

# Reconstructing Marawi: Gender-based approach to addressing sexual violence in post-conflict Marawi, Philippines

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## What happened in Marawi?

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In 2017, war begun between ISIS-linked armed groups and Ph's troops

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Conflict worsened when the AFP captured Isnlon Hapilon

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PH president declared Martial law in Marawi

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After 5 months, the war ended and city was "liberated"

This has lead to:

**98%** displacement in the city.

**73,000** still living in evacuation centers  
or their relative's homes.

**1,009** casualties

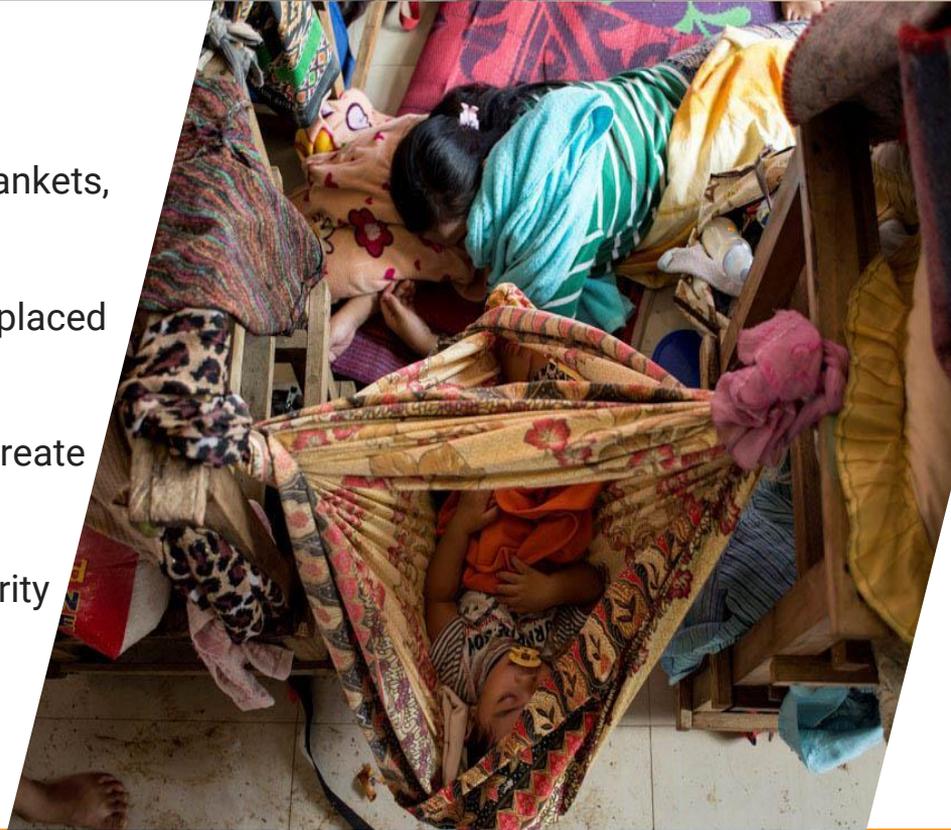
# The Case of Marawi: Sexual Violence during the Conflict

- ▶ **BY THE ARMED GROUPS:** Girls as young as 13 years old were coerced into forced marriage or sexual slavery (Gunaratna, 2017).
- ▶ **BY THE GOVERNMENT TROOPS:** Women were threatened that if they don't leave, they will rape them (CHR, 2017).
- ▶ **BY THEIR FELLOW CIVILIANS:** A young girl was sexually harassed in evacuation camps (Beltran, 2019).
- ▶ **EXTREME CASE:** Sometimes, the family of a rape victim asks the rapist to marry her in exchange of a dowry (UNFPA Philippines, 2018).



# Aggravating factors: Physical, social, and political situations

- ▶ **Physical situations of evacuees:**
  - ▶ People crammed in small cubicles made of blankets, tarpaulins, and slabs of plywood
  - ▶ Comfort rooms are not segregated by gender.
  - ▶ No enough rooms to accommodate all the displaced locals
- ▶ **Social situations of evacuees:**
  - ▶ Harmful individual and collective beliefs that create and intensify power inequality
- ▶ **Political situations**
  - ▶ “Jokes” uttered by the country’s highest authority



