

## IMPROVING ACCESS TO BASIC SERVICES AND INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY IN MINDANAO COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY ARMED CONFLICT

### CONTEXT

Areas in Mindanao affected by conflict are the poorest in the country, where violent conflicts and fragile institutions continue to critically limit peace and development. The two poorest regions in the country, the current Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) and CARAGA, are also the most affected by conflicts. Poverty level in CARAGA is almost twice the national average, and BARMM, at 53.7 percent, is more than twice and a half than the country in general.

This project is framed within the Mindanao Trust Fund program, a trust fund established in 2006, administered by the World Bank with contributions from several development partners (EU, Canada, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand and USA), seeking to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the most marginalized population within the framework of the Bangsamoro peace process. During the first phase (2006-2017), a second "Basket fund for the Reconstruction and Development in Mindanao, phase II (MTF-RDP-2)" was commenced, which this project is complementing.

The intervention has benefitted more than 9,000 individuals within 6 MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) camps. These camps were explicitly recognized in the Annex on the Normalization of the Bangsamoro Integral Agreement as a means to promote trust. Such measures seek to prevent hostilities, reduce tension and generate mutual trust among different parties, at the same time promoting the improvement of socioeconomic conditions for the population.

Among the results obtained are basic social infrastructures for communities in the 6 camps (water, highways, post-harvest storage, bridges, among others). Women and children have also been trained mainly in basic alternative education. Furthermore, through the methodology of community-led participation, social cohesion is promoted and reinforced, at the same time guaranteeing full participation in decisions concerning their development.

This project has also influenced the improvement of skills of intermediary beneficiaries we have worked with (Task Force for Camp Transformation, Bangsamoro Development Agency and community organizations).



### PROJECT INFORMATION

**DAC/CRS code:** 1522000

**Sector of action:** Peacebuilding and Human Rights

**Managing entity:**

- AECID

**Executing entity:**

- CFSI-Community and Family Services International with BDA (Bangsamoro Development Agency)

**Duration:**

- January 2018- August 2019.  
(currently under justification period)

**Areas of intervention:** Mindanao: Maguindanao, North Cotabato, Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte

**AECID Contribution:**

- 2017 Grant : 1.000.000 Euros

