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Background

The USAID-funded Conflict Management in the Philippines Program seeks to transform conflicts into manageable disputes by increasing knowledge and understanding of the dynamics of specific conflicts, enhancing conflict management mechanisms, improving communication channels between government and community groups, and policy-oriented substantive discussions with inputs from key stakeholders. The components of this program address endemic clan conflicts (*rido*) and community conflicts over natural resources (particularly mining) in Mindanao, as well as help accelerate the attainment of a peaceful settlement between the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GRP) and armed groups such as the *Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa sa Mindanao* (RPMM)¹ and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF). As of October 2008, a new component was added to address election violence in the Philippines.

Highlights

- From May 2008 to December 2008, Foundation partners were able to settle a total of 42 *rido* (clan conflict) which involved 59 deaths, and 66 wounded. Memoranda of Understanding were signed in 13 municipalities of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte between municipal officials and traditional leaders to secure the commitment of the local governments and strengthen their participation in the conflict resolution process. As a result, a Committee on Peace and Order has been established per municipality that will be involved in the process of conflict resolution.
- In addressing mining conflicts, 22 barangay workshops were conducted by AID-LIFE in the municipalities of Kumalarang and Bayug in Zamboanga del Sur and in Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay. A pool of 120 local trainers was also organized and trained on the salient features of the Philippine Mining Act, the Small Scale Mining Law and Indigenous Peoples Right Act, the Philippine Environmental Impact Assessment System, and Environmental Conflict

¹ The *Rebolusyonaryong Partido ng Manggagawa sa Mindanao* RPMM (Revolutionary Party of Workers in Mindanao) is a local breakaway faction of the Communist Party of the Philippines which has negotiated a cessation of hostilities with the Philippine government.

- Assessment and Disaster Management to address environmental concerns and other issues that lead to conflicts in areas affected by mining.
- On the component supporting the GRP-MILF Peace Process, the project is currently supporting numerous stakeholders in Mindanao, particularly as they reacted to the aborted signing in August 2008 of a Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD), which was temporarily restrained and subsequently declared unconstitutional by the Philippine Supreme Court. Mindanao Business Council, Mindanao People's Caucus, Mindanao Peaceweavers, Mindanawon Initiatives for Cultural Dialogue, Mindanao People's Peace Movement, and Mindanews all undertook activities to put the MOA-AD into context and devise strategies to move forward in the new situation. Both the U.P. College of Law, in an academe-led assessment of the recently-stalled peace process, and the Bishops-Ulama Council, in planning for community consultations at the behest of the Philippine government, have held preliminary meetings in preparation for activities to be undertaken in early 2009.

Addressing Endemic Clan Conflict

Through the efforts of a dedicated team of local partners, The Asia Foundation's conflict management program with the support of USAID, is actively engaged in supporting the settlement of feuds across *rido*-prone provinces in Mindanao (Maguindanao, Shariff Kabunsuan, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur, and Sulu). The projects of two local partners ended in December 2008 and final reports have been submitted. A final grant under the *rido* component will be made to cover *rido* settlements in the province of Sulu. From May 2008 to December 2008, Foundation partners were able to settle a total of 42 conflicts which involved 59 deaths, and 66 wounded (See Tables 1 and 2).

Reconciliatory Initiatives for Development Opportunities, Inc.

Harnessing Maranao Traditional Justice System in Addressing Resolution of Clan Violence for the Promotion of Culture of Peace in the Provinces of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte

From July-December 2008, 20 conflicts have been facilitated and resolved in Marawi City and in 11 municipalities of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte. In partnership with the Reconciliatory Initiatives for Development Opportunities (RIDO Inc), these conflicts have been resolved through the Maranao traditional justice system utilizing the traditional and religious leaders which are effective in addressing inter-family feuding.

Of the 20 *rido* cases, 13 are classified as major conflicts with cases related to political rivalry, murder, and land disputes; these cases have resulted to 14 deaths and 36 injured from conflicting parties. A documentary of the *rido* cases covered under this project was also produced and is undergoing final edits; the documentary highlights the actual experiences of traditional leaders in resolving inter-family conflict.

To secure the commitment of the local governments and strengthen their participation in the conflict resolution process, Memoranda of Understanding were signed between

municipal officers and traditional leaders in 13 municipalities of Lanao del Sur and Lanao del Norte. As a result, a Committee on Peace and Order has been established in each municipality to help in conflict resolution. Their functions include calling the attention of RIDO Inc. and clan elders to potential and new rido cases; pacifying feuding parties; helping in the planning and strategizing to resolve a rido, as well as in coordinating with and mobilizing of mediators.

The table below summarizes the major, minor, and potential rido cases which were facilitated and resolved by RIDO Inc.:

Table 1: No. of Resolved Rido Cases by RIDO Inc.
(May-December 2008)

Province	City/Municipality	No. of Rido Cases	Killed	Injured
Lanao del Sur	Balabagan	1	1	6
	Binidayan	1	1	2
	Buadi Puso	2	1	1
	Malabang	2	2	3
	Marawi	4	4	9
	Marantao	2	1	0
	Marogong	2	0	3
	Pualas	1	2	6
	Sultan Gumander	1	2	1
Lanao del Norte	Baloi	1	0	2
	Poona Piagapo	1	0	3
Total		18	14	36

Documenting the clan genealogy of the Sultanate of Bae sa Radapan was also conducted to identify potential leaders and mediators who can be involved in the conflict resolution process. On November 2, 2008, around 50 elders from the clan attended the profiling of clan genealogy which was launched in Iligan City. Maranao traditional leaders and elders utilize clan genealogy as one of the preventive tools to address the proliferation of rido. A final report and genealogy of the Sultanate of Bae sa Radapan was submitted for this project.

Integral Development Services Philippines Inc.

Building Strategic Partnership and Resolution of Clan-based Violence in the Selected Municipalities of Lanao del Sur and Shariff Kabunsuan

For this reporting period, the Integral Development Services (IDS), in collaboration with the Regional Reconciliation and Unification Commission (RRUC)², has facilitated and resolved 24 cases in the seven municipalities of Lanao del Sur, Shariff Kabunsuan, and

² RRUC was created by virtue of Executive Order No. 01, series of 1993 to serve as an advisory and coordinating body of the ARMM Regional Government on the resolution of feud-related conflicts. It is composed of a chairman and six commissioners assigned to each province under the ARMM.

Maguindanao. These cases involved the deaths of approximately 45 members of the conflicting parties due to clan-based violence. The table below summarizes the cases resolved in the seven municipalities:

Table 2: No. of Resolved Rido Cases by IDS and RRUC
(May-December 2008)

Province	City/Municipality	No. of Rido Cases	Killed	Injured
Lanao del Sur	Butig	1	11	0
	Malabang	7	3	1
	Marogong	1	11	0
Shariff Kabunsuan	Matanog	7	13	14
	Barira	4	1	1
	Datu Blah Sinsuat	3	6	14
Maguindanao	Kabuntalan	1	0	0
Total		24	45	30

On December 8-10, 2008, a three-day seminar workshop entitled “Enhancement of Conflict Resolution Skills and Documentation Processes” for the Barira Joint Council was conducted to further strengthen the skills of the Council of Elders in the Municipality of Barira in the process of conflict settlement. A parallel activity was also conducted with the Malabang Council of Elders and Matanog Tumanor Council on December 20-21, 2008 and December 29-30, 2008, respectively. As a result, a total of 87 participants who are members of the Council of Elders have been equipped with some relevant tools on conflict resolution such as conflict mapping, time-line, and conflict analysis using a problem-tree.

