

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 August 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.

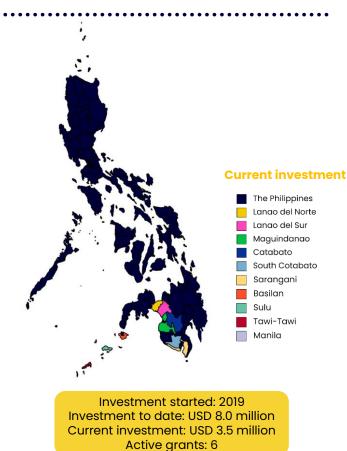
Initiatives for Dialogue and Empowerment through Alternative Legal Services, Inc. (IDEALS)

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.

Innovations for Poverty Action (IPA)

2021-23 | Local Knowledge Partner (LKP)

Providing evaluation and research support



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

18th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2023



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

* April 2022 - July 2023

214

peace education sessions conducted for children and youth teaching values of kindness, gratitude, and friendship. government representatives reached through advocacy and coordination meetings and trainings

Children and youth from the sessions identified challenges faced by their peers and began a fundraising event to provide school supplies to peers affected by the pandemic.

270 Social Media

campaign and advocacy content published promoting the culture of peace

386 local mediators were trained on

A CBCS SR in Basilan successfully conducted 08 mediations against land dispute

Small grants supported setting up of 50+ community livelihood enterprises

farmers, men and
women were
trained on
livelihood skills
training to provide
them with
economic

Total beneficiaries

April 2022 - July 2023

200,852

Key achievements

* January 2023 – July 2023



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 started
programming on active
citizenry, sustainable
livelihoods, and inclusive civil
society engagement for PVE
and peacebuilding



GCERF Secretariat Team of Portfolio Management and Performance & Impact Units visited the Philippines, launching the 2023-2025 funding cycle. It included a learning visit to IDPs' shelters in Lanao del Sur and in Marawi City , fostering direct dialogue between IDPs and the national government through GCERF's neutral role, leading to issue follow-up by the Department of the Interior & Local Government (DILG)



The GCERF secretariat team performed 02 Due
Diligence assessments and organized training sessions on GCERF processes and requirements for all grantees. They convened donor and CSM meetings to discuss the Philippines' Repatriation and Reintegration of Former Terrorist Fighters, with coordination efforts led by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and DILG



The local knowledge partner (LKP) initiated mentoring sessions with grantees, conducting tailored-fit monitoring and evaluation workshops for individual consortiums. GCERF and the DILG organized a pilot workshop on psycho-social support for frontline workers and beneficiaries (returnees) which will be cascaded to programme frontliners

Teach Peace Build Peace (TPBP) conducted Aftercare Peace Track (APT) Training Program in November 2022:



As a program implementer of Project TUGON, it has been a profound eye-opener for me and my team. It marked a significant paradigm shift in how we approach our beneficiaries, emphasizing the importance of handling them with empathy, especially considering the vulnerable former combatants we work with.





Story of Change

A Paradigm Shift in Aftercare for Returnees

The Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG) has been implementing the Project TUGON, a humanitarian intervention that aims to help ex-combatants who abandoned their cause and rejoined mainstream society by providing them with relief, rehabilitation, and support for their livelihood. These ex-combatants are the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters (BIFF), the Dawlah Islamiya (DI), and the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG), who are still active in the Bangsamoro region. In 2022, MILG tapped the Ministry of Trade, Investment, and Tourism (MTIT) for a shared commitment to helping ex-combatants develop their entrepreneurial skills, learn how to start a business, become financially literate, develop business resiliency, and become productive members of their communities.



Photo: TPBPM team conducting visits to authorities

Their past and ongoing program implementation, albeit commendable, has limited concentration and exposure to the rehabilitation aspect of the program. The gaps towards the reformation and reintegration of their beneficiaries were observed and identified by one of the Local Government Officers of MILG, Mr. Nor-amin Moraki, who attended the Teach Peace Build Peace Movement-led Aftercare Peace Track (APT) Training Program last November 2022. He expressed his gratitude for participating in the discussion on APT for children and youth returnees and their families, and the learnings shared by our TPBPM mentors during the program, especially on peace education and mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS).

In the coming months, Mr. Moraki and his team will be closely coordinating with the TPBPM team to have a sustained collaboration on the APT Program and Project TUGON. They will also be part of a Community of Practice on Aftercare as the TPBPM team rolls out its APT Implementation toolkit with the returnees and key peace partners in Lanao del Sur, as part of its 3-year Expanded PHF Programme.



Photo: Organisational assessment and development training with the Bangsamoro Women of South Cotabato Organisation



Photo: Anuar Maute from Super Lumba were invited to conduct Cultural Sensitivity Seminar for the unit's uniformed personnel

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 capacitybuilding approach enables us to work in remote areas

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