

Project Facts

Full Title of the Project	Recognition of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for their Empowerment and Sustainable Development (IPDEV)
Location	80 barangays in the provinces of Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur
Duration	36 months (February 2012 to January 2015)
Partners	- Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) - Institute for Autonomy and Governance (IAG) - Development Consultants, Inc., (DEVCON)
Funded by	European Union (EU) and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) through Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS)
Target Groups	Four major tribes: Teduray, Lambangian, Dulangan Manobo and Higaonon; 1,672 indigenous traditional and formal leaders, 2,280 IP farmers and fisherfolks, 1140 IP women and youth and 50 personnel from the Office of Southern Cultural Communities and from local government units
Final Beneficiaries	Half a million (500,000) indigenous people in ARMM, including the Teduray, Lambangian and Dulangan Manobo in Maguindanao province, and the Higaonon of the two Lanao provinces.

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What is **IPDEV**?

The “Recognition of the Rights of the Indigenous Peoples in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for their Empowerment and Sustainable Development” or **IPDEV** was launched in February 2012 and is co-funded by the EU and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung. Within a period of three years, the project team works towards the protection and promotion of rights of Indigenous Peoples (IP) in 80 barangays in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM).

Background of the Project

The Indigenous Peoples’ Rights Act (IPRA) introduced in 1997 granted fundamental rights such as ancestral domains, cultural integrity, self-governance and empowerment, as well as social justice and human rights to the IP population in the Philippines. However, in the ARMM marginalized ethnic groups have not been able to fully enjoy and exercise these fundamental rights as the IPRA does not apply in the ARMM. It is these discriminating politico-administrative structures that leave about half a million IP (comprising up to 20 per cent of the ARMM constituency) at a disadvantage and unequal before the law. We seek the formulation and the implementation of an Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP), as an instrument

of empowerment that should then be integrated into local development plans.

With a cross-cutting approach, the project specifically addresses the absence of an enabling law in the ARMM that recognizes the IP’s rights and social justice as embodied in the IPRA law, the 1987 Philippine Constitution and other existing international law for IP’s. Our activities focus on capacity building for the empowerment and strengthening of IP self-governance as well as advocacy for socio-legal and administrative reforms in the ARMM. The overall objective of this project is the development of IP communities in the ARMM that recognize and practice the rights of minorities at all levels and the improvement of living conditions of the most marginalized population.

Our Objectives

The **overall objectives** to which the project shall contribute are the development of IP communities in ARMM that recognize and practice the rights of minority at all levels, and the improvement of living conditions of the most marginalized population in the ARMM.

Specifically, the program aims:


- To gather cultural information and baseline data and eventually set and facilitate the formulation of the Ancestral Domain Sustainable Development and Protection Plan (ADSDPP);
- To capacitate and equip the indigenous peoples in ARMM with fundamental and rights-based

knowledge and skills towards the promotion of indigenous knowledge, systems and practices (IKSPs) and eventually increase their active participation in local governance;

- To capacitate and equip indigenous peoples in ARMM with necessary knowledge and skills that will eventually build and support sustainable livelihoods and manage natural resources;
- To design, implement and facilitate the inclusion of the ADSDPP within the LGU planning instruments of Community Development Plans (CDPs); and institute strategic advocacy campaign that strengthens and enhances IPs ability to exercise their collective rights in ARMM.

Achieving the specific objectives, the action shall implement four interrelated components:

1. Cultural Mapping and formulation of ADSDPP;
2. Capacity Building for Empowerment and Strengthening of Self-Governance;
3. Advocacy for Socio-Legal and Administrative Reform;
4. Implementation of ADSDPP and its integration in the local development plans.

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