



# MAGUINDANAO PEACE ADVOCATES [MPA]

## Terminal Report



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**“C.H.A.M.P and S.A.F.E for  
Maguindanao Province on  
May 13, 2013 Elections”  
Project**

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# *List of Acronyms*

<b>ABPSD</b>	Alliance of Bangsamoro for Peace and Sustainable Development
<b>AFP</b>	Armed Forces of the Philippines
<b>ARMM</b>	Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao
<b>AUSAID</b>	Australian Agency for International Development
<b>BCJP</b>	Bangsamoro Center for Just Peace
<b>BDA</b>	Bangsamoro Development Agency
<b>BEI</b>	Board of Election Inspectors
<b>BIFM</b>	Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement
<b>BWSF</b>	Bangsamoro Women Solidarity Forum
<b>C-CARE</b>	Citizens Coalition for ARMM Electoral Reforms
<b>CCPDI</b>	Cotabato Center for Peace and Development Initiatives, Inc.
<b>CCPO</b>	Cotabato City Police Office
<b>CFC</b>	Coalition for Change
<b>COMELEC</b>	Commission on Election
<b>CSO</b>	Civil Society Organization
<b>DEPED</b>	Department of Education
<b>DYMAMIN</b>	Development Youth Movement Assembly in Mindanao, Inc.
<b>ERV</b>	Election-Related Violence
<b>EU</b>	European Union
<b>IBP</b>	Integrated Bar of the Philippines
<b>KABALIKAT CIVICOM</b>	Kabalikat Civic Communicators Association
<b>KASAMA</b>	Kaumapiya sa Mindanao, Inc.
<b>LGU</b>	Local Government Unit
<b>LIPAD</b>	Local Initiative for Peace and Development in Mindanao, Inc.
<b>LYASDI</b>	Liguasan Youth Association for Sustainable Development, Inc.
<b>MAPAD</b>	Mindanao Action for Peace and Development Initiatives, Inc.
<b>MBLT</b>	Marine Battalion Landing Team
<b>MILF</b>	Moro Islamic Liberation Front
<b>MNLF</b>	Moro National Liberation Front
<b>MPA</b>	Maguindanao Peace Advocates
<b>MWDECC</b>	Moro Women Development and Cultural Center, Inc.
<b>NETDEV</b>	Bangsamoro Network Development, Inc.
<b>NGO</b>	Non-Government Organization
<b>NIMSA</b>	Neo-Iranun Multi-Sectoral Association, Inc.
<b>NP</b>	Nonviolent Peaceforce
<b>PAKAT</b>	Pagungayan Ame so mga Kangudan Antapan ko kamapiyaan ago kad Tatabanga
<b>PNP</b>	Philippine National Police
<b>PPCRV</b>	Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting
<b>RRUC</b>	Regional Reconciliation and Unification Commission
<b>RSOTG</b>	Regional Special Operation Task Group

**SEED FOUNDATION**

**TAF**

**TASBIKKA**

**TMU**

**UNYPAD**

**UPDI**

Sustainable Education and Enterprise Development Foundation

The Asia Foundation

Tabang Ako Siyap ko Bangsa Iranun saya ko Kalilintad ago

Kapamagayon

Traffic Management Unit

United Youth for Peace and Development, Inc.

United Professional Development Initiatives, Inc.



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## *Executive Summary*

This Terminal Report covers the period from March 1 to August 31, 2013 for the implementation of Clean, Honest, Accountable, Meaningful and Peaceful (CHAMP) and Secure and Fair Elections (SAFE) for Maguindanao Province in May 2013 Elections Project implemented by Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA) as spearheaded by Mindanao Action for Peace and Development (MAPAD) Initiatives, Inc. with funding support from The Asia Foundation (TAF) and Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID).

This project was implemented in the Province of Maguindanao where violence and fraud are prevalent during the conduct of national or local elections. It has even earned the tag as “cheating capital” of the Philippines due to widespread manipulation of electoral machineries in order to secure votes. It is also known to be one of the poorest provinces in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and is vulnerable to both armed conflicts and natural calamities.

The MPA was organized in order to help minimize the occurrence of election-related violence in Maguindanao, in partnership and coordination with the security sectors, election monitoring groups and other stakeholders that are concerned with ensuring peace and security in the province. This is also in line with the effort of the incumbent ARMM administration for electoral and political reforms.

The MPA is the main implementor of this project which over-all objective is to help promote a clean, honest, accountable, meaningful, peace, secure and fair May 2013 elections in Maguindanao.

Specifically, this project sought to:

1. Continue the promotion and advocacy of MPA for CHAMP and SAFE 2013 in the communities;
2. Monitor and mitigate cases of election-related violence and incidence in the identified high risks areas in the Province of Maguindanao during the May 13, 2013 Midterm Elections and beyond; and
3. Sustain and strengthen linkages, cooperation and collaboration among Security Sectors, LGUs, line agencies, NGOs, and community members for electoral reforms.

