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# Introduction

Founded in 1985 by the late University of the Philippines (UP) President Edgardo J. Angara, the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS) is the University's policy research unit that aims to address problems of national significance by employing an integrative and collaborative approach in the conduct of studies on various aspects of public policy and harnessing the University's multidisciplinary expertise and expansive resources. Based on then-UP President Angara's Executive Order No. 9 issued on 24 September 1985, UP CIDS has the following objectives and functions:

- Develop, organize, and manage research issues of national significance, for such issues, because of their importance and inherent complexity, require an integrative and collaborative approach and also more sophisticated research methodologies and skills
- Encourage and support research and study on these issues by various units of the University and individual scholars
- Secure funding from public and private persons and agencies
- Ensure that the research outputs and recommendations of the Center are published and openly disseminated

UP CIDS is likewise guided by UP's Strategic Plan 2017–2023 and contributes to the University's thrust of (a) contributing to national development through knowledge creation and public service, and (b) promoting access and diversity through enhancing structures and policies for collaboration and undertaking internationalization efforts.

## Research Programs

UP CIDS adopts a programmatic structure wherein a sizable network of scholars is brought together and organized under Research Programs through which a shared research agenda is pursued and networks within and outside the University are built upon.

Consistent with its integrative and collaborative approach, UP CIDS also provides opportunities and venues for the various Research Programs to work on common themes and emerging international and national policy concerns.

The Center currently supports 12 Research Programs grouped into three general clusters. UP CIDS' Research Programs of UP CIDS are:

### ■ EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

- Education Research Program (ERP)
- Program on Higher Education Research and Policy Reform (HERPRP)
- Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)
- Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPPP)

### ■ DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

- Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C)
- Political Economy Program (PEP)
- Program on Alternative Development (AltDev)
- Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD)

### ■ SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL STUDIES CLUSTER

- Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC)
- Islamic Studies Program (ISP)
- Strategic Studies Program (SSP)
- Decolonial Studies Program (DSP)

## Core Staff

The UP CIDS Core Staff facilitates and supports the administration, finance, documentation, and dissemination of the Center's Research Programs' projects and activities. It coordinates with UP System offices and the UP CIDS Research Programs to effectively carry out its role and provide guidance and assistance on various matters.

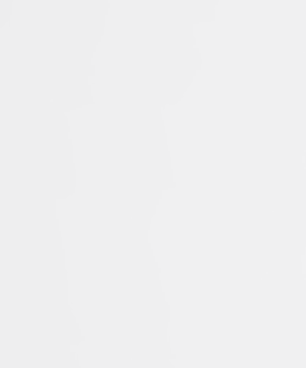
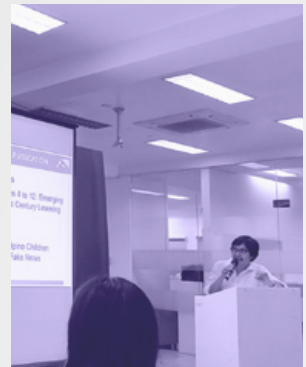
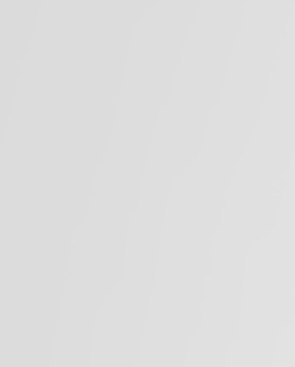
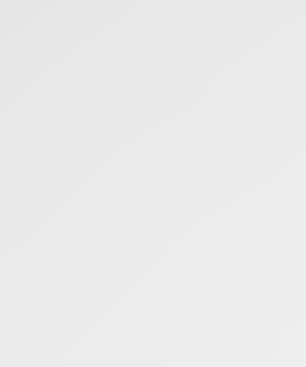
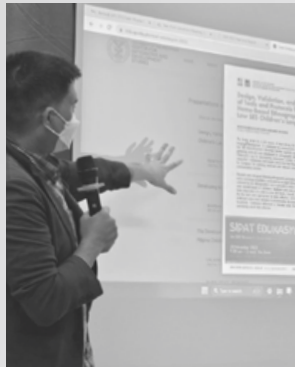
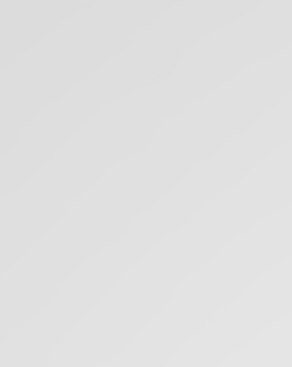
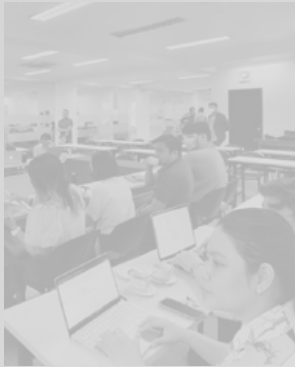
The Core Staff is headed by the UP CIDS Executive Director and is housed in the UP CIDS Administrative Office. They are functionally organized into (1) Administration, (2) Finance, (3) Research and Publications, and (4) Library and Resources.

## Library and Resources

The UP CIDS Library and Resources office continues to operate physically and online to cater to various clients with their research needs. Since the inventory of UP CIDS publications has been updated, the UP CIDS Library started to upload them to other databases.

One of UP CIDS' partnerships is with the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). The library has uploaded a total of 343 UP CIDS publications, including policy papers, journal articles, monographs, and discussion papers.

The library has also given copies of UP CIDS publications to other libraries, such as the National Library of the Philippines and the Senate of the Philippines Legislative Library. Furthermore, during these past months, older publications have been successfully uploaded to the UP CIDS website database.





■ Year-End Convenors' Meeting, 12 December 2023. *SOURCE* | UP CIDS

## Organizational Chart





## UP CENTER FOR INTEGRATIVE AND DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (UP CIDS)

## UP CIDS ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

## ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

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 Jose Ibarra C. Cunanan (Senior Project Assistant)

## RESEARCH STAFF

Janus Isaac V. Nolasco (University Researcher IV)

## LIBRARY AND RESOURCES STAFF

Joseph Angelo E. Cruzado  
 (Scientific Documentation Officer II)

## UP CIDS RESEARCH PROGRAMS

## EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING CLUSTER

## EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM (ERP)

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 Co-Convenor: Lorina Y. Calingasan, Ph.D.

## PROGRAM ON HIGHER EDUCATION RESEARCH AND POLICY REFORM (HERPRP)

Convenor: Fernando dI.C. Paragas, Ph.D.

## ASSESSMENT, CURRICULUM, AND TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH PROGRAM (ACTRP)

Convenor: Marie Therese A.P. Bustos, Ph.D.  
 Co-Convenor: Kevin Carl P. Santos, Ph.D.

## PROGRAM ON DATA SCIENCE FOR PUBLIC POLICY

Convenor: Jalton G. Taquibao, Ph.D.

## DEVELOPMENT CLUSTER

## PROGRAM ON ESCAPING THE MIDDLE-INCOME TRAP: CHAINS FOR CHANGE (EMIT C4C)

Convenor: Edylinda O. Balaoing-Pelkmans, Ph.D.

