

Capacity building for Mainstreaming Peace Building and Community Security Management Approaches in Selected Conflict- Affected/Conflict-Vulnerable Areas in the Philippines

CONTEXT

The continued armed violence that has persisted through the decades in some parts of the Philippines is victimizing communities for generations, caused by a conflict they are not part of. This endless cycle of armed conflict increases instability and security, with little or no investment, contributing greatly to the underdevelopment of affected communities, and also allows armed groups to continue to manipulate claims and threaten affected communities. This creates fertile ground for insurgent or extremist groups to take advantage of the situation.

Moreover, at the public administration level, local government units (LGUs), especially in conflict-affected areas, have not had the opportunity to develop their capabilities to address these challenges. This causes low sensitivity to the conflict context of their community, and little or no affirmative action for the most vulnerable groups that are badly affected by the conflict: women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities and indigenous peoples.

The Spanish Cooperation has peacebuilding, among its priorities established in the Country Partnership Framework with the Philippines (CPF 2014-2019), as a key element for development in conflict zones.

This project essentially aims to improve the capacities of the Peace Council and Order of Local Government Units for Peace Building and Community-Based Security Management (CSM) through training and the creation of community mechanisms to promote an inclusive and peaceful society.

To this end, the following results are expected:

R1.-Strengthened and improved local planning of selected LGUs in conflict/vulnerability zones including peace-building and security management approaches

R2.- Community security mechanisms are integrated into the Public Plans of Order and Security at the provincial level in the selected communities.

The project also responds to DILG's requests in partnership with PNP, NAPOLCOM, OPAPP and the AFP.



PROJECT INFORMATION

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Sector of action:

Peace building, conflict prevention and resolution

Managing entity:

- AECID

Executing entity:

- ATENEO DE MANILA UNIVERSITY

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Areas of intervention:

Mountain province, Samar, Cotabato, Lanao del Sur, Basilan

AECID Contribution:

- 2019 Grant: 100.000 €

