OUR PRESENCE IN MINDANAO

NP is an implementing organization of the ongoing peace process between the Moro Islamic Liberation Front and the Philippine government. Our mandate for implementing the peace process includes:

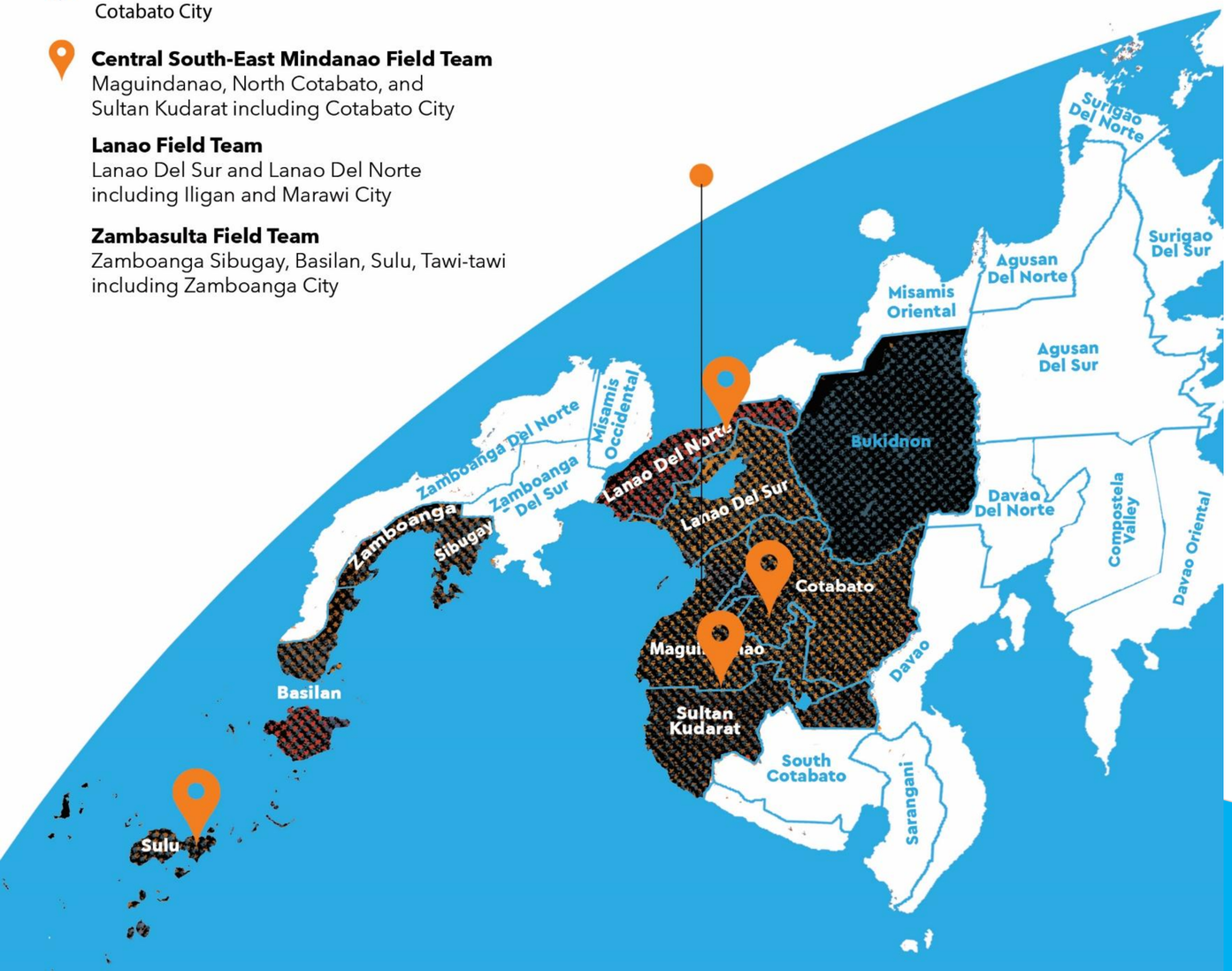
- Monitoring and reporting individuals' concerns about safety.
- Protective accompaniment for civilians and organizations in areas of conflict, including;
- NP team members accompanying hostage survivors to reunite with their families.
- NP monitors whether conflicting parties are abiding by ceasefire agreements, and it verifies and reports compliance and noncompliance of agreements.
- NP creates safe spaces for peaceful dialogue between different stakeholders in the country, including local institutions, for community-based conflict prevention and conflict resolution.
- Training local leaders and organizations in UCP methodologies for monitoring, unarmed peacekeeping and civilian protection.

