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Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao



# EMPOWERING VOICES

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## SIYAP KO KAPAGANAD PROGRAM



“Siyap Ko Kapaganad” literally means care for education. Brought to you by MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph together with MBHTE Division of Lanao del Sur 1, 2 & Marawi City providing learners, parents, and teachers videos, modules & resources on K-12.

The Office of MP Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph conducted a webinar entitled, “Shaping Children’s New Normal Together”  
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*Editorial:***TAKING STOCK OF 2020****ATTY. MAISARA C. DANDAMUN-LATIPH**

Member of Parliament, Bangsamoro Transition Authority



Year 2020, challenging yet fulfilling year. A year memorable and surely will be treasured by the team MP Maisara. Launching our legacy education program Siyap Ko Kapaganad which means Care for Education proved that together with teachers and educational leaders from the Ministry of Basic, Higher, and Technical Education (MBHTE), we can make a difference. Educational videos and modules on K-12 Curriculum as well as Arabic Language and Islamic Values Education (ALIVE) were, for the first time, systematically available in Facebook and in a website ([www.kapaganad.com](http://www.kapaganad.com)) to support students and teachers continue their learning and teaching even during this Covid-19 pandemic.

In fulfilment of our mandate, it became incumbent upon me to remain consistent in substantially participating in the passage of Bangsamoro Administrative Code (BAA No. 13) thru adoption of several amendments in strengthening social enterprise, creation of Bureau of Special Education, establishment of Orphanage Institutions, creation of Office of Bangsamoro Communities Outside BARMM, celebrating January 21 of every year as Bangsamoro Foundation Day, Right of Members of Parliament to initiate legislation, among others. Succeeding legislations on Bangsamoro Civil Service Code and Bangsamoro Education Code already saw our full participation both in proposed amendments as well as being panel members to listen to various position and ideas on the proposed legislations. In both Committee work and plenary participation, I was active and made constructive inputs to 2021 Bangsamoro Budget Expenditure Program (2021 BEP).

Guided by MP Maisara's vision of providing excellent service for the vulnerable sectors, we organized several webinars on teacher resiliency, good parenting; celebrated the (18) days campaigned on ending violence against women and girls; recognized outstanding women in Lanao del Sur; encouraged gardening as answer to food security; promoted culture in our first short film festival with young Moro directors and artists; voiced out the Morits and Ustadz' concerns in our resolutions, as well as the state of education, health and social services during pandemic. Responding to the call of the education sector, we provided assistance to schools without MOOEs by granting their request for printers, inks and bond-papers, as well as the students with tablet for online learning. We also continued our Siyap for Vulnerable Covid-19 in aid of legislation program to those affected by Typhoon Ulysses residing in areas outside BARMM particularly in Marikina, Rizal, Nueva Ecija and Cagayan Valley Province. It is also fulfilling thus making me proud that our Office also shared its expertise as resource person and a subject matter expert in various lectures, seminars, and conferences where Bangsamoro awareness is needed.

Furthermore, we were afforded the opportunity to learn from the best on parliamentary procedures and processes by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy as well as Ateneo School of Government where both the MP and staff simultaneously honed their parliamentary skills.

These and so many more happened in 2020. Thank you very much for the support and faith in our office, without which we could not have made it. We look forward to the year 2021 with renewed commitment and hope that things will be better for all of us and that no one will be left behind, In Shaa Allah.

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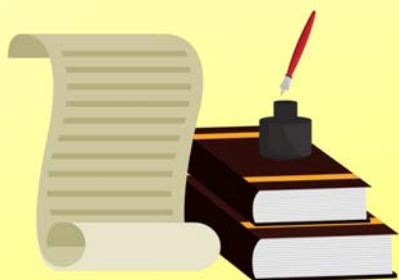
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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES:



# PRIORITY CODES

By Atty. Abduljabbar Guro

### Bangsamoro Administrative Code

Among the functions and priorities of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority under R.A. No. 11054 (BOL) is to ensure the enactment of the priority legislations such as the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, Bangsamoro Revenue Code, Bangsamoro Electoral Code, Bangsamoro Local Government Code, and Bangsamoro Education Code, and the Bangsamoro Civil Service Code during the transition period.

On July 22, Cabinet Bill No. 60, otherwise known as the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, was filed and subsequently introduced in the plenary. A corresponding panel was also constituted by the Committee on Rules which conducted a series of public consultations from August 14 onwards.

MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph was among the members of the Panel. During the initial consultations, she raised fundamental questions on certain provisions of the proposed Cabinet Bill No. 60 particularly on the strict adherence to the basic percept of a Parliamentary Government such that the organizational structure must reflect the proper distribution of powers and authority among the different branches of the government in observance of the foundation of a parliamentary government obtaining in different jurisdictions.

Also, she raised a question on a provision which speaks of granting primary authority to legislate to the Government of the Day elaborating on the point that private bills should also have equal weight and individual members should have equal authority in legislative matters. This resulted in the refinement of the subject provisions.

On October 27, the Committee report of the Committee on Rules was introduced to the plenary for interpellation and amendments. MP Maisara proposed several provisions during the period of amendments which included the creation of the Bureau for Special Education, the inclusion of Orphanage Institutions among the welfare facilities to be established and operationalized by the Ministry of Social Services and Development. Moreover, she amended the proposed date in celebrating Bangsamoro Foundation Day. Originally, Bill No. 60 considers as foundation day the date when the BTA Members took their oath of office at the Malacanan Palace.

However, MP Maisara argued that it is day of the plebiscite, when the people exercised their right to suffrage and participated in the electoral process that must be considered as the Bangsamoro Foundation Day to give emphasis on our democratic processes. After a lengthy legal and political debate, the proposal of MP Maisara received a majority vote.

Hence, January 21 has been proclaimed as the Bangsamoro Foundation Day and declared as a non-working holiday in celebration of the establishment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region. Finally, she introduced provisions to strengthen the social enterprise, access to fund by the Bangsamoro



Commissions, made clear the definition of the Non-Moro indigenous people, and has submitted series of amendments for the enhancement of the Code.

The Bangsamoro Administrative Code will define the structural, functional, and procedural principles and rules of governance of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

Fifty-eight (58) Members of the Parliament (MP) voted for the passage of the Cabinet Bill No. 60 on October 28, 2020 and the same was subsequently signed into law by the Interim Chief Minister Ahod Balawag Ebrahim, Al Haj.

## Bangsamoro Civil Service Code

In observance of the procedure adopted during the passage of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, a series of consultations, physical and online, have been conducted by the Bangsamoro Transition Authority to hear the proposals of the stakeholders, experts, and other government agencies. They were asked to submit their respective position papers with respect to the provisions that affect their respective sector and/or advocacies.

During the deliberations at the Committee Level, MP Maisara asked several questions particularly on the contentious issues presented by the proponents of the Bangsamoro Civil Service Code.

Among them were the application of the third eligibility to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, the possibility of conducting issue on granting equivalency to the Bangsamoro who obtained a degree from Madaris whether from abroad or Philippines.

MP Maisara introduced her amendments during the committee deliberations to enhance the proposed Bangsamoro Civil Service Code and submitted a copy thereof consisting of fifty-one (51) pages. The amendments included both formal and substantial amendments.



