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Country/entity Philippines

Mindanao

Region Asia and Pacific

Agreement name Implementing Guidelines on the Humanitarian, Rehabilitation and Development Aspects

of the GRP-MILF Tripoli Agreement on Peace of 2001

Date 7 May 2002

Agreement status Multiparty signed/agreed

Interim Yes

arrangement

Philippine Insurgencies (1968 -)

The Maoist Insurgencies (1968 -)

Philippines-NDF

The Philippines have been defined by a series of center-periphery and often ideologically Maoist, separatist insurgencies. The Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP), began its war against the central Philippine government in 1968 through their armed wing – the New People's Army (NPA). Further legitimacy was gained through the establishment of the National Democratic Front (NDF) in 1973. Grievances were predominantly opposed to the corruption and repression under the authoritarian Marcos regime.

Philippines-Cordillera

With the overthrow of Marcos' regime in 1986, the CPP factionalized further to take on more localized characteristics. The Cordillera Peoples Liberation Army (CPLA) broke away from the NDF in 1986 to focus on the protection of the Cordilleran people and land in northern Luzon. Hostilities were formally ended in July 2011, with an agreement signed between the central government, the CPLA and the Cordillera Bodong Administration (CBA) that allowed for the absorption of CPLA fighters into the Philippine Army and the re-working of the CBA-CPLA into a socio-development organisation.

Philippines-RPM-P

Meanwhile, purge among the CPP in the early 1990s, encouraged the formation of a parallel party, the Revolutionary Workers Party (RPM-P). Their armed wing, the Alex Boncayao Brigade (ABB) which had carried out a number of assassinations during the 1980s at the bequest of the CPP, followed suit and allied themselves with the RPM-P in 1997 forming the (RPM-P-RPA-ABB). Severely weakened by the split with the CPP and with the arrest of several key figures, the RPM-P-RPA-ABB signed a peace agreement in December 2000, which encouraged the RPM-P's branch in Mindanao to break away in 2001.

The CPP-NPA has only participated in intermittent talks with the government. Talks halted in 2004 when Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's administration sought closer ties with the U.S. in the war on terror and added the CPP-NPA to the list of terrorist organisations, renewing violence. Following the launch of a counter-insurgency by the Philippine government, negotiations have been further delayed due to suspected internal differences between the CPP 'old guard' and younger members.

The Moro Insurgency (1968 -)

Philippines-Mindanao

The Moro Insurgency began in 1968, in Mindanao and the Sulu archipelago after the killing of Moro Commandos, the so-called Jabidah Massacre, by the Philippine Army following a plot to invade Sabah province in Malaysia. The Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) captured a swath of territory in the mid-1970s. In an attempt to stem the violence, the constitution was reformed and Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) was created 1990 graphing adjuvolution of power to the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. Following the establishment of the ARMM, the

Stage Implementation/renegotiation

Conflict nature Government/territory

Peace process Philippines - Mindanao process

Parties Hon. Norberto B. Gonzales, Presidential Adviser for Special Concerns;

Atty. Musib Buat, MILF Technical Committee Chairman

Third parties ATTESTED by: Hon. Eduardo R. Ermita, Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process; Al Haj

Murad Ebrahim, MILF Peace Panel Chairman;

WITNESSED by: Dr. Parouk S. Hussin, ARMM Regional Governor

Description Agreement by the Parties to respect human rights and international humanitarian laws,

and to activate rehabilitation and development projects, specifically in conflict-affected areas. Agreement provides for monitoring by the Organization of Islamic Conference on the implementation of the Agreement, as well as for accredited human rights agencies and organizations, specially noting the International Committee of the Red Cross, to monitor the human rights and humanitarian situation in the conflict-affected areas.

Agreement document

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Groups

Children/youth No specific mention.

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 No specific mention.

Other groups No specific mention.

$\textbf{Refugees/displaced} \ \ \mathsf{Groups} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathsf{Refugees/displaced} \ \ \mathsf{persons} \boldsymbol{\rightarrow} \mathsf{Substantive}$

persons

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Social class

No specific mention.

Gender

Women, girls and

gender

No specific mention.

Men and boys

No specific mention.

LGBTI

No specific mention.

Family

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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/

No specific mention.

unification

Border delimitation No specific mention.

Cross-border

No specific mention.

provision

Governance

Political No specific mention.

institutions (new or

reformed)

Elections No specific mention.

Electoral commission

No specific mention.

Political parties reform

No specific mention.

Civil society

 ${\it Page 2, Article IV Respect for Human \, Rights \, and \, Observance \, of \, International}$

Humanitarian Laws:

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visits in accordance with ICRC's standard operating procedures.

Traditional/ religious leaders

No specific mention.

Public administration

No specific mention.

Constitution

No specific mention.