To implement this project, the following activities were conducted: formal launching of MPA; coordination meetings; peace covenant signing and candidates fora; posting of campaign and advocacy materials; peace and security summits; consultation meetings and conflict mapping; organizational development and capacity building activities; monitoring of election-related violence (ERVs); actual mitigation of conflict or rido; and strategic planning.

The Philippine National Police (PNP), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Citizens Coalition for Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao Electoral Reforms (C-CARE), Regional Reconciliation and Unification Commission (RRUC) and Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV) were MPA's active partners in the successful implementation of these activities.

The major accomplishment of this project was the successful conduct of the May 13, 2013 elections where no major election-related violence broke and no failure of elections happened. This was cited by President Benigno S. Aquino III in his fourth State of the Nation Address (SONA) last July

22. The successful and peaceful election was attributed to the collective efforts and diligence among the civil society organizations and the security forces which coordination ties have been strongly established through this project.

Upon completion of the project, the MPA conducted Strategic Planning to set its direction and sustainability plans for the next three years - from 2014 to 2016.





## I. BACKGROUND

### A. Project Description

The Asia Foundation is implementing a strategic partnership with AusAID called ***Coalitions for Change (CFC)*** program. Under the *CFC Mindanao component*, one of the outcome areas is **improving governance outcomes in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)** that contributes and supports the attainment of long-term stability and development in conflict-affected areas of Mindanao.

The project employs a multi-stakeholder engagement strategy that builds on the networks and partnerships established and strengthened in previous programs on electoral reform, local governance, and conflict management.

Under the objective of improving electoral processes in the ARMM, the Foundation supports a series of activities that will address the incidence of election-related violence, through its local partners that are well-positioned in selected provinces in Mindanao.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) is mandated to lead the efforts in implementing the project, “Secure and Fair Elections 2013”. However, increasing their visibility and jurisdiction in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao is a huge challenge that is even recognized by the PNP themselves. Hence, the local conditions combined with the limited capacities of the PNP to respond to the existing conflict dynamics in election hot spots in Mindanao, the Asia Foundation shall support a coalition who shall drive the process and implement activities that shall prevent election-related violence in conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. The Foundation posits that by enhancing and strengthening the efforts of the electoral stakeholders – community composed of traditional and religious leaders, civil society and advocacy groups, the PNP and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) – in mitigating and resolving conflicts, a stable and peaceful environment for election process will be established and election-related violence will be reduced in areas considered as election hot spots.

In the Province of Maguindanao, clan feuding or rido between clans is identified to be the primary cause of violence during the election period. In the Partners Meeting on Addressing Election-related violence conducted by the Foundation in January 2013, 20 out of 36 municipalities were identified as high risk areas due to the presence of existing clan feuds within these territories that are still unresolved, particularly between the families of rival politicians who are anticipated to go against each other this May 2013 elections. Moreover, the presence of threat groups – Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement (BIFM) in some areas that are considered hotspots; including the presence of lawless groups that reside in the areas also provide a challenging environment for law enforcement, which put the security of the overall electoral process at risk.

Given this context, a grant is provided to Mindanao Action for Peace and Development (MAPAD) Initiatives, Inc. to spearhead and support the variety of activities of the coalition – Maguindanao Peace Advocates for CHAMP and SAFE 2013 – under the project, C.H.A.M.P and S.A.F.E for Maguindanao Province in May 13, 2013 elections.

## B. The Implementing Partners/Responsible Partners

### 1. The Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA)

The **Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA)** is a coalition of nineteen (19) active civil society organizations working for the promotion and advocacy for Clean, Honest, Accountable, Meaningful, and Peaceful (CHAMP) and Secure and Fair Election (SAFE 2013) in the Province of Maguindanao. It was organized on January 10, 2013 together with its partners - The Asia Foundation (TAF), Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), Commission on Election (COMELEC), Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) and Philippine National Police (PNP).

