



MARADECA Inc.

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About the COVER



The cover page reflects MARADECA's unwavering commitment to achieving sustainable community development goals through quality education, healthcare and well-being for all citizens, as well as sustaining peace, justice and equality, community advocacy, community resilience, and sustainable economic growth program.

We intend to transform communities into prosperity. We are taking steps to alleviate poverty, and ensure that every one has access to health care, education, and economic opportunity. It reflect our desire that no one would be left behind.

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ABOUT US

Maradeka is a very common word among Maranao. It denotes liberation, the act of winning freedom or bail out from oppressive forces or conditions. Hence, the word does not always imply harsh actions or moves in bailing out from backbreaking chains. In situation where people are living in abjection due to the lack of resources and help from those who should, liberation (maradeka) can be made through delivering the essential goods and aids for them.

The Maranao People Development Center Inc. (MARADECA) tag line “Liberating the disadvantaged from Poverty” give the real heart of Maradeka, or liberation. MARADECA is a non-stock, non-profit, service-oriented institution helping to provide for the needs of the Moro people in their quest for socio economic advancement and struggle for peace and development. The birth of the institution was the offshoot of the collective effort of concerned Maranao individuals who witnessed the ebbing fate of some Maranao living in disadvantageous conditions. In the last quarter of the 1990s, MARADECA's chores were focused on liberating the Maranao people from the manacle of poverty through delivering the needed goods and services to the community. In August 29, 1999, MARADECA was registered at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC RN H199900444) in Cagayan de Oro.

The duty to help the underprivileged sector, as showcased by the goods and services delivered to the underserved sector made MARADECA the epitome of decentralization and sought to democratize society. This effectively acquired support from different local and international funding partners. It also gained recognition from different local governments in Lanao del sur. Indeed, MARADECA was accredited by the Department of Interior and Local government (DILG) , the Lanao del Sur provincial government and the Marawi city government. The institution is also a member of the stakeholders Chamber of Sustainable Developments Goals of the National Economic Development Authority (NEDA).

OUR VISION

A Bangsamoro community with empowered citizenry enjoying peace, stability, resiliency and prosperity working in harmony with the other peoples and nationalities

OUR MISSION

A pillar of community development that will continue the empowerment of people regardless of religious and political belief and culture in building peaceful and resilient and prosperous communities

OUR GOAL

A resilient communities capable of self-governance guided by the ideals of participatory democracy, respect for human rights and progressive and self-sustaining economy.



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Message from the Chief Executive Officer

The word challenge has been already etched in the history of Maranao People Development or MARADECA as a human institution. I take pride that in its long year of existence, we have overcome all challenges, that are audibly evidenced in that vision and mission on the horizon of aiding people in claimant inadequacy are gradually fulfilled. I am also delighted by the verifiable truth that MARADECA in 2023 have had a lot of achievements to enumerate. Helping the disadvantaged and underserved sector was heavy load to shoulder, for it really requires heartfelt dedication and commitment. Despite all the hindrances and challenges we overcame them all as we look on back some success projects and programs we engaged in the year.

Sonorously, tuberculosis (TB) is one of the biggest health problems in the Philippines. A million of Filipinos have TB and about 70 dies every day from TB according to online survey. The Philippine government, the World Health Organization, and other concerned institution have been performing some activities to end TB.

MARADECA on its boundless commitment to serve the disadvantaged sector took part and engaged on a program, Active TB from 2021 and which was continued in the year 2023. MARADECA recommenced all activities akin to the program, such as the Active Case Finding through free chest x-ray. MARADECA's approach was on a grassroots level; ACF was directed to those living in poverty, disadvantaged and those without access to education and health. Our services reached almost all of the region of Mindanao and some parts of the Visayas region.

The backwash of COVID-19 was also pulled in the year 2023 and the quandary rested on the number of uptakes into some areas, especially in the BARMM, which had the lowest number of vaccines uptakes. In March 1, 2021, the first vaccine from Sinovac arrived in the country, and the hesitancy of some Filipinos due to negative conception about the vaccines is a serious problem. The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), had the lowest number of vaccine uptakes.

The MARADECA's information drive on the legality of vaccine in Islam and the scientific gain and benefit of immunization eventually helped enlighten the minds of people, who were hesitant to take the vaccine. There upon, the number

of vaccines uptakes in BARMM increased. Along with this program was routine immunization for small children. There were 69,206 immunizations vaccines, and 629 COVID-19 vaccine administered under this project.

The Leveraging and Expanding Agri-aqua Production in the Bangsamoro was aimed at improving the quality, diversity, and consolidation of coffee and seaweeds production. MARADECA is focused on the coffee value chain in Sulu and Basilan, considering that these provinces are among the top 30 producers of coffee in the Philippines. The project will contribute to a peaceful, cohesive, secure and inclusive development of Agri-aqua culture value chain in the Bangsamoro.

MARADECA also recognizes the contribution of the Civil Society Organizations for peace and development in propelling the communities toward a resplendent future. In our effort to bolster their access to the essential cognition that will promote guidance for their unwavering services, we launched a series of training in BASULTA, CARAGA and Lanao. The training encompassed all knowledge that will uplift their skills, such as, organizational and financial management training, monitoring and monitoring and evaluation training, and other fields of related knowledge.

The success of MARADECA in 2023 was not without sacrifices and challenges, and I am extending my gratitude to all men and women who have been with us. Our achievement could not be beyond realization without the support of individuals and groups sympathetic to our cause. The local and international partners were among the key to our success. Their trust and support made were more than substantial. In behalf of all MARADECA staff, I am reiterating my gratitude to all who have been with us in delivering the best we could for Bangsamoro in particular and the nation in general. The year 2023 challenges will be our inspiration to go ahead in 2024 and pursue another triumph, Insha Allah.

Thank you.

SALIC B. IBRAHIM
CEO/PRESIDENT
MARADECA, INC.