# Kabalikat Sa Mapayapang Pagbabago

*(Companions for Peaceful Change)*

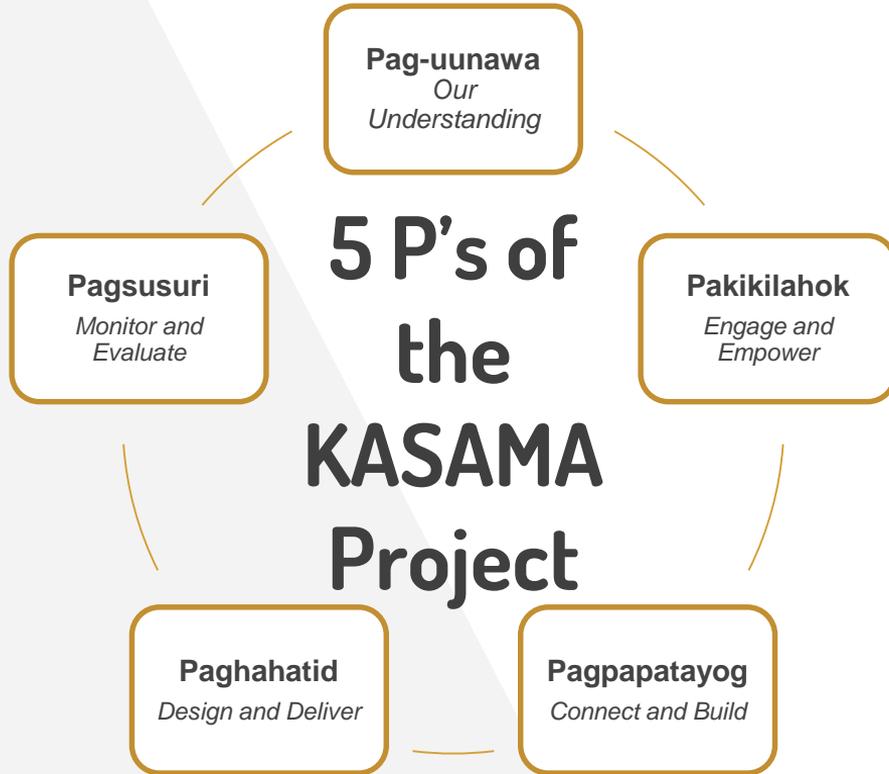
## WHAT IT IS:

a **gender-based and community-driven development initiative** which will be grounded on two inherent Filipino values, **kapwa** (unity of 'self' and the 'other') & **pakikipagkapwa tao** (relating with *kapwa*).

## ITS OBJECTIVE:

**Build a united community of bonded women and men who are deeply engaged in the peace process and post-conflict reconstruction** of their communities while combating sexual violence.

# 5 P's of the KASAMA Project



The framework of KASAMA is patterned after the Indigenous Community Volunteers (ICV) Community Development Framework which highly encourages community ownership of the program.

# KASAMA Project Milestones and Expected Outputs

PHASE	OUTPUT
<p><b><i>Pag-uunawa (Our understanding)</i></b> Audience, Policy, Situational Analyses</p>	<p>Comprehensive report about the realities the community face with issues related to gender, draft module and IEC materials to address the issues related to gender (e.g. how gender socialization affects occurrence of sexual violence)</p>
<p><b><i>Pakikilahok (Engage and Empower)</i></b> Partnerships &amp; brainstorming with key stakeholders (CSOs, NGOs, LGUs)</p>	<p>Development of objectives and indicators of the project's success List of activities &amp; programs Revised report, module, and IEC materials</p>
<p><b><i>Pagpapatayog (Connect and Build)</i></b> Forming of the community-based and driven organization</p>	<p>KASAMA community organization</p>
<p><b><i>Paghahatid (Design &amp; Deliver)</i></b> Implementation of the activities</p>	<p>Playgroup sessions for children, team-building and art expression for youth, and <i>pakikipagkapwa-tao</i> hobby sessions among adults (e.g. social gatherings, sharing of music, stories, etc) + Livelihood programs <i>*Note: all activities are designed with the goal of addressing the problem of sexual violence with varying approaches based on age group</i></p>
<p><b><i>Pagsusuri (Monitor &amp; Evaluate)</i></b> Tracking of progress and plotting vis-a-vis baseline targets</p>	<p>Accomplishment report in line with the baseline objectives, targets, and indicators in phase 2</p>

# Why KASAMA Project will work

- ▶ It uses sustainable approaches: **gender-based & community-driven**.
- ▶ It is grounded on the **two Filipino values: Kapwa and Pakikipagkapwa-tao** where individuals are reminded of the inherit trait of Filipinos to treat their fellow human beings with utmost respect and dignity, and to identify themselves in other people so that they should do no harm.
- ▶ It will advocate for the **necessity of including women in the peace process and negotiation talks**.
- ▶ It will help **provide income-generating opportunities**, especially among women who now acts as “head of the household”.
- ▶ It **will provide a platform for victims of sexual violence** to open up what they can **so they can collectively move forward as a community**.
- ▶ KASAMA **will include key stakeholders such as NGOs, CSOs, LGUs, and community leaders/elders** in the process to further strengthen its sustainability.

# Thank you for listening!

**Any questions?**

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