STREAM PROJECT

Strengthening youth engagement and action towards peace in Mindanao

The conflicts in Mindanao are more than a half-century struggle that brought severe, wide-ranging, and long-lasting impact to young people in the southern part of the Philippines. To contribute in responding to the situation of youth in rural and conflicted-affected areas in BARMM and Northern Mindanao, the project “Youth for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Mindanao” (YOUCAP) supports Nonviolent Peaceforce in its STREAM Project, aimed at strengthening youth capacity and participation in local peace and security initiatives.

YOUCAP is a project of “Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit” (GIZ) commissioned by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The STREAM project is specifically being implemented in 3 municipalities, 2 in Maguindanao and 1 in Bukidnon, with United Youth of the Philippines—Women Inc. (UnYPil—Women) and United Women of Matigsalug, Manobo, and Kulamanen Tribes (KMMKM) as local partners.
PROJECT DETAILS

Goal

Strengthen the capacity and participation of young women and men in COVID-19 conflict-sensitive peacebuilding and non-violent conflict transformation in the municipalities of Datu Hoffer Ampatuan, Ampatuan and Kitaotao.

Duration

November 2020–November 2021

Project participants

Young people aged 15–30 years old

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

Strengthened and established peace-oriented youth groups

- Consultation and project orientation with youth participants and partners
- Organizing and mobilization of youth groups
- Registration and accreditation of youth groups to local bodies

Built leadership and peace-building competence of youth

- Youth leadership training amidst COVID-19
- Capacity building to Sangguanian Kabataan (SK) on local governance and Women, Peace and Security
- Youth learning and exposure activity

Supported peace-promoting development plans and initiatives

- Joint strategic planning with barangay and municipal youth councils
- Lobbying of youth development agenda to LGUs, I/NGOs and other stakeholders
- Youth peace camp
- Socio-economic & cultural youth initiatives

Developed knowledge and skills of youth in conflict transformation

- Training on conflict resolution, mediation and multi-track dialogues
- Inter-ethnic and intra-faith dialogues
- Establishment of youth-oriented Early Warning and Early Response (EWER) mechanisms
- COVID-19 health education, mental and

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