Message from the Operations Manager

MARADECA: Since it earned recognition and support from different local and international partners, it has gradually change the scope of its work. From a small scale to large scale projects and programs, this requires a prudent and careful management. As an Operations Manager of MARADECA, it has been my inherent task to manage all activities involved in producing positive goods and services delivered to target clients of our institution. The conception of approaches, battering of accomplishment, and obtaining resource material for our daily activities and guarding of compliance with every project program is not an easy task for me. However, the dedication to serve has been running in my blood from the very overture of MARADECA. The problems and challenges beseeching me never become a hindrance to pursuing the task and role attached to my position.

By far, the year 2023, was a reverberation of the past work, yet the handling and approaches are undoubtedly dissimilar considering the role of advancing technology, the economic component, and human resources. I was always on the watch at every step of our operation, to provide and produce necessary stuffs needed and assure that productivity result would not be immolated due to scarcity of resources. We are sending our staff to different training we deem necessary for their field of work. We recruit staff we deem essential to our operation.

Counting all the work I have done is a bit dizzying but this my duty. As I noted earlier; being an operations manager is not an easy chore. Embracing the result of our hardship however, gave us inspiration to continue walking on the aisle of service along with my indefatigable staff. Their loyalty, professionalism and solidarity enabled MARADECA to deliver the best service for the disadvantage sector.

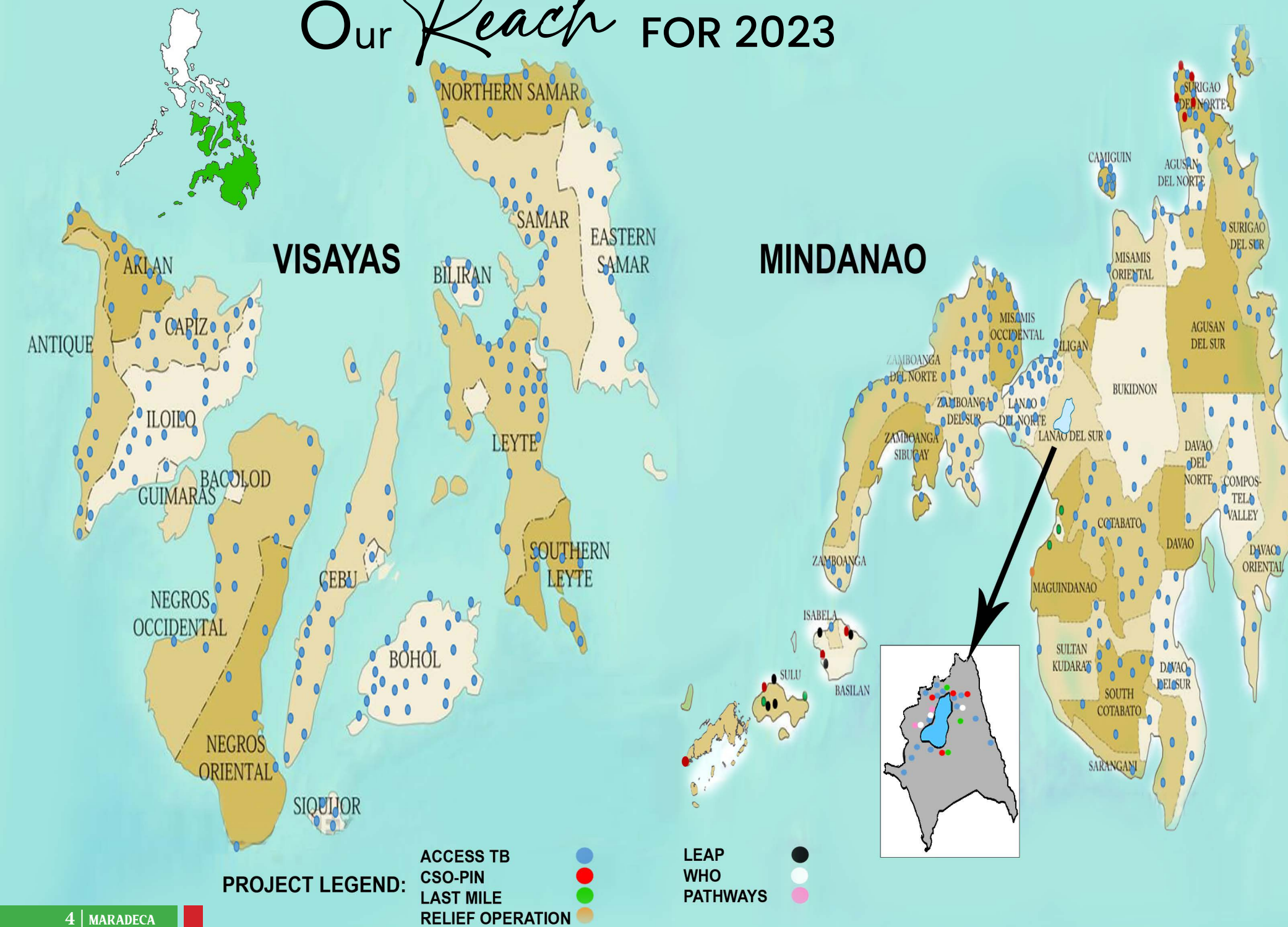
As the year 2023 ended, I saw the success from our operation. I understand that our staff administration down to our field staff played important roles in the success of our operation. I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to my staff who have worked by my side for the entire year. Likewise, to all the people who helped us in providing the services for the underserved and disadvantaged sectors.

Thank you.

SINAB D, IBRAHIM
OPERATIONS MANAGER
MARADECA, INC.



Our Reach FOR 2023



Our Programs AND SERVICES

Community and Sustainable Development (CSD)

This program focuses on sustainable community development, integrated social services, and local economic and agricultural development in the communities. The CSD has 3 components: sustainable agriculture and enterprise development, education and health, and emergency

Peace Building and Governance Program (PeaceGov)

This program is a collaborative approach that facilitates peace building and good governance advocacy. It also strengthens communities in championing good governance and peace-building.

