

### GCERF in the Philippines

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**.

### Portfolio overview as of January 2023

#### Active grants

#### 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

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

2021–25 | Principal Recipient with 3 sub-recipients

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

#### Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

2021–23 | Local Knowledge Partner (LKP)

- ❖ Providing evaluation and research support



Peer education and counselling trainings with tri-people in-school and out-of-school youths



Peace Education Journey Culminating Activity



#### 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 3.5 million  
Active grants: 5

#### 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

### Violent Extremism in the Philippines: Drivers

**Continued and growing discontent against the government** – especially in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM)

**Unresolved land conflicts** among different groups

**Inequality and discrimination** faced by members of the Muslim community

**16th**

On the Global Terrorism Index 2022, with 62 attacks and 53 deaths in 2021

## 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:** Building PVE capacity among local authorities and institutions and reinforcing trust between communities and 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

\* October 2021 – March 2022



## Key achievements

\* October 2021 – December 2022

 <p>Al Qalam Institute (AQI) completed its programming in December 2022. As an impact of the programme, AQI's engagement with local youth has resulted in previously marginalised Madrasah alumni expressing interest in joining the Bangsamoro Youth Parliament 2022.</p>	 <p>Synergeia also concluded its programming in October 2022. Their efforts have resulted in local governance becoming transparent and accountable, with local leaders engaging communities in planning and implementation.</p>	 <p>The Regional Development Council recognised Mahintana's programme as the Sustainable Development Goal 16 Champion on the theme Together for Peace: Fostering Just and Inclusive Societies.</p>	 <p>The Initiative for International Dialogue (IID) consortium consolidated the community peace action plans. These were presented to the local government units, with officials agreeing to take up action on issues related to out-of-school youth and access to basic services.</p>
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Mahintana Foundation conducted supporting activities aiming at integrating Tarbiya in Madrasah centers:

“ We, Muslims, must learn to respect other religions if we want them to do the same for us. We must show them that Islam is the religion of peace contrary to what social media portrayed against us.

- Ada Abdul, President of Madrasa Tarbiya Norol Islamiyah



## Story of Change

### Meet Nadia and 30 other brave women who have survived violence

Nadia, a mother of five children was devastated when her husband a member of Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) was killed in a military encounter. ASG is a local armed group and four of her brothers are also its members. Nadia was unemployed and relied on the support of her husband and family for her day to day living.

After her husband's death, she feared for her and her children's safety and security. She experienced discrimination from her community and relatives owing to her husband's affiliation. She could not get a job or support from her community. For women like her, remarrying another ASG member is the solution, but Nadia realised that this would not solve her family's problems and could worsen her situation.



The Protect Peace Project implemented in Sulu by the Gangadilan Mondanao Women Inc., as a sub-recipient of the Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS), trained Nadia and 30 other women with relevant skills to earn a living. The project empowered them to earn a living on their own. It helped them better understand peace and build resilience against violent extremism.

Nadia and the 30 other women are now skilled and are a part of the Lupahsug Women Widows Association, an organisation accredited by the Ministry of Labor and Employment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. Today, these women regard themselves as agents of peace.

Nadia opened a Sari-Sari (convenience) store with the help of a livelihood grant. This allowed her to earn income and sustain her children.

Now, a resilient and confident Nadia looks forward to a brighter future. She continues to seek spaces and opportunities for growth and empowerment and actively engages in trainings and workshops that enhance her capabilities as peacebuilder.

*With the proper support, there can be more of Nadia and the 30 other women. They are a living proof of the power of conflict transformation.*



## 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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