

**3<sup>RD</sup> CSO FORUM ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES IN MINDANAO**  
**Theme: Championing and Celebrating Community Best Practices for Peace and Development**  
**September 19-21, 2006**

**WORKSHOP OUTPUTS**

<u>ASPECTS</u>	<u>PEACE BUILDING</u>	<u>WOMEN AND YOUTH</u>	<u>ECONOMIC &amp; LIVELIHOOD</u>	<u>COMMUNITY ACTION AND ADVOCACY</u>
<b>QUESTION 1</b>				
What lessons can we as participants get from the experiences of the presenters to improve peace and development?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- peace building process is long, hard and takes a lot of effort to achieve</li> <li>- peace initiatives should emanate from the people, especially those affected or have felt the need; should not be imposed from outside to ensure sustainability</li> <li>- peace should start from within: even from identifying our own identity (culture, traditions, territory, needs and aspirations)</li> <li>- peace building efforts should go hand in hand with the economic activities with people having enough access to food, livelihood and income to minimize tendency to resort to crime and poverty related violence.</li> <li>- GOOD TO NOTE:</li> </ul>	<p><u>ON WOMEN</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognizing women's high degree of vulnerability in conflict situations</li> <li>• Women's role/ unique strength in peace building/managing conflict situations</li> <li>• Recognition of women and men's role in peace building</li> <li>• Women not as mere recipients of these services but as partners</li> </ul> <p><u>ON YOUTH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth's crucial role in bringing sustainable peace and development</li> <li>• Need to invest more on the youth (hope of the nation)</li> <li>• Sustaining mechanism of the youth program – "missing link"</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Asset based-community driven practices/projects of the PO's/communities (utilizing community own resources before tapping external resources)</li> <li>▪ Sincerity, unity and active participation of PO's to alleviate their present situation.</li> <li>▪ PO's not relying on external assistance (developing self-reliance)</li> <li>▪ Sustaining start-up initiatives of the PO's/communities</li> <li>▪ Close relationship of PO/community members (tri-people)</li> <li>▪ Good values orientation</li> <li>▪ PO/community weaknesses are transformed as</li> </ul>

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	<p>Belief on the basic goodness of men and women which only need to be harnessed for it to prevail over the basic evilness of a person.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- dialogue as vehicle for peace</li> <li>- peace should be treated as a holistic concept as foundation for peace building effort</li> <li>- failures and shortcomings on the process should provide motivation to move forward</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth program should stand on its own and not depend on external agencies/external stakeholders</li> <li>• Youth program is not uniquely for the youth</li> </ul> <p><u>ON WOMEN and YOUTH</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High regard to youth and children's participation</li> <li>• Strengthen literacy/education program for youth and women</li> <li>• Existence of a contingency program/disaster management program especially in conflict-affected areas</li> <li>• Need to preserve the culture and tradition of the community</li> <li>• CULTURE + LEARNINGS = Sustainable Development</li> <li>• Awareness building of community members on youth and women's role and participation in peace building</li> <li>• The challenge is on how to strengthen these initiatives</li> </ul>		<p>strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Dedication and covenant to help each other</li> <li>▪ Advocacies on human rights</li> <li>▪ Ability of the community to solve their own problems</li> </ul>

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<b>QUESTION 2</b>				
<p>What is/are the role/s of external stakeholders to improve peace and development?</p> <p>A. Up to what extent shall external stakeholders take part in community project identification, project design and project implementation?</p> <p>B. Up to what extent shall external stakeholders influence community decision-making? Why?</p> <p>C. How can external stakeholders help in bringing about genuine peace and development in communities?</p>	<p>Fundamental Principle: "Determination of people's/community peace building and development resides with the people, thus their critical participation and informed decision is a must." But before this can be realized, we as people must identify our self (identity: culture and traditions, needs and aspiration) become aware of it when relating with others.</p> <p>Roles of External Stakeholders:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. should only support and promote community initiative</li> <li>2. should not divide people in the community instead promote improve cohesion among different actors</li> <li>3. Facilitate massive information dissemination/education about different peace processes undertaken by various actors in Mindanao (MILF-GRP; MNLF-GRP; RPMM-GRP, etc.)</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• External stakeholders as <u>facilitators</u> , <u>program partners</u>, and <u>resource locator</u></li> <li>• External stakeholders must not be a hindrance to community development</li> <li>• Major role must be played by the community members (from the program identification, design, and implementation)</li> <li>• It must be a Community Driven Development (CDD)</li> <li>• The community must develop their own blue print on peace and development</li> <li>• NGOs need to restrain themselves in bringing in their development framework to the community</li> <li>• Government must actively pursue and assist these initiatives</li> <li>• Recognition of the biases among and between NGOs, government, other external stakeholders</li> <li>• Intensify collaboration among the external</li> </ul>	<p>a. Community will be the one to identify projects based on prioritized needs.</p> <p>b. NGO assistance and preparations of project proposal</p> <p>Conduct PRA Training for PO Management Transparency, Internal and External Audit.</p> <p>c. Dividend and patronage refund every year.</p> <p>Monitoring and Marketing</p> <p>Trainings, Internal Controls guidelines as basis of evaluation.</p>	<p>A.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ PO's can live without NGO's. Community identifies the limitations of Ngo's. NGO's (staff) should avoid becoming messianic to PO's/communities.</li> <li>▪ External stakeholders act as guides, facilitators, back up support to the communities/PO in arriving to their right decision. They should only give technical assistance, additional education to the PO's / community.</li> <li>▪ NGO's serves as midwife to PO's/community. They induce possible development for the PO's.</li> </ul> <p>B.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ External stakeholders should allow the community to decide for themselves. No duplication of services and projects but</li> </ul>