Institutional Development Program (InstiDev)

It focuses in strengthening the systems, procedures, programs and services of the institution. It provides special attention to strengthen information management system, human resource development and mechanisms for resource generation

Linkaging and Networking Program (Link)

This program will establish and broaden collaboration and partnership with local, national and international organizations and institutions that work for community development



One of the pre-school completers under the Pathway Project in Brgy. Gadongan, Municipality of Madalum, Lanao del Sur, BARMM, Philippines

Our JOURNEY THROUGH THE YEAR

The year 2023 was akin to a chime full of unpredictable changes and challenges. The backwash of devastating COVID-19 was audibly pulled in 2023 and the awful outcome was the climbing figure of Philippine external debt wounding up to trillion pesos and the sum of all was the increasing cost of living and services. According to government statistic, the increasing food, housing, and utility prices drove inflation in the Philippines.

The unemployment and underemployment remained most vital issue in 2023. Poverty also a principal development emerged with 27.6 million Filipinos living in below the poverty line. The political hues and changes continue to flow under President Marcos Jr.'s hand, but this is not a new overture in Philippine politics. The incumbent laid insights, program and plans for the country's development, the opposing parties gave their critical views and this is actually the face of a democratic country.

The blast of the year 2023 was undoubtedly like the previous year, brought hope to people jaunting in arduous ways. The so-called underprivileged and deprived sector were in the verge of hope that the year 2023 will bring light that will manumit them from the dark spot. The hope for the government to accord a solution to the long-time poverty, and longing for assistance and aid from the administration. Hence, the government, despite of its dire effort to deliver the goods and services to the disadvantaged and underprivileged sectors was failing short.

The cry for health, food and utility services were an exhibition that the government cannot do its job alone. The private sector, civil

society organizations and the non-governmental organizations carried the load. This is why, the Philippine government recognizes their ability and capacity as embodied in Section 23 of Article II in 1987 Philippine Constitution and in Section II-C of the Philippine Local Government Code.

The Maranao People Development Center Inc. (MARADECA) is one of the non-governmental organizations in the country that fits in filling the services to the underserved sectors.

MARADECA trust that all human, no matter who they are of where they are, are entitled to health services, treatment and testing. This was the Last Mile COVID19 vaccine and support to routine immunization for small project wanted to address, reaching the unreached.

The project had given the privilege to families and individual living in far-flung areas with difficulties to access health and treatment. The project ran for six months and had significant results. It administered immunization vaccine to 69,206 children and 626 for COVID-19 vaccines.

Tuberculosis remains a big problem for health in the Philippine. Access TB seeking to battle the TB disease has been implemented since 2021 across the areas in Mindanao and Visayas, providing free chest x-ray to vulnerable sectors.

In July 2023, MARADECA started a project, Leveraging and Expanding Agri-Aqua Production (LEAP). The project aimed at strengthening the quality and diversity of coffee and seaweeds production in the island provinces of Sulu and Basilan. It will contribute

to the peaceful, cohesive, secure, and inclusive development of Agri-aqua culture value chain in the Bangsamoro region. MARADECA focuses on coffee value chain in Basilan and Sulu. The two provinces are among the top 30 top producer of coffee in the country.

The year 2023, might not be the best year for MARADECA in delivering services to the people in need, yet as an institution whose heart and soul are for the disadvantaged sector, it vowed to carry on its work in 2024. With the support and help of our local and international partner, MARADECA is looking for another triumph in 2024.

In the year 2023, MARADECA delineated the real cast and integrity of an NGO. Its dedication and commitment to serving were reflected in the project and program it engaged in during the year. Since the start of the year, MARADECA consistently persisted the unfinished agenda in the previous year, the COVID-19 vaccination. Hesitancy to take vaccines was undeniably became hindrance for the vaccine coverage. There were areas with low number of vaccinated individuals.

MARADECA in partnership with WHO took the challenge of increasing vaccine uptakes in the BARM, which had a lowest number of vaccines, and engaged on a project, Technical Assistance to implement the Local Health System Playbook for Equity-Based COVID-19 vaccination. The project brought good results as the number of uptakes increased, particularly in the Municipality of Madalum where 44 COVID-19 vaccine were administered during a house-to-house visit of MARADECA team.



Responding CSOs Needs

Civil Society Organizations have been recognized as potential instrument for propelling the communities towards a brighter future in terms of bringing up peace and development in the community. They are trusted courier of project and program in the community. Organization Capacity Assessment (OCA) and Strategic Action Plan (SAP) are tools to strengthen the capacity building of CSOs. It is designed to assist organizations in assessing the critical elements for effective organizational, management and identifying those areas that need strengthening or further development.

MARADECA attended the pilot testing of OCA-SAP facilitated by People In Need (PIN). Fifteen (15) CSOs and two (2) CSO networks in fifteen (15) selected cities and municipalities from BARMM and CARAGA also participated in the launching of OCA-SAP. It sought to strengthen the CSO's role in public decision making at local, regional, and national level through Tailored Assistance, Joint Initiatives with LGUs and Access to Financial Support.

Tailored to capacity building, MARADECA conducted a series of training based on identified needs of each CSO. Training on Organizational Development Management and Financial Management were held in Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-tawi (BASULTA), CARAGA and Lanao, participated by 118 attendees, of whom, ninety- seven (97) were women and 21 were men. The Resource

Mobilization, Monitoring and Evaluation was held in Surigao del Norte (SDN), BASULTA and Lanao with sixty-eight (68) attendees, of whom, fifty-six (56) were women and twelve (12) were men. The last series of training was on Advocacy, Networking, Lobbying and Communication held in Lanao, BASULTA and SDN, fifteen (15) men and fifty-seven (57) women were in attendance. The success of the training is much reflected on the comments of some CSO participants where they conveyed their appreciation and gratitude to MARADECA for providing the knowledge they needed in capacity building.

