

Philippines

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Baht is a widely experienced trainer and consultant in the field of nonviolence, conflict transformation and peacebuilding. He has served as course tutor with RTC, UK; leads workshops throughout Asia and was the director of Akkapka Foundation in the Philippines, a social change organization espousing active non-violence. He served as Steering Committee Chair of Action-Global until October 2007. Baht has been a faculty member of CONTACT, a summer peacebuilding institute in Vermont, USA from 1997 to the present.



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Kaloy is the Founder and President of Balay Mindanao and has over twenty five years of experience in rural development and peacebuilding activities by promoting equity, development and peace through community-based development work, coalition-building and advocacy work for political parity, economic development and peace especially in Mindanao. He is a key person in sustaining the sixth peace process in Mindanao.



Congressman Ariel Hernandez (Ayi)

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Ayi represents the party list group AMIN (Anak Mindanao) in the lower house of Congress in the Philippines. Development work has been a career for Ayi starting as a volunteer in 1991 under the Year of Service (YOS) program of Xavier University until at present as Executive Director of Balay Mindanaw Foundation, Inc (BMFI), both Founder and Managing Director of Katilingbanong Pamahandi sa Mindanaw Foundation Inc (KPMFI) and Bangko sa Balay Foundation Inc. (BBFI).obtained his Masters in Development Management from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM), Makati, Philippines in 2002.



Belle Garcia

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Belle works with the International Center for Peace in Mindanaw (ICPEACE orsee Peace!) supervising the researches/case studies on the impact of capacity building interventions (1) with the military sector and (2) with the village people - especially in collecting the lessons and stories of transformations. The center focuses on developing and enhancing capacities on conflict management and peace building (in communities, youths, in the military, in the civil society, in local governments, in schools). Belle is also starting an internship program which draws budding/young peace builders to experience peace work at various levels of engagement.



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Charmaine or XX is the Executive Director of the Resource Center for Empowerment and Development (RCED). She was the first community organizer or SIADO of Balay Mindanaw Foundation Inc. XX has completed her MA on Applied Conflict Transformation Studies at Pannassastra University in Cambodia.



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Loreta Castro is Executive Director of the Center for Peace Education and a Professor at Miriam College, Quezon City, Philippines. She coordinates a local Peace Education Network. Her work includes training formal and community educators as well as the youth towards peace and interfaith understanding. She cooperates with others in support of local peace processes and advocates the mainstreaming of peace education nationally and globally. She is one of the network conveners that encourage ceasefire mechanisms/the peace processes between the government and rebel groups (Waging Peace Philippines). She also serves in the advisory committee of the Global Campaign for Peace Education and in the executive committee of Pax Cristi Internaional.

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Juvy has been working in the field of development and peace for the last 10 years, specializing in the field of capacity development, training, advisory services and participatory process facilitation; worked with international organizations implementing projects in post conflict reconstruction, peacebuilding and conflict transformation; coordinated the development of the capacity development framework for integrating conflict sensitive approaches to programming for the German Technical Cooperation (gtz) project on Poverty Reduction and Conflict Transformation (PRCT) implemented in Southern Philippines. She was part of the training team commissioned by the Office of the Presidential Assistant on the Peace Process (OPAPP) that developed and designed a series of conflict sensitivity trainings for planners and monitors of different national government agencies in the Philippines from all over the country.

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Chona has a Ph.D in Demography at the Australian National University and MS in Development Communication from the University of the Philippines, Los Banos. She is a Senior Research Associate of the Research Institute for Mindanao Culture (RIMCU) and an Associate Professor of the Development Communication and Socio-Anthropology Departments of Xavier University, Cagayan de Oro City. She served as a Board of Director of the Philippine Population Association (PPA) and currently Board of Director of Women's Forum 10. Chona has conducted a number of studies in different variety of fields especially in the conflict-affected areas.