Main Office
Cotabato City

Central South-East Mindanao Field Team
Maguindanao, North Cotabato, and Sultan Kudarat including Cotabato City

Lanao Field Team
Lanao Del Sur and Lanao Del Norte including Iligan and Marawi City

Zambasulta Field Team
Zamboanga Sibugay, Basilan, Sulu, Tawi-tawi including Zamboanga City



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NPP's RELATIONSHIP BEFORE MARAWI SEIGE

ACTIVITIES	2018-2020
Monitoring Patrol	312
Verification	40
IDP / Assessment	14
Meeting with AFP	31
Meeting with PNP	35
Meeting with BLGU	64
Meeting with Community	74
Meeting with MLGU and Line Agencies	53
Meeting with CSO / INGO	74
Meeting with Religious Leaders	20
Meeting with Women Groups	17
Meeting with MILF (BIAF, Pol. Committee)	64
Meeting with Peace Mechanisms (CCCH, AHJAG, LMT)	13

HOW DID NPP GAIN ACCESS WITH THE COMMUNITY BEFORE MARAWI SEIGE?

BEFORE CONDUCTING RETRIEVAL

How did we gain access with the community before Marawi siege?

NPP started the coordination meeting in which stakeholders was provided safe and neutral space to discuss and address issues and concerns in the ground. With this, NPP has gained trust and confidence with the members of Ceasefire Mechanism both with MILF and GPH.

NPP team was also the one who suggested to create a mechanism/ team who can assist in the retrieval and rescue of the trapped civilian inside the main affected areas.

DURING MARAWI SEIGE

Xarifa and Norman are talking to our contacts from the ground zero on how NP can facilitate their way out.

Salic discussing with the stakeholders (DILF City Director; AFP Ground Commander, and the Barangay officials) to safely extract civilians outside the city.

Salic and one of the member of JCMAC approaching a burning house near Marawi Medical Center to help-out civilian trapped within their barangays.

The members of JMAC are waiting for the go signal for the scheduled rescue and retrieval operation

DURING MARAWI SEIGE

The team conducting meeting with the officials of JMAC on how the process of the retrieved civilian release.

Waiting for a call from the ground zero.

Salic talking with the retrieved survivor from GZ.

HOW DID WE ESTABLISH RELATIONSHIP WITH THE STAKEHOLDERS?

AFTER CONDUCTING RETRIEVAL

How did we establish relationship with our stakeholders?

With the facilitation of NPP's Head of Mission and Head of Programming, after discussing everything with General Hermosa and MILF, the JCMAC- Peace Corridor was created. This had led us to become past of the team.

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Our work in the Philippines

NONVIOLENT PEACEFORCE IN THE PHILIPPINES

Protecting civilians and building peace through the years

NP is one of the international NGOs with presence and access to conflict-torn areas across Mindanao. In 2007, NP first set foot in Mindanao by invitation of various CSOs to assess the situation in the ground and introduce unarmed strategies in the protection of civilians affected by the Moro conflict. Since 2009, NP is a long standing CSO partner of the Philippine government in its peace process with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) being the first international NGO to become a member of the International Monitoring Team (IMT) under its Civilian Protection Component (CPC). Recently, NP was able to get the official recognition of the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) to participate in supporting and complementing the Bangsamoro normalization processes on the ground. Moreover, NP has received a plaque of appreciation from the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation and Unity (OPAPRU) affirming NP's significant engagement in the GPH-MILF peace process and role during the Marawi Siege.