Table 3: No. of Participants Trained in Conflict Resolution
(July-December 2008)

Province	Council	No. of Pax Trained	Male	Female
Lanao del Sur	Malabang Council of Elders	25	15	10
Shariff Kabunsuan	Matanog Tumanor Council	22	15	7
	Barira Joint Ulama Council	40	27	13
Total		87	57	30

To complement the resolution of rido cases, strategic partnerships with some local governments was undertaken to advocate for the necessary legislative support on conflict management. As a result, an ordinance prohibiting the carrying of firearms in the Municipality of Matanog, Shariff Kabunsuan has been passed in collaboration with its

Municipal Peace and Order Council. Currently, the ordinance is on its third and final reading at the Municipal Council. A separate discussion with the Municipal Peace and Order Council in the Municipality of Malabang on rido prevention was also conducted. A final report was already submitted for this project.

Addressing Community Conflicts over Natural Resources

The Asia Foundation supports conflict management in multiple-stakeholder resource conflicts. Since October 2006, the program has been addressing mining-related resource conflicts.

Ateneo School of Government

Managing Conflicts in Mining 2: Series of Sharing and Continuing Dialogues

The Foundation has been supporting the Ateneo School of Government (ASoG) in continued case study briefings, dialogues, and meetings with the mining industry sector to help address the different mining-related issues raised in the previous research. The project has also enabled ASoG to proceed to the second phase of its Conflict Management and Mining Governance Program and enlist the participation and engagement of the mining companies for more effective governance in mining.

During the reporting period, ASoG was able to conduct a series of continuing dialogues with the mining companies, Philippine Chamber of Mines, and non-government organizations to generate data and relevant information that would help address various mining-related issues. On September 18-19, 2008, the results of the case studies on mining were presented during the Mindanao Mining Consultative Forum held in Davao City which was attended by mining investors, representatives of national government agencies, local government officials, and non-government organizations. On December 11, 2008, it was also presented at the forum, “Communicating Responsible Mining” which was organized by Mineral Development Corporation. During the activity, forum participants suggested that a research on the impact of the social development management plan of mining companies be undertaken as well.

Table 4: Presentation of case study results to mining companies

Date	Mining Company	Areas of Operation
April 15, 2008	TVI Resources Development Phils.	Canatuan, Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte
June 17, 2008	Macro Asia Mining Corporation	Brooke’s Point, Palawan
June 19, 2008	Sagittarius Mines, Inc.	Tampakan, South Cotabato
July 21, 2008	Pacific Aluminum Mining Philippines Corporation	Samar
August 26, 2008	Taganito Mining Corporation	Claver, Surigao del Norte

Case studies on mining were presented to enable the stakeholders to respond and validate the results of the research which maps out conflicts in mining areas and provides analysis on the mining case studies conducted in five provinces in the Philippines.³

Associated International Developers and Local Initiatives for Enhancement, Inc.
Barangay/Municipal Capacity Building to Address Environmental Concerns in Areas affected by Mining.

The Foundation has been supporting a Pagadian-based NGO, Associated International Developers and Local Initiatives for Enhancement, Inc (AID-LIFE), to conduct multiple stakeholder resource conflict management in Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur (site of small-scale mining and TVI's exploration activities). The project aims to address various mining-related problems, issues, needs and concerns (PINC) of the major stakeholder groups. The wide range includes: small scale miners, indigenous peoples, communities in primary impact barangays, communities in secondary impact barangays,³ municipal local governments, and large mining companies.

As of December 2008, twenty-two barangay workshops have been conducted by Associated International Developers and Local Initiatives for Enhancement, Inc (AID-LIFE) in the municipalities of Kumalarang and Bayug in Zamboanga del Sur and in Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay. A pool of 120 local trainers was also organized and trained on the salient features of the Philippine Mining Act, the Small Scale Mining Law and Indigenous Peoples Right Act, the Philippine Environmental Impact Assessment System, and Environmental Conflict Assessment and Disaster Management to address environmental concerns in areas affected by mining. Among the results of the barangay workshops conducted include the following:

- Heightened awareness of barangay communities on mining-related issues such as mining-related disasters and calamities, conflict and resource management, barangay share on the proceeds realized by mining operations, and trans-boundary consequences of mining, and other cultural and religious issues;
- Active participation of various stakeholders in the barangay to dialogue about peace and development. The workshops provided a neutral venue for pro and anti mining groups, local governments, indigenous peoples, mining operators, and sectoral groups in the barangay to actively discuss the benefits and ills of mining; and
- Identification of gaps that may require policy intervention or amendments to existing relevant laws related to mining.

AID-LIFE is proposing to expand the project to 20 barangays in the Municipalities of Alicia and Siay in Zamboanga Sibugay. AIDLIFE will conduct workshops to heighten the awareness of barangay communities on mining-related issues and help them address

³ Mining case studies were conducted in the following provinces where mining companies operate: Siocon, Zamboanga del Norte; Brooke's Point Palawan; Tampakan, South Cotabato; Claver, Surigao del Norte and Samar. Samar was engaged by ASOG with co-funding from UNDP.

conflicts arising from such issues. The ten proposed barangays currently have negative positions with regards to mining.

GRP-MILF Peace Process

To accelerate the attainment of a peaceful settlement between the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, and building on a set of ongoing governance and conflict management activities, USAID amended the conflict management grant in October 2007 in order to improve the environment for a peace agreement between the government and the MILF.

Partner Updates

Mindanao People's Caucus (MPC). As part of the peace constituency expansion objective, the Foundation gave a grant to MPC to run a series of activities that engaged key sectors and decision-makers, both in Mindanao and in Metro Manila.

These activities include:

- Coordination meetings with the Business Sector (Mindanao Business Council) to generate the support of the business sector in the ongoing peace process and to elicit their views and ideas on the Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA AD);
- Coordination with Bishop-Ulama Conference (BUC) for the design and conduct of community consultations. MPC was one of the local peace partners which participated in the preparatory meetings with the BUC to plan the conduct of community consultations among the local residents in the different areas in Mindanao;
- Peace Lobbying Mission in Manila. The MPC Council conducted lobbying missions with the national leaders and key policy makers; and visited the offices of the Presidential Adviser on Peace Process and the Solicitor General to lobby its peace agenda and to determine their action points in preparation for the first oral argument in the Supreme Court (August 11-15, 2008);
- GRP-MILF Peace Dialogue on MOA-AD. MPC, in coordination with the Center for Community Journalism and Development (CCJD), National Union of Journalists of the Philippines (NUJP) and Philippine Human Rights Reporting Project, organized a Media Dialogue on the MOA-AD of the GRP-MILF Peace Agreement (August 14, 2008; Quezon City);
- Briefing with Diplomatic Communities. MPC was invited by different diplomatic communities for a briefing on the Mindanao situation and on the Bangsamoro's struggle for self-determination. It sought their participation in the peace process by supporting campaign efforts at the national level and by responding to the humanitarian crisis;
- Meeting with Civil Society Organizations. MPC attended a meeting with the 32 representatives of different civil society organizations. MPC is aware of the need for continuous engagement with stakeholders and leaders to allow effective and reasonable people's participation (August 20, 2008; Manila). The meeting aimed to

set up a support group which was named “Solidarity for Bangsamoro People”. The participants in the meeting agreed to support the Bangsamoro’s right to self-determination, to campaign for the immediate cessation of hostilities, and to broaden the participation in the peace talks;