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Eda is currently CRS-Asia Regional Outreach Manager-Mekong Sub-regional Office. In the past she has managed country programs in the Philippines, Myanmar, China, Thailand and North Korea. She has been involved in the field of social development for the past 20 years specifically peacebuilding, agriculture, education, health and HIV/AIDS, microfinance and emergency programming. She served as adviser to: Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Bishops Conference of Myanmar since 2006, Swe Tha Har Network (an interfaith Network for Peace in Myanmar) since 2004, and Career Development and Enhancement Center, a learning center that brings youth from the various ethnic and religious groups together to promote peace. Eda has MA in Development Management and presently pursuing her MA in Applied Conflict Transformation Studies in Cambodia.



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Deng is a trainer of the Peace and Reconciliation Program of Catholic Relief Services based in Davao City, Philippines. As a trainer, she builds on more than a decade of peace practice in the area of mediation, facilitation of dialogue, immediate post conflict programming, and vertical bridge building. Aside from mentoring and accompanying the trainers of the Grassroots Peacebuilding Learning Course of CRS, Deng is also engaged with the Mindanao Peacebuilding Institute and the Timor Leste Peacebuilding Institute as a facilitator/trainer.

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Beng is the lone full-time staff at AKKAPKA. Aside from the day-to-day operations in the office, Beng is responsible for seeing through AKKAPKA's mission of building faith-based communities in pursuit of peace and dignity of each human being and the whole of society. Her steadfastness and strong faith is a beacon that animates active nonviolence workshops that she helps facilitate. Beng has a long time experience organizing and leading nonviolent demonstrations.

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Joyce is the head of the Department of Social Welfare and Development in the province of Ifugao. For the past 6 years she has been involved with AKKAPKA, ICCN and PAKAT in conducting trainings on active nonviolence and gender sensitivity to different groups, and recently among rebel returnees. She is spearheading the advocacy of promoting active nonviolence as a way of life and nonviolent peacekeeping actions at the Cordillera Administrative region. She was part of the mediating team between the Mangyans and traders in Oriental Mindoro that resulted to both parties engaging in a constructive and peaceful process of resolving their conflict.

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Jasmin Nario-Galace is Associate Director of the Center for Peace Education based in Miriam College. She is also Professor at the Department of International Studies and Department of Child Development and Education of the same college. She did her MA on Peace Studies at the University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA, and her PhD in Educational Psychology at the College of Education, University of the Philippines, Diliman. She has authored or co-authored the following publications several publications. She is in the Steering Committee of the Philippine Action Network on Small Arms (PhilANSA), the National Preparatory Committee for UNSCR 1325 and the Sulong CARHRIHL, a third party network that monitors the observance of the GRP and the NDF to their agreement to respect human rights and the international humanitarian law. She is a member of IANSA Women and the Global Network of Women Peacebuilders.



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Marites is founder of The Peacemakers' Circle Foundation, a non-profit interfaith organization based in Manila. The Peacemakers' Circle is a Cooperation Circle of a global community called United Religions Initiative (URI) composed of people of diverse religions, spiritual expressions and indigenous traditions who work together to promote enduring daily interfaith cooperation, end religiously motivated violence, and create cultures of peace, justice and healing for the Earth and all living beings. She currently serves as Chairperson of the URI in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, and is also a member of the Standing Committee of the URI Global Council.

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Santos works for the protection of the rights of the unfortunate, oppressed and marginalized Indigenous peoples (IP) as an organizer. He belongs to the Teduray ethnic group of South Central Mindanao and is now the Assistant Tribal Chieftain (Titay Bleyen) of the Timuay Justice and Governance (TJG). TJG is now involved in the Peace Talks between the GRP (Government of the Republic of the Philippines) and MILF (Moro Islamic Liberation Front) as an informal, unregistered, and unofficial Third Party group asserting the rights of the IPs. He was accorded a Presidential Award as "Select Outstanding Indigenous Leaders" (SOIL) in 1996.

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Sabcee is a Peace Research Officer at Balay Mindanaw and currently focusing on a research on community-based peacebuilding as she firmly believes that grassroots communities are major stakeholders in the quest for lasting peace. Her work also includes documentation, publication and popularization of community experiences as well facilitating peace courses. Prior to this she worked as a community organizer facilitating the implementation of Barangay Peace and Development Plans dealing with land tenure and other justice issues.

