

# BUILDING CAPACITIES FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT, PEACEBUILDING AND INCLUSIVE DIALOGUE: TOWARDS INCLUSIVE AND PARTICIPATORY GOVERNANCE



## Project Objective:

The overall objective of the project is to promote a peaceful, inclusive, and equitable society through expanding opportunities for inclusive civic engagement using tools such as dialogue. Specifically, the project seeks to build the space and demand for constructive, meaningful, and inclusive engagement and collaboration among civil society, governmental authorities, private entities, and citizens through their capacity development as duty bearers and rights holders. The project also creates additional opportunities for civic engagement to enhance direct relationship and exposure between civil society and government institutions.

## Project Overview:

**Focal Area**  
Democratic Governance

**Donors**  
Government of Japan  
UNDP

**Project Duration**  
Mar 2020 – Dec 2023

**Partners**  
Ministry of Interior, Civil  
Society Organizations

**Budget**  
USD \$2.16 million



## Project Results Framework:



UNDAF and CPD outcome 4: By 2023, women and men, including those underrepresented, marginalized, and vulnerable, benefit from more transparent and accountable legislative and governance frameworks that ensure meaningful and informed participation in economic and social development and political processes.

The project will contribute to the outcome with the following three project outputs and in recognizing different voices of men and women, with particular attention to marginalized groups.

**Output 1:** CSOs and governmental authorities will be able to engage each other better in responding to citizens' interests

- 1.1 Develop capacity of civil servants both in relevant ministries and sub-national authorities
- 1.2 Develop capacity of CSOs
- 1.3 Develop tools and knowledge to understand male and female citizens' interests, particularly marginalized groups' interests

**Output 2:** Existing infrastructure for civic engagement (mechanisms, processes, and policies) will be more constructive, and open to diverse opinions in ensuring women's participation

- 2.1 Provide mediators and facilitators
- 2.2 Institutionalize existing infrastructure and support implementation of its work plans
- 2.3 Develop communications products and knowledge management

**Output 3:** Partnership among citizens, CSOs and government institutions (both national and sub-national) will be strengthened through identifying more benefits of civic engagement.

- 3.1 Organize innovation challenge on civic engagement
- 3.2 Organize study tours

## Project Progress:



During this quarter, the four teams consisting of provincial government officials and provincial NGO network members, revised their proposed solutions which they jointly developed during the innovation bootcamp and co-design process in December 2021.

- In total, four proposals were developed to improve the functionality, effectiveness, and inclusivity of the Provincial Partnership Dialogues and four social development proposals were also jointly developed;
- Overall, 18 government officials and 12 CSO participated, representing the four provinces and the National School of Local Administration;
- The co-design process strengthened partnership development between the provincial officials and CSO members in the four provinces with 83 percent of participants agreeing that the relationship between government and CSO improved.

- This new way of collaborating together was found to promote an open and inclusive environment with 80 percent of interviewed CSO respondents answering that they felt confident and trust when working with public authorities.

## 2nd Quarter Work Plan:

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- UNDP will support the implementation of the co-designed proposals through the provision of grants so each team can implement their solutions and improve civic engagement at the sub-national level;
- Following the CSO ecosystem mapping across the four provinces, UNDP will provide grants to strengthen CSO sustainability and directly support the three identified dimensions of financial viability, advocacy, and sectoral infrastructure.