Photo of MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph

## Bangsamoro Education Code

The proponents of the Bangsamoro Education Code are likewise conducting public consultations all over the region to hear the proposals of all the stakeholders. In November, consultations were conducted in Island Provinces and Lanao del Sur simultaneously using online-teleconference. MP Maisara Dandamun-Latiph is a member of the panel for the Lanao del Sur consultation wherein she invited experts from both the public and private sectors. She also invited representatives of Madaris and Shariah to shed light on the relevant proposal of their respective sectors. The deliberations have been suspended to give way to the deliberations on the 2021 Bangsamoro Expenditure Program. In preparation for the future Committee deliberations, MP Maisara has organized an Education Board to study the provisions of the proposed code and explore the possibility of introducing amendments to enhance the original draft.

# BUDGET HEARING

By Atty. Ashyanna Alexine Bangcola

The grueling process of budget hearings took the whole month of December to conclude.

On November 27, 2020, Chief Minister Ahod “Al Haj Murad” Ebrahim filed the BARMM’s Php75-billion budget for fiscal year 2021 or the proposed BTA-Cabinet Bill No. 73, entitled “An Act Appropriating funds for the Operation of the Bangsamoro Government from January One to December Thirty-One, Two Thousand and Twenty-One, and for Other Purposes.”

The respective proposed budgets of each Ministry and Agency were strictly scrutinized by the Members of Parliament through the Sub-Committee, before it was scrutinized and approved by the Mother Committee.

Member of Parliament Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph was a member of Sub-Committee B under the Committee on Finance, Budget, and Management. Sub-Committee B was presided by MP Abduraof Macacua.

On December 1, the sub-committee conducted a committee hearing regarding the proposed expenditure program of the Bangsamoro Planning and Development Authority. On December 2, it deliberated upon the proposed budget of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW) and the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS).

On December 8, the Committee of Finance, Budget and Management, of which MP Maisara is a part of, deliberated on the proposed budgets of the Office

of Bangsamoro Human Rights Commission (OBHRC), Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC), Office of the Chief Minister (OCM), and Office of the Wali. On December 9, it deliberated upon the proposed budgets of the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST), and Ministry of Indigenous Peoples Affairs (MIPA). On December 10, it deliberated on the proposed budget of the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD). On December 11, the Committee tackled the report of Sub-Committee B detailing the proposed budgets of the Ministry of Public Works (MPW), and the Bangsamoro, Planning and Development Authority (BPDA). MP Maisara proposed an increased in the budget of the MPW for important infrastructure projects. The increase was approved by the mother committee.

On December 14, the Committee of Finance, Budget and Management continued with the deliberation on the proposed budgets of the Ministry of Public Order and Safety (MPOS), the Ministry of Trade, Investment, and Tourism (MTIT), and the Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC). All of the budgets of the mentioned Ministries and Commission were approved in the same day. The following day, December 15, the Committee tackled the proposed budget of the MBHTE. The deliberations on the MBHTE’s budget continued until December 16.



*Block Grant, Photo taken during the presentation by the Ministry of Finance, Budget and Management at the mother committee level.*

On December 17, the budgets of the Ministry of Human Settlement and Development (MHSD) and Bangsamoro Attorney General's Office (BAGO) were also deliberated upon and approved on the same day.

On December 18, the Committee tackled the proposed budgets of the Ministry of Interior and Local Government (MILG) and the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources and Energy (MENRE).

Issues on good governance and measures to protect our environment were raised by MP Maisara. All throughout, MP Maisara was active in the deliberations. She would pose a question during every hearing making sure to leave no stone unturned. She would propose increases where it would benefit not only the Ministry or Agency, but also the Bangsamoro People.

Finally, the hard work of all of the Members of the Committee culminated on December 21, 2020. At this point, All the Sub-Committees presented their respective committee reports and the mother committee was at the final stage which included reviewing the final report to be presented before the plenary.

### Hearings by the Committee on Basic, Higher, and Technical Education on the Bangsamoro Education Code

On November 18, 2020, the call for position papers for BTA Bill No. 70 was opened.

On November 23, 2020, the BTA started the first of the series of 'public consultations' on BTA Cabinet Bill No. 70 or the proposed Bangsamoro Education Code with the presence of various education stakeholders throughout the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM).

MP Maisara was also a member of the Technical Working Group (TWG) on the Education Code, led by

MP Atty. Rasol Y. Mitmug, Jr, who led the public consultations in behalf of Panel Chair and Minister of the Ministry of Basic Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE), MP Mohagher Iqbal. MP Maisara belonged to the Lanao del Sur cluster along with fellow MPs, MP Ziaur-Rahman A. Adiong, and MP Marjanie M. Macasalong. The three led and moderated the consultations with Lanao del Sur stakeholders.

On November 27, 2020, the BTA gave a platform to speak to the academe sector in the province of Lanao del Sur during its third series of public consultations on the Education Code. It continued its panel consultations on December 7, this time with Local Government Units.

On December 9, the Committee made sure to reach out to the vulnerable sectors including the Madaris, Traditional Madaris, Integrated Madaris, ALIVE teachers & Toril sectors in order to hear their specific concerns.

On the same day, it also heard out the sectors of: ALS, SPED, TESDA, Tribal Universities, Association of Tribal, DepEd Coordinators, Deans, VPs for Academic Affairs, and Tribal Leaders. Inclusive education is among the fiercest advocacies of MP Maisara. She was relentless in making sure provisions on SPED and ALS were included in the Bangsamoro Administrative Code, and pursues the same advocacy of inclusive education in the Bangsamoro Education Code.



Photo of MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph

Finally, on December 21, 2020, the BTA Committee on Basic, Higher, and Technical Education presented the Panel Reports on the public consultations conducted and position papers received for Cabinet Bill No 70 or the Proposed Bangsamoro Education Code.

MP Maisara delivered the report of the Lanao del Sur cluster in front of the whole committee and before Minister Iqbal, via Zoom.

### Hearings by the Committee on Rules on the Bangsamoro Civil Service Code

MP Maisara also actively participated on the public consultation and hearings on the proposed Bangsamoro Civil Service Code.

On November 9, 2020, the panel consultations for the proposed Bangsamoro Civil Service Code or BTA Cabinet Bill No. 59 began. The three-day consultation ended on November 11. The Committee on Rules, presided by Majority Floor Leader Atty. Lanang Ali resumed deliberations on November 25, 2020.

MP Maisara, along with fellow MPs, submitted her position paper containing her proposed amendments to the Bangsamoro Civil Service Code. Her proposed amendments were included in the matrix of amendments presented by MP Atty. Raissa Jajurie who led the panel. She had substantial amendments for nearly every provision of the proposed code, tackling issues on equivalency, the status of Madaris teachers and Mujahedin and Mujahidat, among others.

## PLENARY

### Active Participation during Plenary Sessions

From the period of October to December, the following BTA Parliament plenary sessions were held: Second Regular Session No. 44 on November 17, 2020, Second Regular Session No. 45 on November 25 to November 26, Special Session No. 7 on December 10, Second Regular Session No. 46 on December 16, and Second Regular Session No. 47 on December 17.



Photo of MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph

During the Second Regular Session No. 44, the Ceremonial Signing of the Bangsamoro Administrative Code was held. Proposed Resolutions 312 and 318 on the Rape-Slay of a Minor Girl-Child in Kabacan, North Cotabato were defended and thereafter consolidated. MP Maisara was a co-author of PR No. 312. PR No. 332 urging the House of Representatives and the Senate of the Philippines to extend the BARMM Transition Period, authored by MP Jose Lorena and other MPs, was also included in the order of business and discussed.

During the Second Regular Session No. 44, Committee Report No. 40 which discusses the Proposed Bill No. 36 also known as an “Act to Institutionalize Policies for Bangsamoro Overseas Employment and to Establish Protection and Promotion for their welfare was deliberated upon by the Parliament” was presented before the plenary. Committee Report No. 42 regarding the BTA Organizational Structure was also presented and deliberated upon. MP Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph interpolated the author of the Committee Report No. 42 regarding the similarity of the BTA-Parliamentary Structure with the Senate and the Congress of the Philippines, structure outside of the Philippine’s model and the definition of the Secretary General.