OUR WORK SINCE 2007

Women, Peace, & Security (WPS)

Year 2018-2019

Building the capacity of women's indigenous group in Eastern Mindanao in conflict prevention and resolution, and strengthening their participation in local peace and community development processes.

Support to the Normalization Programme

Year 2020- Present

Presently in close coordination with the Joint Normalization Committee (JNC) to support and complement its operations in areas of security, confidence-building, and transitional justice and reconciliation.

Prevention of violent extremism (PVE) towards social cohesion and community resilience

Year 2019-2021

Strengthening local stakeholders' capacity in transforming violent extremism in Sulu.

OUR WORK SINCE 2007

First international NGO-member of CPC of the IMT

Year 2009- Present

- Monitoring, verification, reporting, and referral of civilian protection issues
- Community dialogues and consultation
- Capacity building on local and int'l civilian protection frameworks

Child Protection (CP)

Year 2011, 2017-2018

Monitoring, verifying, and reporting incidents of Grave Child Rights Violations (GCRVs) and facilitate provision of services to assist affected children and their families in provinces of Maguindanao, Lanao del Sur, Lanao del Norte, Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi in partnership with UNICEF.

Civilian Protection-Early Warning Early Response (CP-EWER)

Year 2009- Present

Establishment and capacity building to community-based EWER structures to reduce the impact of violence, manage the conflict escalation, protect civilians, and empower communities to assess and proactively engage in reducing their exposure to violence.

Protection of Women from Gender-Based Violence in Situations of Armed Conflict

Year 2012

Increasing the safety and security of women affected by gender-based-violence as a direct result of armed conflict in Central and Western Mindanao in partnership with UNFPA.

PROJECT COLLABORATIONS

Recently Ended Projects

Our advocacy efforts are dedicated to interrupting cycles of violence and enhancing nonviolent responses to conflict.

From teams in the field supporting civilians to directly advocate for their needs, to direct engagement in advocacy with parties to a conflict, to high-level political advocacy in key international fora.

CANADA FUND LOCAL INITIATIVES (CFLI-ASEAN)

September 2020- February 2021

Women creating Impact on Peacebuilding and Conflict Transformation (Women- Impact Project)

THE DEUTSCHE GESELLSCHFT FÜR INTERNATIONALE ZUSAMMENARBEIT (GIZ)

November 2020- November 2021

Supporting Conflict Transformation Towards Effective Peacebuilding in the Bangsamoro Region (STREAM Project)

KINGDOM OF NETHERLANDS EMBASSY

August 2018- November 2021

Foster social cohesion, community resilience and respect for human rights in Basilan and Sulu (Sulu Project)

CREATING SAFER SPACE

August 2022- July 2023

Supporting Conflict Transformation Towards Effective Peacebuilding in the Bangsamoro Region (STEP Project)

Ongoing Projects

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PLAN INTERNATIONAL THROUGH THE GERMAN FEDERAL FOREIGN OFFICE (GFFO)

January 2021- December 2023

Bridges: Promoting Peace through Community-based Conflict Resolution and Empowerment of Young People (BRIDGES Project)

UNITED STATES INSTITUTION OF PEACE (USIP)

January 2021- October 2022

Community Engagement in Atrocity Prevention (USIP Research Project)

THE UNITED NATIONS ENTITY FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN (UN WOMEN)

July 2022- December 2022

Women ex-combatants Increasing their Meaningful Participation in Advocacy and Conflict Transformation initiatives (Women- IMPACT)

PROJECT COLLABORATIONS

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European Union

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

November 2020- 2022

Accompanying the Transition, Transformation of conflict, and Advocacy on social cohesion In the Normalization of Bangsamoro (ATTAIN Project)

UNFPA

UNITED NATIONS POPULATIONS FUND (UNFPA)

June 2020- September 2022

Supporting Conflict Transformation Towards Effective Peacebuilding in the Bangsamoro Region (STEP Project)

Australian Aid

AUSTRALIAN AID (DFAT)

May 2021- August 2022

Women- Supporting the Transformation and Institutionalization of local Initiatives on Violent Extremism (Women- STRIVE Project)