Below are the 19 active Civil Society Organizations:

- a. Alliance of Bangsamoro for Peace and Sustainable Development (ABPSD)
- b. Bangsamoro Center for Just Peace (BCJP)
- c. Bangsamoro Network Development, Inc. (NETDEV)
- d. Bangsamoro Women Solidarity Forum (BWSF)
- e. Cotabato Center for Peace and Development. Initiatives, Inc. (CCPDI)
- f. Development Youth Movement Assembly in Mindanao, Inc. (DYMAMIN)
- g. Kabalikat Civic Communicators Association (KABALIKAT CIVICOM)
- h. Kaumpiya sa Mindanao, Inc. (KASAMA)
- i. Liguasan Youth Association for Sustainable Development, Inc. (LYASDI)
- j. Local Initiative for Peace & Development in Mindanao, Inc. (LIPAD)
- k. Mindanao Action for Peace and Development (MAPAD) Initiatives, Inc.
- l. Moro Women Development and Cultural Center, Inc. (MWDECC)
- m. Neo-Iranun Multi-Sectoral Association, Inc. (NIMSA)
- n. Pagungayan Ame so mga Kangudan Antapan ko kamapiyaan ago kad Tatabanga (PAKAT)
- o. Sustainable Education & Enterprise Development Foundation, Inc. (SEED Foundation)
- p. Sindaw ko Kalilintad (Light of Peace)
- q. Tabang Ako Siyap ko Bangsa Iranun saya ko Kalilintad ago Kapamagayon, Inc. (TASBIKKA)
- r. United Professional Development Initiatives, Inc. (UPDI)
- s. United Youth for Peace and Development, Inc. (UNYPAD)

#### List of MPA Officers

POSITION	NAME
Coordinator	Samsodin C. Amella
Co-Coordinator	Moslemin A. Abas
Secretary:	Joel R. Cadeliña
Treasurer:	Anwar Z. Saluwang
Auditor:	Tumaritib M. Tanggote
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Project Officer	Baina T. Samayatin

## 2. The Mindanao Action for Peace and Development (MAPAD) Initiatives, Inc.

The MAPAD Initiatives, Inc. spearheaded and supported the variety of activities of the coalition – Maguindanao Peace Advocates for CHAMP and SAFE 2013 – under the project, C.H.A.M.P and S.A.F.E for Maguindanao Province in May 13, 2013 elections.

The MAPAD Initiatives is a civil society organization principally based in Cotabato City that designs and implements an array of programs and services, in adherence to the framework of peace, justice and reconciliation, which directly assist grassroots and vulnerable communities and sectors in the different areas of Mindanao, including the war-torn areas. It is primarily aimed at promoting culture of peace in the local communities, enhancing local capacities for peacebuilding and conflict resolution, and upholding human rights and international humanitarian law especially in times of armed conflict and societal unrest. MAPAD Initiatives started as a project in 2007 implemented by the United Youth for Peace and Development (UNYPAD) and by the Bangsamoro Development Authority (BDA) in partnership with the European Union (EU) and the Accion Contra el Hambre (ACH International) which assisted 170,000 displaced civilians in the most vulnerable municipalities of Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Lanao del Sur, the intensity of which heightened during the outbreak of war in 2008 after the botched agreement on ancestral domain between the Philippine government and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. Upon the closure of the project three years after, the implementing partners developed it to become an incorporated organization under the Philippine laws through the Securities and Exchange Commission given its overwhelming impact upon the communities, hence, its subsequent registration in December 2010. As an institution, MAPAD Initiatives becomes a convergence of hope and prosperity for the ordinary civilians whose lives, properties, and dreams were constantly prejudiced by the lingering conflict in Mindanao. It continues to move by its mission to develop and implement initiatives that unite and capacitate Mindanaoans to become peace advocates, conflict mediators, human rights defenders and catalysts of peace and development in Mindanao.

## 3. Project Implementation and Management

The main implementer of the project is the Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA). To ensure the full and proper implementation of the project, a Project Officer, from the Moro Women Development and Cultural Center, Inc. (MWDECC), and a Bookkeeper are designated. They are under the direct supervision of the MPA Coordinator.

## II. OUTPUTS AND RESULTS

The MPA has implemented activities even before the signing of contract and downloading of budget such as coordination meetings with COMELEC, AFP and PNP; regular monitoring and updating of election-related violence through weekly meetings, and Peace Covenant Signing in partnership with COMELEC and PNP.



## A. Establishment and Launching of MPA

(See Annex 2 for the Proceedings)



The Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA) for CHAMP-SAFE 2013 was established on January 10, 2013. Its formal launching ceremony was held thereafter on April 4, 2013 at Alnor Convention Center, Sinsuat Avenue, Barangay Rosary Heights 9, Cotabato City. The launching program was composed of 2 parts, i.e. Part 1: Motorcade, and Part 2: Launching Proper Program

### **Motorcade**

The motorcade started at 7:15 am led by Traffic Management Unit (TMU) of Cotabato City Police Office (CCPO). The said motorcade was participated by 23 civil society organizations and RSOTG headed by PSSupt Alberto Supapo. They assembled in and left off from Cotabato City Plaza. The route of the motorcade was Sinsuat Avenue, Quezon Avenue, Don Rufino Alonzo Street, Bonifacio Street, Sinsuat Avenue, Gov. Gutierrez Avenue, Bishop Mongeau Street, down to Notre Dame Village and going out to Lebak Terminal, Sinsuat Avenue and ends at Al-nor Convention Center. There were 15 private vehicles from civil society organizations and four (4) PNP mobile vehicles used in the said motorcade. This does not include yet the number of motorbikes by private individuals and the PNP. The motorcade reached the final destination at exactly 8am.

