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Description of specific project, practice or technique:

The organization were involved in project such as interfaith dialogue because in our area we the Moro people or the Muslim Filipinos, the Indigenous people and the Christian settlers comprises the people residing in the area and if not to be handled carefully intercultural relationship between this people cause disunity within the residence. Our activities pertaining to this advocacy were dialogue, peace camp, conference and forum purposely to uphold the harmonious relationship of our grandfathers in the past decades. The causes why many peacebuilding activities exist in our area because searching for peace in Mindanao is still not seen in our area between the Government of the Philippines and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. With the situation of on and off armed confrontation between the two forces so among our activities were lobbying, human rights violation monitoring , relief and rehabilitation, Peace education through radio program, Grassroots awareness on the status of the peace process, youth peace camp and evacuation camp management.

Information on Organization or agency including history and scope of work:

The organization was establish last 2005 as a non- government and service oriented organization to respond to our quest for genuine peace and development in Mindano This year 2005 was the time where mass evacuation took place as a result of the armed conflict between the two groups where majority of the Muslim areas in Mindanao were affected. So we were outright involved in relief distribution activities, advocacy to strengthen ceasefire mechanism through lobbying and dialogue to concerned parties, Human rights education and monitoring . We were also part of an activities empowering the

citizenry of being participative in terms of governance, and other issues affecting them to eradicate passivity actuation that they were already affected

Describe the context in which the agency works, analyse conflict, and indicate how this analysis has influenced the peacebuilding work of the organization:

An analysis on the conflict in Mindanao its noted as one of the longest peace negotiations in the world that already took 40 years or more if not for the peace building effort of the civil society organizations which we were one of it both local , national and international non- government organizations this conflict will only be a domestic issue and chances of arriving in final resolution that could be attained through peace negotiation be very slim but with our concerted peacebuilding effort locally , nationally and internationally the issue would not be a dormant one. That's why we keep on conducting peacebuilding activities to this effect.

Impact of work:

Manifestation of impact towards our work in our area were first the establishment of our office as a community base in the center of the conflict affected area seems to be with the credibility of neutrality seems to be a house of hope for the people on the aspect of human rights violation monitoring, seminars and venue for dialogue on the status of the peace process and livelihood education . At present we focus our programs on education both formal education manifested by a school which we manage and establish to cater children whose education were always hampered by armed conflict while in non formal education peacebuilding and livelihood education comes into be specific on technology transfer, ece education , electoral reform and human rights advocacies.

Story of agency's peace work:

Educating the people especially the children were foremost a peace work because what we are trying to shift here were the mentality of the people which to upraise, fight against the government because of dissatisfaction on the services of the government like for instance in terms of development if we compare areas like the Christian dominated areas in Luzon and compared it to areas in Mindanao seems big disparity. so with our augmentation on the effort of the government its quit commendable meaning the transformation from hatred to participation and trust to the gate keepers were at most peace work from our end the concept of holding pens rather than guns were our battle cry and we know that through education we can combat these situation and be credited as a small contribution of our organization to big scale peace effort