A Special Session was called on December 10 to tackle the proposed resolutions on extending the phase-out plan for accountable officials and employees of the BTA, and approving the organizational structure of the BTA Parliament.

December 15 marked the official turn-over of Cotabato City and the 63 barangays in North Cotabato to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao. During the Second Regular Session No. 46, the plenary approved the BTA Parliament Organizational Structure.

(8) of all the proposed resolutions filed by MP Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph were referred to the appropriate committees such as the committees on education, health, and social services.

Pursuant to her advocacy of empowering the vulnerable, her proposed resolutions tackled issues such as educational assistance program for the disadvantaged children and families, assistance on schools’ modular distance learning essentials equipment, conduct of comprehensive census and report on women, developing information and communication materials on Covid-19 in major local language, among others.

She also proposed amendments to Proposed Resolution No. 349, entitled: Resolution Approving the Organizational Structure of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority (BTA) Parliament which was later on approved. She also delivered a manifestation pertaining to Section 4, Rule No. 7 of the BTA Rules regarding the Committee on Accounts.

On the very next day, during Second Regular Session No. 46, (4) of MP Maisara’s filed resolutions were referred to the appropriate committees. Her resolutions tackled social enterprises, Madaris Education, orphanages, and out-of-school youths (OSY).

One resolution was on the problem of the lack of orphanages in BARMM. The corresponding bill, BTA-Parliament Bill No. 71 concerning the establishment of the Bangsamoro orphanages in the region, has been considered for first reading during the same session. Many MPs were included as co-authors after they had signified their intent to be included as such.





## LEGISLATIVE DOCUMENTS

(OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020)



In spite of MP Maisara's busy schedule which involves attending daily committee meetings, consultations, different invitations from various government agencies and non-government organizations, and committee clinics, she still manages to produce resolutions and bills. Giving utmost consideration to the Office's primary sectors: **Environment, Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs), Women, Orphans, Education, Social**

**Enterprise, and Youth, she makes sure that the Office is open for dialogue with her constituents and various organizations to hear suggestions and grievances that can be transformed into policies and legislations.**

On December 16, 2020, eight (8) resolutions filed by MP Maisara were included in the Order of Business. Each of them was referred to the appropriate committees for resolution. They are as follows:

<b>PR No. 300</b>	Resolution Directing The Ministry Of Social Services And Development (MSSD) In Collaboration With The Ministry Of Basic, Higher, And Technical Education (MBHTE) To Increase And Strengthen The Educational Assistance Program That Is Inclusive To The Disadvantaged Children And Other Needy Families In The Region
<b>PR No. 301</b>	Resolution Directing The Ministry Of Basic, Higher, And Technical Education (MBHTE) To Provide Assistance By Distributing Equipments Essential To Modular Distance Learning To Schools In The Bangsamoro Region, Giving Support To Those In Areas With Weak To No Internet Access
<b>PR No. 303</b>	Resolution Directing The Bangsamoro Women Commission (BWC) In Coordination With The Ministry Of Social Services And Development (MSSD) To Conduct A Comprehensive Census And Assessment And Report On The Situation Of Widows In The Bangsamoro Region
<b>PR No. 311</b>	Resolution Directing The Ministry Of Health (MOH) To Develop Information And Communication Materials, Such As Inforgraphics, Webinars, And Commercials, Among Others, On Covid-19 In The Major Local Languages Of The Bangsamoro Region
<b>PR No. 317</b>	Resolution Expressing The Sense Of The Bangsamoro Transition Authority On The Importance Of Ensuring That Schools' Learning Continuity Plans Have Strengthened Mental Health Component With Corresponding Guidelines Due To Increasing Reported Cases Of Suicide



<b>PR No. 323</b>	Resolution Directing The Committee On Basic Higher, And Technical Education To Conduct Inquiry In Aid Of Legislation Into The Concerns Of Various Stakeholders In The Education Sector In Relation To The Opening Of Classes Amidst Pandemic
<b>PR No. 324</b>	Resolution Directing The Committee On Health To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, In The Alarming Increase Of Covid-19 Cases Among The Frontliners At The Datu Halun Sakilan Memorial Hospital (DHSMH) With The End View Of Crafting Immediate And Long-Term Measures To Prevent Or Mitigate The Occurrence Of Similar Incidents
<b>PR No. 338</b>	Resolution Institutionalizing Through The Ministry Of Social Services And Development (MSSD) A Framework Of Representation And Participation For Differently-Abled Persons, Including The Deaf Community, In The Bangsamoro Region

On December 17, 2020, four (4) resolutions and one (1) bill which were filed by MP Maisara were also included in the Order of Business. Each of them was referred to the appropriate committees for resolution. They are as follows:



<b>PR No. 277</b>	Directing The Committee On Trade, Investment, And Tourism, To Conduct An Inquiry, In Aid Of Legislation, On The Feasibility Of Designing A Program Providing A Regular Capacity-Building Trainings For Start-Up Capital Social Enterprises In Coordination With The Bureau Of Cooperative And Social Enterprise
<b>PR No. 278</b>	Resolution Calling For The Appropriate Ministry, In Coordination With The Bureau Of Madaris Education, To Assist Traditional Madaris In Obtaining Government Accreditation And To Institutionalize A Support System For Their Development
<b>PR No. 279</b>	Resolution Directing The Ministry Of Social Services And Development (MSSD) With The Assistance Of The Ministry Of Interior And Local Government To Begin The Process Of Accreditation Of Orphanages Located In The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region In Muslim Mindanao
<b>PR No. 281</b>	Resolution Directing The Ministry Of Basic, Higher And Technical Education (MBHTE) In Coordination With The Ministry Of Labor And Employment (MOLE) To Develop A Comprehensive Plan For The Out Of School Youth And Children (OSYC) In The Bangsamoro Region And To Report On Its Status To The Bangsamoro Transition Authority Parliament
<b>BTA-Parliament Bill No. 71</b>	An Act Institutionalizing Support To The Welfare And A Care For Orphans By Establishing Bangsamoro Orphanages In The Region, And Providing Therefor

# GROWING SEEDS OF HOPE VERSION 2.0”

By Sahanee M. Panolong

As COVID-19 continues to disrupt countries around the world, food security and livelihood are at risk especially to the most vulnerable sectors. Food supplies could be massively adversely affected due to measures put in place to control the spread of the coronavirus.

Looking on the positive side of this pandemic, it is a great opportunity for the Bangsamoro people to practice and know more on how to further take part in securing food for the future. It is with great hope that in every family, they will not have to worry on what food to bring on their table.

Thus, Growing Seeds of Hope version 2.0 was again launched online on the 25th of September 2020 to open its 2nd batch of garden entries.

*“Here in this small and humble space, a small eden offering beauty and relaxation continues to grow and stand tall, in hopes of greeting a new tomorrow with its radiance. The morning breeze carries with it an aroma of a refreshing feeling, reminding us of God’s gifts, a new day, new chances, a new beginning,”* said by Aida M. Pandaca, the champion in the Ornamental Garden Category.