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		<p>agencies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stakeholders must be aware that POs have different levels (starting/advance). Interventions should be based on the nature/background/level of POs. Hence, a comprehensive understanding of the POs is needed prior to the identification of the intervention.</li> <li>• External agencies must not <i>commit</i> assistance.</li> <li>• Success of the initiative does not depend on the amount of funds but of community's participation and commitment in peace building.</li> <li>• Communities must define their vision for them to filter external help/assistance</li> </ul>		<p>instead complementation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Community/ PO's should know how to say "no" on projects offered by external stakeholders if not identified need of the community.</li> <li>▪ Other limitations include timeframe, capacity and resources</li> </ul> <p>C.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ External stakeholders should conform to the culture of the community (culture-sensitivity)</li> <li>▪ External resources should evaluate the impact of previous assistance by other agencies before providing intervention to the community to avoid duplication. <i>"Kung pwede mag share ng references tungkol sa community ang mga agencies para talagang matulungan ang community."</i></li> <li>▪ Project implementation should be liberating, transforming and</li> </ul>

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				empowering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Popularizing / Encouraging more venues for dialogue (PO's, FA's, NGO's, NGA's, &amp; LGU's)</li> <li>▪ Developing self-reliance to the community</li> <li>▪ Symbiotic relationship between/among PO's, NGO's, LGU's</li> <li>▪ Working together with LGU's and stressing to them that NGO's are there to support for the communities. Remember LGU's are indispensable, and there will be no concrete projects if there is no good relationship with LGU's.</li> </ul>
<b>QUESTION 3</b>				
How can we improve PO presentations in our cluster? In the 4th forum?	- to expand and include people from the Island provinces in the sharing of best practices in terms of addressing similar peace building concerns in Mindanao.	<u>PRESENTATION</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation must be brief yet comprehensive. It has to emphasize the following               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Major programs</li> <li>○ Challenges</li> <li>○ Strategies applied</li> <li>○ Recommendations</li> <li>○ "What makes it</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- in the next forum, main actors must be involved (LGU, DTI, DA, DOST, other agencies)</li> <li>- Presentation must be voice over of best practices. Presenters will be requested to seat in front only during Q &amp; A portion.</li> <li>- Secretariat to operate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ There should be uniform among presentation format (template) for the presenters. (lessons learned, project impact and best practices)</li> <li>▪ Use of a common dialect in the presentation (e.g.</li> </ul>

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		<p>unique?"</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o <i>Kwento at Kwenta</i> (stories and value) – figures/actual amount</li> </ul> <p><u>FORMAT OF PRESENTATION</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Develop a standard format/guidelines in reporting</li> <li>• Make use of other visual presentations – maps, pictures, etc.</li> <li>• Presenters must showcase their organizations through an exhibit booth/wall</li> </ul> <p><u>PARTICIPANTS</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reach-out to other areas (Tawi-Tawi, Sulu, and Basilan)</li> <li>• Continuity of the participants (Participants must attend the previous CSO forum. If not, s/he must have a comprehensive background on the previous CSO fora)</li> </ul> <p><u>RESOURCE PERSON</u></p>	<p>the PowerPoint presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Deepening of the presentation will be delivered during the Q&amp;A</li> <li>- Role playing before presentation</li> <li>- Improve the presentation format</li> <li>- Give more emphasis on the best practices</li> <li>- PowerPoint should be set up before the presentation time</li> <li>- More time should be devoted for the open forum</li> </ul>	<p>Tagalog)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Accurate, brief and concise presentations.</li> <li>▪ Provide readily available copy of the presentation to the presenter. This will serve as her/his reference.</li> <li>▪ Less time for presentation, more time for open forum.</li> <li>▪ Submit presentation ahead of time to forum organizers.</li> <li>▪ Conduct a capability building session on public speaking with the presenters to increase their confidence in the presentation.</li> <li>▪ Conduct monitoring aspects of communication / feedback.</li> <li>▪ Package different initiatives for external social marketing (PO's, GA's CSO's)</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updates on the current peace process (somebody who is currently involved in the peace process)</li> <li>• Somebody who is an authority/who can speak articulately on religious beliefs and practices</li> <li>• Resource persons/reactors from Muslim, IP, Christian sector on the updates/effects/perceptions of the peace process</li> </ul> <p><u>TIME</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ample time for the presentors</li> </ul>		