

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 June 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 Inc (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

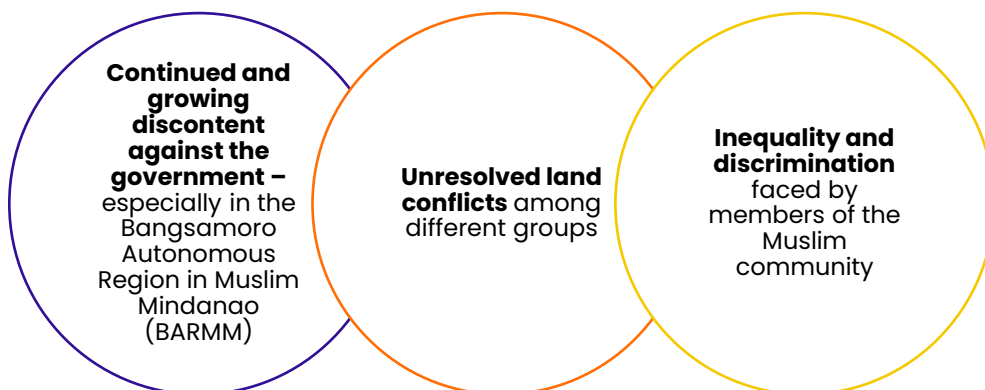
- ❖ Enhancing capacity of community-supported Madaris and Torils for formal integration into the Department of Education and access to economic opportunities.

**Philippine Center for Islam and Democracy (PCID)**

2024-25 | 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**

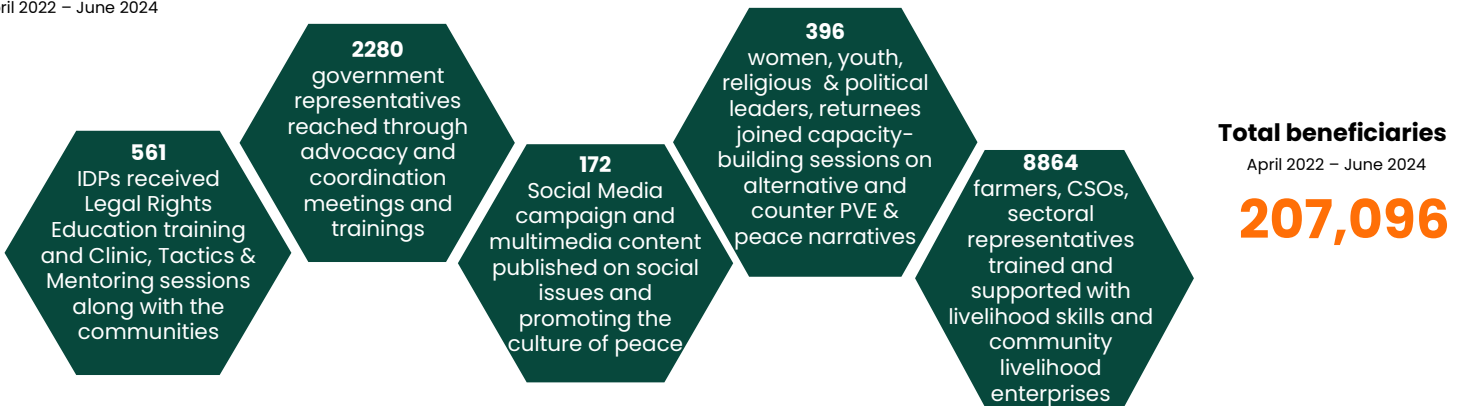
**National:** Implementation of the National Action Plan for P/CVE in the Philippines at the local level, in coordination with the country support mechanism and various government actors such as the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Anti-Terrorism Council Project Management Center, and 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 – June 2024



**Key achievements**

April 2022 – June 2024

 <p>TPBPM collaborated with the Ministry of Local and Interior Governance–BARMM to conduct Peace Education Training, with MILG issuing a memorandum and facilitating municipal participation. The Artists for Peace Collective in Lanao del Sur facilitated Art Sessions for returnees, providing a platform for creative expression and engagement, through visual arts, spoken word, and poetry, contributing to healing and community resilience.</p>	 <p>The ProPEACE Programme has notably increased the participation of the tri-people in local governance and peace promotion through comprehensive training and proactive involvement in municipalities of Banga, Polomolok– strengthening community cohesion and collaboration among diverse cultural groups, thereby ensuring inclusive and effective governance.</p>	 <p>CBCS facilitated completion of formulation of BDPs in 22 out of a total of 40 covered Barangays. 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>CSOs and community leaders representing IPs, Moro, and settlers have formed a Land Rights and Governance platform in the BARMM to develop a coherent framework for addressing land and asset governance issues, utilizing IID’s parcel-by-parcel method. Engaging with BARMM MENRE and the Dept. of Agrarian Reform central office, the platform would conduct a comprehensive research to harmonize all land policies in the region.</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**

**Najma’s Story: Empowering the Displaced**

Najmah Sangcopan, an IDP leader from Barangay Sagonsongan in Marawi City, once resided in the ground zero, an area in Marawi City that was significantly destroyed during the May 2017 siege – a five-month-long armed encounter between the ISIS-associated Maute group and the government forces. Her family and her were displaced and their properties destroyed. She hopes for compensation to help them recover what they’ve lost in the siege. Since last year, Najmah participated in several activities under the INCLUDE BARMM project, such as Inter-Community Conversations on Land Issues, Information Dissemination on the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the Compensation Bill, and Legal Rights Education Training.



**Photo:** Najmah Sangcopan, IDP leader from Barangay Sagonsongan in Marawi City

These activities aimed to help communities deal with land issues, educate them on their rights, and get the compensation they deserve. Prior to participating in these activities, Najmah had not yet applied for compensation and was completely unfamiliar with the process. However, after attending these activities, she learned about the application process, how to fill out the forms, and what documents are required to submit to the Marawi Compensation Board (MCB). Hence, she was more confident in applying for compensation and did not face any challenges in submitting her application to the MCB. She is now more aware of her rights as a claimant and as an IDP as well.

Najmah proudly shared, **“Through these activities, I was able to encourage and assist my fellow IDPs with their applications for compensation. We could also escape from falling for false information about the Marawi Compensation Act and its process. As a result, some have applied for compensation, and others are now interested in joining the capacity-building activities of the INCLUDE BARMM Project.”**

Najma’s eagerness to capacitate herself not only benefited her but also empowered others to understand their rights, pursue transitional justice and reconciliation, and transform a painful experience into an opportunity to heal, recover, and rebuild.



**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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