MP ATTY. MAISARA C. DANDAMUN-LATIPH  
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY - BARMM

## Growing Seeds OF HOPEWINNERS

2020  
VERSION 2.0

CATEGORY A  
Agricultural Crops Production

### First Runner-Up

*“I believe that the joy of my backyard garden gives to my family, friends, neighbors, and even strangers, a form of charity”*

**Saida U. Romerez**  
Marawi City

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BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY - BARMM

## Growing Seeds OF HOPEWINNERS

2020  
VERSION 2.0

CATEGORY A  
Agricultural Crops Production

### 2nd Runner-Up

*“I believe that growing seed is my hope for tomorrow. I hope that more people will develop this principle. My backyard garden is an inspiration to me.”*

**Abdulmoin H. Arsad**  
Calanogas, Lanao del Sur

MP ATTY. MAISARA C. DANDAMUN-LATIPH  
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY - BARMM

## Growing Seeds OF HOPEWINNERS

2020  
VERSION 2.0

CATEGORY A  
Agricultural Crops Production

### 3rd Runner-Up

*“Planting a variety of vegetables is an exemplary manifestation of converting quarantine boredom into a productive one. Fresh and organic foods are readily available for the family’s daily consumption. Backyard gardening is a healthy family bonding and exercise that contributes to the holistic development of each family and society”*

**Julbert B. Solarte**  
Balabagan, Lanao del Sur

Indeed, a beautiful garden is not just something to be admired in glossy magazines, or in what we see in news articles. There are solid reasons to start out a garden, which also includes health benefits. Moreover, it also serve as a platform in connecting and spending time with one's kids, siblings, or parents. It is but a joy to watch a seed grow into a plant with the efforts of significant others and reaping the benefits of the produce - fresh fruits and vegetables.

*"I started gardening with not much technical knowledge. Many of the techniques that I use come from trial-and-error and by asking relatives and friends who have experience with gardening. I also get information from the internet. Some work, some don't. Some plants die, some plants live and propagate. Despite the challenges, there is a remarkable sense of fulfillment that comes from planting a root or a seed and seeing it bloom into a full-grown plant."* said by Saida U. Romeroz, the champion on the Agricultural Crop Category.

Truly, it takes courage and patience to start a garden but the reward of it once it becomes successful is very fulfilling. So, let us start and continue gardening and bring HOPE to our homes, not just in our homes but also to the people around us.

MP ATTY. MAISARA C. DANDAMUN-LATIPH  
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY - BARMM

**Growing Seeds OF HOPEWINNERS** 2020  
VERSION 2.0

CATEGORY B  
Ornamental Plants Production

**First Runner-Up**

*"Every morning, vivid and vibrant natural colors of green, maroon and yellow greets us with gentle yet charismatic atmosphere; thereby reminding us the beauty of nature. The diversity of different shapes and sizes never fails to catch your attention"*

**Aida Pandaca  
Marawi City**

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**Growing Seeds OF HOPEWINNERS** 2020  
VERSION 2.0

CATEGORY B  
Ornamental Plants Production

**2nd Runner-Up**

*"Everyday, I got so excited to make DIYs project in my garden. I reuse and recycle flower pots, like old shoes, clothes, coconut shell, tin cans, tires, galloons etc. to beautify my garden."*

**Sonaya Marohom - Zainal  
Cotabato City**

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BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY - BARMM

**Growing Seeds OF HOPEWINNERS** 2020  
VERSION 2.0

CATEGORY B  
Ornamental Plants Production

**3rd Runner-Up**

*"We believe that having plants inside your home - whether it is ornamental plants or vegetables - will at least make you feel fulfillment when you see it growing beautifully."*

**Jamilah P. Hadji Rauf  
Marawi City**

## SCHOOL BEST PRACTICES IN TIME OF COVID-19 PANDEMIC

By Jamael Marohom Sarip

World Teachers' Day is an annual event celebrated every October 5 to commemorate the anniversary of the adoption of the 1966 UNESCO recommendation concerning the status of teachers. This year, on World Teachers' Day, the Office of MP Maisara celebrated it with the theme "Teachers: Leading in Crisis, Reimagining the Future". This activity is significant because teachers are acknowledged for their efforts and achievements. It is also a chance to amplify their voices calling for progress, attention to their concerns, and solutions to challenges they face in the teaching profession.

For this year's World Teachers' Day, the Office of MP Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun – Latiph successfully conducted a long month celebration from September 2 to October 2, 2020. In order to recognize the efforts of school administrators and teachers during this time of pandemic, and to bring attention to their difficulties, the office conducted an online competition entitled "School Best Practices on Balik-Eskwela Program in Time of CoViD-19 Pandemic". The competition also served as a consultative activity to identify the gaps and challenges our educators are facing, as well as to document best practices which can help in addressing those gaps and challenges.

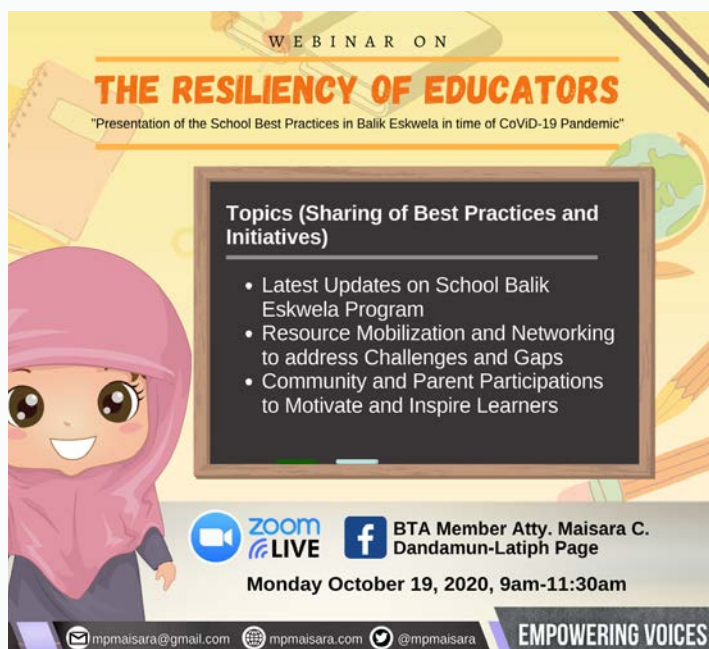
Last October 5, 2020, all the submitted entries from different schools were judged by a jury. The winners were also announced on the same day and considered as one of the highlights of the 2020 Teachers' Day Celebration.

Dama Elementary School in Butig, Lanao del Sur won as Champion, followed by Sugod-1 Central Elementary School in Tugaya as 1st Runner-up, and Pangandaman Central Elementary School in Masiu as 2nd Runner-up, all under the Elementary Category. Meanwhile in the College Category, Jamiatul Philippines Al-Islamia was held as the winner. Additionally, there were five (5) entries which received consolation prizes.

Each school presented their own unique solutions to address the gaps and challenges they are facing in their respective areas. Despite the trying times, our educators continue to adapt the learning continuity plans in order to continue the learning process of our learners for the School Year 2020-2021.

All the entries demonstrated the creativity and adaptability of our educators despite all the challenges we are facing today. Their initiatives to address gaps and challenges are all commendable, especially their efforts to sustain their best practices. We can learn much from them.





By Lainisah Maruhom Sumpingang

October 19, 2020- The awardees of the School Best Practices in Balik Eskwela in Time of Covid-19 Pandemic Online Contest were gathered for a webinar. This webinar was dubbed as "Resiliency of Educators: Presentation of School Best Practices in Balik Eskwela in Time of Covid-19 Pandemic".

