

# **Integrated Conflict Management and Resolution Program for the Pilot Certificate of Ancestral Domain Claim (CADC) Municipalities of the Cordillera**

## **Executive Summary**

### ***Background***

The Office in partnership with the Cordillera Peace Partners has continuously provided technical and financial support for the formulation and actualization of the four-point Cordillera Peace and Development Agenda, which consists of: a) autonomy; b) ancestral domain; c) cultural integrity and d) healing and reconciliation.

As a critical path towards the effective actualization of the four-point framework, the need for the settlement of boundary disputes was pointed out by the Cordillera Peace Partners during the series of workshops conducted by the Office from December 1998 up to the present.

An *Integrated Conflict Management and Resolution Program for the Pilot CADC Municipalities in the Cordillera* was packaged to ensure the holistic approach to the peace issues of the Cordillera. The integrated program tries to incorporate the project proposals submitted by the eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) CADC municipalities and will be pursued within the framework of the Cordillera Peace and Development Agenda to ensure sustainability.

Upon approval of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (PAPP), the implementation of the *Integrated Conflict Management and Resolution Program for the Pilot CADC Municipalities in the Cordillera* was launched simultaneously in the municipalities involved from October 1999 to December 2000.

The implementation of the integrated program involved the conduct of various critical activities consisting of pre-negotiation and actual boundary dispute negotiations. This resulted to the settlement of at least eleven (11) of the fifty two (52) inter-barangay and inter-municipality boundary conflicts earlier identified in the process.

During the OPAPP-Peace Partners Meeting, held last May 22, 2001 in Baguio City, the Cordillera Peace Partners have emphasized the need to continue the Office's technical and financial support for the full implementation of the integrated program towards the final settlement of identified boundary conflicts.

An *OPAPP-Cordillera Assessment and Planning Workshop* aimed at the evaluation and review of the different conflict management and resolution activities implemented in the eleven (11) municipalities shall be conducted on June 19-21, 2001. Specifically, it shall thresh out problem areas to initially identify general trends towards the adoption of appropriate interventions to hasten the resolution process of the various boundary conflicts as well as to streamline the implementation of the remaining components of the integrated program.

## ***Objectives***

### **A. General Objectives:**

1. To support local conflict management/ resolution processes in eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) CADC municipalities in the Cordillera.
2. To promote the indigenous knowledge, systems and practices of conflict resolution and management.

### **B. Specific Objectives:**

1. To facilitate the settlement of boundary disputes in the eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) CADC municipalities in the Cordillera through the interface of local governance and indigenous knowledge systems and practices of conflict resolution and management.
2. To provide assistance in preventing the escalation of conflict which may lead to tribal wars due to territorial boundary disputes.
3. To document the processes undertaken during dispute settlement.
4. To prepare the grounds for actual delineation and conversion of CADCs to CADTs.

## ***Components of the Program***

The integrated program on conflict management and resolution shall have the following components:

1. Capability Building
2. Organizational Strengthening
3. Conflict Management and Resolution
  - Preparatory Stage
  - Negotiation Stage
4. Documentation of Conflict Resolution and Management Processes and Customary Laws

## ***Management***

Implementation of the integrated program shall be jointly undertaken by eleven (11) of the thirteen (13) CADC municipalities and OPAPP within the four-point framework of the Cordillera Peace and Development Agenda. The Cordillera Ancestral Domain Partners for Peace and Development (CADPPD), who shall serve as the umbrella organization for the said CADC municipalities, shall ensure the full mobilization and participation of their respective constituents in the conduct of various activities identified within each projects. A Technical Working Group (TWG) shall be responsible for the coordination of activities within the entire duration of the program implementation.

In the context of its mandate, OPAPP's support shall include technical and financial assistance in the conduct of various activities outlined in the integrated program. Moreover, OPAPP shall continuously monitor the implementation of the said program.

### ***Timeframe***

The implementation of identified activities shall be discussed during the assessment and planning workshop taking into consideration the following factors such as the Office's schedule of fund releases and availability of OPAPP personnel who shall be assigned to coordinate the execution of the integrated program with the Cordillera Peace Partners.

### ***Fund Sources***

The estimated cost of the integrated program shall be determined during the conduct of the assessment and planning workshop. The amount of which shall cover the Preparatory Stage as well as the Negotiation Stage (as indicated). Each of the eleven (11) CADC municipalities shall indicate their respective fund counterparts for the implementation of the project.