Civil Society Organizations who participated the series of training have successfully gained the following abilities:

- Enhanced their knowledge on Organizational Development and Financial management like book keeping and liquidation
- Developed plans and established organizational system and roles
- Increased their knowledge on the significance and potential impact of advocacy, networking, lobbying and communication
- Enhanced their knowledge on resource mobilization, monitoring and evaluation concepts including logical result framework and project proposal writings
- CSOs developed advocacy and communication plan.

The value of unity and function of the Organization: Rizza Agan Story

“We are thankful to MARADECA because they taught us on how we can stand and made us realize the value of unity and the function of an organization”

The community didn't have the determination to pursue farming to earn a living. People didn't know where to sell their product. The produced product only went to personal consumption. The project that came into the community could not be sustained by the beneficiaries because they didn't know how to sustain it.

This was the description of Ms. Agan to her community. Ms. Agan is 50 years old, a mother of two children, a housewife, and a farmer from Brgy. Union, Taganaan, Surigao del Norte. Currently the Secretary of the Union Farmers Association (UFA), one of CSO beneficiaries of MARADECA under the project, Strengthening Capacities of CSOs in CARAGA and BARMM for Good Governance in partnership with People in Need (PIN).

The UFA community has finally realized the importance of an association and had taken significant steps towards strengthening their organization. They have attended various training, coaching, and mentoring sessions provided by MARADECA, which helped them become more active and awakened towards the concept of association. Previously, the community members only viewed association as a compliance requirement imposed by the Local Government Unit, but now they have gained a deeper understanding of its paramount significance. Ms. Agan said, “We are thankful to MARADECA because they taught us on how we can stand and made us realized the value of unity and the function of organization”.

As a secretary of the association she said, “the training taught her a lot on how to uplift their association. We cannot depend on project alone. Being a consolidator, we need to collaborate with other agencies. The training was a big help for us, we learned how to lobby our product and our concern to different agencies.”

Ms. Agan said it was a great opportunity because it had built her confidence. They had practiced making proposal and MARADECA was there to guide them. “Thank you to MARADECA and its partner PIN for providing us the support, it was a great help to our association and to our community. We hope that MARADECA can cater and provide more support to Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and to people's organization.”

Rizza Agan, CSO
Officer and one of
the beneficiary.

*Coaching and Mentoring of CSOs
in Tamberlongan, Jolo Sulu*

*Resource Mobilization and
Advocacy Training of CSO's in
Lanao del Sur*

Workshops during the Advocacy Training in Lanao del Sur and Surigao del Norte



The Last Mile

Every human, no matter who they are where they are, is entitled to access health services and life-saving treatments. Since the start of vaccines immunization, the Philippine government has been aiming 80% coverage, meaning that 90 million Filipinos would be vaccinated. The government have its eye on ensuring people in Geographically Isolated Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA), hard to reach areas, to have access to vaccines.

MARADECA, together with Relief International, being a CSO or NGO that have the capacity to carry out the task, implemented the Last Mile COVID-19 and supported the routine immunization program in the BARMM with high and risky population. The areas covered are the provinces of Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu and the City of Marawi and Cotabato City.

The six-months collaboration with Regional Health

Unit and Local Government have significant accomplishment to wit:

- 69,206 children were immunized.
- 626 COVID-19 vaccines administered, most of them were from senior citizen
- 3,386 children, 0-23 months old, were given the DPT vaccines.
- 5,929 children were fully immunized
- 876 health workers, volunteers and other frontline health workers were trained and provided with operational support and supervision in conduct risk communication and communication engagement.
- 11 provinces, cities, and municipalities have been updated with evidence demand-base demand generation plans for COVID-19 vaccination, routine/catchup/supplemental and SIA through messaging and access to

service.

- 1,206,642 people reached on COVID-19 vaccine, and routine catchup/supplemental immunization.
- 5,628 of people eligible for vaccination were informed through messaging about COVID-19 and practice of minimum standards, public health standard, routine immunization and SIA.
- 1,099 people participated in engagement actions.
- Five community and mainstream media radio stations that established partnerships on broadcasting service announcements, and radio guesting by influencers and staff.
- 20,104 people shared their concerns and asked questions or clarifications for available support services to address their needs through an established feed-back mechanism.

Navigating Challenges to Ensure Immunization: A Midwife Dedication

“The journey towards immunization coverage is not without challenges”

The unwavering dedication, selflessness, compassion and commitment to serve people jaunting in the aisle of ardent needs earned a legacy and reputations that will be nurtured in the minds and heart of some 4,136 in residents of Barangay Litayin, Bongo Island, Maguindanao. This is the story of Kairia L. Mustapha, a 33-years old mother, a devoted midwife, and a dedicated healthcare worker.

The daunting challenges of Kairia in sitio Hadja Asma were a common and popular issue during the implementation of the COVID19 vaccination immunization coverage. The religious beliefs and the misconceptions about the vaccines which actually posed significant barriers to achieving comprehensive immunization coverage, required urgent intervention.

With the collaboration of MARADECA Inc., Relief International, UNICEF, and USAID, the intervention was launched. Kairia's request to target areas in Sitio Hadji Asma was met with resounding support from local stakeholders including religious leaders and barangay officials.

The information drive of MARADECA, which included public announcements, education and lectures by religious leaders, and the informative discussion vis-a-vis COVID19 vaccines led by Kairia undoubtedly sowed fruitful gains. Through her unwavering effort and the support of different stakeholders, people were enlightened and the misconception about vaccine ingredients were properly addressed leading to a deeper understanding of the importance of immunization.

The outcome of the unwavering dedication of Kairia and the support from various stakeholders was tangible as the number of hesitancy decreased and the community embraced the benefit of routine immunization. It underscored the transformative power of community collaboration. As Kairia attested, the journey toward immunization coverage is not without challenges.

In the face of adversity, kairia stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of healthcare workers. Through her tireless effort, she not only saved lives but also inspired hope and transformation in the community she served. In barangay Litayin, Bongo Island, her legacy of compassion and commitment will endure for years to come.



Kairia administered a dose of immunization to a child in Sitio Asma, Bongo Island, Maguindanao.

