

## Action for Conflict Transformation (ACT) for Peace Programme

The Action for Conflict Transformation (ACT) for Peace Programme is the fourth and final phase of the Government of the Philippines & United Nations Multi-Donor Programme (GoP-UNMDP) that started in 1997. The Programme is the United Nations' and the Philippine Government's commitment to peace and development in Southern Philippines.

The Programme builds on the gains of the past three phases of the UNMDP, which were implemented in support to the peace agreement between the Philippine Government and the Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF).

With support from the Governments of Australia, New Zealand and Spain, the Programme is being implemented over a period of five years, starting in June 2005 up to May 2010. It covers 16 provinces and 14 cities of the former Special Zone for Peace and Development (SZOPAD) in Southern Philippines identified in the GRP-MNLF Final Peace Agreement, and the four provinces and three cities in the Caraga Region considered to be also vulnerable to armed conflict.

The Mindanao Economic Development Council (MEDCo) serves as the overall implementing agency (OIA) of the Programme with the Regional Government of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) as the lead implementing agency for the ARMM areas.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) serves as the managing agent for the Programme.

The ACT for Peace Programme is informed by the 2004-2010 Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan, the 10-point Agenda of the present administration and the United Nations Development Assistance Framework.

### Goal and Purpose

**Goal:** To contribute to the promotion of national harmony and a just conclusion of the Government's peace process

**Purpose:** To strengthen peacebuilding efforts and sustain the gains for peace and development in Southern Philippines

### Programme Outcomes

The key expected outcomes of the ACT for Peace Programme are the following:

**Outcome 1:** Transformation of Peace and Development Communities (PDCs) and other conflict-affected areas sustained; and community efforts to develop and advance their own initiatives for peace and human security harnessed

**Outcome 2:** Peacebuilding and conflict transformation (prevention, management and resolution) capacities of actors and institutions strengthened and institutionalized

Outcome 3: Critical partnerships towards sustaining an environment of trust, confidence, and collaboration for peace and development strengthened.