- *Bakwit sa Syudad* Part Two. The *Bakwit sa Syudad* knocked once again on the doors of the policy and decision makers in Metro Manila to put forward the calls of the evacuees for a peaceful resolution of the armed conflict in Mindanao. The 17 representatives of the IDPs in North Cotabato and Lanao del Norte summoned their help to save the gains of the peace process (August 20, 2008; Manila);
- Meeting with President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo in Malacañang. The *Bakwit sa Syudad* delegates, composed of IDP representatives and MPC leaders, visited PGMA in Malacañang to personally urge her to immediately end the current hostilities and to address the growing humanitarian crisis. As a result, PGMA ordered AFP Chief Alexander Yano to stop the airstrikes in Mindanao, DILG Sec. Puno to stop the distribution of 13,000 shotguns and DOH Sec. Duque III to look into the humanitarian needs of the evacuees in Mindanao (August 20, 2008, Malacanang);
- Testimonial Dinner with the MILF and Government Peace Panels, held on September 12, 2008.

Mindanao Business Council. On August 18, 2008, a national holiday, the MinBC convened the GRP-LGU-Business Sector Dialogue that gathered up to 80 participants from the government, local government units, private sector and the media at the Marco Polo Hotel.

Overall, the dialogue achieved the following:

- presented a very balanced view of the two sides in the MOA AD discussion;
- established a neutral take-off point for future engagement;
- pushed the case for business and a stabilized peace environment and the need to support any initiative that will prevent escalation of hostilities; and
- provided a more objective positioning for the business sector in Mindanao and Manila businesses with a stake in Mindanao (totally different from the hurried positions made by the Makati Business Club, the Management Association of the Philippines, etc.).

The event gathered top Philippine government officials (Department of National Defense Secretary Gilbert Teodoro; Retired General Rodolfo Garcia, Chair of the government panel for Talks with the MILF; Eugenio Insigne, Chair of the National Council for Indigenous Peoples, and Undersecretary Nabil Tan of the Office of the Presidential Assistant on the Peace Process).

A number of chamber presidents and representatives were present: Cotabato, Island Garden City of Samal, Tacurong, Davao Oriental. Industry associations like mango industry, tourism, mining and construction. Mr. Walter Brown of PhilEx and Benguet Mining were also present.

This is one of those very important low-key engagements the Foundation pursues with national and local stakeholders. In particular, support for this dialogue was very relevant and timely especially at a time when most Manila-based business groups have issued calls totally opposing the Bangsamoro Juridical Entity (BJE) or the MOA AD. In contrast to other business group's reactions, MinBC's peace declaration (see Annex 3) appears very objective and culturally-sensitive and does service to Mindanao's peace initiatives.

As a follow-through, the Foundation will provide support to the MinBC, particularly in organizing the follow-through activities which are collectively known as “**MinBC Peace and Development Roadshow**.” In this grant, the MinBC shall engage the various local chambers of Mindanao, and whenever possible, the key local government units (e.g. the province of North Cotabato, and the cities of Zamboanga and Iligan) in a series of dialogues and roundtable discussions. These activities are aimed at institutionalizing the commitment of the chambers and some local governments to making sustainable responsible investments for peace and development in Mindanao. These chambers will be encouraged to confirm a covenant for peace in the form of passed resolutions and ordinances. The roadshow will be held from January to March 2009.

Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI). The Foundation has been supporting the organizational development of the Bangsamoro Leadership and management Institute. It supported the successful launch of the BLMI in June 4, 2007 and provided assistance for a 10-day training for some 35 up-and-coming Bangsamoro male participants from June 5-10, 2008. As a follow up, the Foundation entered into another grant agreement with the BLMI to support the following:

- a. Women Leadership Training Course, October 25 – November 3, 2008, Ghadzali Jaafar Compound, Crossing Simuay, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao

Thirty-five Bangsamoro women who are members of the MILF Central Command's Social Welfare Committee (SWC) participated in this leadership training for the Bangsamoro women. Participants represented the mainland communities of Maguindanao, Shariff Kabunsuan and Cotabato City, North Cotabato, Basilan, Zamboanga, and Sultan Kudarat/Palimbang/Sarangani. They were trained in basic leadership and management skills and oriented on the concept of leadership for women in Islam.

- b. Training of Trainers for BLMI's Steering Committee and Selected Bangsamoro Leaders,.

In order to deepen the capacity of the BLMI in becoming a training institute for Bangsamoro leaders and managers, the Foundation entered into another grant with the BLMI, this time, to allow them to undergo basic training and management skills with the Philippine Government's premier training institution, the Development Academy of the Philippines. The grant is in keeping with the Foundation's commitment to

strengthen Bangsamoro institutions but focused on developing BLMI's capacity and sustainability as a training institute.

The preparatory activities and the training shall run from January until March 2009.

Development Academy of the Philippines (DAP). The Foundation has collaborated with DAP in Mindanao to coach, mentor and train BLMI's Steering Committee and some other selected Bangsamoro leaders on the various aspects of running a training, and leadership and management institute.

Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society (CBCS). The CBCS, with support from the Foundation's USAID-funded conflict management program, is making the rounds of grassroots consultations with its member civil society organizations in both the mainland and the Basulta areas. For this reporting period, three major activities were accomplished: Formation of Technical Working Group, Creation of Area Committees, and Conduct of Brainstorming Sessions with the eight Regional Management Committees (RMCs) of CBCS.

The consultations hope to consolidate the sentiments of the Bangsamoro people on-the-ground, to serve as inputs to the two fronts; namely, the MILF and the MNLF, in their negotiations with the GRP. While the data gathered by the CBCS from the Bangsamoro communities does not hope to unify the two fronts, they do attempt to promote solidarity between the two fronts in the hope that the real aspirations of the ordinary Bangsamoro will be genuinely addressed.

Mindanao Peace Weavers (MPW). The Foundation supported the Mindanao Peace Weavers's 10-day peace caravan (from November 19-29, 2008) to call for an end to the armed conflict in Mindanao. Some 100 Christians and Muslims belonging to different organizations joined the caravan dubbed as "Caravan for Peace and Solidarity." The caravan had stops in the cities of Baguio, Metro Manila, Bacolod, and in the municipality of Pikit in North Cotabato; it culminated in Cotabato City for the annual celebration of the Mindanao Week of Peace.

The caravan made appeals to both the MILF and the Government to end the armed clashes, and pave the way for the normalization of people's lives in the conflict-affected areas of Mindanao.