Routine immunization at Jolo, Sulu

Focus group discussion at barangay Banga, Marawi City

Radio program announcement on routine immunization and COVID-19 vaccine promotion in Jolo, Sulu

House-to-house visit for routine immunization at Brgy. Emie Punud, Marawi City



ACF at the Grassroots

Tuberculosis or TB is one of the biggest health problems in the country, the Philippines. The risk lies in its potential to spread because it is an airborne and contagious disease. Millions of Filipinos have TB disease and about 70 die every day from it. The Philippines government works with the Department of Health and other humanitarian institutions have made undying effort to combat TB disease. There are activities and programs being conducted to end or at least lessen TB infection. The Active Case Finding (ACF) is one of the solutions made to address the illness. The ACF could identify cases early, initiate treatment, reduces poor treatment outcomes, and reduces the risk to further transmission of TB. It supplies admission-related to the population that have been otherwise been unreachable.

Access TB demonstrated the boundless effort of the Maranao People Development Inc. (MARADECA) in joining the efforts to end TB in the Philippines. The program was funded by the Philippines Business for Social Progress, aimed at finding

and detecting individuals afflicted by TB through active case finding. Access TB provided support to DOH-NTP to find TB cases in the country. MARADECA's approach in implementing the program was at the grassroots-level with staff sent to far-flung areas deemed unreachable by other health workers. The intervention was directed at the populations most affected by TB, the disfavored sectors, the disadvantaged sectors, and those without access to education and health. The ACF MARADECA team, Rural Health Worker, City Health Worker, Integrated Provincial Health Office and Department of Health work together to combat TB in the vulnerable communities. The program has been implemented since 2021 across the areas in Mindanao and Visayas, providing free chest x-rays to the vulnerable sector in the community.

In 2023, The MARADECA team screened free chest x-rays for 153,843 individuals, 67,946 were from Visayas and 85,897 from Mindanao. From the total number of screened individuals, 4,618 were found positive of tuberculosis.



Story of Marilou

The fare cost and the distance crossing the sea, amidst strong waves, are hindrances for the people of San Luis, Capul Island, Northern Samar, to reach the Municipality of Allen to do an x-ray to ensure their good health.

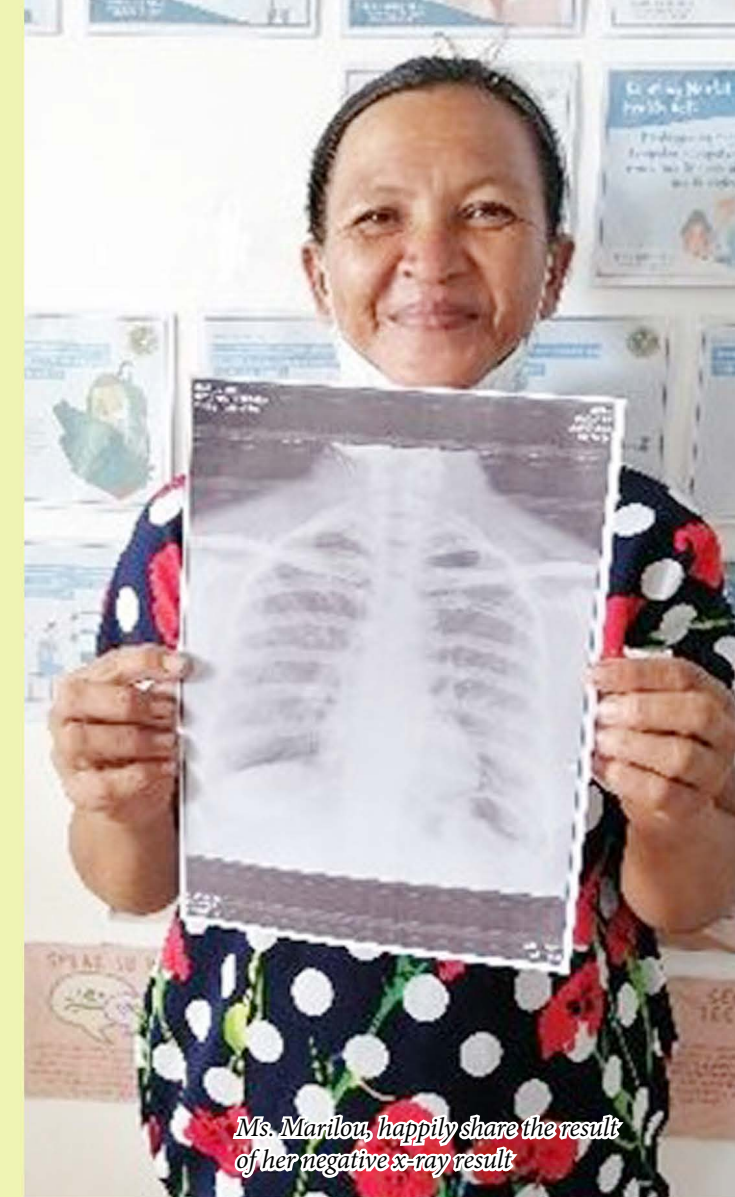
The story of Marilou Diaz, a resident of San Luis, Capul, Northern Samar, is a portrayal of survival, hardship, and anxiety in life. Ms. Diaz, who is 46 years old and a mother of ten children, was one of the clients who availed of the free chest-ray conducted by MARADECA in partnership of PBSP. She is the breadwinner of the family. Her husband, supposedly the earner of the family has TB disease. She earned their living only by selling vegetable in the market. Her family is among the poorest families in her community.

The Barangay Health Worker informed her about the free chest x-ray and she was willing to undergo the X-ray because this is her opportunity to know if she has a disease or TB. This was her second time to do the x-ray. Her husband had a tuberculosis already and she wanted to make sure if she had TB disease too.

The free chest x-ray had helped her. The fear of having TB disease disappeared as the chest x-ray result proved that she had no illness. She can pursue earning for her family. The X-ray also helped her and her community, especially the poor, because the fare is expensive and sometimes, they are afraid to cross the sea with strong waves in going to the municipality of Allen, where x-rays are available.

