 30 November 2024 and Fund Transfers.
- **11 December 2024, 10th Senior PBAC Meeting:** PPRMS directed all programs, units, and offices to submit the proposed unfunded requirements for consideration under the prospective FY 2024 continuing fund.
- **13 December 2024 Special Senior PBAC Meeting:** presented the Physical and Financial Accomplishments via Automated Dashboard.

3. **FY 2026 Budget Talakayan.** The FY 2026 OPAPRU *Budget Talakayan* is an initiative of the PPRMS and the JPBAC Secretariat aimed at enhancing the programming and budgeting processes within the OPAPRU. It seeks to guide the programs, offices, and units in crafting their annual plans by providing essential programming and budgeting parameters aligned with the mandate of the OPAPRU.

Building on the learnings from the previous year and emerging instructions, the *Budget Talakayan* aims to provide clear guidelines and foster collaborative discussions to optimize resource utilization, enhance transparency, and strengthen accountability in support of OPAPRU's peacebuilding efforts. During the activity, the Junior PBAC Secretariat discussed the foundational understanding of planning, programming, and budgeting concepts and parameters; planning and budgeting cycle - knowledge needed to effectively plan, allocate, and manage resources throughout each phase of the process; improve knowledge and skills in the preparation of the Work and Financial Plan and other requirements (such as budget preparation forms and templates).

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 December 2024):

PARTICULARS	ALLOTMENTS	OBLIGATIONS	UNOBLIGATED ALLOTMENT	% OF BUDGET UTILIZATION
Regular Fund FY 2024	6,959,591,149.00	6,850,240,034.88	109,351,114.12	98.43%
Peace Education	15,559,189.00	6,430,033.56	9,129,155.44	41.33%
International Conference on Women, Peace, and Security (ICWPS)	10,000,000.00	8,939,163.11	1,060,836.89	89.39%
Continuing Fund FY 2023 - OPAPRU	188,759,553.39	171,034,961.09	17,724,592.30	90.61%
NAC Fund FY 2024	112,193,266.00	53,230,056.93	58,963,209.07	47.44%
Continuing Fund FY 2023 - NAC	58,667,652.17	23,821,796.03	34,845,856.14	40.60%
Grand Total:	7,344,770,809.56	7,113,696,045.60	231,074,763.96	96.85%