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Country/ entity	Philippines Mindanao
Region	Asia and Pacific Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Guidelines for the Operationalization of the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund
Date	14 Dec 2017
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes
Agreement/ conflict level	Intrastate/intrastate conflict (Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -))
Stage	Implementation/renegotiation
Conflict nature	Territory
Peace process	Philippines - Mindanao process
Parties	For the GPH: USEC. Nabila A. Tan, Chair, GPH Implementing Panel For the MILF: Mohagher Iqbal, Chair, MILF Implementing Panel
Third parties	Signed in the presence of: Dato' Kamarudin Bin Mustafa, Malaysian Facilitator and/or Special Adviser
Description	Agreement pertains to the operation of the Bangsomoro Trust Fund and expresses support for the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro

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Groups

Children/
youth Groups→Children/youth→Substantive
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Disabled
persons No specific mention.

Elderly/age No specific mention.

Migrant
workers No specific mention.

Racial/
ethnic/
national
group No specific mention.

Religious
groups No specific mention.

Indigenous people Groups→Indigenous people→Substantive
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Other groups No specific mention.

Refugees/
displaced
persons Groups→Refugees/displaced persons→Substantive
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Social class No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and gender	<p>Page 2, III Scope and Coverage,</p> <p>c. Project Types</p> <p>Economic facilitation for return to normal life affecting combatant and non-combatant elements of the MILF, indigenous peoples, women, children, and internally displaced persons</p> <p>Page 4, VIII. Sustainability Strategies and Mechanisms</p> <p>a. Genuine participation of beneficiaries - women, men, youth, and children - in all aspects of project implementation. People with special needs such as widows, orphans, amnesty grantees, released political prisoners and detainees, IPs, PWDs, IDPs, elderly, shall be given appropriate support;</p>
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LGBTI	<p>No specific mention.</p>
Family	<p>Page 1, III Scope and Coverage,</p> <p>b. Sectoral</p> <p>...</p> <p>Families of the DCs</p>

State definition

Nature of state (general) No specific mention.

State configuration No specific mention.

Self determination No specific mention.

Referendum No specific mention.

State symbols No specific mention.

Independence/secession No specific mention.

Accession/unification No specific mention.

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border provision No specific mention.

Governance

Political institutions (new or reformed) No specific mention.

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission No specific mention.

Political parties reform No specific mention.

Civil society No specific mention.

Traditional/religious leaders No specific mention.

Public administration No specific mention.

Constitution No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power sharing No specific mention.

Territorial power sharing No specific mention.

Economic power sharing	<p>Power sharing→Economic power sharing→Other Page 2, V. BNTF Fund Management Structure</p> <p>Oversight Body</p> <p>The GPH and MILF Peace Panels shall constitute and serve as the Oversight Body for the BNTF. It shall be responsible for the strategic policy directions and guidance for the BNTF, specifically its objectives, purpose, scope, coverage, and allocation of funds.</p> <p>Either Party may exercise veto power on decisions made by the Steering Committee.</p>
	Page 3, Composition of the Steering Committee
	<p>The Steering Committee shall be composed of.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Two (2) representatives each from the GPH and MILF. Any panel member may sit as one of the two representatives each from the GPH and MILF to the Steering Committee. b. Two (2) representatives from the contributors to the Fund to be identified among themselves c. Representative from the Fund Manager as ex-officio and non-voting member
Military power sharing	No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general	No specific mention.
Bill of rights/similar	No specific mention.
Treaty incorporation	No specific mention.

Civil and political rights No specific mention.

Socio-economic rights No specific mention.

Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures No specific mention.

Media and communication No specific mention.

Mobility/access No specific mention.

Protection measures No specific mention.

Other No specific mention.

Rights institutions

NHRI No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions	No specific mention.
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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law	No specific mention.
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State of emergency provisions	No specific mention.
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Judiciary and courts	No specific mention.
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Prisons and detention	No specific mention.
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Traditional Laws	No specific mention.
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Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction	No specific mention.
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National economic plan	No specific mention.
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Natural resources	No specific mention.
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Background and Rationale

The Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) is the multi-donor trust fund envisioned by the parties in the Framework Agreement on the Bangsamoro (FAS) and its Annex on Normalization through which urgent support, recurrent and investment budget cost will be released with efficiency, transparency and accountability in support of the process of normalization, whereby former combatants, their communities, and other vulnerable sectors can achieve their desired quality of life, including the pursuit of sustainable livelihood and political participation within a peaceful deliberative society. It expresses the commitment of the Government of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and the international community to the full implementation of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

Objective and Purpose

The purpose of the BNTF is to finance, coordinate and oversee delivery of assistance from international partners and other donors in the implementation of the normalization process, particularly for rehabilitation, reconstruction and development of Bangsamoro communities with special regard to decommissioned MILF combatants and vulnerable sectors.

The BNTF is to assist MILF combatants and their communities achieve their desired quality of life in a peaceful and inclusive manner.

The BNTF will also assist in the development of six (6) previously acknowledged MILF Camps with the end in view of transforming these areas into peaceful and productive communities.

III. Scope and Coverage a. Geographic Coverage

Bangsamoro communities

Other areas where decommissioned combatants (DCs) are located

Six previously acknowledged MILF camps

Sectoral

Decommissioned Combatants

Families of the DCs

Non-combatant MILF elements

Vulnerable individuals and sectors in the Bangsamoro

1 See Annex on Normalization, Part G, item 5, and GPH-MILF Joint Statement on 11 February 2016 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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Impact programs to address imbalances in development and infrastructures

Capacity building, institutional strengthening and operational requirements of normalization and transitional mechanisms

Psycho-social healing and reconciliation

Transitional justice and reconciliation initiatives

Other project types as may be agreed by Parties

Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks No specific mention.

Land, property and environment

Land reform/
rights No specific mention.

Pastoralist/
nomadism
rights No specific mention.

Cultural
heritage No specific mention.

Environment No specific mention.

Water or
riparian
rights or
access No specific mention.

Security sector

Security
Guarantees No specific mention.

Ceasefire No specific mention.

Police No specific mention.

Armed forces No specific mention.

DDR No specific mention.

Intelligence services No specific mention.

Parastatal/
rebel and
opposition
group
forces No specific mention.

Withdrawal
of foreign
forces No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/
organised
crime No specific mention.

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

Transitional
justice
general No specific mention.

Amnesty/
pardon No specific mention.

Courts No specific mention.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner
release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing
persons No specific mention.

Reparations No specific mention.

Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN
signatory No specific mention.

Other
international
signatory No specific mention.

Referendum
for
agreement No specific mention.

International
mission/
force/similar No specific mention.

Enforcement mechanism No specific mention.

Related cases No specific mention.

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