## POLITICAL ECONOMY PROGRAM (PEP)

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 Co-Convenor: Monica F.A.W. Santos

## PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT (ALTDEV)

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## PROGRAM ON HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT (PHSD)

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 Co-Convenor: Jose Rafael A. Marfori, MD

## SOCIAL, POLITICAL, AND CULTURAL STUDIES CLUSTER

## PROGRAM ON SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE (PSPC)

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 Co-Convenor: Jorge V. Tigno, DPA

## ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM (ISP)

Convenor: Darwin J. Absari

## STRATEGIC STUDIES PROGRAM (SSP)

Convenor: Herman Joseph S. Kraft  
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## DECOLONIAL STUDIES PROGRAM (DSP)

Convenor: Marie Aubrey J. Villaceran, Ph.D.  
 Co-Convenor: Frances Antoinette C. Cruz





# Milestones

This section covers major developments for the second half of 2023, including milestones and achievements of the UP CIDS Core Staff.



■ Snapshots from the end-of-term Convenors' Meeting on 6 July 2023 held at Pili Paninap Farms, Tanay, Rizal.

SOURCE | UP CIDS

## End of Dr. Teresa Encarnacion Tadem's Term

Between July 2023 and December 2023, a milestone pertained to the end of Dr. Teresa Encarnacion Tadem's term as Executive Director of UP CIDS on 31 July 2023. As part of this transition, UP CIDS held an end-of-term Convenors' Meeting on 6 July 2023 in Pili Paninap Farms, Tanay, Rizal, during which the UP CIDS core staff reported the highlights and achievements of UP CIDS under Dr. Tadem's term as Executive Director. The UP CIDS Program Convenors and Co-convenors, together with each Program's respective staff members, attended the meeting to provide further insights on challenges the Center faced. In doing so, the meeting also served as an integrative closure of Dr. Tadem's six-year term.

A week or so later, from July 12-14, 2023 in La Union, the UP CIDS Core Staff held a Synthesis Meeting to finalize its assessment of its performance during 2017-2023 and compiled recommendations for its work and processes moving forward. This was done in response to the comments provided during the End-of-Term Convenors' Meeting. Lastly, UP CIDS also released an End-of-Term and Impact Assessment Report in December 2023 to showcase the various ways UP CIDS Programs have engaged with various stakeholders.



- The Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP) presenting their end-of-year report during the Convenors' Meeting on 12 December 2023 held at the UP CIDS Office. *SOURCE | UP CIDS*

Title	Type	Author/Editor	Year
Southeast Asian Organisms Practices Towards an Alternative Peoples' Regionism	Proceedings	Program on Alternative Development	2024
'Phenomenon Saigui' in the Philippines: South China Sea Approach?	Discussion Paper	Eddo John A. Isara	2024
Taxasiad ng Sambalungayon: Prayer and Talk Spirituality in Sulu	Discussion Paper	Darwin J. Abian and Anne Christine Emano	2024
Informal Settlement on UP Diliman Campus	Monograph	Kim Doney and Sederick B. Recio	2024
Learning People-to-People Exchange: Weaving Inbetween Alternative Development Practitioners from Southeast Asia and India	Proceedings	Program on Alternative Development	2023
25 Years of IPRA: The Indigenous Peoples' Struggle Continues	Discussion paper	Vivencio L. Almado, Jose Maribel C. Uy, Aracelis P. Alon, Honey B. Tabinis, with the Ayla Maganda community in Pinar, Pangasinan, Talaandig, Indigenous women leaders of Marangay, Bukidnon, and students from Linao Bawani School	2023
Sama-Sama sa Pag-unlad ng Transportasyon 2023	Proceedings	Program on Alternative Development	2023
Review of Fiscal Challenges in the Philippine States	Book Review	Jose Maribel C. Uy	2023
Review of Empire of Seas: Thinking About Asia	Book Review	Luis Zurel Soriano	2023
Review of The Drama of Discipleship: Martial Law and the Communist Parties of the Philippines	Book Review	Rommel A. Curaming	2023

- A screenshot of the updated UP CIDS Online Database on the UP CIDS website. *SOURCE | UP CIDS*

## Ongoing Operations In Between Executive Directors

For the rest of the year, UP CIDS operated without an Executive Director, and oversight of the office fell by default to Dr. Leo DP. Cubillan as Vice President for Academic Affairs. But the core staff carried out much of the day-to-day operations, from administrative and financial processing and coordinating with the Research Programs, to the processing and printing of UP CIDS publications, including uploading thereof to the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS).

## Growth of the UP CIDS Online Database

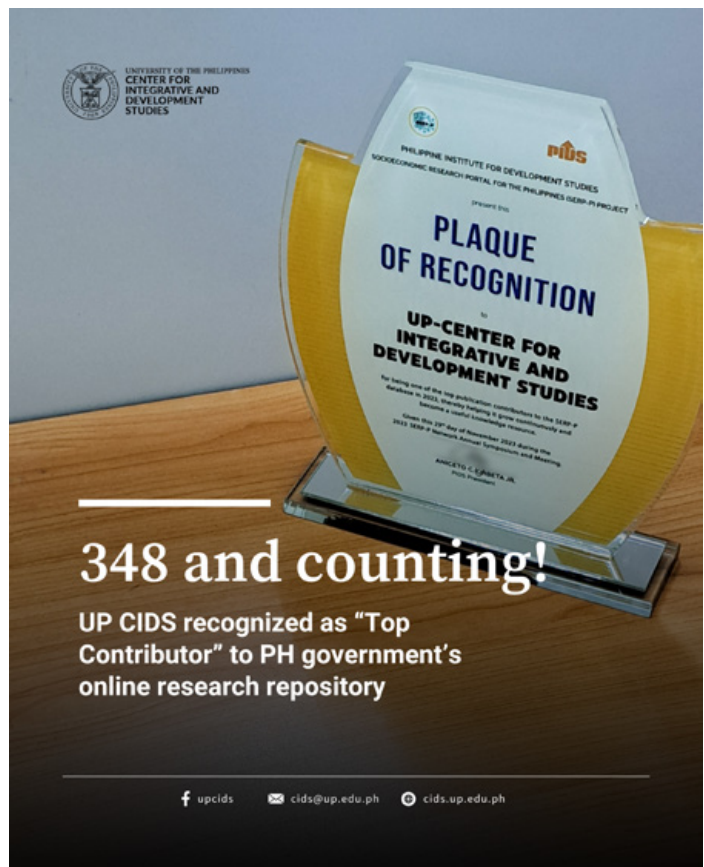
Between July and December 2023, more of UP CIDS' publications that had been digitized c/o of the Library were successfully uploaded to the UP CIDS database, which now houses over 900 publications (and counting) as of December 2023. The creation of the UP CIDS catalog has also been initiated, particularly the categorization of publications into different themes and topics to help researchers locate content.



- Mr. Joseph Cruzado of UP CIDS receiving the Top Contributor Award from PIDS President, Dr. Aniceto Orbeta (left) and PIDS Director for Research Information, Dr. Shiela V. Siar. *SOURCE | UP CIDS*

## UP CIDS Wins Top Contributor Award

The UP CIDS library uploaded a total of 348 UP CIDS publications, including policy papers, journal articles, monographs, and discussion papers, to the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies (PIDS). This was recognized by the SERP-P, and gave UP CIDS the top contributor award for 2023.



- The "UP CIDS receives Top Contributor Award from PIDS" publication material released on UP CIDS' social media accounts. *SOURCE | UP CIDS*

## Towards New Leadership

By the fourth quarter of 2023, UP CIDS began transitioning to new leadership. As part of this process, UP officials, including Vice President Cubillan, met with the Program Convenors to discuss the future of UP CIDS under a new executive director, Dr. Rosalie Arcala Hall. UP CIDS also conducted its annual Year-End Convenors' Meeting on 12 December 2023.



