

The key focus areas of GCERF in the Philippines are developing **inclusive processes with governance actors**, prioritisation of **transitional justice**, providing **access to meaningful livelihoods**, and increasing **integration and quality of education in madaris**.

**Investment Focus**



Maintaining inclusivity and diversity in education and governance. GCERF brings stakeholders together through communities of practice to build a substantive engagement in the implementation of P/CVE action plans.



Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Maguindanao, Cotabato (North & South), Davao Oriental, Sarangani, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi, Manila.



Young people in and out of school and their parents, community members from all groups, religious leaders and teachers, local governance actors, and local justice and security actors.



2019-2025 (Rounds 1, 2 and 3)



GCERF in the Philippines works with government partners



**Current investment**

- The Philippines
- Lanao del Norte
- Lanao del Sur
- Maguindanao
- Catabato
- South Cotabato
- Sarangani
- Basilan
- Sulu
- Tawi-Tawi
- Manila

Investment started: 2019  
Investment to date: USD 8.0 million  
Current investment: USD 4.8 million  
Active grants: 7

**Portfolio overview as of February 2024**

**Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS)**

2019-25 | *Principal Recipient with 5 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Active citizenry involved in governance; access to meaningful livelihoods

**Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID)**

2019-25 | *Principal Recipient with 5 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Strengthening capacities and engagement of civil society and communities in peacebuilding and transitional justice.

**Mahintana Foundation (MFI)**

2020-25 | *Principal Recipient with 4 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Greater inclusion of marginalised groups in local structures and services (governance actors, religious and community leaders).

**Teach Peace Build Peace Movement (TPBPM)**

2021-25 | *Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Holistic community-based peace education programmes for children, youth, teachers, parents, community leaders and local partners.

**Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services, Inc. (IDEALS)**

2019 - 2025 | *Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Reinforcing socio-economic opportunities, capacities, agency of the community to engage with governance actors and in peacebuilding processes.

**Ecosystems Work for Essential Benefits (ECOWEB)**

2023-2025 | *Principal Recipient with 4 sub-recipients*

- ❖ Enhancing capacity of community-supported Madaris and Torils for formal integration into the Department of Education and access to economic opportunities.

**Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)**

2021-23 | *Local Knowledge Partner (LKP)*

- ❖ Providing evaluation and research support

**Violent Extremism in the Philippines: Drivers**



**19th**

On the Global Terrorism Index 2024

**Current Programming: Systems Approach**

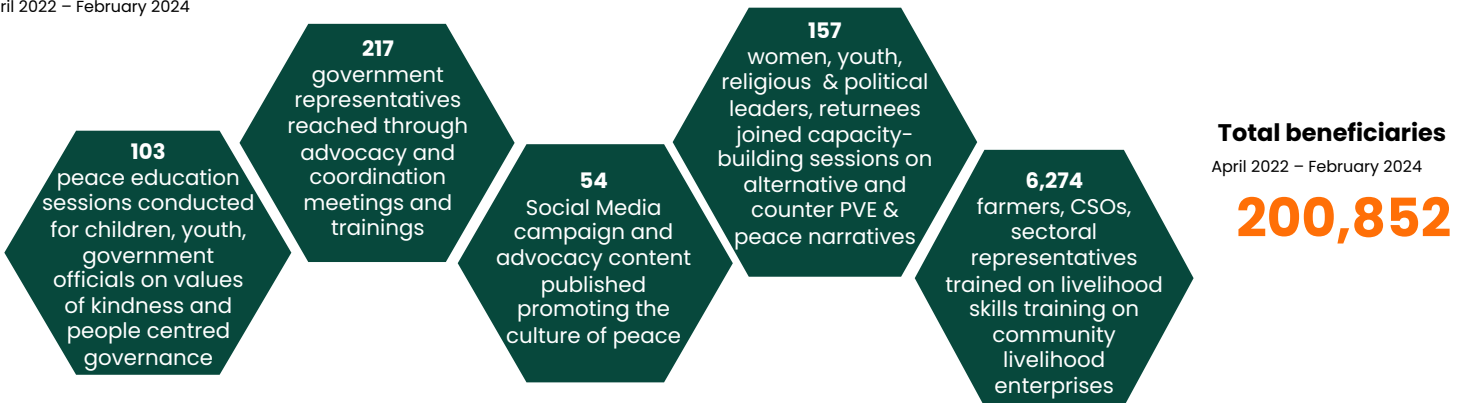
**National:** Implementation of the National Action Plan for P/CVE in the Philippines at the local level, in coordination with the country support mechanism and various government actors such as the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Anti-Terrorism Council Project Management Center, and the Office of the Presidential Advisor on the Peace Process.