"I will convey to my neighbors and other people to avail the free x-ray services of MARADECA, so that they will know if they have TB and if there is, it will be detected on the spot for prevention and medication, said by Ms. Diaz.

I would like to thank God and to RHU-San Luis for informing us about the free x-ray and above all, to MARADECA, PBSP, and IMED for the free chest x-ray though our place was far.



Ms. Marilou, happily share the result of her negative x-ray result



Senior Citizen in LLaazi, Siquijor, assisted by MARADECA team after the xray service



One of the nurses in Eastern Samar, provided information on TB to clients during the ACF activity



MARADECA Team together with DOH Secretary Dr. Teodoro Herbosa and Regional Director Dr. Ellenieta Gamalo during the Bagong Pilipinas Service Fair in Bukidnon.



Clients were in queue for profiling during the ACF activity in Baganga, Davao Oriental.



COVID-19 Dilemma

In March of the year 2020, the world was shaken by a shocking disaster that took millions lives and destroyed properties of people around the globe. COVID-19, ostensibly marked by the history of every country. On its early take off, every country was in a state of perplexity, searching for the antidote of the killer virus. After a year, Anti- virus vaccine were discovered.

In March 1, 2021 with the arrival of the first vaccine from Sinovac, the Philippine government started a program to implement vaccines schemes. However, a large number of Filipinos were hesitant to take the immunization due to misconception about the aftereffects of the vaccine to their health. The annual target goal of vaccine was that 80 million of Filipinos would be vaccinated. In March 16 2023, 79.2 million got vaccinated and despite of the considerable amelioration, the Philippine government was still eyeing a 95% vaccinated populace.

The World Health Organization (WHO) launched a program seeking to help increase the number of vaccines uptakes in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) which had the lowest number of vaccines uptakes. MARADECA was appreciated and recognized by WHO as their Civil Society Organization implementing partner in the province, particularly Lanao del Sur, for the program of Technical Assistance to implement the Local Health System Playbook for Equity-Based COVID-19 immunization.

MARADECA indefatigably worked for the realization of the program's goal. Coordination with different local government units involved and establishing good relations with mass media were made for the information drive about COVID-19, its benefits and legality in Islamic precept. MARADECA developed printed materials written in the Maranao dialect. 2000 brochures were given to Rural Health Units (RHU) partners, tarpaulins are displayed in conspicuous area and stickers were posted to some Public Utility Vehicles (PUB). A house-to-house campaign, consultations, and group discussions, including with religious leaders, were launched to assure that vaccines and boosters would be clearly understood by individuals from the foundation of scientific and religious annotation.

MARADECA was focused on several municipalities of Lanao del Sur endorsed by Provincial Health Office and Integrated Provincial Health Office as areas with low number of vaccinated individuals. These are the municipality of Bacolod Kalawi, Buadi Puso Buntong, and Madalum. MARADECA's restless work had brought up a good result, the number of vaccine uptakes and immunization increased in the areas. Indeed, 44 vaccines were administered in Madalum during house-to-house visit of MARADECA team together with Municipal Rural Health Unit.



Ibrahim Solaiman, 24 years old, one of the resident from Barangay Dibarosan, Madalum who was encouraged to take the COVID-19 Vaccine

Culmination Program of Pre-schoolers is symbolizes the success and collaborative efforts of the parents, learning facilitators and BLGUs in Brgy. Gadongan, Madalum



Pathways to Success

MARADECA believes that education is the key to the socio-economic advancement and ultimate peace of the Bangsamoro people. In partnership with Pathways, MBHTE-BARMM, and DepEd, MARADECA's Education Unit of Community Sustainable Development Programme recently implemented a one-year project called Increase Access of Marginalized Children to Kto3 Education through Community Support (I-ACCESS to Kindergarten Education). The project was aimed at providing greater access to education for marginalized children in the Geographically Isolated and Disadvantaged Areas (GIDA) of Madalum and Tugaya, Lanao del Sur.

The project had successfully set up a total of eight (8) fully-functional facilities that were safe and conducive to learning. These facilities were designed to cater to the educational needs of children in kindergarten up to Grade 3 (K-3). Additionally, the project had hired dedicated and highly qualified learning facilitators who are committed to providing quality education to the students. To enhance the learning experience, the project had also distributed various instructional and learning materials to the students and their teachers. Furthermore, the learning process was made more interactive through the employment of engaging learning sessions that were designed to keep the students interested and motivated.

The free and accessible education program successfully enrolled 150 children, comprising 77 girls and 73 boys. The program began in June 2022 and continued until February 2023. One of the notable achievements of this program was the significant improvement in the learning abilities of the students, which were evident in their performance on the summative and formative assessments. Furthermore, kindergarten learners have also shown improvements, as they are now able to hold pencils, read, write, and socialize better with their peers. The culmination of the program also played a vital role in shaping the young learners' experiences, contributing to their overall growth.





Leaping Agri-Aqua culture Production

In July 2023, MARADECA, in partnership with People In Need, started the three years duration project, Leveraging and Expanding Agri-aqua Production (LEAP), funded by the European Union (UE) through the Bangsamoro Agri Enterprises Program (BAEP). The project aimed to strengthen the quality and diversity of coffee and seaweed production in the island provinces. MARADECA focuses on establishing a coffee value chain in the province of Basilan and Sulu.

Basilan and Sulu are among the top 30 producers of coffee in the country. Basilan is in number eight (8) producer and coffee is the secondary crop. Sulu is among top three (3) producer and coffee is the primary crop in the province. Despite these, coffee production in the provinces are behind in market competition. Basilan's coffee farmers cannot meet the standard quality of coffee bought by processors, while in Sulu, processed coffee were sold to individual buyer.

LEAP is a project that will address the problems of promoting coffee in the local and national markets which will eventually bring sustainable economic growth to the provinces. Further, the project will contribute to the peaceful, inclusive development of Agri-Aqua culture value chain in Bangsamoro. Through the use of appropriate and advance technology in farming, coffee production will propel itself into the market.