Archdiocesan Council for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Dialogue (ACEID). Based in Davao City, the ACEID is supported by the Foundation to organize the Aimmah, Pastors, Priests Forum specifically for Lanao and Zamboanga Peninsula areas. Earlier, the APPF has facilitated similar interfaith dialogues and activities in Davao, Cagayan de Oro, and Cotabato areas. While activities were placed on hold due to the security situation, they will be resumed early in 2009.

Institute of Bangsamoro Studies (IBS). The Foundation partnered with the IBS in bringing Mr. Wiratmadinata (Wira) to Cotabato City for a Roundtable Discussion (RTD) on the Mindanao and Aceh Peace Processes; the roundtable was held on August 1, 2008 at the Estosan Hotel. Mr. Wira, a civil society leader in Aceh, Indonesia is a 2007 Bill Fuller Fellow of The Asia Foundation. Some 90 participants comprised of key leaders from the Bangsamoro, some local chief executives, Bangsamoro women leaders, the armed forces and the police, local civil society, the media, and representatives from the local and international ceasefire mechanisms attended the RTD.

Mindanews. Co-funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) through The Asia Foundation's project on Providing Electoral Assistance in the ARMM program, the 4th Mindanao Media Summit was held at the Waterfront Insular Hotel in Davao City on August 7-9, 2008.

Espousing the theme: "Mindanao 2020: The Vision Begins with Us," some fifty (50) private and public media (print, radio and TV) practitioners from all over Mindanao attended; and discussed the pressing issues for Mindanao, past and present. This Summit was also conducted amidst a weave of pivotal events: the 2008 ARMM elections (a test for elections automation for the whole country); a just aborted-signing of the MOA AD between the GRP and the MILF; calls for postponing the ARMM elections in favor of the MOA AD; and an exodus of IDPs in Central Mindanao, among many others. In the end, the Summit participants resolved to project a better Mindanao through a more truthful reportage of Mindanao events, and to use media to promote peace, development and justice in Mindanao.

University of the Philippines College of Law Development Foundation (UP-CLDF). The UP College of Law, with support from The Asia Foundation, convened a group of key academics from various universities in Mindanao and in Metro Manila and formed themselves into a **University Network for Peace**. The gathering was held in a Consortium Inception Workshop and Scoping Round Table Discussion on the MOA-AD and Beyond on December 9, 2008 at the UP College of Law. Initiated by U.P. Political Science Professor, Miriam Coronel-Ferrer and UP College of Law Dean, Atty. Marvic Leonen, the network takes interest in an academe-led assessment of the recently-stalled peace process between the GRP and the MILF.

The Asia Foundation is supporting the initiative in view of the need to expand the constituency for the signing of peace agreement whether within the current Arroyo administration or the next. The consortium intends to provide both peace panels with new frames and ways to move forward in the peace talks.

This academe network intends to meet, at least once a month to discuss modalities and possibilities to get the peace process between the GRP and the MILF back on track. As a whole, it intends to generate ideas on Mindanao peace and development in the workshops and roundtable discussions that it will organize in August or September 2009. The network plans to stage a forum with the presidentiables in Manila to make them commit

to an electoral platform that will ensure that Mindanao's peace and development becomes a national or a principal agenda once they are elected into office.

The Foundation's partnership with UP-CLDF will attempt to bridge the divide between the respective constituency of Manila and Mindanao – which critically determined the tragic fate of the MOA-AD. Members of the academic network include the University of the Philippines Diliman (with the UP College of Law as secretariat), Mindanao State University System (covering, among others, the units in Marawi, Iligan, and the Basulta), Western Mindanao State University, the three Mindanao Ateneos and the Ateneo School of Government, University of Southern Mindanao, Notre Dame University and UP Mindanao.

Mindanawon. A grant was provided to Mindanawon Initiatives for Cultural Dialogue (Mindanawon) to enable it to carry out the project “Strategic Planning to Advance the Lumad Peace and Governance Agenda in Relation to the GRP-MILF Memorandum of Agreement on Ancestral Domain (MOA-AD).”

A project activity was the strategic planning held on September 17-19, 2008 at the Felis Beach Resort in Davao City; in attendance were fifteen (15) Lumad leaders and thinkers coming from areas which were proposed to be part of the Bangsamoro Juridical Entity or BJE, namely, North Cotabato, Sultan Kudarat, Zamboanga, Lanao, and Bukidnon. A few delegates from Eastern Mindanao also attended because some of their lands fall within the Category B of the MOA-AD.

A skeletal force composed of Lumad professionals and a technical team from Mindanawon headed by Fr. Albert Alejo S.J. assisted in the documentation and in the conduct of the sessions but it was the lumad leaders and thinkers themselves that brainstormed among themselves.

Mindanao People's Peace Movement (MPPM). The Foundation supported the 5th Mindanao People's Peace Summit held on December 12-14, 2008 in Marawi City. The summit was attended by 345 delegates comprised of Moro and indigenous peoples, as well as settlers, from all over Mindanao. The Foundation covered the costs for the meals, transportation and accommodation of 75 participants in the Summit who are equally represented by the Moro, indigenous peoples, and Christian settlers. During the summit, separate meetings were conducted to discuss rapid response to mitigate conflicts, and possible partnerships to address election violence covering the areas of Lanao del Sur and adjacent municipalities in Lanao del Norte.

The participants came from the following clusters of MPPM: Lanao Norte-Iligan City-Misamis Oriental/Occidental-Camiguin (LaNIMOOC); Province of Lanao Sur and Marawi City (PLaSMa); Bukidnon-Cotabato (BuCo); Shariff Kabunsuan-Maguindanao-Cotabato (ShaKaMagCot); Greater Davao Area (GDA); South Cotabato-Sultan Kudarat-Sarangani-General Santos City (SoCSKSarGen); Sulu-Tawi-Tawi-Palawan (SulTaPa); and Zamboanga Peninsula.

As a prelude to the peace summit, a Roundtable Discussion on referendum and the Right to Self-Determination was organized by the MPPM Secretariat exclusively for the Council of Peoples' Representatives of MPPM to discuss the legal ramifications of a Referendum on the Different Political Options and the issue of Right to Self-determination. A Mindanao Peoples' Peace Caravan was held with participants converging in three (3) major points: Midsayap, Pagadian City, and Iligan City.

Addressing Election Violence

The Foundation is implementing a combined set of strategies to reduce and manage election-related violence by preventing political disputes from erupting into violence and preventing cases of election-related conflict from escalating into full-scale conflict. Building on a set of ongoing governance and conflict management activities, the Foundation works with local partners toward this goal through the activities outlined below:

Objective 1: To conduct a series of diagnostic activities that will assess election violence in the country.

Objective 2: To identify, develop, support, and enhance networks and coalitions at the national and local level to combat election violence.

Objective 3: To utilize and enhance existing formal and informal conflict management mechanisms to prevent and manage election-related violent conflicts.

Institute for Political and Electoral Reform

Vote for Peace Campaign (VotePeace) project.

