

3RD CSO FORUM ON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT APPROACHES IN MINDANAO
Theme: Championing and Celebrating Community Best Practices for Peace and Development
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UNITY STATEMENTS

(Forum participants from NGOs, POs, the academe, government agencies and resource providers have come with the following unity statements.)

Peace Building

Hinog na ang Mindanao. Kinahanglan na niya nga mohimo ug baruganan tungod ang tanan gikapoy na sa pagbakwit tungod sa mga kagubot. "Kung mahimo pa lamang nga mo-resign aning kagubot, mo-resign na kami". Gina-awhag namo ang GRP ug MILF nga mobalik sa Negotiating Table aron ipadayon ang panaghisgut sa proseso sa kalinaw. Ang teritoryo dili mao ang moila sa kapadulngan ug kaugmaon sa tawo; kon dili ang tawo mao ang moila sa kapadulngan ug kaugmaon sa iyang teritoryo. Busa paningkamotan unta sa GRP ug MILF nga ang hisgut nang teritoryo dili mamahimong babag sa pagkab-ot sa kalinaw. (Mindanao is already ripe. It needs to make a stand because everyone's tired of evacuating because of conflict. "If it is possible to resign from this conflict, we will do so." We urge the government and the MILF to return to the negotiating table and continue the peace talks. Territory does not define the direction and future of the people; rather, it is the people who define the direction and future of their territory. Therefore, the government and the MILF should exert all means to ensure that the issue on ancestral domain will not be an obstacle to achieving peace).

Women and Youth

The Paradox of All Times

The women and youth are the most vulnerable groups in poverty-stricken and conflict-affected areas. But they are significantly contributing to rebuild communities and bridging understanding. Let us recognize women and youth as catalysts and our partners for peace and development.

Economic and Livelihood

Ang kabuhayan ay sangkap sa masagana at mapayapang buhay. (Addressing economic and livelihood needs of people leads to abundant and peaceful life.)

Community Action & Advocacy

"Makakamit lamang ang tunay na kapayaan at kaunlaran kung mayroong pakikilahok ang bawat sektor ng lipunan" (Peace and Development can only be achieved if there is participation of all sectors of society.)