■ UP CIDS personnel with the new Executive Director, Dr. Rosalie Arcala Hall (sitting fourth from the left). *SOURCE | UP CIDS*

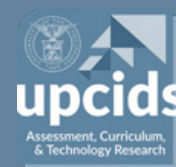






# Research Programs

# Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program



The Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP) was established as a joint research center between the Assessment Research Centre at the University of Melbourne and the University of the Philippines in 2012. Its role is to monitor the national curriculum as well as forecast likely influences of shifts in external pressures and issues that may impact the curriculum. ACTRP seeks to reform assessment and curriculum-related practices to incorporate more emphasis on formative assessment and a range of consequential actions that need to be undertaken. Since its inception, ACTRP has provided evidence-based advice to the Department of Education and other education stakeholders.

## Assessment, Curriculum, and Technology Research Program (ACTRP)

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<b>Convenor</b>	<b>Marie Therese A.P. Bustos, Ph.D.</b> <i>Professor</i> <i>College of Education</i> <i>University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
<b>Co-Convenor</b>	<b>Kevin Carl P. Santos, Ph.D.</b> <i>Associate Professor</i> <i>College of Education</i> <i>University of the Philippines Diliman</i>
<b>Deputy Director</b>	<b>Marlene B. Ferido, Ph.D.</b>
<b>Junior Research Fellow</b>	<b>Louie P. Cagasan, Jr.</b>
<b>Senior Research Fellow</b>	<b>Romylyn A. Metila, Ph.D.</b>
<b>Research Officers</b>	<b>Lalaine B. Bagui</b> <b>Julie Anne dela Cruz</b> <b>Karizza Bianca Loberiza</b> <b>Junice Nepomuceno</b>
<b>Administrative Officer</b>	<b>Liza B. Villanueva - Caminong</b>

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## Assessment Curriculum and Technology Research Program at the Assessment and Evaluation Research Centre (AERC) Melbourne Graduate School of Education, University of Melbourne (UoM)

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<b>Deputy Director</b>	<b>Pam Robertson, Ph.D.</b>
<b>Project Manager</b>	<b>Debbie Krapywnyj</b>
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<b>Honorary Fellow</b>	<b>Alan Williams, Ph.D.</b>
<b>Founding Director</b>	<b>Esther Care, Ph.D.</b>

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

ACTRP devoted the second half of 2023 to the completion of two projects. The first involved developing two assessment matrices and tools for the Alternative Learning System (ALS) Micro-Certification. The second project entailed implementing the Grade 6 Learner Needs Assessment of the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). Other projects were also accomplished during the second half of 2023, including the structure and stakeholder consultations of the senior high school review curriculum and the monitoring and evaluation

of in-service and pre-service teacher training program on technology integration of Ericsson Philippines. Research proposals were submitted to different agencies for possible funding. ACTRP also provided technical advice to the Department of Education. Likewise, the Program disseminated its research through paper presentations in local and international fora. The different projects required ACTRP to collaborate with the private sector and the government, especially with basic and tertiary education faculty.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Assessment</b>	Test Administration in 11 MBHTE School Divisions	1-6 July 2023
<b>Presentation</b>	Material Preparation of ALS Micro-certification Assessment Instruments	1 July 2023 to 21 July 2023
<b>Research Proposal</b>	Research Proposal on Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education	1 July 2023 to 31 August 2023
<b>Orientation</b>	Meeting with Focal Persons and Teachers for Pre-distribution of ALS Micro-Certification Research Materials	24 July 2023
<b>Data Collection</b>	Conduct of the ALS Micro-Certification Pilot Study	24 July 2023 to 1 September 2023
<b>Consultation</b>	Early Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA)	3 August 2023
<b>Paper Presentation</b>	Educational Stakeholders' Forum on DepEd System Assessments	15 August 2023
<b>Training of Trainers</b>	Connect to Learn Philippines Training Program	23 August 2023 and 25 October 2023
<b>Data Processing</b>	Data Processing and Analyses of ALS Micro-Certification	28 August to 31 October 2023
<b>Stakeholder Consultations</b>	Senior High School Curriculum Review	September 2023 to December 2023

<b>Legislative Aid</b>	Facilitation of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) in an Event by the Second Congressional Committee on Education (EDCOM 2)	14 September 2023
<b>Consultation</b>	The Grade 6 National Achievement Test (NATG6)	29 September 2023
<b>Paper Presentation</b>	7th International Conference on Language and Education	4–6 October 2023
<b>Consultation</b>	Post-ALS Micro-Certification Pilot Study Consultations	6, 9, 10 & 12 October 2023
<b>Legislative Aid</b>	Senate Committee on Basic Education Hearing	18 October 2023
<b>Paper Presentation</b>	12th National Conference on Research in Teacher Education (NCRTE)	27 October 2023
<b>Research Proposal</b>	Review of the Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (BLEPT)	November 2023
<b>Core Group Training</b>	Connect to Learn Philippines Training Program	8, 18, and 25 November 2023
<b>Presentation</b>	Presentation of BARMM Grade 6 Assessment Findings to MBHTE SDO CID Heads	9 November 2023
<b>Forum</b>	Participation in DepEd-BEA Regional Stakeholders' Forum	21–22 November 2023
<b>Meeting</b>	Advisory Group Meeting	28 November 2023
<b>Onboarding</b>	Onboarding of DepEd Muntinlupa Teachers for the Connect to Learn Philippines Project	2 and 9 December 2023
<b>Orientation and Assessment</b>	Gurong Pahinungod	4 December 2023
<b>Paper Presentation</b>	2023 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Network on Education Quality Monitoring in the Asia-Pacific (NEQMAP) Annual Meeting	7–8 December 2023
<b>Meeting</b>	Coordination Meeting on the Additional Assessment Packages of ALS Micro-Certification	11 December 2023
<b>Presentation</b>	Presentation of Senior High School Consultation Findings to Sen. Sherwin “Win” Ting Gatchalian	13 December 2023
<b>Presentation</b>	Presentation of Senior High School Consultation Findings to the DepEd	19 December 2023



- ACTRP staff with MBHTE SDO-Tawitawi officials during the administration of the Grade 6 Learning Needs Assessment in Simunul, Tawi-Tawi.

SOURCE | Karizza Loberiza

## ■ ASSESSMENT

### Test Administration in 11 MBHTE School Divisions

*1–6 July 2023*

Assessments designed with the cognitive diagnosis modeling framework were administered to Grade 6 learners in BARMM. The activity aimed to develop summative assessments that would provide diagnostic feedback for the design of the In-Service Teacher Training Curriculum for the Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (MBHTE). A total of 6,398 Grade 6 learners from 60 schools across the 11 school divisions in BARMM participated in the activity.

## ■ PRESENTATION

### Material Preparation of ALS Micro-certification Assessment Instruments

*1–21 July 2023*

In preparation for the pilot study of two additional capabilities for ALS Micro-Certification, assessment instruments for Leadership and Problem Solving were translated into Filipino. To ensure accuracy of translation, a back-translation method was

employed. Support materials containing instructions for teachers, learners, and raters were also prepared. Assessment instruments and support materials were mass-produced and packed for 4 Schools Division Offices, namely Aurora, Iriga City, Lapu-Lapu City, and Misamis Oriental. Additionally, 600 learner kits, 60 teacher kits, and 2400 rater kits were prepared. All materials were then sent to the four pilot study sites via courier.