Educators who represented their respective schools were: Halimanessa M. Alonto of Jamiatul Philippine Al-Islamia (JPI), Norhanifah N. Alikhan of Camp Bagong Amaipakpak Elementary School (CBAPES), Anihayda A. Sumayan of Lumayanague Primary School, School Principal Ainilhaya Panulong of Dama Elementary School (DES), Nihaya R. Halil of Pangandaman Elementary School, Sohaylah M. Ali of Dilausan Elementary School, Carima M. Mamintal of Pindoguan Elementary School, and Anisah Abdulwahab-Datumoloc of Philippine Integrated School-Tugaya (PIS).

This webinar aims to showcase the best practices adopted by the awardees of the said online education contest. Online participants were able to witness the different initiatives of the invited resource persons as they have included in their presentations.

Topics discussed during the webinar include the Latest Updates on School Balik Eskwela Program, Resource Mobilization and Networking to address Challenges and Gaps, Community and Parents Participations to Motivate and Inspire Learners.

*"With this new learning approach, we are here to listen on how did you cope up with the struggles and challenges that teachers are now facing. Teachers deserve a celebration for this 2020 Teacher's Month since they are still able to manage things despite these challenges",* said by MP Latiph

Regular disinfecting of visitors' shoes and frequently touched surfaces, temperature check, hand sanitizing, social distancing, putting of log book in the entrance, and posting of IEC on CoVID-19 were among the common Health precautionary measures of schools.

*"We have prepared learning modules and video lectures for our students. We also provide counselling interventions to address our students' day-to-day personal, socio-emotional, and career concerns."* Said by the JPI College Secretary, Halimanessa M. Alonto

Aside from providing quality education with health precautionary measures, Lumabayanague Primary School took an initiative to distribute hygiene kits and PPE for their teachers last June 2020.

Furthermore, the invited resource persons were very thankful to share their initiatives to their co-teachers and educators as the new front liners for this CoVID-19 pandemic.

# TABLETS FOR STUDENTS' ONLINE LEARNING USE

By Lainisah Maruhom Sumpingan

October 15, 2020 - Education is vital to people especially in ensuring a good future. This is the reason why young people continue to struggle just to pursue their education. It is supposed to be a right, but with the pandemic, it could become a privilege.

Both teachers and students continue to face series of challenges. The most affected ones are the students since they are vulnerable and need attention from their family and the government. The new learning approach has affected the mentality of young people. Among the challenges that some young people are facing with this new learning approach include poor internet connection, lack of parents' capacity to assist their children, and the most difficult problem that every student encounters - the availability of gadgets for their online learning.

This problem has tragically led to the deaths of some young people whose parents are unemployed or low income earners. Not being able to provide for the additional needs of their children has doubled the difficulties being encountered by parents.



Photo of Samsung Tablet given to the students

Thus, the Office of Member of Parliament Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph came up with a program entitled, Siyap for Education: Provision of Tablet and 5G Smart Sim. This aims to lessen the problem of the lack of availability of gadgets. Through the program, the Office of MP Maisara Dandamun-Latiph distributed tablets to the vulnerable youth in Lanao del Sur.

The first recipients who received a Tablet and 5G Smart Sim were the 12 alumni of MP Latiph's Advocacy and Policy, Development Training or APDeT. The beneficiaries were first year college students from public and private colleges in Lanao del Sur. This is to help and encourage the student-beneficiaries to continue their studies amidst the challenges of COVID-19.

*"This tablet will be useful for our educational needs. I am very happy to share this gadget with my siblings. Together we will fight the challenges of this online learning approach", stated Mohammad Fayed, APDeT Alumni.*

# DEALING WITH THE NEW NORMAL EDUCATION

By Laarnie B. Racman

An extreme change has come to exhaust the entire world lately. People around the globe have an experience to share on the pandemic brought to us by COVID 19. Many things have changed from the normal nature of work, the pace of economy and even to the new way of education. The concern: can people deal with education system in this new normal?

Nothing is difficult for a person that is much willing to bend for the sake of the many.

Education in a new normal setting in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) is at stake without the equal cooperation of the teachers, parents, and learners. Full-cooperation of the teachers and learners without the parents may not guarantee quality education. Everyone must have a role to play and must take it seriously.

Parents' primary goals are to monitor, to motivate, and to guide their children even in their simple ways. Providing their children better opportunities to explore things by themselves in their "class-home" is now considered as a must-have.

Does the new normal education fair to those economically-challenged learners? The BARMM-Ministry of Education came up with a solution to cater the learners' needs according to whatever status they are at present.

The Ministry adopted the most appropriate blended learning approach wherein learners are given the equal opportunity to choose their preferred learning modality.

Does this requires parents to spend extra money? Not much. Does this require the learners to be 24/7 online?

No, time management works best though. Does this requires learners to exert extra effort? Yes, as usual and expected being learners. Does this require learners to be responsible for their learning? Yes, definitely!

More options. If learners learn best visually, then Television-Based Instruction (TV BI) learning is for them.

If they are good listeners, Radio-Based Instruction (RBI) would surely work for them. If they are fond of the internet and have unlimited fast access to the internet, might as well the online learning works for them. And if learners are more comfortable with printed learning materials, then the Self Learning Modules (SLM) would perfectly fit their needs.

You see, today's education is to all and for all. It's comfortable and compatible. Although it's laborious yet gracious. No one is left behind, together we heal and stand.



# SIYAP KO KAPAGANAD PROGRAM

Lainisah M. Sumpingan

“Siyap Ko Kapaganad”, which literally means care for education, is an educational program of the Office of MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph in partnership with the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education, Lanao del Sur I School Division headed by Focal Person Dr. Mombao Abdul, Lanao del Sur II Schools Division headed by SDS Dr. Rubina Macabunar, and Marawi City Schools Division headed by Hon. Pharida L. Sansarona.

Siyap Ko Kapaganad Program was launched on December 3, 2020 at MSU-IPDM Marawi City with the presence of the three (3) Division heads in Lanao, and the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education represented by Deputy Minister Atty. Haron Meling.

The purpose of this program is to help the learners, parents, and teachers in Lanao del Sur such that the lessons are accessible and easy to understand.

Parents who experience difficulties in assisting their children can resort to the carefully tailored materials for easy comprehension thus ensuring quality education despite the effect of pandemic.

The objective of this programs is to become the respiratory of knowledge on K-12 education, make education accessible for all learners, and ensure the availability of educational resources such as modules, instructional videos and links essential for learning.



Photo of MP Atty. Maisara During the Siyap Ko Kapaganad Launching at MSU Marawi City

Subjects available are English, Math, Science, Filipino, Araling Panlipunan, Arabic and Islamic Study, and selected subjects for Humanities and Social Sciences (HUMSS), Accountancy, Business and Management (ABM), Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), and General Academic Strand (GAS).

Selected best teachers from each divisions had their orientations. They were taught some guidelines and tips on how they will be able to demonstrate properly in the videos.

Video Learning Outputs are uploaded on the Siyap Ko Kapaganad official website ([kapaganad.com](http://kapaganad.com)), Facebook page, and youtube account.

Kalangkapan or Announcement is also included in sites to provide public information related to education.

Aside from downloadable video learning materials, modules are also viewable and downloadable for easy access of students or teachers.



## Education, My Only Hope

By Hana T. Yusoph

“During the Marawi Siege, we lost our home and small sari-sari store, and with it our only earnings. After the Marawi Siege, we lost our Father who has been terribly sick because of paralysis and the trauma brought by the siege. And now, in this time of pandemic. I couldn’t afford to lose my education too,” narrated by Sittie, another survivor of the Marawi Siege.

Hopeful as she is, Sittie emphasizes how important the education is to her, “Education is my only hope. We lost everything during the Marawi Siege and now I need to finish my studies to support my family.”