### **Program Proper**

The program formally started at 9am. The twenty three (23) member-organizations coming from 36 municipalities in the Province of Maguindanao were present together with MPA's partner agencies such as Commission on Election (COMELEC), Philippine National Police (PNP), Philippine Army, Philippine Marines (MBLT-1), Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV), Integrated Bar of the Philippines (IBP), Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP), The Asia Foundation (TAF) and Media. A total number of 376 participants attended the said activity, broken down as follows:

AGENCY/ORGANIZATION	TOTAL # PARTICIPANTS
MPA Member Organizations	268
MPA Partner Agencies/Orgs.	32
COMELEC	5
PNP	52
AFP	5
PPCRV	5
Nonviolent Peaceforce	2
IBP-Cotabato Chapter	1
Media	5
TAF	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>376</b>



The highlights of this launching were: the message delivered by the Keynote Speaker, Atty. Ray Francisco Sumalipao, the Regional Election Director of COMELEC – ARMM; oath taking of the MPA Officers and Members, and Signing of Pledge of Support.

## B. Coordination Meetings



Series of Coordination meetings was already done prior to the approval of the project. On April 11, 2013, a Coordination Meeting was held with the Commission on Election (COMELEC), Armed Forces of the Philippines, 6<sup>th</sup> ID (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), and Department of Education (DepED). It was held at Archbishop Mongeau Center, Sinsuat Avenue, Cotabato City.

The participation of Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA) in the monitoring and mitigation of election related violence in the coming election was presented to the body.

## C. Regular/Weekly Meetings

The Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA) regular meetings were conducted every week, either Thursday or Friday. One of the regular agenda was the updating and reporting of every MPA member organizations of the election related violence (ERVs) happening in their areas of responsibility. The Philippine National Police (PNP) was also present during the meetings.

All monitored/documented election related violence (ERVs) that required immediate action were reported to security sectors and Commission on Election (COMELEC) for their appropriate/necessary action.



## D. Peace Covenant Signing and Candidates Education Fora

The MPA actively participated in the “signing of peace covenant” events in the 13 priority municipalities of Maguindanao Province which were facilitated by Commission on Election (COMELEC) and Philippine National Police (PNP). Schedules of the signing were as follows:

DATE	MUNICIPALITY
January 11, 2013	Parang
January 22, 2013	Shariff Aguak
January 24, 2013	Datu Piang
January 29, 2013	Datu Abdullah Sangki
January 30, 2013	Ampatuan
February 5, 2013	Datu Hoffer
February 16, 2013	Datu Saudi Ampatuan
February 21, 2013	Mamasapano
March 1, 2013	Shariff Saidona Mustapha
March 14, 2013	Datu Unsay
March 14, 2013	Talitay
March 26, 2013	Datu Montawal
April 2, 2013	Rajah Buayan



On April 11, 2013, a Candidates Education Forum for the municipality of Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun was held at Municipal Gymnasium, Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun. There were 105 registered participants who attended the said activity. All of the 18 electoral candidates were present as well as 1 platoon of AFP and 7 PNP.

On May 3, 2013, the MPA participated in the conduct of Regional Candidates Forum held at Alnor Convention Center, Sinsuat Avenue, Rosary Heights 9, Cotabato City in partnership with Citizens Coalition for ARMM Electoral

Reforms (C-CARE). There were sixty (63) officers and members of MPA who attended the activity.

#### E. Campaign and Advocacy Materials

A call for **Clean, Honest, Accountable, Meaningful and Peaceful (CHAMP) and Secure and Fair Election (SAFE) 2013** was developed and printed in tarpaulin. It was distributed and posted in the thirty six (36) municipalities of Maguindanao Province. It was posted near the PNP station and strategic locations in every municipality. The posting was done in coordination with the security sectors particularly the Philippine National Police (PNP) and Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) assigned in every municipality.



