

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



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: 6

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.

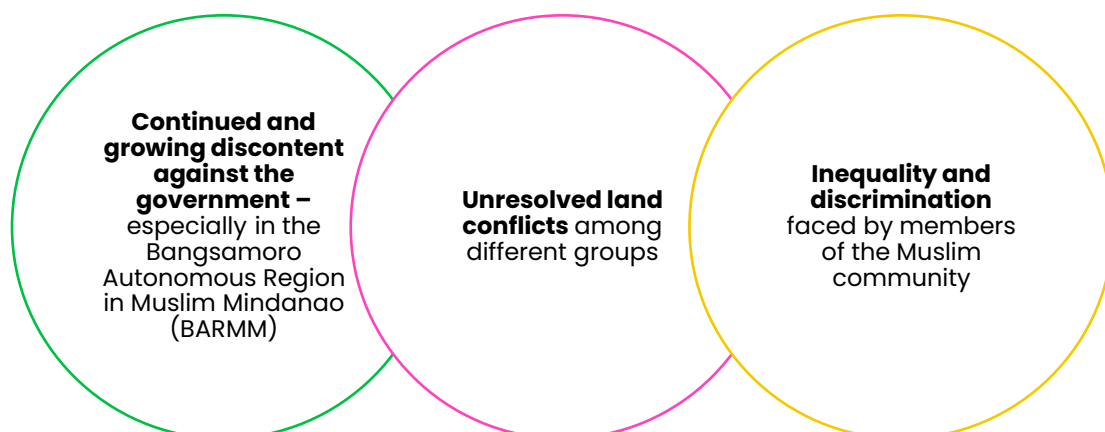


2019-2025 (Rounds 1, 2 and 3)



GCERF in the Philippines works with government partners

Violent Extremism in the Philippines: Drivers



18th

On the Global Terrorism Index 2023

Current Programming: Systems Approach

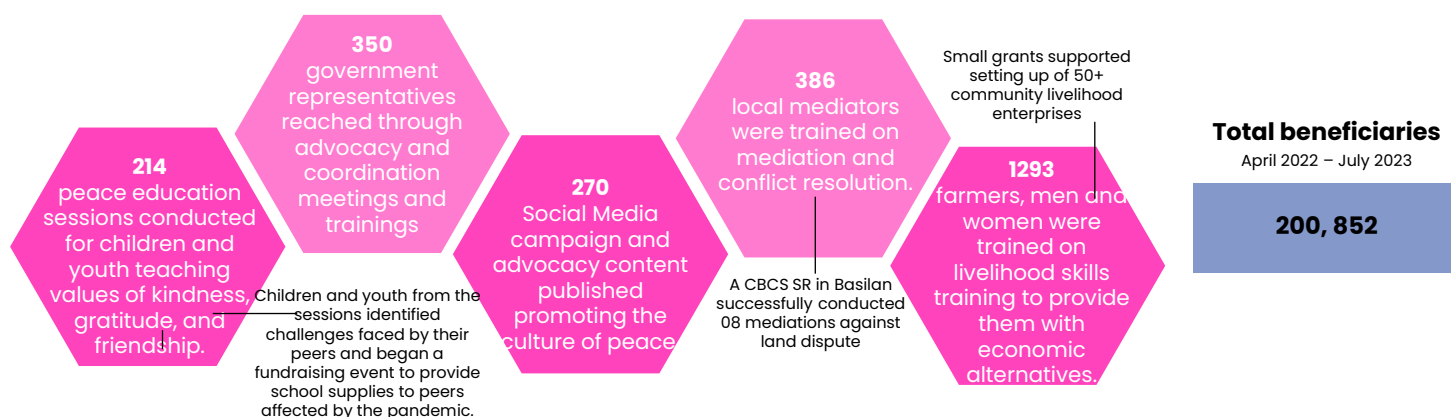
National: Implementation of the National Action Plan for P/CVE in the Philippines at the local level, in coordination with the country support mechanism and various government actors such as the Department of Interior and Local Government, the Anti-Terrorism Council Project Management Center, and the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

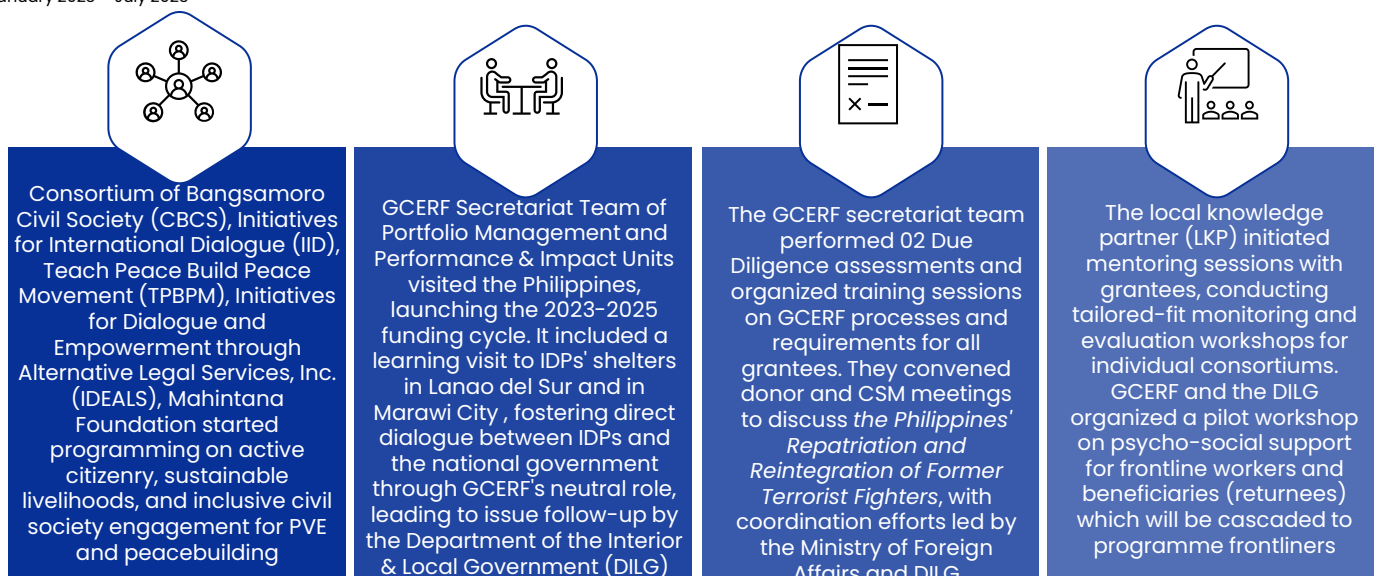
Key Outputs

* April 2022 – July 2023



Key achievements

* January 2023 – July 2023



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.

- Nor-amin Moraki, Officer, Local Government of Bangsamoro **//**

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 capacity-building approach enables us to work in **remote areas**

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