**Community:** PVE capacity among local authorities and institutions and reinforcing trust between communities anBuildingd local authorities and working with religious and opinion leaders and working with students and teachers to protect youth from recruitment.

**Individual:** Building tolerance, community agency, positive social and economic alternatives, and critical thinking and life skills in youth and children.





**Key Outputs**

April 2022 – February 2024



**Key achievements**

January 2023 – February 2024

 <p>Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS), Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID), Teach Peace Build Peace Movement (TPBPM), Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services, Inc. (IDEALS), Mahintana Foundation and ECOWEB started programming on active citizenry, sustainable livelihoods, and inclusive civil society engagement for PVE and peacebuilding.</p>	 <p>The Ministry of Public Order and Safety initiated the drafting of a Conflict Reporting System Manual for BARMM. MFI-SPEAK team presented their Early Warning, Prevention, and Response mechanism during this process, showcasing their operational areas and project status to enhance collaboration and effectiveness in conflict reporting and response.</p>	 <p>CBCS successfully collaborated with 07 LGUs in the implementation of BDP formulation, livelihood training, and information caravans. Partnerships were established with government agencies of MAFAR, PCA, MILG, Ministry of MTIT, and TESDA for capacity-building initiatives and livelihood programs. These collaborations strengthen community engagement and support in project implementation.</p>	 <p>IID and its SRs in Lanao areas successfully engaged the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB) to coordinate and collaborate on legal claims of IDPs and victims of the Marawi Siege. A MoU was forged between INCLUDE-BARMM and the MCB to ensure joint efforts and complement each other's initiatives.</p>
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Teach Peace Build Peace (TPBP) conducted Transformative Aftercare Program in September 2023:

**//** *“Becoming a respected individual involves demonstrating respect for others, especially to set a positive example for my children. Through the program, I have gained valuable insights into what actions to avoid, particularly concerning my children. I have learned to carefully consider my words and actions, striving to instill only positive values in my children.”*

- Hafida, Participant, Transformative Aftercare Program Empowers At-Risk Youth Through Art and Expression by TPBPM **//**

**Story of Change**

**Transformative Aftercare Program Empowers At-Risk Youth Through Art and Expression**

In September, the 103rd BDE, 1st Infantry Division, took the initiative to include 07 young men and women in the Aftercare Program for returnees, considering them as special cases due to their lack of contact with their families at that time. Initially reserved and challenging to connect with, particularly with women, they explained that their hesitance stemmed from the strict practices ingrained during their time with the former group. Overcoming initial hesitation, the youth gradually embraced the program’s emphasis on self-expression and talent development played a crucial role in helping them discover hidden abilities and build self-confidence.



Photo: TPBPM team conducting visits to authorities

Hafida, (31) is the wife of the late Abu Zacharia, former leader of Dawlah Islamiyah-Maute Group and the so-called Emir of ISIL in Southeast Asia, who succumbed to an encounter with the Philippine Army last June, is among the participants in the Aftercare Program. The first session, which delved into the intentions of the heart, played a crucial role in helping her connect with her facilitators. She firmly believes that a peaceful community begins with a harmonious home. The art session profoundly aided Hafida in expressing herself. While she cherished sketching in her notebooks, she also found joy in articulating her thoughts through words. As a testament to her journey, she crafted a heartfelt poem TPBPM: **As the program wraps up, someone asked me, "What is Teach Peace all about? What is its aim?" I smiled and answered, honestly inspired, Based on my feelings and the lessons gained. Teach Peace advocates for inner peace.**

**The peace that starts deep within oneself. Once you find peace, it is like a soothing balm. You can share it with others too. As the saying goes, and it is true, "You can't give what you don't have." Teach Peace guides you, to recognize your true self, helping you discover the important people and how to live with them harmoniously. "**



Photo: Peace Education Leadership Formation Course for municipalities in BARMM, Commanders of the Armed Forces of the Philippines, and partners from various BARMM ministries.



Photo: Livelihood Training and Field Exposure on Coffee Plantation for Farmers in Matanog MDN.

**GCERF's Added Value**



GCERF focuses on **building institutional capacity** e.g. CSOs,, government agencies, and community engagement forums



GCERF invests in building a PVE-focused **community of practice** with CSOs, government agencies, and experts



Communities are at the **forefront of project design and implementation**, and the programme works with existing community structures for sustainability



All project design and implementation are done in coordination with **nationally-aligned**, locally-led programmes



GCERF connects CSOs, communities, and other stakeholders with government and security actors, leading to **better coordination** and relationships



GCERF's consortium model and capacity-building approach enables us to work in **remote areas**

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