## F. Clustered Municipal Stakeholders Peace and Security Summit

The conduct of Clustered Municipal Stakeholders Peace and Security Summit started from April 22, 2013 to May 6, 2013. Below are the details of the conducted summits:

CLUSTERED MUNICIPALITIES	DATE CONDUCTED	VENUE	COMPOSITION OF PARTICIPANTS	RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS
Parang and Matanog	April 22, 2013	Parang Gym, Parang, Maguindanao	COMELEC-1, DepED-1, AFP-2, PNP-5, LGU-32, PPCRV Volntrs-43, CSOs/NGOs-48, MPA Mem/Oftrs-8, Community-86 Male-170 Female-56	TASBIKKA, NETDEV and Sindaw ko Kalilintad
Barira and Buldon	April 23, 2013	Parang Gym, Parang, Maguindanao	COMELEC-2, DepED-9, AFP-3, PNP-4, LGU-4, PPCRV Volntrs-47, CSOs/NGOs-68, MPA Mem/Oftrs-9, Community-87 Male-158 Female-75	NIMSA, PAKAT and Sindaw ko Kalilintad
Guindulungan and Talitay	April 25, 2013	Municipal Hall, Guindulungan, Maguindanao	COMELEC-1, DepED-2, AFP-2, PNP-5, LGU-8, CSOs/NGOs-13, MPA Mem/Oftrs-9, Community-159 Male-121 Female-78	KASAMA and UNYPHIL-Women
Datu Montawal	April 25, 2013	Mun. Covert Court, Datu Montawal, Maguindanao	COMELEC-1, DepED-2, AFP-25, PNP-7, LGU-3, NP-1, MPA Mem/Oftrs-13, Community-96 Male-95 Female-53	CCPDI, LIPAD and BWSF
Pagalungan	April 25, 2013	Mun. Covert Court, Pob. Pagalungan, Maguindanao	DepED-3, PNP-15, LGU/LGA-13, NP-1, MPA Mem/Oftrs-10, Community-62 Male-53 Female-51	CCPDI, LIPAD and BWSF
Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun (clustered with Paglat & Pandag muns.)	April 25, 2013	Municipal Gym, Paglat, Maguindanao	DepED-1, AFP-8, PNP-2, LGU/LGA-8, MPA Mem/Oftrs-15, Community-110 Male-119 Female-25	LYASDI & UPDI
Sultan sa Barongis	April 25, 2013	ABC Session Hall, Pob. Barurao, SSB, Maguindanao	DepED-2, AFP-2, PNP-3, LGU/LGA-39, CSOs/NGOs-8, MPA Mem/Oftrs-5, Community-109 Male-133 Female-35	BCJP
Datu Piang & Datu Saudi Ampatuan	April 29, 2013	Datu Piang National HS, Buayan, Datu Piang, Mag.	DepED-2, AFP-49, PNP-2, LGU-2 PPCRV Volntrs-21, CSOs/NGOs-33 MPA Mem/Oftrs-5Community-189 Male-252 Female-51	MWDECC and MIYM



Shariff Aguak & Shariff Saidona Mustapha	April 29, 2013	Municipal Gym, Shariff Aguak, Maguindanao	AFP-20, PNP-1, LGU-28, PPCRV Volntrs-3, CSOs/NGOs-13, MPA Mem/Oftrs-11, Community-157 Male-195 Female-38	MAPAD Initiatives and KABALIKAT CIVICOM
Ampatuan & Datu Abdullah Sangki	May 2, 2013	Mun. Covert Court, Ampatuan, Maguindanao	DepED-2, PNP-1, LGU-3, PPCRV Volntrs-55, CSOs/NGOs-4, MPA Mem/Oftrs-7, Community-138 Male-164 Female-46	UNYPAD and BCJP
Mamasapano & Rajah Buayan	May 6, 2013	Municipal Gym, Mamasapano, Maguindanao	COMELEC-2, DepED-5, PNP-3 AFP-16, LGU-47, PPCRV Volntrs-15 CSOs/NGOs-18, MPA Mem/Oftrs-4, Community-95 Male-165 Female-40	SEED Foundation and UNYPAD
Datu Unsay & Datu Hoffer	May 7, 2013	Datu Hoffer Municipal Conference Hall	AFP-35, PNP-6, LGU-5, CSOs/NGOs-8, MPA Mem/Oftrs-5, Community-142 Male-134 Female-67	ABPSD and DYMAMIN

The municipalities of Datu Montawal and Pagalungan were not clustered due to political conflict between the leaders and candidates of the two municipalities. In the case of Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun and Sultan sa Barongis municipalities, distance was considered. It was difficult and more expensive to gather participants in one place due to distance.

The following were the common issues related to peace and security raised during the summits, among others:

- Security and safety of the voters, teachers and BEIs during the actual election;
- Where to report in case that there will be suspicious persons or activities;
- What is the guarantee that the military can immediately respond when a violence happened in which they are 50 meters away from the polling places;
- What will be the assurance that brown-out or sabotage for the election will not happen;
- Are the security sectors ready for the conduct of election 2013?; and
- Possible hot spot areas.



The main problem encountered by some clusters/teams during the conduct of the peace and security summit was the absence of the COMELEC. Some Election Officers refused to attend the activity for the reason that they don't know what to talk about and that they are not so much aware on the situation of their municipality. This is due to the swapping of their area of responsibilities. The teams asked the DepED officers or representatives to give the election

briefing and answer the issues and concerns that will be raised by the participants.