## ■ RESEARCH PROPOSAL

### Research Proposal on Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education

*1 July 2023 to 31 August 2023*

In response to an inquiry from the office of Sen. Juan Edgardo “Sonny” Angara regarding possible relevant research on Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education, ACTRP prepared a research proposal. Drafting of the proposal was assigned to ACTRP Senior Research Fellow Dr. Romylyn Metila. A shortlist of possible research topics was shared with the ACTRP Management Team. After assessing the feasibility and relevance of shortlisted topics, one topic was chosen for further development and expansion into a full research proposal. Drafts of the proposal were then shared among the team for comments and suggestions. On August 31, 2023, ACTRP submitted its final proposal to Sen. Sonny Angara’s office. The Program is currently awaiting a formal response, and a follow-up will be conducted in January 2024.

## ■ ORIENTATION

### Meeting with Focal Persons and Teachers for Pre-distribution of ALS Micro-Certification Research Materials

*24 July 2023*

This orientation meeting was held to reiterate instructions and other important information about the roles and responsibilities of the ALS Micro-Certification pilot study participants. It

was important for all focal persons and teachers to be aware of the roles and processes of this pilot study, especially on necessary preparations prior to distribution of learners and raters kits. How well they follow the instructions had implications for the collection and processing of data. Focal persons and teachers from the four pilot study sites attended the orientation.

## ■ DATA COLLECTION

### Conduct of the ALS Micro-Certification Pilot Study

*24 July 2023 – 1 September 2023*

The ALS Micro-Certification pilot study involved the following steps: (1) distribution of kits, (2) assessment, and (3) collection of materials. Focal persons in each Division distributed teacher kits to ALS teachers from 10 community learning centers. Each ALS teacher distributed learner kits to 15 learners, then learners distributed 2-4 kits to their nominated raters. Teachers, learners, and nominated raters had to answer survey forms for Problem Solving and Leadership. Before answering the forms, participants were instructed to register and sign a consent form. After the three-week assessment period, completed forms were collected and sent back to ACTRP.

## ■ CONSULTATION

### Early Language, Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (ELLNA)

*3 August 2023*

The Department of Education Bureau of Education Assessment Education Assessment Division (BEA-EAD) consulted ACTRP, represented by its Co-Convenor Dr. Kevin Carl Santos, regarding the anchor items for the ELLNA of Grade 3 learners. This consultation considered the psychometric properties and content balancing of the items in the assessment. In the consultation meeting, BEA-EAD education specialists presented the test forms for Numeracy, Filipino, and English after item



- SDO Misamis Oriental ALS Focal Person reviewing the instructions with ALS teachers during the distribution of kits. *SOURCE | Dr. Joanna Ruby L. Presente*



- DepEd Bureau of Alternative Education director and specialists visited the kit distribution activity in SDO Lapu-Lapu City. *SOURCE | Jonathan Cartilla*



- Kits were provided for the 10 community learning centers in SDO Lapu-Lapu City during the study on micro-certification for ALS. *SOURCE | Jonathan Cartilla*

analysis. They were advised to revise their verbal interpretation of the difficulty level of their test items. Most of the items that were “difficult” should have been classified as items of “average” difficulty.



- DepEd Muntinlupa Batch 1 participants exploring the Virtual Reality (VR) Classroom Environment with VR headset during the Connect To Learn Philippines cascade training. *SOURCE | Junice M. Nepomuceno*

## ■ PAPER PRESENTATION

### Educational Stakeholders' Forum on DepEd System Assessments

*15 August 2023*

ACTRP Co-Convenor Dr. Kevin Carl Santos was invited to present the study on “Measuring Learning Proficiency Amid the Learning Crisis” at the Educational Stakeholders' Forum on DepEd System Assessments. This stakeholders forum showcased different research studies that utilized the assessment data from DepEd-BEA. Together with Dr. Marlene Ferido, ACTRP also gave suggestions on the revision of the DepEd Order (DO) No. 55, s. 2016, particularly on the guidelines and requirements regulating the use of national examination results. DepEd-BEA is expected to collate all suggestions and finalize the revised version of DO No. 55, s. 2016 in 2024.

## ■ TRAINING OF TRAINERS

### Connect to Learn Philippines Training Program

*23 August 2023 and 25 October 2023*

ACTRP served as the monitoring and evaluation (M&E) partner of the Connect to Learn Philippines Project. Together with the Ericsson, Qualcomm Wireless Reach, Smart Communications, and Philippines Business for Social Progress (PBSP), the project focused on technology integration training for approximately 700 in-service teachers from 10 high schools of DepEd Muntinlupa and 600 pre-service teachers from the Philippine Normal University.

In August 23, 2023 and October 25, 2023, three ACTRP staff attended the project's training of trainers. Facilitated by PBSP, the training guided participants on how to access the self-paced e-learning and virtual reality (VR) modules. The Ericsson team demonstrated and guided participants in using VR headsets, while ACTRP presented and explained the M&E instruments and activities.



## ■ DATA PROCESSING

### Data Processing and Analyses of ALS Micro-Certification

28 August – 31 October 2023

Completed forms from the four pilot study sites, namely Aurora, Iriga City, Lapu-Lapu City, and Misamis Oriental SDOs, were sorted, scanned, and cleaned in preparation for analyses. ACTRP proceeded with the sorting, scanning, and cleaning of data. The Melbourne Assessment Team ran the analyses of data. The process took more than a month to complete. A progress report was submitted to UNICEF, detailing the activities done for the study from July to October 2023.

## ■ STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATIONS

### Senior High School Curriculum Review

September 2023 to December 2023

The Senior High School Curriculum Review is a project with the Philippine Business for Education and the Department of Education. Phase 1 of the Senior High School Curriculum Review is an exploration of current international and Philippine education systems. This consists of (1) a comparative analysis of international Senior High School (SHS) structures in collaboration with the University of Melbourne; (2) stakeholder consultations on the implemented curriculum (involving key informant interviews and focus group discussions); and (3) a synthesis of previous Philippine researches on the SHS curriculum.

ACTRP conducted key informant interviews with the Department of Education Bureau of Curriculum Development (DepEd BCD) and the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority Qualifications and Standards Office (TESDA QSO) in September 2023. Additionally, online and onsite focus group discussions were held with various stakeholders, including Higher Education Institutions (HEIs), Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) providers, industry



- Senior High School Curriculum Review Stakeholder consultations: Onsite Focus Group Discussions with teachers in Region IV-A.

SOURCE | Junice M. Nepomuceno



- Onsite Focus Group Discussions with school administrators, teachers, parents, and students in Region XI. SOURCE | Lalaine Bagui



- An ALS teacher in SDO Iriga City checking the collected learner kits with accomplished forms from learners and nominated raters, preparing for submission to ACTRP.

SOURCE | Rechie Salcedo

leaders, SHS administrators, teachers, parents of currently enrolled students, and students (currently enrolled, SHS graduates, and SHS non-completers) from Luzon (CAR, NCR, Region IV-A), Visayas (Region VI and VIII), and Mindanao (Region IX and XI). The results were presented to Sen. Win Gatchalian on December 13, 2023 and to the Department of Education on December 19, 2023.