During the reporting period, the Institute for Political and Electoral Reform (IPER)/ Consortium on Electoral Reforms (CER) began the first phase of Vote for Peace Campaign (VotePeace) project. The project will mobilize and train a nationwide network of teachers, students, representatives from the religious sector, academic institutions, non-government organizations, people's organizations, and professional organizations in preparation for the 2010 elections. The project builds on the success of the *Bantay Eleksyon* (Election Watch), a project that comprehensively and successfully covered the 2007 election. The project supports the following activities:

- Setting up of a national monitoring center and secretariat;
- Identification of IPER/CER's nationwide network;
- Training of *Bantay Eleksyon* (Election Watch) volunteers at the national and regional levels;
- Research and political mapping to identify probable areas of election violence;
- Production of manuals and modules; and
- Coordination with relevant agencies.

The first few weeks of the project, specifically from October to December 2008 have been devoted to the setting up of the Project Secretariat.

Upcoming Activities for the 1st Quarter of 2009

Addressing Endemic Clan Conflicts

- On the first week of February 2009, support will be provided to Sakayan Mindanao to implement rido resolutions in the Municipalities of Maimbung, Parang, Talipao, and Pata Island in the Province of Sulu. The project also aims to settle at least five rido cases per municipality covered under the project through identification and formation of a Rido Task Force who will play an important role in rido settlement. Talipao municipality was selected because it has the highest incidence of rido in Sulu. Parang and Maimbung were selected because rido is interacting with the activities of the Abu Sayyaf Group (ASG) present in the area. In Parang, rido is being capitalized by the ASG to discredit incumbent officials, prevent development, and to recruit persons with rido in exchange for help in rido-related retaliation. In Maimbung, rido in two adjoining barangays are taken advantaged of by the ASG to extort from teachers, disrupting business and social life in two adjoining barangays leading to Maimbung Poblacion. Finally, Pata Island was selected because over a hundred deaths have already occurred as a result of rido-related violence (parties in conflict have been using improvised explosive devices). This will be the last grant under current levels of funding for addressing endemic clan conflicts of the Conflict Management in the Philippines Program.
- A Rido Spill-Over Study will be conducted by a Foundation consultant to identify and analyze trends, lessons, and innovations from the success of Foundation partners in rido settlements and to draw possible guidelines or standards for efficient and effective rido management.

Addressing Conflicts over Natural Resources (Mining)

- In January 2009, support will be provided to Mindanawon Initiatives for Cultural Dialogues to implement a dialogue among tribal chieftains with diverse views on mineral development (i.e. those who have made a decision to host a mining operation in their area, those who oppose it, those who are calling for a moratorium, and those who are still in the process of deliberating whether to embrace mining or not). No conventional experts from the mining industry, church, or civil society are going to be present during the conversation. Rather, all information and knowledge about mining will be drawn from the experiences of the tribal leaders whose communities have had engagements with mining. The activity will gather indigenous leaders from Subanon tribes of Zamboanga del Norte, B'laan of South Cotabato, Mamanua and Taganito of Surigao del Norte, and Datu-Onlos of Davao del Norte in Compostela Valley.

- On February 4, 2009, a pilot training on conflict management and evaluation of mining application will be conducted by the Ateneo School of Government in Punta Isla, South Cotabato in partnership with the United Nations Development Program.

Addressing Election-Related Violence

Between January and June 2009, the priorities for the project include formation of the network, development of training modules, conduct of the research component focused on political mapping, and start-up of the operations of the three national teams.⁴ A series of consultations will be conducted with selected partners from Maguindanao, Shariff Kabunsuan, Lanao del Norte, Lanao del Sur and Sulu to discuss election violence, in particular, to map out conflict hotspots and elicit proposed appropriate interventions for each case.

Insights

The Foundation's efforts in increasing attention to the problem and dynamics of clan conflict have prevented many such conflicts from spilling over into hostilities between the government and the Muslim separatists (as was previously the case due to the incidental affiliations of parties to a clan conflict). This has greatly facilitated the conduct of the peace process, as media has become more nuanced in their reportage of Mindanao conflicts and stakeholders now factor in the potential threat of clan conflicts to the peace process and in nurturing future peace agreements. The rising number of rido resolved by project partners and local mediators have also helped renew attention to the capability of local conflict resolution mechanisms in addressing conflicts and at the same time inspired hope to many communities that witness such rido settlements. As seen in many cases of settled rido (i.e. the Imam-Macapages settlement which was described in previous reporting periods) reunited clans are more capable of maintaining peace in their communities and improving governance at the local level, as well as providing a counterbalance of force to rogue armed elements. The project has provided a venue for experimentation in conflict management and the pioneering efforts of the project partners have led to better capability to manage other types of conflicts. As a result, the learnings and networks established in the conduct of rido settlements are now being utilized to manage election violence, and in the conduct of rapid response to mitigate localized violence.

The highly polarized issue of mining which is often characterized by heated debates among protagonists is now showing some signs for engagement through the project's bridging efforts. The mining conflict study of partners that was produced and disseminated is now being utilized in promoting dialogues among mining and anti-mining sectors, especially in the multi-stakeholder mining setting of Kumalarang and

⁴ National Teams will assist in monitoring and evaluating the election violence in the field. It will also ensure relations and cooperation with election authorities and stakeholders in the field.

Bayog in Zamboanga del Sur. The engagements in these municipalities have raised awareness among communities on mining issues and have brought together pro-mining and anti-mining groups to discuss alternatives for community development instead of staying polarized over such issues. Anti-mining NGOs have recognized the independence and balanced treatment of the Foundation and USAID-supported study on mining as well as the Foundation's intermediary role in this process. As a result, there is now an increased recognition and strengthening of the emerging "third voice" in the mining discourse that is neither pro-mining nor anti-mining and a gradual willingness of key stakeholders from different sides of the fence to dialogue and look for compromises.

Meanwhile, the aborted GRP-MILF peace talks because of the Manila elite's negative reception to the MOA-AD as well as key actions by Mindanao-based oppositors, only further underscores the need to expand the peace constituency in Manila, and engage all sectors within Mindanao. GRP-MILF Peace Process component of Conflict Management Program has sustained and strengthened support for the GRP-MILF Peace Process by engaging various stakeholders within and outside the official talks. This is highlighted by the institutionalization of the Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute, the continued work with the Bangsamoro Development Agency, and on-going engagement with civil society groups such as the Mindanao People's Caucus, Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society, Institute of Bangsamoro Studies, and Mindanao Business Council.