## G. Consultation Meetings and Conflict Mapping

The Consultation Meetings and Conflict Mapping with the political and community leaders of the twenty (20) priority municipalities of Maguindanao Province were conducted starting from May 5-12, 2013. Below are some of the identified hotspot areas and conflicting parties including the background of the conflict and recommended solutions:



HOT SPOT AREAS	CONFLICTING PARTIES	ROOT CAUSES/BACKGROUND	RECOMMENDED SOLUTIONS
Pagalungan	Tumanong and Bago Clans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the evening of April 29, 2013, 7:00 PM, Datu Ali Tumanong was shot at his house in Galakit, Pagalungan, Maguindanao.</li> <li>Saudi Bago, first cousin of the victim, has been seen as the primary suspect for perpetrating the said crime.</li> </ul>	Rapid Response/ Conflict mitigation of MPA
Datu Piang	Hadji Abas Kuranding and Brgy. Chairman Datu Puti	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is already rido/grudge between the two. Armed clashes this year already happened</li> <li>Barangays of Duaminanga, Kitapok &amp; Dado of Datu Piang; and Brgy. Lumopog of Midsayap will be affected if there will be an encounter between the 2 conflicting parties</li> </ul>	Number of assigned security sectors must be increased
Datu Saudi Ampatuan		Possibility of bombing by the other groups/PAGs due to the present of military	AFP must be scattered. They should be in 2 layers position
	Tamano Mamalapat vs. Datuwata	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tamano is MILF supporter/ member and a cousin of MILF Brigade Commander and Battalion Commander's brother</li> <li>Datuwata is Vice-mayorality bet of 118th Base commander H. Wahid and MNLF member</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Task Force Ittihad of MILF can intervene</li> <li>Coordination with the security sectors</li> <li>Strong military security in Pendililang Elementary School</li> </ul>
Brgy. Macasampen, Guindulungan	The first Municipal Councilor of Guindulungan vs. unidentified group	There was an incident of bombing in Brgy. Macasampen that resulted to the death of its Barangay Chairman named Salindatu Laguiamuda on April 25, 2013.	Intervention of AFP, MILF and leaders within the family

Brgy. Tambunan, Guindulungan	The two Mayor candidates	There is a scenario that if the two Mayor candidates can't control their supporters during and after the election, it will trigger to the possible conflict.	Intervention of AFP and PNP
Buldon	Abolais Manalao vs. Fatima Ruth Tomawis	Politically motivated conflict	Intervention of COMELEC and Security Sectors
Barira	Abdulrahman Dagalangit Tomawis vs. Jun Macarimbang Jr.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Grudge between their supporters</li> <li>➤ Politically motivated due to election-related violence, vote buying, allowing flying voters, and the participation of Barangay LGU forcing the voters to vote BLGUs own candidate</li> </ul>	Intervention of COMELEC and Security Sectors
Parang	Abo vs. Ibay	Due to the politics, way back to the 2010 election	Intervention of COMELEC and Security Sectors
Matanog	Imam vs. Guro	Due to the politics, way back to the 2010 election	Intervention of COMELEC and Security Sectors

## H. Election-Related Violence (ERVs) Monitoring

(See Annex 3 for the Details of Monitored ERVs)

### 1. May 13, 2013 Midterm Election

On May 13, 2013, three (3) Roving Teams were organized to monitor election-related violence (ERVs) happened during the actual conduct of election. Below were the compositions of the Roving Teams:

TEAM	ROUTE		ORGANIZATION
Team 1	<b>South &amp; North Bound:</b>		<b>Lead:</b> TASBIKKA  Sindaw Ko Kalilintad, PPCRV N. Upi, UNYPHIL, NIMSA, NETDEV, PAKAT, PPCRV South
	1. Barira 2. Buldon 3. Parang 4. Matanog	5. Sultan Kudarat 6. Sultan Mastura 7. North Upi 8. South Upi	
Team 2	<b>East Bound:</b>		<b>Lead:</b> LIPAD  MAPAD, CCPDI, UPDI, BWSF, KASAMA, LYASDI
	1. Northern Kabuntalan 2. Pagalungan 3. Datu Montawal 4. Datu Paglas 5. Buluan	6. Paglat 7. Pandag 8. Mangudadatu 9. Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun	

<b>Team 3</b>	<b><i>Southeast Bound:</i></b>		<b><i>Lead:</i></b> UNYPAD
	1. Datu Odin Sinsuat 2. Mother Kabuntalan 3. Talayan 4. Talitay 5. Datu Anggal Midtimbang 6. Guindulungan 7. Datu Saudi Ampatuan 8. Datu Salibo 9. Datu Piang	10. Datu Unsay 11. Ampatuan 12. Shariff Saidona 13. Datu Hoffer 14. Mamasapano 15. Shariff Aguak 16. Rajah Buayan 17. Sultan sa Barongis 18. Datu Abdullah Sangki	MWDECC, MIYM, DYMAMIM

## **2. Voters' Registration for Barangay Election**

On July 22-31, 2013, the MPA also monitored election-related violence during the conduct of Voters' Registration for the Barangay Election in the twenty (20) priority barangays in Maguindanao Province.