In this time of pandemic, we are experiencing a global crisis. As much as students want to continue with their schooling, however due to a lack of financial resources and capacity to meet the new normal requirements, most of them are being forced to stop.

“It has been more than three (3) years since the Marawi Siege happened, however we still remain in this temporary shelter. My mother is old and sick, and she has no job. I, together with my five (5) siblings, are just supported by generous relatives and sometimes through sadaqah (voluntary giving) from our neighbor,” Sittie said.

It seems like the coronavirus pandemic has been exposing the sad reality that education ‘is only’ for those who can afford it. It is one of the problems of the Government that needs to be resolved, how to make education accessible to all under any circumstance.



*Photo From Hana T. Yusoph*

“Education was my top priority since it was my father’s dream. However due to our current circumstances, though it is painful for me, I need to stop schooling for a while and start looking for a job instead so that I could pay bills and support my family,” she added.

While we recognize the importance of continued learning, the Government must address the issues, gaps and challenges brought about by the new normal education, explore appropriate models necessary to resolve the status quo, and make long-term solutions to ensure that our education is accessible by anyone under any circumstance, under the mandate of “No Bangsamoro Child left behind” in our region.



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WEBINAR ON

## “SHAPING CHILDREN’S NEW NORMAL TOGETHER”

A Webinar for Children’s Month, “Sama-samang Itaguyod ang Karapatan ng Bawat Bata sa Panahon ng Pandemya



By Lainisah Maruhom Sumpingan

October 20, 2020- - The CoVid-19 Pandemic has brought stressful daily life situation to both parents and children. It is important for parents and older ones to know some tips and ways on how to support and handle children, especially those vulnerable ones.

Thus, the Office of MP Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph conducted a webinar entitled, “Shaping Children’s New Normal Together”. This is in celebration for the National Children’s Month 2020 with a theme, “Sama-samang Itaguyod ang Karapatan ng Bawat Bata sa Panahon ng Pandemiya.

This webinar is inline with MP Latiph’s Orphan and Children Sectoral Advocacy. This aims to provide guidance to the parents and older ones to promote the well-being of children during CoVid-19 Pandemic.

Topics delivered during the webinar involved Strengthening the Role of Parents in Raising Children this time of Pandemic by Dr. Naheeda D. Mustofa, MD, FPCP, DPBCN, and Protecting Mental Health for children and handling their emotions in this Pandemic by Dr. Ever T. Jaji.

Different studies show that crisis like this pandemic has brought psychologically negative impact to the children.

Children may experience fear, uncertainty, changes with their daily routine along with parental stress. These things can manifest in various ways like temper tantrums, fussy, struggling to focus and engage in play, clinging and demanding, more aggressive, regressive behavior such as thumb sucking and toileting accidents, and change in sleeping and eating habits.

As for the older children and teenagers, they may feel frustrated, disappointed, anxiety, bored, stomachache/ headache/ nausea, struggling to focus, and change in sleeping and eating habits. Among the identified signs that children may have mental disorder involves persistent sadness, withdrawing from or avoiding social interactions, hurting oneself or talking about hurting oneself, talking about death or suicide, outburst or extreme irritability, out of control behavior that can be harmful, drastic changes in mood, behavior, or personality, and



frequent headache or stomachache. When these things happen to children, parents may consult a doctor for children's mental health. This webinar is inline with MP Latiph's Orphan and Children Sectoral Advocacy. This aims to provide guidance to the parents and older ones to promote the well-being of children during CoVid-19 Pandemic.

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“When children are in stress, they need to seek more of attention of parents. That is why parents should spend more time with their children, be involved in their screen time, involve in video chat, and make sure that children have mix of activities across the day like book time, free play, art activity, etc. ”, said Dr. Ever

“During pandemic, lets’ grab more positive impacts of it like having more time to be prayerful, Allah-conscious, Nature-conscious, Dedication and discovery, Empowered, Motivated and Money-Saver, Independent, and Creative.”, said Dr. Mustofah.

Dr. Mustofah also encouraged the children not to delay showing their love to their parents because we do not know how long these blessings are. The major advice mentioned by Dr. Mustofah for the parents is to have communication with their children.

Although parents are busy especially those front liners, they should always give time to communicate with their children. During the webinar, Otsuka-Solar Philippines Incorporated represented by Rechel Sale, a Consumer Relation Specialist, and Chackie Garciano, a Medical Communication Specialist introduced POCARI Sweat and gave lively activity to the audience.

*“The current situation affects not only the parents but the children, adolescence and families in a very exceptional way. This is the time for us to review/revise our way of thinking in order to spotlight the importance of closing the equity gap and quality gap in early childhood care and education services of our children”, MP Latiph said*



# END VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

November 26, 2020- - The Office of MP Atty. Maisara Dandamun-Latiph conducted an awareness webinar for Bangsamoro women. This is in line with this year's campaign on VAW elimination with a theme, "VAW-free Community Starts with Me". This aims to give an awareness campaign on the elimination of Violence Against Women (VAW) and encourage everyone to have commitment and support on ending VAW all over the world.

The 2020 Campaign comes at a time when the country is reeling from the COVID-19 pandemic that aggravated underlying gender issues and affected marginalized and vulnerable sectors. The COVID-19 Pandemic really affected the situation of marginalized and vulnerable sectors which part of this are women and girls. They may be experience different forms of VAW during locked down in their homes with the perpetrators, with tension rising from uncertainties in health, security, and economy creating perfect storm.

Topics discussed were: "I know My Rights and I will not allow anyone to violate these" by Atty. Hanna Mangondato of the Office of MP Bainon Karon, and "Empowering and Strengthening the Bangsamoro Women and Girls for their Protection from Violence" by Atty. Sittie Nayilah D. Abduljaleel of Al-Mujadilah Development Foundation Incorporated.

Every woman and girl have the right to be protected from all kinds of abuse and exploitation. Worldwide, the observance of this campaign is one of the priority in every activities of the agency department and the community. This campaign highlights the role and essence of everyone's to end Violence Against Women specially the Barangay officials on how to handle VAW cases, the campaign reiterates everyone's commitment and call the general public to make a personal commitment to end Violence Against Women and Children.

Office of MP Atty. Maisara also joined the the 18-Day Social Media Campaign to end Violence Against Women (VAW). Infographics on VAW awareness are featured on MP Maisara Facebook Page. This is part of the observation of the Worldwide Campaign to End Violence Against Women.

These are some information printed on VAW Awareness Campaign Infographics:

- Speak out and report to the authorities in case your Rights are violated.
- Encourage others to fights for their rights.
- I know My Rights and I will not allow anyone to violate these. I won't allow myself to become a victim of violence and I know what to do, where to go, and whom to go in case it happens.
- Respect women and girls in your home, workplace, and community.
- Join male groups promoting Anti-VAW efforts and participate in discussions to broaden your awareness on the Advocacy.
- Enlighten/advice perpetrators to seek help and join the male Anti-VAW supporters.
- Equip yourself with trainings and capacity development sessions to improve service delivery for your clients.
- Let people know that you provide the services. We need to inform the public that there are government offices that they can turn to and trust to assist them towards healing and seeking justice.



- Develop monitoring and evaluation strategy to assess the service to your clients' supporters.

The COVID-19 pandemic highlighted the challenge of strengthening the functionality of Barangay VAW Desks, as the first line of response for survivors. Data from DILG's 2019 National Statistical Report on the Functionality of VAW Desks reflect that only 19% of assessed barangays have reached the highest level of functionality. The Commission sees an opportunity to align this year's campaign towards strengthening local mechanisms and building on the required competencies of barangay officials in responding to VAW/GBV-related situations.