MARADECA closely work for four main outputs: mapping and analyzing; coordination with stakeholders; organizing and equipping coffee farmers for diversified and quality production, establishing and strengthening farmers' small social enterprises; and enhancing existing post-harvest and processing facilities. In the five months preparation, MARADECA's activities included the following:

- Assisted coordination and consultation with BARMM ministries, LGUs and federated cooperatives and farmers group.
- Drafted first coffee value chain at Municipal and Provincial level
- Road mapping
- Farm visitation and inspection.
- Coffee traders and processors meeting.
- Selection process, 162 coffee farmers in Basilan including 2 cooperatives and 280 coffee farmers in Sulu.
- Potential nursery site identified.

MARADECA STRATEGIC PLANNING WORKSHOP

Programme of Activities
ESQ



MARADECA, Inc.

MARADECA INC.

Strategic Planning

2023-2028

Navigating Success A Strategic Blueprint of MARADECA

MARADECA conducts strategic planning every five years to set long-term goals, develop strategies, and allocate resources to achieve those goals. The process involves analyzing internal and external factors, prioritizing actions, and creating a roadmap for success. This year, 2023, MARADECA had its five-year strategic planning for 2023-2028 through three series of workshops held on August 19-21 in Anda Bohol, September 16-17, and October 21-22 in Ragayan Training Center, Marantao Lanao del Sur. The workshops were attended by program officers, management, and the board, and were facilitated by Mr. Eddie Qutoriano. The strategic plan for the next five years takes into account the interconnectedness of global, national, and sub-national contexts and challenges. The plan includes clear long-term objectives with measurable targets and strategies to achieve the desired outcomes. The strategic planning process has been finalized and approved by the board. MARADECA's vision is to empower the Bangsamoro community to live in harmony, peace, stability, resiliency, and prosperity with the rest of the Philippines. Its mission is to be a pillar of development that empowers people regardless of religion, ethnicity, and political belief. By 2028, MARADECA aims to expand its outreach as a national NGO and amplify its value proposition for democratic governance, peaceful, environment-friendly, and sustainable livelihood

Message from Partners



SELVA RAMACHANDRAN
Resident Representative
UNDP Philippines

I am pleased to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Maranao People Development Center (MARADECA), Inc. on the publication of your 2023 Annual Report. This report is a testament to the remarkable work that MARADECA continues to do in advancing peacebuilding and development in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) is proud to have partnered with MARADECA for many years, and it is inspiring to see the impact of our longstanding collaboration. Together, we have worked tirelessly to bring about positive change and empower marginalized and disadvantaged communities and sectors including internally displaced persons and their host communities.

In the aftermath of the Marawi siege of 2017, MARADECA has accompanied institutions and communities towards the rehabilitation and recovery of the city. Furthermore, our partnership has made significant contributions to the peace process, catalyzing transformation in communities affected by conflict in the Bangsamoro. Through our support for community-led initiatives, we have contributed to fostering sustainable peace, unity, and self-reliance. This work remains crucial as we continue to support the Bangsamoro people on their journey towards lasting peace and development.

Through our joint efforts, we have witnessed the resilience and determination of the people of BARMM, who have shown incredible strength in overcoming challenges and perseverance to improve their lives.

As we reflect on the achievements highlighted in this report, let us also reaffirm our commitment to continue working together towards a more peaceful and prosperous BARMM. Together, we can build a better future for all, leaving no one behind.

Congratulations once again on this significant milestone, and I look forward to our continued partnership and collaboration in the years to come.



PIN PHL Team
People in Need Philippines

Reflecting on the past year, we recognize the achievements facilitated by our partnership. Together, we've collaborated on initiatives in Mindanao, focusing on projects to enhance good governance and improve agri- & aqua- value chains. Our joint projects have demonstrated the power of partnership in effecting change.

Through our joint efforts, we've helped empower local Civil Society Organizations in Caraga and BARMM and started the action to support the coffee and seaweed industries in Basilan, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi. MARADECA's hard work, commitment and good work ethics have been crucial in driving these initiatives, ensuring the attainment of project goals.

We would like to express our gratitude to the management and staff of MARADECA for embracing People in Need (PIN) as your partner. Sanggibo salamat. (Thank you so much.)

Here's to more years of productive collaboration and meaningful contribution to the development of BARMM, Mindanao and other areas of the Philippines.



Hon. Mayor Crisanta O. Mondano
Municipality of Mainit,
Surigao del Norte

I extended my appreciation for MARADECA in extending your help to our communities. We hope for more intervention. Long live for MARADECA!



Camille P. Fugio, MD, MPM
Regional NTP Medical Coordinator
Infectious Cluster Head, Region 12

I want to congratulate MARADECA once again on another successful year. We collaborated for more than three years to meet goals and go above and beyond what is required to benefit the community.

We are grateful that through this collaboration, we can provide Chest X-ray services to more people at the community level. An increased number of presumed tuberculosis cases have been screened, diagnosed, and safely referred to begin anti-tuberculosis drugs or TB preventive therapy as a result of the partnership and collaboration through active case-finding initiatives. As 2024 begins, let me thank you for this partnership, and we look forward to working with you again in the years to come!



Rose Celestial Cabillon, RN
NTP Coordinator, RHU
Badian, Cebu City

"We the Badianangons, express our utmost appreciation to MARADECA Inc together with PBSP for aiding us in fighting against TB through Active Case Finding with FREE CHEST Xrays. We worked hand in hand with each other in the early identification to the people in the community whom are might have active TB. 2 years of partnership with your organization were truly a blessing to every Badianangons.

It was indeed a great pleasure working with MARADECA Inc. Many patients were grateful because they weren't aware of having such a condition up until they got screened and availed of the Free Chest Xray, and received their TB treatment immediately. Surely, early detection is the key to a healthy life.

