

## MINDANAO

**ACTIVITY: New Geographic Information System for Bangsamoro Areas (GIS)**

**COMPONENT: Development Plan for the Bangsamoro**

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

### Background:

BDA was created by the MILF Central Committee in 2002 in pursuance of the humanitarian, rehabilitation and development aspects of the GPH-MILF Tripoli Agreement. Today, BDA plays a significant role in the transition period, during which intensified efforts for rehabilitation, reconstruction and development are being implemented to address the needs of Bangsamoro communities. In 2012, the Government of the Philippines and MILF signed the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro for the creation of a Transition Commission that will pave the way for establishment of the envisioned Bangsamoro Region. Following this momentous event, the MILF Chairman instructed the BDA to spearhead the formulation of the Bangsamoro Development Plan (BDP) which shall serve as a short term (Phase 1: 2014-2016) and medium/long term (Phase 2: 2016-2022) vision and strategy for the recovery and development of the Bangsamoro Area.

To support the BDA in the formulation of the BDP, JICA hired a GIS Consultant team to build a new GIS database for the Bangsamoro Area. The GIS is intended to serve as a foundation for making realistic and implementable plans by providing geographically-referenced information to the BDA. An upgraded GIS database for the BDA shall lead to more realistic planning and decision-making for the envisioned Bangsamoro Region.

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**Project Duration:** November 2013 – May 2014

### Objective:

1. To support the formulation of the Bangsamoro Development Plan by providing the Bangsamoro Development Agency with an upgraded GIS database for the Bangsamoro Area built on the data sets produced by the recent JICA Project on Topographic Mapping for Peace and Development in Mindanao at a scale of 1:50,000.
2. To extend GIS capacity building assistance to key agencies in Bangsamoro Area, such as BDA, RPDO-ARMM, BTC, and DepEd-ARMM

### Activities:

The Project involved the following activities:

1. Data Collection and Satellite Image Interpretation
2. Seamless Basemap Data Preparation
3. Data Editing and Analysis
4. Data Compilation
5. Creation of a New GIS Database
6. Assistance to Bangsamoro Development Plan
7. Capacity Building for GIS Utilization

The completed GIS database was turned-over to BDA in September 2014.

