

Strengthening Systems Towards Effective Youth Development in Lanao del Sur, Philippines

CONTEXT

The siege of Marawi in 2017 has produced disastrous consequences for its population. At least 124,434 individuals, mostly young people, were displaced, having to seek refuge in the same province or outside of it. Two years after the conflict, some 76,719 people returned to Marawi, while about 47,715 individuals remained in South Lanao or migrated to other provinces or regions. The incidence of poverty in the province is 71% (7 out of 10 residents belong to the marginalized sector and only 3 have paid work). In terms of education, only 37% of the school-age population is in school, while the rest -- mostly young -- are either out of the system, or of working age but unemployed.

The province of Lanao del Sur thus faces a problem aggravated by this circumstance. The provincial government has to offer and expand its resources and services (already originally diminished) in order to meet the basic needs, livelihoods and employment opportunities of both the displaced and the province's own population.

The scope of the project is among the priorities of the Spanish Cooperation with the Philippines, specifically in strengthening democratic governance in the public sector; hence, the objective of strengthening the provincial government of Lanao del Sur to improve the development of comprehensive programmes and services to youth, through participatory planning, policy development, information management and improvement of coordination mechanisms.

For the above, the following results are being pursued:

1. Improved planning and development of related policies.
2. Establishment of a reliable and accessible information base to report related programs and policies.
3. Improved coordination mechanisms between the partners involved



PROJECT INFORMATION

DAC/CRS: 11330, 16020, 15160, 15142

Sector of action:

Human. Rights, Peace building, economic growth.

Managing entity:

- AECID

Executing entity:

Philippine Business for Social Progress - PBSP-.

Duration:

- April 2020 – October 2021

Area of intervention:

Lanao del Sur (Mindanao)

Budget AECID:

- Grant 2019 300.000 €

