

What is a Peace and Development Community?

The Peace and Development Community (PDC) is the basic social unit upon which the whole peace and development framework of the GoP-UNMDP peace-building programme is founded.

A PDC may consist of a barangay, or a cluster of barangays marked by a convergence of peace-building and development activities. It is a marginalized conflict-affected community which becomes actively engaged in transformation process with the help of development partners.

Social and economic development takes place in the PDC through strengthening the capacity of its community organizations; rebuilding livelihoods through sustainable agriculture and micro-enterprises; rehabilitating or constructing basic community infrastructure and facilities, and forging linkages with local service providers, including local government units and NGOs, to secure improved access to basic services.

The PDCs also serve to facilitate complementation of various inputs from different Programme components as well as other donor-assisted projects.

In all PDCs, Peace and Development Advocates (PDAs), most of whom are Moro National Liberation Front members, are voluntarily doing community organizing, mobilizing resources, as well as establishing linkages between the community and local government units, civil society groups and donor programs.