Annex 1: Activity log

**THE ASIA FOUNDATION
CONFLICT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

BREAKDOWN OF PARTICIPANTS PER ACTIVITY

(July-December 2008)

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
July 5, 2008	Signing of MOU with the Municipality of Pualas	RIDO	Pulas, Lanao del Sur	LGU Officials, Barangay Officials, Traditional Leaders, Farmers, Armed groups	58	18	76	0
July 5, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Slandering resulted to killings and wounded	RIDO	Ganassi, Lanao del Sur	LGU of Pualas, Traditional and religious group,- Farmers, Armed group, MILF	56	14	70	0
July 7, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development Services	Malabang, Lanao del Sur	Mediators, Disputants	15	2	17	0
July 5-7,2008	Convention of the Council of elders- Sultanate of Radapan	RIDO	Mida way Beach Resort, Misamis	Traditional leaders, Teachers, Gov't Employee, Farmers, Business	40	24	64	0

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
			Oriental	men, Clan leaders				
July 8, 2008	Consultation/ Conference with Mines and GeoSciences Bureau Regional Staff	AID-LIFE	Pagadian City	Government Officials	3	1	0	4
July 13, 2008	Signing of MOU with LGU of Marantao, Lanao del Sur	RIDO	Marantao, Lanao del Sur	Mayor, Vice Mayor Government employee, Traditional and religious sectors	13	2	15	0
July 17, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Abuse of Authority resulted to murders, damages of properties, evacuation of the Maranao families in Bukidnon and termination of office of three police men	RIDO	Municipal Hall of Bukidnon, Lanao del Norte	Farmers, Government employee,, Traditional leaders, Religious leaders, LGU of Bubung	62	15	67	10
July 17, 2008	Consultation/ Conference with Diocese of Pagadian,	AID-LIFE	Pagadian	Government Officials, religious	1	4	0	5

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
	Desk Officer for the Environment and Indigenous People's		City	sector				
July 18, 2008	Signing of MOU with LGU of Pantao Ragat, Lanao del Norte	RIDO	Pantao Ragat, Lanao del Norte	Mayor, Municipal Council, Traditional leaders	15	4	19	0
July 18, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of elopement resulting to Ransom and Grave Threat	RIDO	Bacayawan, Marantao, Lanao del Sur	Traditional leaders, Religious leaders, Farmers, Government employee, Elders of Radapan and Marawi	36	23	59	0
July 21, 2008	Courtesy Call/Preliminary Meeting with the Mayor	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government Officials	3	2	0	5
July 21, 2008	Presentation of research results and dialogue with Pacific Aluminum Mining Philippines Corporation (PAMPC)	Ateneo School of Government	ASoG Office, Ateneo Professional Schools, Rockwell Center, Makati City	Government, CSO, Business, Academe	2	5	0	7
July 21, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development	Barira, Shariff	Mediators,	10	3	13	0

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government, CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
		Services	Kabunsuan	Disputants, LGU employees				
July 22, 2008	Courtesy Call/Preliminary Meeting with the Mayor	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government Officials	2	3	0	5
July 22, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development Services	Matanog, Shariff Kabunsuan	Mediators, Disputants, LGU officials	13	5	18	0
July 24, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development Services	Marawi City	Mediators, PNP, Elders, Local Officials, Assemblyman, Board members	11	2	13	0
July 31, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Land disputes resulted to frustrated murder	RIDO	Poona Piagapo, Lanao del Norte	Traditional leaders of the Sultanate of Radapan, PNP, Government officials of Pantao Ragat, Farmers	44	12	56	0
August 1, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Misunderstanding resulted to killing and	RIDO	Binidayan, Lanao del Sur	LGU of Binidayan, Traditional leaders, religious leaders,	126	63	189	0

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
	injuries			Farmers, Business men, Barangay Officials, Municipal Council				
August 2, 2008	Casabagan Assembly	Integrated Development Services	Parang, Maguindanao	Mediators, Clan Members,	10	1	11	0
August 4, 2008	Meeting with Mayor & Barangay Chairmen & Staff	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government and Barangay Officials	12	7	0	19
August 7, 2008	Meeting with Mayor & Barangay Chairmen & Staff	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government and Barangay Officials	14	3	5	12
August 9, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Swindling of documents	RIDO	Iligan City and Marawi City	RIDO Staff and other CSOs	9	6	8	7
August 12, 2008	Meeting with SB Members	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government Officials	12	4	5	11
August 13, 2008	Meeting with SB Members	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government Officials	13	5	0	18

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					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
August 15, 2008	Project Launching & MOA Signing	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government and Barangay Officials	24	6	8	22
August 18, 2008	Courtesy Call/Preliminary Meeting with the Mayor	AID-LIFE	Buug, Zamboanga Sibugay	Government Officials	3	2	0	5
August 25, 2008	Courtesy Call/Preliminary Meeting with the Mayor	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay	Government Officials	2	2	0	4
August 26, 2008	Presentation of research results and dialogue with Taganito Mining Corporation (TMC) and meeting with South Korean TAF delegates	Ateneo School of Government	ASoG Office, Ateneo Professional Schools, Rockwell Center, Makati City	Academe, Business, CSO	4	11	0	15
August 27, 2008	Project Launching & MOA Signing	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government and Barangay Officials, staffs	15	19	0	34
August 28, 2008	Signing of MOU with LGU of Nunungan, Lanao del Norte	RIDO	Municipal Hall,	Mayor, Vice Mayor Government	17	2	19	1

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
			Nunungan, Lanao del Norte	employee, traditional and religious sectors				
September 2, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Basics of the Philippine Ecosystem	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	10	14	0	24
September 3, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Philippine Legal System with emphasis on the Philippine Mining Act, Indigenous People's Rights Act and the Small Scale Mining Act	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	10	14	0	24
September 4, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Basics of the Philippine Ecosystem	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	14	16	0	30
September. 5, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Philippine Legal System with emphasis on the Philippine Mining Act, Indigenous People's Rights Act and the Small Scale Mining Act	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	14	16	0	30

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government, CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
September 9, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Understanding Environmental Conflict and Peace	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	10	14	0	24
September 10, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Environmental Impact Assessment	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	10	14	0	24
September 12, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Reckless imprudence resulted to homicide	RIDO	Marantao, Lanao del Sur	Mayor of Marawi, Elders of Tugaya, Farmers, Local Politicians, Barangay Council of Malutlut	26	23	49	0
September 16, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Disaster Management and Mitigation	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	10	14	0	24
September 16, 2008	Presentation of research results and dialogue with the Chamber of Mines of the Philippines	Ateneo School of Government	Chamber of Mines Office, Ortigas Building, Ortigas Center, Pasig City	Academe and business	1	3	0	4

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
September 17, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Technology of Participation	AID-LIFE	Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	10	14	0	24
September 18, 2008	Covenant Signing	Integrated Development Services	Parang, Maguindanao	Mediators, Disputants, Clan Members, PNP, AFP, LGU officials	120	30	150	0
September 20, 2008	Post-Settlement Meeting	Integrated Development Services	Parang, Maguindanao	Mediators, Clan Members, Disputants	55	8	63	0
September 22, 2008	Courtesy Call/Preliminary Meeting with the Mayor	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government officials	3	1	0	4
September 23, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Understanding Environmental Conflict and Peace	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	14	16	0	30
September 24, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Environmental Impact Assessment	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	14	16	0	30
September 26, 2008	Meeting with Mayor & Staff	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay	Government officials	2	3	0	5

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government, CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
September 29, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Disaster Management and Mitigation	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	14	16	0	30
September 30, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Technology of Participation	AID-LIFE	Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees	14	16	0	30
October 1-5, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Diplo, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employee, IPs, Brgy. Officials, religious sector.	16	20	5	31
October 2, 2008	Final settlement of conflict: Marriage conflict	RIDO	Pualas Lanao del Sur	Barangay Officials, Farmers, Armed group, MILF, PNP, Traditional and religious leaders	204	80	284	0
October 8, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development Services	Matanog, Shariff Kabunsuan	Mediators, Disputants	15	4	19	0
October 14-19, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Boyugan West, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Mining firm rep., religious sector, Brgy. Officials	18	12	25	5