Therefore, this year's campaign highlights the role and essence of the Barangay, as part of a VAW-free community, in consonance with the recurring theme "VAW-free community starts with Me".

Aside from capacitating VAW Desk Officers and other barangay officials on how to handle VAW/GBC cases, the campaign reiterates everyone's commitment and contributions on ending VAW and calls on the general public to make a personal commitment to end violence against women and children.

- Ensure that your Barangay VAW-Desk Officer is functional. You can use that Barangay VAW-Desk handbook developed by PCW and DILG with partner agencies to guide you on what to do.
- Establish linkage with local and national governments agencies, as well as other organizations near your Barangay where you can refer victim-survivors of VAW needed assistance which the Barangay is not able to provide.
- Promote harmonious family and community relationships in your barangay which is grounded on mutual respect for human rights, and take proactive steps to attain a VAW-free community.
- Support the Anti-VAW efforts of the government and your immediate community.
- Include concept of VAW and women's human rights in lesson plans/lesson guide of your teaching staff.
- Continually conduct/spearhead anti-VAW advocacies in your campus, and if possible, to your immediate community through extension programs.
- Setup a Committee on decorum and Investigation (CODI) where students and employees can seek help.





## IDPs Sagip Kabuhayan Program

By Sittie Joharah Pacalundo

On 11 of December 2020, a total of 185 home-based Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) received a livelihood cash assistance with an amount of P15,000 under the Sagip Kabuhayan Program of the Bangsamoro Government. Sagip Kabuhayan Program (SKP) is a program of the Ministry of Social Services and Development (MSSD) and the Office of the Chief Minister under the BARMM-Marawi Rehabilitation Program. Aside from rebuilding the lives of the IDPs, the program aims to improve the socio-economic conditions of poor, vulnerable, and marginalized families through the provision of seed capital funds for livelihood projects.

Minmin, 35 years old, is one of the beneficiary of SKP. She is a mother and a father to her three (3) young children. She was an IDP from Moncado Kadingilan and temporarily staying now at Bangon, Marawi City. Minmin is a single parent who suffers from depression due to emotional stress. Her mother was having a mild stroke attack few months after the Siege broke-out in Marawi. Life has thrown stones and stick to her during those time since her youngest is still a baby who needs financial support for milk, diapers and vitamins. With the support of some of her friends, he surpasses the test of life thrown to her. At her young age, she manages to overcome her problem by selling food items in a trade fair in the Provincial Capitol organized by Intad Negosyo. She became known to food industry business because of her hardworking and perseverance.



Photo from Sittie Johara Pacalundo

With the help of the livelihood cash grant from BARMM, she bought a new deep fryer and an induction stove that will help her cater more orders from her customer.

Minmin is selling famous street food products like Tempura, Squid Roll, Pizza Roll, Siomai and others. She also caters food services and she is a supplier of a homemade beef patty. She thanks BARMM for the opportunity given to her as one of the lucky recipient of the said cash grant. She hopes that other IDPs who will benefit from this program will use the money wisely so they can also rebuild their lives while waiting for their permanent return to Most Affected Area (MAA).

## MADRASAH IN THE EYES OF MANY

By Shanemah U. Latiph

More than 1,400 years of Islamic History, madrasah education has been existing since the time of prophet Muhammad (pbuh). In his time, it was a masjid-based learning for there was no formal institutions that offered an organized and chronological level of education. But the same teachings with what our Madrasa schools offer today. Madrasah is an Arabic word for “school,” wherein Muslim learners are being taught on how to live a life with peace, happiness, contentment, ethical and paradise-oriented. These various teachings coming from the Holy Qur’an (Word of God), the prophet’s sunnah, the foundation of Islamic law (Shariah law) and Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh).

Muslims who can afford to manage, maintain and establish madrasah schools or centers in different part of the world, has an opportunity do so in their respective areas for which they understand the value and importance of it.

Madrasah has a crucial role for Muslims, it is a center of Islamic knowledge where Muslims and Non-Muslims can easily garner information about Islam and it is part of the sunnah of the prophet Muhammad to seek knowledge from cradle to grave.

The value of learning and teaching the faith among Muslims resulted in the evolution of knowledge and learning spaces. Studying, teaching, and managing madrasah are considered religious deeds.



Any form of support extended to it is considered an act of religious charity (sadaqah).

Thus, Muslim individuals, families, organizations and communities are encouraged to support, while those who have the means can establish and operate a madrasah in their locality[i]. This is consistent with a hadith[ii] reported by both Bukhari and Muslim[iii] These are some of the evidences that our Madrasah has really a vital and certain role in many Muslims.

[i] Institute for Autonomy and Governance. (2019). Research on Traditional Madaris in ARMM and Adjacent Region (pp. 89-90). Cotabato City, Philippines. Retrieved from <https://www.iag.gov.ph/>

[ii] Hadith is a collection of the Prophetic Sayings.

[iii] Hadith 449, Book of Miscellany, Riyad as-Salihin-<https://sunnah.com/riyadussaliheen/1/449>

**To ensure your family's safety and survival, here are the Do's and Dont's to remember in times of typhoon:**

- Stay at home or in a safe place. If you really have to leave your home, avoid areas that are prone to flooding or landslides. Watch out also for flying objects and debris.
- Cancel all travels and outdoor activities.
- Practice safe driving during a typhoon if you really have to go somewhere.
- Wear dry and warm clothes.
- Keep yourself updated on the latest weather news.
- Secure your important belongings in a high ground.
- Don't wade through the flood to avoid leptospirosis and other water-borne diseases, as well as electrocution.
- Keep children from playing in the rain or swimming in the flood.
- If you run out of potable water, make your available water supply safe for drinking by boiling it for 3 to 20 minutes.
- Keep all food and water containers covered and sealed.
- Keep lit candles and gas lamps out of reach of children and pets.
- Consult a doctor right away when you or a family member is sick or has symptoms of a disease.

# WHAT TO DO DURING TYPHOON?



<https://www.moneymax.ph/lifestyle/articles/typhoon-in-the-philippines>

# UPLIFTING MORITS' VOICES IN TORILS



MP ATTY. MAISARA C. DANDAMUN-LATIPH  
BANGSAMORO TRANSITION AUTHORITY - BAMA



By Hana T. Yusoph

**The Office of MP Atty. Maisara aims to uplift the voices of orphans and children. Morits in the torils are rarely seen in the society as vulnerable ones. As part of MP Maisara's Orphan and Children Advocacy. Morits are provided basic needs. This program is in partnership with the Alfauj-AI Imanie.**

Wata-Ilo (orphans) in toril/madrasah were given a safe environment in which to grow, given somewhere to sleep, regular food and Arabic-Islamic schooling, and visit their families often. Most important though, is that children in Toril (orphanages) were given a lifestyle that they would not find at home like the Arabic schooling. Children are often sent to this institution as a way of relieving a widow from the stress of providing for her family on very little income and for their child to learn more about Islam. In toril, they were offered a routine and a calm space in places often affected by war/conflict, family issues and pandemic.

The torils/ orphanages that we were able to reach - things that we take for granted like food, basic necessities, healthcare and schooling- are not readily available to them, not even charitable organizations or individuals visits them. Orphanages owners often need extra support. Through our capacities, passion and willingness we extended our hands and help them in a way that we are capable.

Being part of the betterment of society and getting involved in society's growth is an achievement not only here in this world but also in hereafter. Helping someone selflessly and seeing that you can be a value to someone is truly satisfying, the thing which our soul is seeking is the happiness, the sparkle of achievement in the eyes of those children –orphans when they gain knowledge and receive valuable things will make their life worthwhile. An orphanage is a place where happiness is not seen a lot of time.

