

MINDANAO

ACTIVITY: Public Engagement on Drafting of the Bangsamoro Basic Law

COMPONENT: Institutional and Organizational Building of Bangsamoro Government

PROJECT: Comprehensive Capacity Development Program for Bangsamoro (CCDP-B)

Background:

With the signing of the Framework Agreement of Bangsamoro (FAB) in October 2012, a new Bangsamoro Political Entity will be established by 2016 in pursuit of achieving a lasting peace and development in the conflict-affected areas in Mindanao. The new Bangsamoro Political Entity will be established based on the Bangsamoro Basic Law (BBL). The FAB further strengthened JICA's resolve to provide assistance to Mindanao. JICA saw it as an opportunity to initiate a Comprehensive Capacity Development Project for Bangsamoro (CCDP-B).

Under the Institutional and Organizational Building Component of CCDP-B, JICA initiated the project titled Public Engagement on Draft of the BBL in order to assist in ensuring that the drafting of the BBL is inclusive and participatory for the various stakeholders.

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PROJECT DURATION: March 2014 – September 2014

IMPLEMENTING AGENCY: Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society, Inc (CBCS)

OBJECTIVE:

To promote a transparent and inclusive participation of the local stakeholders to gain support and ownership of the Bangsamoro Basic Law.

ACTIVITIES:

1. Capacity Building – Training was conducted to various NGOs involved in the implementation
2. Public Engagements and Consultations - Public engagements and consultations were conducted around the provinces of Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. The counterpart agency and informed the participants regarding the planned Bangsamoro Political Entity and Region to level-off expectations and eliminate misinformation. Furthermore, the opinions and concerns of the possible constituents were gathered in order to incorporate and consider these matters in the drafting of the BBL.
3. Information, Education and Communication (IEC) Campaign – IEC materials were developed and information was disseminated through radio programs, mainstream media and community-based public information systems.

Information gathered from the field was transmitted to the organizations involved in drafting of the Bangsamoro Basic Law and planning of the planned Bangsamoro Region.



Provincial Public Consultation held in Sulu with BTC Commissioners in May 2014