## **I. Organizational Development and Capacity Building Activities**

*(See Annex 4 for the Proceedings)*

There were five (5) capacity building activities/trainings conducted and facilitated by MPA as of August 31, 2013, i.e. Training on Early Warning and Early Response (2 batches); Basic Accounting and Financial Management (2 phases), and Negotiation and Mediation.

### **1. Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) Training**



On April 7, 2013, **Training on Early Warning and Early Response (EWER)-First Batch** was conducted in partnership with Nonviolent Peaceforce (NP) and PNP held at Sardonyx Plaza, Gov. Gutierrez, Rosary Heights 7, Cotabato City. It was participated by 20 male and 13 female participants coming from the MPA member organizations; 4 male and 1 female participants from MPA

partner organizations; and 2 male participants from PNP with a total of 40 participants. This training aimed to develop the capacities, skills and knowledge of MPA officers and members in relation to Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) in the context of election-related conflict.

The **Second Batch of Training on Early Warning and Early Response (EWER)** was held on May 6, 2013 at NP Training Center, Gen. Luna St., Rosary Heights 4, Cotabato City. It was participated by 15 male and 12 female participants from the MPA member organizations. It was also conducted in partnership with NP and PNP. PSSupt Alberto C. Supapo, DRDO &



RSOTG Commander of Maguindanao Province gave input on **Security Context** in Maguindanao Province.

## **2. Accounting and Financial Management Training**

On June 1-2, 2013, the training on **Basic Accounting and Financial Management (Phase 1)** was conducted at KFI Training Center, Poblacion 4, Cotabato City. It was participated by 12 male and 15 female participants from the MPA member organizations. This activity aimed to capacitate the MPA member organizations with basic knowledge and skills on Accounting and Financial Management, and develop each organization's financial systems and procedures.



The **Training on Microsoft Office Excel Automation for Nonprofit Accounting Application (Phase 2)** was held on June 22-23, 2013 at NP Training Center, Gen. Luna St., Rosary Heights 4, Cotabato City. It was participated by 11 male and 15 female participants from the MPA member organizations. Each participant configured blank MS Excel Workbook into a functional automated accounting system that generates financial statements from journal entries, i.e. 1) Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances; 2) Statement of Revenues and Expenses; and 3) Statement of Cash Flows.

## **3. Negotiation and Mediation Training**



The **Training on Negotiation and Mediation** was conducted on August 30-31, 2013 held at Alnor Convention Center, Sinsuat Avenue, Barangay Rosary Heights 9, Cotabato City. It was participated by 22 male and 10 female participants from MPA member organizations with a total of 30 participants. The Philippine National Police (PNP) also participated on the said seminar-workshop. This activity was conducted to enhance the knowledge

and skills of participants on conflict negotiation and mediation.



**J. Actual Settlement of Rido/Rapid Response**  
(See Annex 5 for the Activity Completion Reports)

**1. Tumanong-Bago Clans Conflict**

On June 27, 2013, a Kanduli and Peace Covenant Signing was conducted to finally seal the conflict between the Tumanong and Bago Clans held at Barangay Captain Compound, Galakit Pagalungan Maguindanao. The activity was spearheaded by Local Initiatives for Peace and Development in Mindanao (LIPAD). There were 212 total registered persons who attended the said activity. Below is the composition of those who attended the activity:



Name of Organization	Male	Female	Total
LGU	8		<b>8</b>
Community	54	35	<b>89</b>
Bago Family	22	11	<b>33</b>
Tumanong Family	29	17	<b>46</b>
MPA Officers & Members	27	1	<b>28</b>
Nonviolent Peace Force	2	0	<b>2</b>
RRUC	1	0	<b>1</b>
TAF	1	0	<b>1</b>
PNP Pagalungan	4	0	<b>4</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>212</b>

**2. Conflict Management for Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun**



On June 16, 2013, a Healing Kanduli and Peace Covenant Signing for the winner and defeated candidates of the municipality of Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun was conducted and spearheaded by Liguasan Youth Association for Sustainable Development, Inc. (LYASDI) at Mayor Pendatun Residence, Gen. Salipada K. Pendatun, Maguindanao. It was attended by 200 total individuals. Among with them were 18 AFP, 7 PNP and 16

politicians (both winner and defeated).

