
PEACE LINKS PROGRAM
CANADA'S SUPPORT TO PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT IN MINDANAO

Project No.	:	A-032828
Project Cost	:	\$2.85 million
Duration	:	3 years (2007- 2009)
Location	:	Mindanao
Implementing Agencies	:	World Bank Mission Administered The Asia Foundation

PROJECT DESCRIPTION:

The Peace Links Program is a strategic 3-year initiative of four linked and mutually supportive components that aim to promote sustainable peace and development in Mindanao. These components are: **1)** an additional \$1 million contribution to the World Bank-managed Mindanao Trust Fund (MTF) Phase 1 that aims to strengthen the ability of the Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA) to manage development in Conflict Affected Communities on behalf of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front while supporting development assistance to communities not linked to the MILF; **2)** the fielding of a Canadian Governance Advisor to the International Monitoring Team (IMT) with the aim of helping to strengthen the team's links to local communities and development organizations; **3)** a small, mission-administered Peace Fund supporting local civil society peace building and development initiatives; and **4)** support to The Asia Foundation's project of Electoral Assistance to the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and Adjoining Areas in the May 2007 Elections.

PROJECT GOAL:

To foster efficient, responsive, transparent and accountable governance at all levels.

PROJECT PURPOSE:

To contribute directly to the Government of the Philippines efforts at reducing poverty and attaining sustainable peace and development in the conflict-affected communities in Mindanao.
