
**LOCAL GOVERNANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM
IN THE AUTONOMOUS REGION IN MUSLIM MINDANAO (LGSPA)**

Project No.	: 734/31027
Project Cost	: Cdn\$ 18 M
Duration	: 5 years (2005-2010)
Canadian Executing Agency	: Agriteam Canada Consulting Ltd.
Location	: Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM)
Implementing Agency	: Office of the Regional Governor ARMM Regional Government

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Local Governance Support Program in ARMM aims to enhance local governance capacity in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. It is based on the belief that Local Government Units (LGUs) play a strong role in fostering equity, security, inclusiveness and collaboration for sustainable social and economic development and poverty reduction in communities. LGUs also play a critical role in developing and sustaining peace as well as in preventing and resolving conflict. To be effective in these roles, LGUs must work in collaboration with a wide variety of community groups, NGOs and the private sector, and they also need to be supported by an effective regional administration and national government agencies. In Mindanao, excellence in local government is a key to poverty reduction and peace.

LGSP builds on the successful results of two nationwide LGSP projects that ran from 1992 to 2006, using the strategies, tools and lessons learned to replicate the overall process of capacity development and performance improvement in the ARMM LGUs. It also works with the Autonomous Regional Government and

other supporting institutions to develop their capacity to support LGU development.

LGSPA complements the World Bank-financed ARMM Social Fund Project (ASFP) that supports the initiatives of the Philippine Government in addressing the challenges facing the ARMM region.

PROJECT GOAL:

To assist the Government of the Philippines and the Government of the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao in their efforts to achieve poverty reduction and sustainable peace and development in ARMM through excellence in local governance.

PROJECT PURPOSES:

- To strengthen local governance in the ARMM with respect to local government leadership and management, service delivery, resource generation and management, and participatory governance and peace building;
 - To strengthen the enabling regional environment for good governance, peace and development.
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