## ■ LEGISLATIVE AID

### Facilitation of Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) in an Event by the Second Congressional Committee on Education (EDCOM 2)

*14 September 2023*

EDCOM 2 held simultaneous focus group discussions with DepEd Bureaus (BCD, BEA, BLD) and DepEd Regional Directors at the UP Bonifacio Global City to better understand the measurement of learning outcomes. ACTRP Deputy Director Dr. Marlene B. Ferido facilitated the FGDs with the DepEd Regional Directors.

## ■ CONSULTATION

### The Grade 6 National Achievement Test (NATG6)

*29 September 2023*

DepEd BEA-EAD consulted ACTRP Co-Convenor Dr. Kevin Carl Santos regarding their psychometric concerns, choice of items, and finalization of NATG6. They sought the technical advice of ACTRP on the appropriate cycle for using NATG6 anchor items to be administered in November 2023, the duration for using these anchor items, and the frequency of changing them to prevent item exposure. BEA-EAD took ACTRP's suggestions into account for the finalization of NATG6 in school year 2023–2024.



- Dr. Romylyn Metila presents the paper, “Language mapping through semantic fluency testing: Towards an empirical means for determining children’s mother tongues in the Philippines” by R. Metila, N. Zara, X. De Castro, and K. Loberiza at the 7th International Conference on Language and Education at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand on October 4–6, 2023. *SOURCE | Dr. Romyln Metila*



- Dr. Ferido, Dr. Santos, and Asst Prof. Cagasan at the 12th National Conference on Research in Teacher Education (NCRTE) as invited presenters in UP College of Education on October 27 2023. *SOURCE | Junice M. Nepomuceno*

## ■ PAPER PRESENTATION

### 7th International Conference on Language and Education

*4–6 October 2023*

Dr. Romylyn Metila presented her paper, “Language mapping through semantic fluency testing: Towards an empirical means for determining children’s mother tongues in the Philippines” at the 7th International Conference on Language and Education at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. Her research team members include Asst. Prof. Nerissa Zara, Xerxes De Castro, and Karizza Loberiza.

## ■ CONSULTATION

### Post-ALS Micro-Certification Pilot Study Consultations

*6, 9, 10 & 12 October 2023*

Four focus group discussions (FGDs) were conducted after the ALS Micro-Certification pilot study. One FGD was designed for focal persons and ALS Education Program Specialists. The other three FGDs were for teachers, learners, and nominated raters, respectively. The objective of the FGDs was to gather feedback and recommendations from various stakeholders regarding the pilot study process. Two participants were invited from each pilot study site. Results of these consultations were communicated to the Advisory Group, DepEd BEA, and the study participants.

## ■ LEGISLATIVE AID

### Senate Committee on Basic Education Hearing

*18 October 2023*

Sen. Win Gatchalian, the Chair of the Senate Committee on Basic Education, Arts, and Culture, used ACTRP's research as a framework for the discussion of the MATATAG Curriculum. He presented slides based on ACTRP's research data and asked ACTRP Melbourne Deputy Director Dr. Pam Robertson and ACTRP UP Deputy Director Dr. Marlene Ferido questions about the Program's K-12 Curriculum Review project, its findings, and recommendations. DepEd's presentation explicitly illustrated how ACTRP's research findings had been addressed in the new MATATAG Curriculum.

## ■ PAPER PRESENTATION

### 12th National Conference on Research in Teacher Education (NCRTE)

*27 October 2023*

Dr. Marlene Ferido, Dr. Kevin Carl Santos, and Asst. Prof. Louie Cagasan attended the 12th NCRTE, held at the University of the Philippines College of Education. As invited presenters of the conference, they shared two of ACTRP's projects, namely, "Profiling a Learner's Capability in a Progression of Competence on Selected 21st Century Skills" and "the Development of a Cognitive Diagnostic Assessment to Determine Learning Needs among Grade 6 Learners in BARMM."

## ■ RESEARCH PROPOSAL

### Review of the Board Licensure Examination for Professional Teachers (BLEPT)

*November 2023*

This proposal intends to analyze the psychometric qualities of BLEPT questions, assessing their alignment with the pre-service teacher education curriculum, the Philippine Professional Standards for Teachers. The analysis will also inform the standard setting for BLEPT, addressing concerns about its effectiveness in screening qualified teachers and contributing to the overall improvement of the quality of teaching in schools.

## ■ CORE GROUP TRAINING

### Connect to Learn Philippines Training Program

*8, 18, and 25 November 2023*

As the M&E partner of the Connect to Learn Philippines Project, ACTRP attended the core group training with its partner organization. The first training was held at the Philippine Normal University on November 8, 2023. The second and third trainings were held at DepEd Muntinlupa on November 18 and 25, 2023 respectively.



- MBHTE School Division Office (SDO) Curriculum and Instruction Division (CID) Heads listening to the results of the Grade 6 Learning Needs Assessment presented by ACTRP. *SOURCE | Karizza Loberiza*



- A screenshot of the third Advisory Group Meeting conducted last November 28, 2023 via Zoom.

*SOURCE | Marlene Ferido*

## PRESENTATION

### Presentation of BARMM Grade 6 Assessment Findings to MBHTE SDO CID Heads

9 November 2023

As part of the MBHTE's MATATAG Curriculum Orientation at the UP College of Education, Dr. Kevin Carl Santos, Asst. Prof. Louie Cagasan, and Research Officer Karizza Loberiza shared the results of the Grade 6 Learners' Needs Assessment in BARMM with the MBHTE Curriculum and Instruction Division (CID) Heads of the Schools Division Offices' (SDO). The MBHTE SDO CID Heads asked questions regarding the development of the assessments. This project enabled them to utilize the results for future planning and training programs of BARMM teachers.

## FORUM

### Participation in DepEd-BEA Regional Stakeholders' Forum

21–22 November 2023

Asst. Prof. Louie Cagasan participated as process observer during the Regional Educational Stakeholders' Forum on DepEd System Assessment on November 21–22, 2023 held at SEAMEO-Innotech, Quezon City. In this forum, several FGDs were conducted to solicit inputs from the regional stakeholders. ACTRP Junior Research Fellow Asst. Prof. Cagasan provided his technical advice on the final set of questions that would be asked to FGD participants.



- ACTRP Deputy Director Dr. Nona Marlene Ferido and Research Officer Junice Nepomuceno with The Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2), DepEd Bureau (BCD, BLD, BEA) officials and Regional Directors in the Focus Group Discussion on Measurement of Learning Outcomes in Basic Education conducted last September 14, 2023

*SOURCE | The Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2)*

## MEETING

### Advisory Group Meeting

28 November 2023

The third meeting with the Advisory Group members for the ALS Micro-Certification study aimed to present the pilot study results and share findings from post-pilot study consultations. A draft of the final report was sent to the Advisory Group members prior to the meeting, allowing them to provide feedback or pose questions that would assist the research team in improving the report. The meeting was attended by UNICEF, DepEd-BAE, ACTRP Directors who also served as technical advisers, and the research team.

## ONBOARDING

### Onboarding of DepEd Muntinlupa Teachers for the Connect to Learn Philippines Project

2 and 9 December 2023

ACTRP attended the onboarding sessions for the Connect to Learn Philippines Project together with its partners. As the M&E agency of the project, ACTRP presented and explained the monitoring and evaluation instruments and activities.

## ORIENTATION AND ASSESSMENT

### Gurong Pahinungod

4 December 2023

Asst. Prof. Louie Cagasan served as a volunteer trainer for Gurong Pahinungod volunteers on the topic of “Overview of Educational Assessment” last December 4, 2023. The training was done to prepare the volunteers before their deployment to the MBHTE-BARMM in January 2024.



- Dr. Kevin Santos takes a photo op with the MBHTE-BARMM and UP System Ugnayan ng Pahinungod at the 10th Annual Meeting of UNESCO Network on Education Quality Monitoring in the Asia-Pacific (NEQMAP) in Bangkok, Thailand on December 7, 2023.

SOURCE | NEQMAP

## PAPER PRESENTATION

### 2023 United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Network on Education Quality Monitoring in the Asia-Pacific (NEQMAP) Annual Meeting

7–8 December 2023

Dr. Kevin Carl Santos presented ACTRP’s joint project with the MBHTE-BARMM and the UP System Ugnayan ng Pahinungod titled “Developing Large-scale Cognitively Diagnostic Assessments to Determine Grade 6 Learner Needs Experience from the Philippines” at the 2023 Annual Meeting of UNESCO NEQMAP in Bangkok, Thailand. The meeting was attended by participants from ACER India, Australia, the World Bank, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Bhutan, Mongolia, Uzbekistan, Malaysia, Nepal, Laos, Cambodia, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), and the UNESCO Institute of Statistics.



- Learners in a community learning center at SDO Aurora listening to the orientation for the study on microcertification.  
*SOURCE | Paul Alvin Facelo*

## ■ MEETING

### Coordination Meeting on the Additional Assessment Packages of ALS Micro-Certification

*11 December 2023*

The coordination meeting was intended for the presentation of the ALS Micro-Certification pilot study results and post-pilot study consultation findings. DepEd-BEA, focal persons, and Education Program Specialists for ALS (EPSAs) from the 8 SDOs, who had been involved in the two pilot studies on ALS micro-certification since 2020, attended the presentation. During the meeting, DepEd-BEA also raised questions to the group, seeking ideas from the focal persons and EPSAs for the 2024 roll-out plan.

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Submission of Research Proposals</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Office of Senator Juan Edgardo Angara</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Participation in DepEd-BEA Stakeholders Forum</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>DepEd - BEA</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Gurong Pahinungod Training</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, UP System</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Monitoring and Evaluation of Connect to Learn Philippines Training Program</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>DepEd Muntinlupa Schools Division Office</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>10 DepEd Muntinlupa High Schools</i></li> <li>• <i>Philippine Normal University</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Smart Communications</i></li> <li>• <i>Ericsson Philippines</i></li> <li>• <i>Philippines Business for Social Progress (PBSP)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Qualcomm Wireless Reach</i></li> <li>• <i>Ericsson Global</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>BARMM-MBHTE - Grade 6 Learners' Needs Assessment</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education (Regional)</i></li> <li>• <i>11 MBHTE SDOs</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ugnayan ng Pahinungod, UP System</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Senior High School Curriculum Review</b>	<b>Public</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Offices (see Annex at page 78 23)</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 UP Units (see Annex at page 78 23)</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 27 Institutions (see Annex at page 78 23)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Private</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CAR, NCR, South Luzon, Region V, Region VI, Region VIII, Region IX, Region XI)</li> <li>• PBSP</li> <li>• Philippine Business for Education</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment and Evaluation Research Centre, University of Melbourne</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Development of two assessment matrices and tools for Alternative Learning System (ALS) Micro-certification</b>	<b>Public</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Education - Bureau of Alternative Education</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DepEd Region III (Schools Division Office - Aurora)</li> <li>• DepEd Region V (Schools Division Office - Iriga City)</li> <li>• DepEd Region VII (Schools Division Office - Lapu-Lapu City)</li> <li>• DepEd Region X (Schools Division Office - Misamis Oriental)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF Philippines</li> </ul>

**Number of Collaborators and Partners**

**93**

Total

**77**

From  
Public  
Sector

**16**

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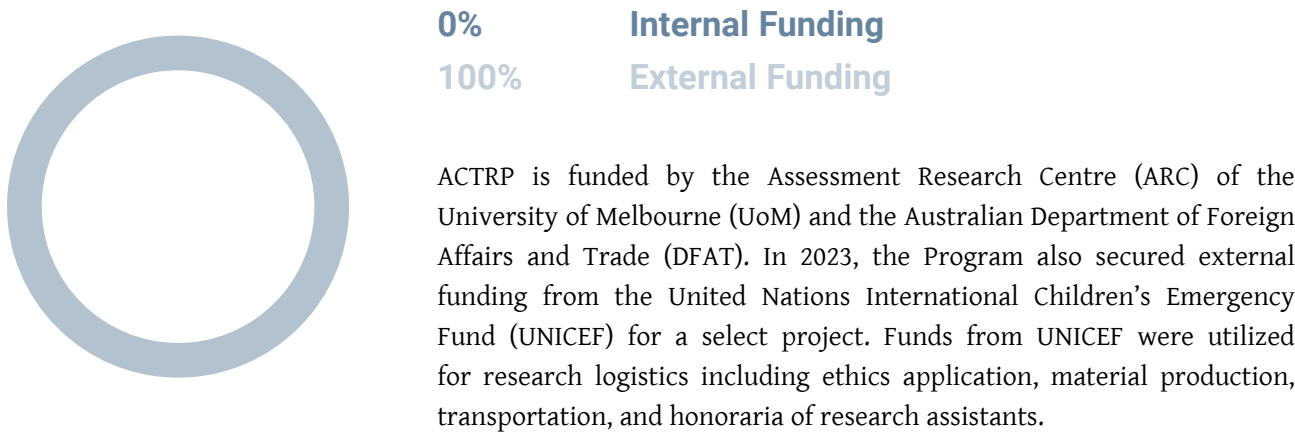


## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDCOM2</li> <li>• DepEd</li> </ul>
	Embassies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Australian DFAT</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MBHTE</li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Melbourne</li> <li>• PNU</li> </ul>
<b>Private</b>	Corporate and related groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PBED</li> <li>• PBSP</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rex Education</li> </ul>
	Social Movements, Peoples’ Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Pathways to Peace in Mindanao</li> </ul>
<b>International Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNICEF</li> <li>• USAID</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Save the Children</li> </ul>



## Funding for 2023



## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

The first half of 2024 will focus on the completion of projects initiated in 2023. The review of the senior high school curriculum structure will be finalized, providing recommendations for the revised intended, implemented, and assessed curriculum. The technology integration project with Ericsson is also expected to be completed. Preparations for new

engagements will also be underway. These include (1) evaluation of the pilot of the MATATAG Curriculum; (2) impact of schools' MTB-MLE implementation on learners' assessment performance; and (3) capacity building of DepEd in the implementation of ALS Micro-Certification.

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## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### Senior High School Review of The Curriculum Structure

ACTRP will submit the reports on the international comparison of SHSs and the synthesis of previous research on SHS. The proposed curriculum structure, derived from SHS comparisons and stakeholder consultations, will undergo testing and further consultation with relevant stakeholder organizations. Once consensus is reached regarding the curriculum structure, DepEd will begin working on the revisions of the SHS intended curriculum.

### Connect to Learn Philippines Teacher Training Program

ACTRP will continue its monitoring and evaluation activities for the Ericsson Connect to Learn Philippines project. From January to May 2024, the remaining nine batches of Connect to Learn Philippines In-Service Teachers from the Department of Education Muntinlupa, along with the two batches of Pre-Service Teachers from the Philippine Normal University, will undergo onboarding sessions and self-paced VR-supported online modules. Integration and use of technology in teaching will be assessed through classroom observations of volunteer/nominated participants from February to May 2024. In May 2024, participants will attend a sustainability workshop, and the program will conclude with a Recognition of Training Completers' ceremony.

### Impact of Schools' MTB-MLE Implementation On Learners' Assessment Performance

The proposed research aims to evaluate the MTB-MLE implementation of both performing and non-performing schools in SEA-PLM and TIMSS 2019. The objective is to determine how these schools implemented their programs and whether their approach had an effect on the performance of their learners. From January to June 2024, letters will be sent to DepEd to request for the lists of performing and non-performing schools together with their corresponding students in the SEA-PLM and TIMSS 2019. Once the lists are consolidated, the final selection of participating schools will be determined. Adapted and revised survey tools will then be distributed to the selected schools.

### Capacity Building of DepEd in the Implementation of ALS Micro-Certification

After the completion of the first two phases of the study on ALS Micro-Certification completed in 2023, this phase aims to ensure that the developed instruments are stabilized such that they have psychometric properties sufficient to be used for the formal micro-certification of learners. This phase will also involve equipping the DepEd BEA staff with the necessary skills and tools to efficiently administer assessment and certification processes, along with implementing quality control methods

that will support the trusted scaling-up across the Philippines. The proposed activities are designed for knowledge transfer between the University of Melbourne, ACTRP, and BEA, facilitating capacity building of BEA staff, including ALS teachers, regional and division focal persons, data managers, and administrators who will perform roles in the micro-certification process of ALS learners. Planned activities include conducting a capacity needs assessment (CNA), developing a project workplan, and implementing capacity-building activities for the ALS life skills micro-certification rollout core group. Deliverables will include reports.

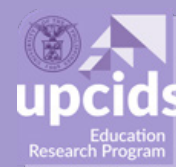
## Assessment of the MATATAG K to 10 Curriculum Pilot Implementation

This study will be conducted in partnership with the Philippine Institute of Development Studies (PIDS). It intends to (1) compare and contrast the content of the current and the pilot MATATAG K, Grades 1, 4, and 7 intended curricula; and (2) assess the immediate impacts of the pilot MATATAG K to 10 Curriculum on student learning outcomes. ACTRP and PIDS were among the organizations tapped by the Department of Education to conduct studies related to the pilot, as mentioned in DepEd Memorandum No. 54, s. 2023.

## Annex: Collaborations and Partnerships

<b>LGU, National Government</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DepEd - BCD</li> <li>• TESDA - QSO</li> <li>• Region 8 Regional Training Center</li> <li>• TESDA Regional Training Center - Talisay City</li> <li>• TESDA Regional Training Center - Zamboanga</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DepEd regions (CAR, NCR, IV-A, VI, VIII, IX and XI)</li> <li>• Office of Senator Win Gatchalian</li> <li>• Department of Education - Bureau of Curriculum Development and SHS Technical Working Group</li> </ul>
<b>Other UP Units</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Baguio</li> <li>• UP Los Baños</li> <li>• UP Visayas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Mindanao</li> <li>• UP Rural High School</li> </ul>
<b>Educational Institutions (non-UP)</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• University of Asia &amp; the Pacific</li> <li>• West Visayas State University</li> <li>• Leyte Normal University</li> <li>• Western Mindanao State University</li> <li>• University of Mindanao</li> <li>• University of Antique</li> <li>• Colegio de Los Baños</li> <li>• University of Makati</li> <li>• University of St. La Salle</li> <li>• Asia Pacific College</li> <li>• University of the Cordilleras</li> <li>• University of Antique Lab High</li> <li>• University of Batangas</li> <li>• Tacloban National Agricultural School</li> <li>• Sumulong College of Arts and Sciences</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benguet State University - Secondary Laboratory School</li> <li>• Aklan Polytechnic College</li> <li>• Jose Rizal University</li> <li>• University of the East Manila</li> <li>• Molave Vocational Technical School</li> <li>• Mati Polytechnic College</li> <li>• Cateel Institute of Arts and Technology</li> <li>• Mt. Carmel Agri-tourism and Training Center</li> <li>• San Pedro Technological Institute</li> <li>• Dumalag Vocational-Technical School</li> <li>• Leon Ganson Polytechnic College</li> <li>• Navotas Training and Assessment Institute</li> <li>• Carlos P. Garcia National High School, Quezon City</li> <li>• Anselmo Sandoval National High School</li> <li>• Claret School of Zamboanga City</li> </ul>

# Education Research Program



The Education Research Program (ERP) conducts studies under three categories: Curriculum and Assessment; Instruction and Teacher Development and Governance; and Finance and School Improvement. It is based on its agenda, “Policy Investigations in Support of the Filipino Learner 2019-2024.” To guide these investigations, ERP conducts research on disinformation studies and language and literacy, focusing specifically on multi-literacy assessments and text assessment. These projects are multi-year studies that use mixed methods, employing data derived from assessments and conversations with multiple stakeholders.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

For the latter half of 2023, ERP conducted researches mainly on disinformation studies, and language and literacy studies. These researches use mixed methods, employing data from field observations, assessment, workshops, and conversations with multiple stakeholders.

### Disinformation Studies

As internet use and access to social media continue to rise in the Philippines, the production and distribution of false and malicious information online have also become more prevalent and sophisticated. Based on the civic online reasoning curriculum framework developed by Stanford History Education Group, the analysis of data and the development of “skeptical resilience” is the primary focus to combat disinformation. Hence, ERP directed its resources in testing, verifying, and developing skeptical resilience in the Philippines. From July to December 2023, ERP delved deeper into the spread of disinformation through a series of capacity building activities, workshops, conferences, and forums.

### Language and Literacy Studies

For the language and literacy studies, ERP activities focused on the administration of literacy assessment tools in three modalities: face-to-face, visual remote, and telephony. These versions of the literary assessment tools were developed from analyses of data from field administrations conducted prior to the pandemic. Assessors and assistants often faced logistical challenges such as difficulty of internet access, poor cell phone signal, and tardiness of participants during assessment sessions. Another study was conducted to develop and improve the user interface of the psycholinguistic analyzer, SukatWika. Additionally, the Usap Tayo team continued the development of an oral language program for 5-year-olds. Lastly, for the language capture study, the team continued data collection in certain barangays, performed data cleaning and transcription, and analyzed the data.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Workshop</b>	Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News: Capacity-building for Teachers	26 August 2023
<b>Workshop</b>	Curriculum Harmonization Workshops	14–15 September 2023 and 12–14 October 2023
<b>Literacy Assessment Administration</b>	Beginning-of-Year Administration of the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children in Three Modalities (Face-to-Face, Visual Remote, and Telephony)	September 2023 to November 2023
<b>Conference Presentation</b>	7th International Conference on Language and Education: Multilingual Education for Transformative Education Systems and Resilient Futures	4–6 October 2023

<b>Conference Presentation</b>	National Conference on Research in Teacher Education	26–28 October 2023
<b>Data Collection</b>	Language Capture and Ethnography Data Collection	November 2023 to December 2023
<b>Forum</b>	Sipat Edukasyon 2023	20 November 2023
<b>Conference</b>	13th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia	24–26 November 2023
<b>Conference</b>	11th Gurong Magiting Conference	2 December 2023
<b>Conference</b>	PEAC Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) Conference	6 December 2023

## ■ LEGISLATIVE WORK

### Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM II)

7 June 2023

As a member of the Standing Committee for Higher Education and Teacher Education and Development, ERP Convenor Dr. Dina Joana Ocampo participated in the ongoing work of the Second Congressional Commission on Education. ERP submitted a position paper that supported the continued implementation of the current version of the K to 12 Curriculum to the Basic Education Committee. This position paper responded to House Bill No. 7893 otherwise known as “An Act Amending Republic Act Numbered Ten Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Three [R.A. No. 10533], Entitled ‘An Act Enhancing the Philippine Basic Education System by Strengthening its Curriculum and Increasing the Number of Years for Basic Education, Appropriating Funds Thereof and for Other Purposes.’”