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
October, 15-20, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Philippine Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Basics of the Philippine Ecosystem	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. Officials	10	19	0	29
October 15-20, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Pangi, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, religious sector.	16	12	0	28
October 16-21, 2008	Legal System with emphasis on the Philippine Mining Act, Indigenous People's Rights Act and the Small Scale Mining Act	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. Officials	10	19	0	29
October 17-22, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Environmental Impact Assessment	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. Officials	10	19	0	29
October 20, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Thief resulted to riot and attempted ambush	RIDO	Marogong, Lanao del Sur	LGU of Marogong, Traditional leaders	18	0	18	0
October 20, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development	Barira, Shariff	Mediators,	10	2	12	0

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
		Services	Kabunsuan	Disputants				
October 22, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Understanding Environmental Conflict and Peace	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. officials	10	19	0	29
October 23, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on Disaster Management and Mitigation	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. Officials	10	19	0	29
October 22-27, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Picanan, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Gov. employee, Brgy. Officials, religious sector, IPs.	10	15	4	21
October, 22-27	Pilot On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Depore, Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers, Timuay, Teacher, BHW, CVO & Local Stakeholders	13	13		26
October 22-27, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Mahayahay, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, religious sector.	9	15	0	24

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
October 23, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Unintentional accident resulted to killings and grave threat	RIDO	Sultan Gumander LDS	LGU of Sultan Naga Dimapor, Nunungan and Sultan Gumander, Traditional leaders, Radapan elders	56	20	69	15
October 24, 2008	Seminar/Workshop for Local Facilitators on the Technology of Participation	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga del Sur	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. Officials	10	19	0	29
October 25 – November 3, 2008	Women Leadership Training Course	Bangsamoro Leadership and Management Institute (BLMI)	GJ Compound, Sultan Kudarat, Shariff Kabunsuan	CSO	14	36	50	0
October 28-30, 008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Kitaandagat, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, religious sector, government employee.	13	12	0	25
October 28-30, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Suminalum, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, Land owners,	12	14	0	26

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government, CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
				religious sector.				
October 29, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Reckless imprudence and political rivalry	RIDO	Barurao, Matanog, Maguindanao	LGU of Kapatagan, Traditional leaders of Matanog, PNP of Kapatagan, Military, Elders of Balabagan, Barangay Council of Balabagan	57	12	69	0
October 31, 2008	Facilitators Meeting	AID-LIFE	Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay	Government employees, religious sector, Brgy. Officials	10	14	0	24
November 2, 2008	Launching Radapan- Salsilah	RIDO	Birds Theater, Palao, Iligan City	Traditional and religious leaders, Farmer, Government employees, clan leaders	32	26	58	0
November 3- 5, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Kitaandagat, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, religious sector, government	13	12	0	25

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business) employee.	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
November 3-5, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Suminalum, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, Land owners, religious sector.	12	14	0	26
November 4, 2008	Signing of MOU with LGU of Salvador, Lanao del Norte	RIDO	Municipal Hall, Salavador, Lanao del Norte	Mayor, Vice Mayor, Municipal Council, Peace and order Committee	14	2	16	4
November 6 -11, 2008	Pilot On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Poblacion, Diplahan, Zamboanga Sibugay	Brgy. Officials, Workers, Church Worker, BHW & Local Stakeholders	13	10	0	23
November 7, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Land Disputes	RIDO	Balabagan, Lanao del Sur	Farmers, Traditional leaders, Religious leaders, Barangay Officials	120	60	180	0
November 11-16, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Liba, Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers, Timuay, Purok Pres, BHW, CVO & Local Stakeholders	23	8	0	31

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					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
November 12 – 17, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Poblacion, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	LGU employee, Brgy. Officials, rel. sector.	22	28	24	26
November 15, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of False accusation resulted to strapping and grave threat	RIDO	Baloi Lanao del Norte	Elders of Sultanate of Marawi, Religious leaders -Barangay Officials	60	10	70	0
November 17-22, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Sigacad, Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers, CVO & Local Stakeholders	15	16	0	31
November 17-22, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Datagan , Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers,CVO, Teacher, BNS, Purok Pres. & Local Stakeholders	14	12	0	26
November 18, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Lantawan, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	IPs, Brgy. Officials, Land owners, religious sector.	19	15	0	34
November 18-23, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Balukbahan , Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers,CVO, Timuay, BNS,	18	10	0	28

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
				Purok Pres. & Local Stakeholders				
November 18-23, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Salagmanok, Kumalarang, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Officials, IPs,	11	13	0	24
November 19-24, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Bobuan , Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers,CVO, Teacher, BNS, Purok Pres., Church Worker, SK Chairman & Local Stakeholders	13	16	0	29
November 20, 2008	Policy Advocacy	Integrated Development Services	Malabang, Lanao del Sur	MPOC	18	2	20	0
November 21, 2008	Final settlement of conflict of Debt resulted to riot and grave threat	RIDO	Tuca, Marawi City	Farmers, Government employee, Businessmen, Traditional leaders, Religious leaders, Barangay Officials	70	20	90	0

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
Nov 21, 2008	Policy Advocacy	Integrated Development Services	Barira, Shariff Kabunsuan	JUMPOC	30	1	31	0
Nov 26, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development Services	Matanog, Shariff Kabunsuan	Mediators, Disputants	12	4	16	0
Nov 27, 2008	Conflict Settlement	Integrated Development Services	Matanog, Shariff Kabunsuan	Mediators, Disputants	14	6	20	0
November 27- December 2,008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Deporehan , Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers,CVO, Pastor, Timuay, Teacher, Purok Pres. & Local Stakeholders	22	9	0	31
November 27- December 2, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Conacon , Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers,CVO, Timuay, BNS, Purok Pres., Church Worker, BHW & Local Stakeholders	22	9	0	31

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
December 3, 2008	Customary Laws	Integrated Development Services	Kapatagan, Lanao del Sur	Council of Elders	10	0	10	0
December 8-10, 2008	Enhancement of Conflict Resolution Skills & Documentation Processes	Integrated Development Services	Session Hall, Barira	JUMPOC	30	4	34	0
December 8 -13, 2008	On-site Barangay training/ workshop	AID-LIFE	Bantal , Bayog, Zamboanga del Sur	Brgy. Official, workers,CVO, Timuay, , SK Chairman & Local Stakeholders	20	9	0	29
December 9, 2008	Academe-facilitated Workshop on the GRP- MILF Peace Process: The MOA-AD and Beyond	University of the Philippines College of Law Faculty Development Foundation (UPLDF)	UP College of Law Faculty Lounge, Diliman, Quezon City	Academe	8	4	3	9
December 14, 2008	Presentation of Election Related Violence Project	TAF	Institute of Development Studies, MSU, Marawi City	Representatives of non-government and civil society organizations	65	43	38	72