The children are emotionally unsecure and always look for solace through someone or something.

## MP MAISARA PARTICIPATED IN THE TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE (TJ) ORIENTATION AND WORKSHOP WITH BTA OFFICIALS

By Dr. Laarnie B. Racman

The Office of MP Maisara participated in the 2nd batch of Transitional Justice (TJ) Orientation and Workshop held at Waterfront, Insular Hotel, Lanang, Davao City on Dec.17-18, 2020. Participants attended physically and via zoom. They were composed of BTA officials and their respective staff or representatives.

The current efforts on the Transitional Justice and Reconciliation aims to address the legitimate grievances of the Bangsamoro people, correct historical injustices, and address human rights violations and marginalization through land dispossession towards healing and reconciliation.

The Consortium of Bangsamoro Civil Society, Inc. (CBCS) in partnership with the Independent Working Group (IWG) through its funding participation Embassy of Spain and Swiss Embassy together with Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (OPPAP) jointly conducted this 2-day Transitional Justice Regional Training Camp.



*A Photo of the Participants with organizers during the conduct of Transitional Justice Orientation and Workshop*

TJ is mandated in Article IX, Section 1 and 2 of the Bangsamoro Organic Law (BOL). This provision is provided for in BOL to address past injustices against Bangsamoros. Study shows, Swiss peace promotes a holistic approach to dealing with the past that aims at developing a culture of accountability, strengthening the rule of law and fostering reconciliation.

The following are recognized as the main pillars of such approach: Right to Know ; Right to Justice; Right to Reparation; and Right to The Guarantee of Non-Recurrence (GRN).



## TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE

## 2020 YEAR-END ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING

It is essential for every office to conduct a year-end assessment in order to evaluate the performance of a team, its program, and the implementation of the previous year's micro-plan. Moreover, it is the purpose of annual performance evaluation to promote communication and provide useful feedback about job performance, to facilitate better working relationships, to provide a historical record of performance and to contribute to professional development.

In the case of the Office of MP Maisara Dandamun-Latiph, a year-end assessment was held at Cagayan de Oro City on the first week of December 2020 where her staffs presented the Office accomplishments with respect to both the programs and legislations. During the presentation, the team looked back upon all the programs implemented and legislations passed.

Looking back, no one expected that a pandemic would occur. Hence, most of the programs of the Office were designed to involve gatherings. However, due to the resilience and innovativeness of the Office, the team was able to accomplish objectives beyond its 2020 Micro-Plan.



Photo of MP Atty. Maisara while giving the overview of the 2020 Year-End Assessment and Planning



Photo of MP Atty. Maisara and staff members during their adventure at Dahilayan, Bukidnon.

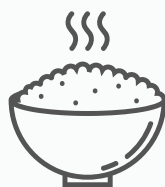
Of course, despite hectic schedule, the team is always up for an adventure. During the year-end assessment, the team went to the Dahilayan Adventure Park to see the breathtaking view of the mountain ranges and experience the longest zip-line in town along with other amenities.

# Summary of Relief Assistance

From October-December

### 61 Relief Packs

Rice, Coffee, Shampoo, Soap, Tooth Paste, Alcohol, and Face Masks  
Orphans and Morits  
Marawi City



### Set of Relief Packs

Sacks of Rice, Hygiene Kits, and Grocery Items  
Orphans and Morits  
Harat Medina Islamic Toril



### Set of Relief Packs

Sacks of Rice, Hygiene Kits, and Grocery Items  
Orphans and Morits  
Darul Huda Litahfidel Qur'anil



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Orphans and Morits  
Abdul Qasim Quranic Center

### Set of Relief Packs

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Orphans and Morits  
Madrasah Maruhom Qadhies Islamie



### 134 Relief Packs

Hygiene and Dignity Kits  
LDS Provincial Jail Detainees  
Marawi City



### 200 Relief Packs

Clothes, Hijab, Grocery Items, and Hygiene Kit  
Victims of Typhoon Ulysses  
Nueva Ecija

### 101 Relief Packs

Hijab, Malong, Cloth, Prayer Mat, Blanket, Protection Kit, Drinking Water, and Grocery Items  
Victims of Typhoon Ulysses  
Tanay Rizal

### 350 Relief Packs

Blanket, Pillow, Rice, Drinking Water, Protection Kit, Hygiene Kit, Tabo, Baldi, and Grocery Items  
Victims of Typhoon Ulysses  
Marikina

### 15 Relief Packs

Php 5000 Cash Assistance, Grocery Items and Hygiene Kits  
Victims of Fire Incident  
Angeles City, Pampanga

### 6 Relief Packs

Face Masks, Face Shield, and Alcohol  
Former Inmates  
Zamboanga City

### 1005 Relief Packs

Grocery Items, Hygiene Kit, and Face Masks/ or Financial/ Medical Assistance  
Victims of Typhoon  
Cagayan Valley, Isabela Province, and Santiago City



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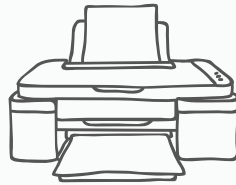
Families, Individuals, and Toril Institutions

# Summary Siyap Ko Kapaganad Program

From October-December

### 7 SKK Set

Tablet with 5G Sim  
APDeT Alumni (College Students)  
Marawi City



### 5 SKKP Set

Tablet with 5G Sim  
APDeT (College Students)  
Bubong Ramin

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Dama Elementary School

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Sugod-I Elementary School

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Pangandaman Elementary School

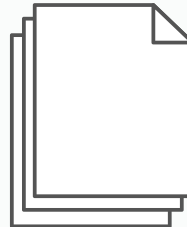


### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Jamiatul Philippine Al- Islamia

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Pinduguan Elementary School



### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Dilausan Elementary School

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Lumbayanague Primary School

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Masiu Path Finders Integrated School

### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Camp Bagong Amai-Pakpak Elementary  
School



### 1 SKK Set

Printer, Hygiene Kits, and School Supplies  
Lower Balaigay Elementary School



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Schools, and Individuals



# SUMMARY PROGRAMS

OCTOBER-DECEMBER 2020

Growing Seed of Hope Version 2	Balik Probinsya Repatriation Program
Teachers' Personal Protection Kit	Printers for MOOE Less Schools
School Best Practices in Times of Pandemic: Teachers' Month Celebration	Siyap for Vulnerable Morit
Tablet for APDeT Alumni	Siyap for Vulnerable Victims of Typhoon Ulysses in Luzon
Webinar on Resiliency of Educators	Siyap for Vulnerable Victims of Angeles City Fire Incident
Siyap Ko Kapaganad Program	Medical Assistance Program
Shaping Children's New Normal Together	Hygiene and Dignity Kits For LDS Provincial Jail Detainees
Webinar on VAW Free Community Starts with Me Campaign	VAW Free Social Media Campaign

Basic Training on Video Editing for Teachers



Before this year ends, MP Atty. Maisara C. Dandamun-Latiph in coordination with the Bangsamoro Sports Commission presented a certificate of recognition to Al-Basher “Basty” Buto for bringing pride and glory to the country and the Bangsamoro people as one of the Philippines’ chess players in the Fide Online World Cadets and Youth Rapid Championships conducted last November 28 to December 23, 2020. Aside from giving certificate, MP Maisara also provided Php10,000.00 financial assistance and Php10,000.00 worth of chess sporting materials, jacket and cap.

## PARTNERS

Here are some of our partners during the implementation of our programs from October to December 2020:

