

Country/entity	Philippines
Region	Asia and Pacific
Agreement name	Joint Agreement in Support of Socio-economic Projects of Private Development Organizations and Institutes
Date	16 Mar 1998
Agreement status	Multiparty signed/agreed
Interim arrangement	Yes

Agreement/conflict level Intrastate/intrastate conflict

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 granting a devolution of power to the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. Following the establishment of the ARMM, the MNLF splintered into a range of smaller groups including Islamic factions such as the

Stage	Framework/substantive - partial
Conflict nature	Government
Peace process	Philippines-NDF process
Parties	<p>The Government of the Republic of the Philippines:</p> <p>By Amb Howard Q. Dee; Chairperson, GRP Negotiating Panel Rep. Jose V. Yap, Member Sec Silvestre H. Bello III, Member Atty. Rene V. Sarmiento, Member Ms Zenaida H. Pawid, Member</p> <p>The National Democratic Front of the Philippines:</p> <p>By: Luis G. Jalandoni, Chairperson, NDFP Negotiating Panel Fidel V. Agcaoili, Member Coni K. Ledesma, Member Asterio B. Palima, Member Jojo S. Magdiwang, Member</p>
Third parties	<p>Witnesses:</p> <p>Hon. Jose C. De Venecia, Speaker, House of Representatives GRP Jose Maria Sison, Chief Political Consultant, NDFP Negotiating Panel Usec. A. Wilfredo Clemente, DECS, GRP Antonio L Zumel, Senior Adviser NDFP Negotiating Panel Ms. MA. Carla L. Munsayac, Executive Director III, GRP Negotiating Panel Secretariat Romeo T. Capulong, General Counsel, NDFP Negotiating Panel</p>
Description	<p>GRP agree to respect, encourage and extend appropriate support to private development organisations and institutes carrying out various programmes, projects and activities including those aimed at promoting a just and lasting peace; to engage in research and planning for the Filipino people's empowerment and development; to promote respect for human rights and relief and undertaking relief and rehabilitation programmes. Agreed that the organisations would raise, manage and use such financial resources as necessary, and would have access to such sources of funding and resources as are available to similar organisations in the Philippines and abroad.</p>
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Groups

Children/youth	Groups→Children/youth→Rhetorical Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;
Disabled persons	No specific mention.
Elderly/age	No specific mention.
Migrant workers	Groups→Migrant workers→Rhetorical Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;
Racial/ethnic/ national group	No specific mention.
Religious groups	No specific mention.
Indigenous people	Groups→Indigenous people→Rhetorical Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;
Other groups	No specific mention.
Refugees/displaced persons	No specific mention.
Social class	Groups→Social class→Rhetorical Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;

Gender

Women, girls and gender	Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...] 1.3. To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;
Men and boys	No specific mention.
LGBTI	No specific mention.
Family	No specific mention.

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

[Note: Entirety of agreement provides for government to 'respect, encourage and support' development activities of private development organisations:]

Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

Section 1. The GRP shall respect, encourage and extend appropriate support to such private development organizations and institutes that carry out programs, projects and activities in pursuit of all or any of the following aims and purposes:

1.1 To promote and lay the ground for a just and lasting peace based on the Filipino people's empowerment and their economic, social and cultural development;

1.2 To engage in research and planning for the Filipino people's empowerment and their economic, social and cultural development and to make recommendations on the basis of such studies and planning;

1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;

1.4 To undertake programs and projects of relief, rehabilitation and development beneficial to communities, families and individuals who have been victimized by human rights violations or whose incomes are below the poverty line;

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1.5 To promote rural and urban cooperatives among the poor in order to make them self-reliant and allow them to raise their standard of living;

1.6 To generate the means of livelihood or employment for victims of human rights violations and released political detainees;

1.7 To cooperate with other entities that are genuinely committed to advancing the rights and interest of the people; and

1.8 To carry out such other aims and purposes as are related to the foregoing.

Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

Section 2. The aforesaid organizations and institutes, hereinafter referred to as the "organizations", shall be self-governing and independent, as may be provided for in their respective charters. In order to transact business and carry on their work, they shall take an appropriate legal status and juridical personality.

Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support

Section 3. The organizations and institutes referred to in the preceding section are legitimate organizations entitled to all the rights, privileges, protection and legal remedies enjoyed by other similar organizations. Accordingly, they and their personnel shall not be subjected to discrimination or any other form of prejudicial action.

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[...]

Section 2. The organizations shall have access to such sources of funding and resources as are available to similar organizations in the Philippines and abroad.

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 No specific mention.

Military power sharing No specific mention.

Human rights and equality

Human rights/RoL general Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support
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[...]
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Bill of rights/similar No specific mention.

Treaty incorporation No specific mention.

Civil and political rights	<p>Human rights and equality→Civil and political rights→Equality</p> <p>Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support, Article 1 [...]</p> <p>1.3 To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;</p> <p>Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support</p> <p>Section 3. The organizations and institutes referred to in the preceding section are legitimate organizations entitled to all the rights, privileges, protection and legal remedies enjoyed by other similar organizations. Accordingly, they and their personnel shall not be subjected to discrimination or any other form of prejudicial action.</p>
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.

Justice sector reform

Criminal justice and emergency law No specific mention.

State of emergency provisions No specific mention.

Judiciary and courts No specific mention.

Prisons and detention No specific mention.

Traditional Laws No specific mention.

Socio-economic reconstruction

Development or socio-economic reconstruction Socio-economic reconstruction→Development or socio-economic reconstruction→Socio-economic development
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1.2 To engage in research and planning for the Filipino people's empowerment and their economic, social and cultural development and to make recommendations on the basis of such studies and planning;

National economic plan No specific mention.

Natural resources No specific mention.

International funds Page 2, Article 2. Funding and Resources
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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 Page 1, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support
[...]
1.3. To undertake programs and projects for the promotion and protection of human rights in general and particularly the rights of workers, peasants, women, youth, children and indigenous peoples as well as the protection of the environment;

**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 Page 2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support
[...]
1.6 To generate the means of livelihood or employment for victims of human rights violations and released political detainees;

Vetting No specific mention.

Victims Page 1-2, Article 1. Respect, Encouragement and Support
[...]
1.4 To undertake programs and projects of relief, rehabilitation and development beneficial to communities, families and individuals who have been victimized by human rights violations or whose incomes are below the poverty line;
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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	Page 2, Article 3. General Provisions Section 3, [...] The GRP and the organizations concerned shall work out the modalities of implementation.
Related cases	No specific mention.
Source	The GRP-NDFP Peace Negotiations: Major Written Agreements & Outstanding Issues, pp. 48-50. UN Peacemaker [http://peacemaker.un.org/philippines-agreement-socioeconomic98]