## K. MPA Strategic Planning

*(See Annex 6 for the Strategic Planning Proceedings)*



On August 18-21, 2013, the MPA conducted a **Strategic Planning** held at Mountain Lake Eco-Resort, Lake Sebu, South Cotabato. It was participated by all the MPA member organizations, MPA officers and its partners, i.e. PNP, AFP and PPCRV. There were 37 total persons attended the said strategic planning. Among with them are 10 female and 30 male participants. Four (4) of them came from PNP and Philippine Army (61D).

The main output of the activity was the draft Vision, Mission, Goals, Objectives, and Programs and Services. The body also decided that the final name of the coalition will remain the same as Maguindanao Peace Advocates (MPA) and will still remain as a loose coalition, which is no need to register with Security and Exchange Commission (SEC). A Styling Committee was formed in order to finalize the results of the strategic planning including the structure.

On August 29, 2013, the Styling Committee met to finalize the VMGO, Programs and Services, and Structure of MPA for three (3) years, from 2014-2016.

Below are the results of the Strategic Planning:

<b>VISION</b>	Bangsamoro communities working together towards a government whose leaders are elected in deceit- and coercion- free elections, strict adherent to the rule of law, God-fearing, gender-sensitive, environment-friendly and inclusively responsive to the multi-dimensional concerns of their constituents.
<b>MISSION</b>	To serve as an electoral guardian of the Bangsamoro government and accompany it beyond transitional process, help educate people on their right to democratic participation in all levels of governmental undertakings and take important role in bringing about transformation and socio-economic development of the Moro nation.
<b>GOAL</b>	Strongly committed and self-sustained member-organizations of the MPA that are advancing the cause for a total liberation of the Moro people from the fraudulent electoral system and exerting efforts towards helping establish prosperous communities.

<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<p>By 2016, the MPA is able:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To help organize Moro communities that are socially, politically and economically stable in all areas of Mindanao covered by the Bangsamoro;</li> <li>2. To conduct massive information drive regarding the GPH-MILF Comprehensive Peace Agreement and the Bangsamoro Basic Law among communities within the Bangsamoro territory and help them prepare for the plebiscite in 2015 and the ensuing election in 2016 in all areas covered by the Bangsamoro;</li> <li>3. To mobilize Moro community leaders towards monitoring the implementation of the Comprehensive Peace Agreement;</li> <li>4. To engage in voters' education among communities that are subject of the incoming plebiscite on the territories for inclusion in the Bangsamoro Government and the Bangsamoro Basic Law;</li> <li>5. To enhance the multi-dimensional capacities of the MPA member-organizations for them to become more productive and self-sustaining;</li> <li>6. To serve as an effective political instrument through helping advance open governance in the Bangsamoro Government and establishment of new electoral system.</li> <li>7. To lobby the legislative bodies of the government to facilitate the passage of the Bangsamoro Basic Law.</li> </ol>
<b>PROGRAMS AND SERVICES</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Capacity Enhancement</li> <li>2. Community Empowerment</li> <li>3. Linkages and Networking</li> <li>4. Open Governance</li> <li>5. Environmental Protection</li> <li>6. Research and Advocacy</li> <li>7. Conflict Mitigation</li> </ol>

### III. FINANCE

*(See TAF209 and Ledger for details)*

The total budget allocation is **Php2, 125,500**. There were two payments of tranches for this project. The first tranche is amounting to Php1, 912,950 representing the 90% of the total grant amount, which was released immediately upon signing of the Letter of Grant (LG), while the remaining 10% amounting to Php212, 550 will be released upon submission and satisfactory review of narrative and financial reports.

The counterpart support was mostly on mobilization and supervision cost, administrative cost, vehicle and equipment rentals and communication cost.



## IV. PHOTO GALLERY

### 1. MPA Launching Ceremony





## 2. Coordination Meetings



## 3. Regular/Weekly Meetings



## 4. Peace Covenant Signing and Candidates Education Fora







## 5. Communication and Advocacy Campaign Materials



## 6. Clustered Municipal Stakeholders Peace and Security Summit



Barira &amp; Buldon

Datu Piang &amp; DSA

GSKP &amp; Paglat



Pagalungan

Ampatuan &amp; DAS

Mamasapano &amp; Rajah Buayan



## 7. Consultation Meetings and Conflict Mapping



## 8. Election-Related Violence (ERVs) Monitoring

### May 13, 2013 Midterm Election



### Voters' Registration for Barangay Election





## 9. Organizational Development and Capacity Building

### EWER Trainings



### Basic Accounting & Financial Management Trainings





### Negotiation and Mediation Training





## 10. Actual Settlement of Rido

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## 11. Strategic Planning







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