Date	Event (Training/ Workshop/ Conference/ Large Meeting)	Grantee	Venue	Profile of Participants (e.g. government. CSO, business)	Number of Participants			
					Male	Female	Muslim	Christian
December 15, 2008	Project Meeting with RIDO on Election Related Violence Project	TAF	Ayala Resort Hotel, Marawi City	Representatives of non-government and civil society organizations	5	3	5	3
December 20-21, 2008	Enhancement of Conflict Resolution Skills & Documentation Processes	Integrated Development Services	SB Session Hall, Malabang, LDS	Council of Elders	25	0	25	0
December 29-30, 2008	Enhancement of Conflict Resolution Skills & Documentation Processes	Integrated Development Services	Matanog, Shariff Kabunsuan	Tumanor Council	15	7	22	0

Annex 2: Summary of Rido Cases Resolved (July-December 2008)

Province	City/Municipality	No. of Rido Cases	Causes	Killed	Injured
Lanao del Sur	Balabagan	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reckless imprudence • Political rivalry • Land dispute 	1	6
	Binidayan	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Misunderstanding 	1	2
	Buadi Puso	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abuse of Authority • Reckless imprudence 	1	1
	Butig	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murder • Political rivalry 	11	0
	Malabang	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thief • Marriage conflict • Debt • Harassment • Murder 	9	4
	Marawi	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debt • Miscommunication • Swindling of documents 	4	9
	Marantao	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homicide • Ransom and grave threat 	1	0
	Marogong	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land dispute • Thief • Murder • Political rivalry 	11	3
	Pualas	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slander • Marriage conflict 	2	6
	Sultan Gumander	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unintentional accident 	2	1
Lanao del Note	Baloi	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • False accusation 	0	2
	Poona Piagapo	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land dispute 	0	3
Shariff Kabunsuan	Matanog	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Murder • Debt • Land dispute 	11	0

Province	City/Municipality	No. of Rido Cases	Causes	Killed	Injured
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political rivalry 		
	Barira	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land dispute • Marriage conflict 	1	1
	Datu Blah Sinsuat	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land dispute • Political conflict • Inheritance conflict 	6	14
Maguindanao	Kabuntalan	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land dispute 	0	0
Total		36		61	52

Annex 3: Mindanao Business Council Peace Declaration

GRP-LGU-BUSINESS SECTOR DIALOGUE FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINDANAO

18 August 2008, 10AM-4PM

Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City

MINDANAO PEACE DECLARATION

Preamble

Whereas, the Mindanao Business Council is the umbrella organization of forty-two (42) chambers of commerce and twelve (12) Industry associations -- the voice of the business sector in Mindanao,

Whereas, the Mindanao Business Council is committed to promoting a business environment in Mindanao that addresses:

- ❖ poverty alleviation
- ❖ environmental security
- ❖ sustainable and responsible investments
- ❖ peace-building and conflict resolution in full support to the tri-people (*Lumad*, Moro, and Settler) of Mindanao,

Whereas, business investments do not follow geographic boundaries, respect all colors of race and beliefs, and collaborates in a socially-responsible and culturally-sensitive way with all stakeholders,

Whereas, peace in Mindanao is vital to the sustainability of business investments that contribute to the socio-economic upliftment and continued political stability of the region, and to over-all national development,

Whereas, cross-sector partnerships between business, government, and civil society; churches, professional organizations media, and private citizens remain absolutely essential in building peace and preventing or resolving conflict in Mindanao,

Whereas, the Mindanao Business Council seeks to harmonize the aspirations and expressions of solidarity of Mindanao business to ensure sustainable and responsible investments,

Whereas, present conflicts in Mindanao call for open dialogue, conflict resolution, and negotiations that will provide a lasting solution for sustainable peace,

Now, Therefore,

**WE, THE MINDANAO BUSINESS SECTOR AND PRIVATE CITIZENS
proclaim,**

THIS PEACE DECLARATION is a common stand of the Mindanao business community to the end that every individual and organization -- keeping this Declaration constantly in mind -- shall strive to promote cooperation and support of sustainable measures, national and local, to secure peace and stability In Mindanao.

Article 1.

The Mindanao business sector has a responsibility to promote the primary objectives of providing a substantive foundation for dialogue and support of peace that shall address the expectations of the business sector with government and mutually the expectations of government with business by way of corresponding actions.

Article 2.

The objective of conflict resolution, healing and reconciliation is pursued as a vehicle for the pursuit of economic, environmental, political, social and moral sustainability measures for the successful implementation of peace initiatives in Mindanao. These sustainability measures are the following –

- An economic development framework that is anchored on cultural sensitivity and mutual respect.
- Continuous, conscious and sincere efforts to put in place supportive enabling environment (i.e. local ordinances, operational structures and mechanisms that enhance transparent and accountable governance, peoples' participation in policy-making and decision-making process, among others).

Article 3.

Measures are taken to combat the following issues that hinder the realization of the desired economic development envisioned by the business sector --

- Conflict and the peace process
- Education gap
- Livelihood concerns
- And the general perception of inequality and social injustice obtaining in Mindanao.

Article 4.

Actions for peace that promotes Mindanao as safe destination for investments are initiated and supported at the international, national and local levels as follows –

- Information dissemination and consultative dialogue that will lead to a greater understanding of the current and future situation of Mindanao in order to grasp the context that which can be and will be accomplished by the business sector.
- Pursue the cessation of all forms of hostilities thru peaceful processes.

Article 5.

Support systems for peace initiatives shall be undertaken by Mindanao stakeholders as follows –

❖ Local Government

- Creating, activating and capacitating Mindanao Stakeholders Commission that will become part of the review of the MOA AD in order that the provisions are acceptable and doable.
- Pursue programs and projects like the “Invest in Peace” Program that emanates from multi-stakeholder consultative and consensus building processes.

❖ National Government

- Commit to support any reasonable programs together with the academe, government, civil society, etc. in providing solutions to: education for the BangsaMoro, uplifting the lives of the peoples, and providing the means to realize higher levels of economic advancement.
- Consultation with all Indigenous Peoples in Mindanao in the peace process
- The MOA AD should be used as a tool in leveling the field for all actors in the peace process.

❖ Business Sector

- Strengthen private sector initiative and participation in the peace process in order to identify opportunities for livelihood enterprises and other poverty reduction interventions that can be carried out in cooperation with local government units and civil society organizations.
- Explore programs that will promote marketing and business networking among all productive players in Mindanao.
- Identify measures that will promote and safeguard existing and future investments should be incorporated in the MOA AD

❖ Civil Society

The Academe shall:

- Pursue science education for peace
- Conduct assessment of all policy issuances on peace and its prospects
- Review the curriculum on history and policy studies as tools for peace programs.
- All other civil society organizations (i.e. non-government organizations, religious sector, women, etc.) be consulted and made active participants in the peace negotiations.

❖ Development Aid Agencies

- All foreign funded interventions that promote socio-economic development of Mindanao should observe tri-people's options and decisions.

Article 6.

The Mindanao Business Council serves as the host for the Peace Dialogues to support the recommendations of this Declaration and to engage the business community in Mindanao and the Philippines and the governmental leadership accordingly.