Please accept our endless gratitude. We are looking forward to more years of fruitful partnership and collaboration. Yes, we can End TB together! Daghang Salamat."



Jameson Bandala
Municipal Planning Officer
II, Municipality of Taganaan,
Surigao del Norte

The Municipality of Taganaan, is classified as a 5th class municipality that lacks of funds to support its Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). The CSOs is pivotal to the development and progress of the municipality, and as such, their upliftment is of utmost importance.

We are immensely grateful to MARADECA, a non-governmental organization, for their generous efforts in reaching out to our communities and aiding the CSOs in enhancing their developmental and governance capabilities. Their support has been crucial in bringing about positive change and progress within our Municipality

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

The Board of Trustees
Maranao People Development Center (MARADECA), Inc.
Barangay Poonamarantao, Ragayan, Marantao, Lanao del Sur

Auditor's Opinion

I have audited the financial statements of **Maranao People Development Center (MARADECA), INC.**, hereinafter known as the Entity, which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2023, and the statement of operations, statement of changes in fund balance and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In my opinion the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respect, the financial position of the **Maranao People Development Center (MARADECA), INC.** as of December 31, 2023, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities (PFRS for SEs).

Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Philippine Standards on Auditing (PSAs). My responsibilities under those standards are further described in *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of my report. I am independent of the Entity in accordance with the Philippine Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (PESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to my audit of the financial statements in the Philippines, the *Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants in the Philippines*, and I have fulfilled my other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide basis of my opinion.

Responsibility of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with Philippine Financial Reporting Standards for Small Entities (PFRS for SEs) and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with PSAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with PSAs, I exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

Report on Legal and Other Regulatory Requirements

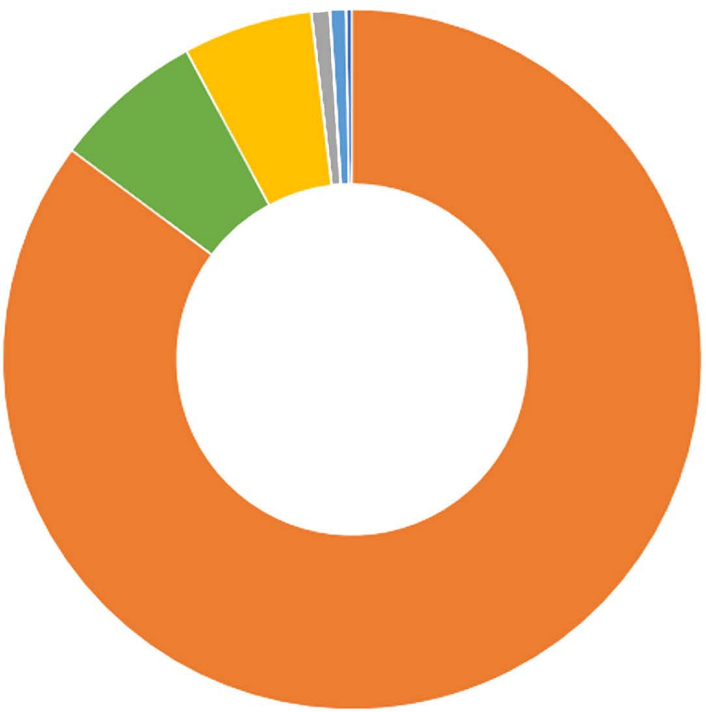
My audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information in the notes to the financial statements is presented for purposes of filing with the Bureau of Internal Revenue and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information is the responsibility of management and has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in my audits of the basic financial statements. In my opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

PAO-JU L. CHI

BOA Accreditation No. 9226 (Expiry: Dec. 5, 2024)
BIR Accreditation No. 16-007783-001-2020 (Expiry: Feb. 5, 2025)
CDA Accreditation No. 1609 (Expiry: Sep. 7, 2024)
March 10, 2024

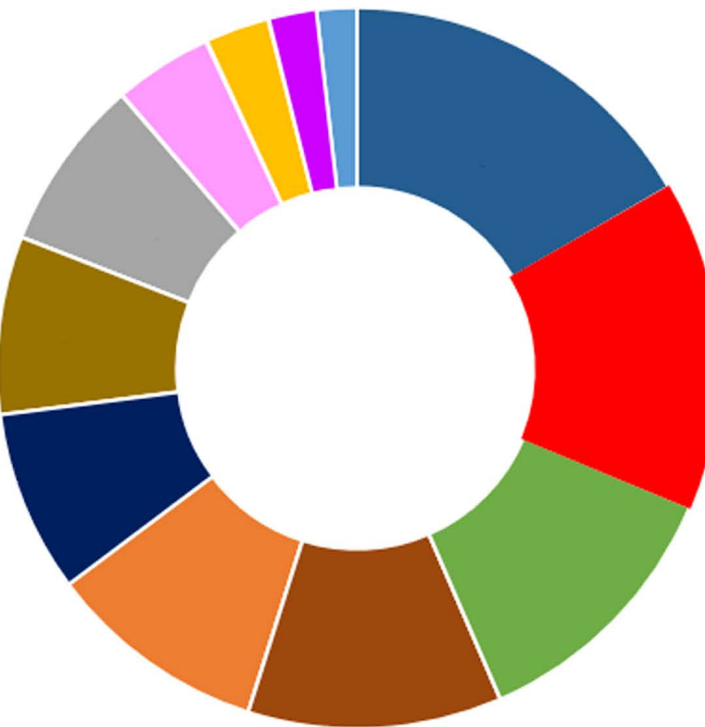
PRC License No. 0177565 (Expiry: Dec. 5, 2025)
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2023 Distribution on Annual Expenditures



- Emergency Response
- Health
- Gender
- Livelihood
- Education
- Peace

2023 Monthly Breakdown of Expenditures



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| January 2023 | July 2023 |
| February 2023 | August 2023 |
| March 2023 | September 2023 |
| April 2023 | October 2023 |
| May 2023 | November 2023 |
| June 2023 | December 2023 |

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disadvantaged
from poverty”*