Power sharing

Political power

No specific mention.

sharing

Territorial power

No specific mention.

sharing

Economic power

No specific mention.

sharing

Military power

No specific mention.

sharing

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL No specific mention.

general

Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation

Page 1, Article II. Terms of Reference:

3. Applicable provisions of international instruments and covenants on International Human Rights Laws (IHRL) and International Humanitarian Laws (IHL) entered into by the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

Page 2, Article IV Respect for Human Rights and Observance of International **Humanitarian Laws:**

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Civil and political rights

Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Life Page 1, Article III Definition of Terms:

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Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Humane treatment in detention Page 1, Article III Definition of Terms:

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Socio-economic rights

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Rights related issues

Citizenship No specific mention.

Democracy No specific mention.

Detention procedures

No specific mention.

Media and communication

Rights related issues→Media and communication→Media roles

Page 4, Article VIII Public Information:

Both parties shall conduct a continuing public information and education campaign with the aim of ensuring the full support of all concerned persons, communities, agencies, and forces, of the relief, rehabilitation and development efforts of the Parties in the areas affected by the conflict.

Mobility/access

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Protection measures

Rights related issues→Protection measures→Protection of groups Page 4, Article VI Monitoring Mechanism:

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Rights related issues→Protection measures→Other

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Rights institutions

NHRI

No specific mention.

Regional or international human rights institutions

Rights institutions→Regional or international human rights institutions→Monitoring calls Page 2, Article IV Respect for Human Rights and Observance of International Humanitarian Laws:

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Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and No specific mention. **emergency law**

State of emergency No specific mention. **provisions**

Judiciary and

No specific mention.

courts

Prisons and

No specific mention.

detention

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction

Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development

Page 2, Article III Definition of Terms:

- 3. Rehabilitation and Development projects refer to projects to be implemented in the conflict-affected areas.
- 4. MILF Designated Agency refers to duly organized/registered/constituted agency or body designated by the MILF to determine, lead and manage rehabilitation and development projects in conflict-affected areas pursuant to paragraph two (2) of the Rehabilitation and Development Aspect of the Tripoli Agreement on Peace of June 22, 2001.
- 5. Government agencies refer to the national and local agencies of the government involved in the rehabilitation and development projects in areas affected by the conflict.

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Page 3, Article V Implementation of Projects:

1. The MILF, in order to determine, lead, and manage rehabilitation and development projects in the areas affected by the conflict, will establish a project implementing body, which will have the power and function to receive and disburse private and GRP funds. And in the cases of GRP funds, it will observe pertinent Government rules and procedures, pursuant to the provision of paragraph B-2 of the GRP-MILF Tripoli Agreement on Peace of June 22, 2001.

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2. The GRP and concerned government agencies, in coordination with the MILF, will continue to undertake the rehabilitation and development efforts in the conflict-affected areas. Consistent with GRP's resolve to task the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) as its primary implementing agency for development, the ARMM shall enter into contractual relations within its charter, pertaining to rehabilitation and development, with the MILF project implementing body. Likewise, with other government development agencies outside ARMM areas.

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4. The Parties shall maintain an inventory or record of all relief and rehabilitation assistance or projects actually extended by the GRP and other private entities to the evacuees in the conflict-affected areas.

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5. The MILF will submit to the GRP the name, structure and personnel of its project implementing body assigned to determine, lead and manage rehabilitation and development projects in the GRP-MILF Tripoli Agreement on Peace dated June 22, 2001.

National economic Page 3, Article V Implementation of Projects:

plan

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Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 3, Article V Implementation of Projects:

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Business No specific mention.

Taxation No specific mention.

Banks Socio-economic reconstruction→Banks→International finance

Page 3, Article V Implementation of Projects:

8. The parties shall seek the assistance of the Islamic Development Bank (IDP) as partner

in the pursuit of rehabilitation and development projects.

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

No specific mention.

rights or access

Security sector

Security Guarantees

No specific mention.

Ceasefire

Security sector→Ceasefire→General commitments

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Police

No specific mention.

Armed forces

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DDR

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Intelligence services

No specific mention.

Parastatal/rebel and opposition group forces

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Withdrawal of foreign forces

No specific mention.

Corruption No specific mention.

Crime/organised

No specific mention.

crime

Drugs No specific mention.

Terrorism No specific mention.

Transitional justice

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general

Amnesty/pardon No specific mention.

Courts Transitional justice→Courts→National courts

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serious violations of IHL and HR as well as violations of this agmt.

Mechanism No specific mention.

Prisoner release No specific mention.

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims No specific mention.

Missing persons Art.IV.4.in conformity with IHL, each party shall provide info, through the tracing

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Reparations Transitional justice→Reparations→Material reparations

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Reconciliation No specific mention.

Implementation

UN signatory No specific mention.

Other international No specific mention.

signatory

Referendum for agreement

No specific mention.

International mission/force/ similar

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Enforcement mechanism

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4. Serve as an advisory body to the GRP and MILF Panels in the implementation of this Agreement, and other related agreements.

Related cases No specific mention.

Source Accord, GRP-MILF Peace Process: Compilation of Signed Agreements & other related

Documents (1997-2010); (MILF Peace Panel/Asia Foundation, 2010), pp. 121-125.