*Note: This was accomplished prior to July 2023 but did not reflect in the UP CIDS 2023 Mid-Year Report.*

## ■ WORKSHOP

### Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News: Capacity-building for Teachers

26 August 2023

ERP served as co-organizer of the capacity-building workshop titled “Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News: Capacity-building for Teachers.” Members of the Program rendered their services as resource speakers as well. The workshop, held at Western Mindanao State University aimed to empower Department of Education (DepEd) public school teachers in Zamboanga on fighting disinformation and fake news. This collaborative initiative involved a partnership between DepEd Division in Zamboanga and Western Mindanao State University. ERP contributed valuable insights and expertise to enhance teachers’ capacities in navigating the challenges posed by disinformation and promoting skeptical resilience in their practices.



- Assessors and assistants for the beginning-of-year assessment administration of the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children.

*SOURCE | Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua*



- Co-Convenor Dina Ocampo as one of the breakout session speakers during the 7th International Conference on Language and Education. *SOURCE | Mercedes Arzadon*



- Parent/Guardian Orientation at the Pook Area 17 Community Learning Hub, Brgy. UP Campus.

*SOURCE | Junette Fatima Gonzales*



- Signing of Letter of Collaboration with Western Mindanao State University for the seminar-workshop on skeptical resilience and Fighting Fake News. *SOURCE | Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua*

## WORKSHOP

### Curriculum Harmonization Workshops

14–15 September 2023 and 12–14 October 2023

In September and October 2023, Co-Convenors Dr. Lorina Calingasan and Dr. Dina Joana Ocampo actively provided consultations in a crucial series of curriculum harmonization workshops. Under the UP System Committee on Basic Education, these workshops carried the vital objective of aligning the curricula of UP-administered basic education units—UP Integrated School of UP Diliman, UP Rural High School of UP Los Baños, UP Cebu High School, and UP Iloilo High School. These consultations are poised to influence educational policies by fostering consistency and coherence in curricula across UP basic education units. They ensure a high quality and standardized educational experience for students across campuses.

## LITERACY ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION

### Beginning-of-Year Administration of the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children in Three Modalities (Face-to-Face, Visual Remote, and Telephony)

September 2023 to November 2023

Beginning-of-year administration of the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children (MLAF) were conducted together with the Pook Area 17 Hub, in partnership with Krus na Ligas and Pook Aguinaldo Hubs through Barangay UP Campus. The UP Diliman Extension Grant through the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development also provided support. Through this activity, not only was the MLAF refined, but teacher volunteers had been mentored on the use of assessment results to design appropriate lessons for their students.



- ERP served as presenters in one of the National Conference on Research in Teacher Education's symposia with ACTRP.  
*SOURCE | Danilyn Joy Pangilinan*

## ■ CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

### 7th International Conference on Language and Education: Multilingual Education for Transformative Education Systems and Resilient Futures

4–6 October 2023

The conference was held at the Royal Orchid Sheraton Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. The research paper, titled “Assessing Literacy Development Using the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Filipino Children,” was presented by Dr. Dina Ocampo on behalf of Senior Research Associates Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan. Dr. Ocampo also served as one of the plenary speakers of the conference. The papers provided information on literacy development of Filipino children, Mother Tongue-Based Multilingual Education implementation in the Philippines, and the benefits the Program provides for Filipino children.

## ■ CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

### National Conference on Research in Teacher Education

26–28 October 2023

ERP presented two papers in a symposium with the the Assessment, Curriculum, Technology Research Program (ACTRP) of UP CIDS. ERP presented these papers: “Development of the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Kindergarten to Grade 3 Filipino Children” by Co-Convenor Dina Ocampo and Senior Research Associates Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua and Kathrina Lorraine Lucasan; and “Skeptical Resilience: A Cross-Cultural Adaptation of Stanford History Education Group’s Civic Online Reasoning” by Co-Convenor Lorina Calingasan and Senior Research Associate Junette Fatima Gonzales. Through these presentations, ERP showcased the studies to an audience of researchers who would hopefully contribute to the same fields.



## ■ DATA COLLECTION

### Language Capture and Ethnography Data Collection

*November 2023 to December 2023*

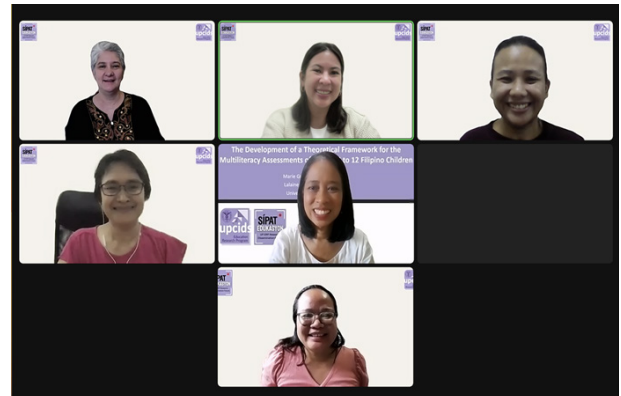
ERP aimed to learn about the patterns of language among children in low socioeconomic status (SES) families and the language input they receive from their home environment. The Program partnered with two day care centers in Quezon City—the UP Diliman College of Education and the UP Integrated School—to invite parents to participate in a home-based ethnography. The research team conducted weekly visits and participant observations in 5 homes to look into communicative activities that parents, family, and community members share with children who have not yet entered school. This research contributed to the local literature on the influence of such activities to children’s oral language development. The results offer insights to guide initiatives aimed at supporting low SES families in providing quality language input through various home interactions.

## ■ FORUM

### Sipat Edukasyon 2023

*20 November 2023*

On November 20, 2023, ERP conducted its anticipated annual research dissemination forum, titled “Sipat Edukasyon.” The event took place online via Zoom and was concurrently streamed through the UP CIDS Facebook Account. The primary objective of Sipat Edukasyon was to share ERP’s extensive education research output with diverse stakeholders, featuring topics encompassing language and literacy studies, multiliteracy assessments, and disinformation. By disseminating research findings on critical education topics, Sipat Edukasyon 2023 served as an influential platform for the shaping of educational policies. The shared insights on language, literacy, multiliteracy assessments, and disinformation contributed to evidence-based decision-making in educational planning and development.



- Speakers and organizers of the Sipat Edukasyon 2023 Forum. *SOURCE | Paulina Regine Miranda*



- Co-Convenor Lorina Calingasan and Research Associate Junette Fatima Gonzales at the 13th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia Conference in Hiroshima, Japan. *SOURCE | Junette Fatima Gonzales*



- First ERP meeting with community hub leaders. *SOURCE | Margaret Mary Rosary Carmel Fua*

## ■ CONFERENCE

### 13th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia 24–26 November 2023

ERP contributed to the 13th Biennial Conference of the Comparative Education Society of Asia, held at the Hiroshima Conference Center on November 24–26, 2023. Dr. Lorina Calingasan, ERP’s Co-Convenor and Junette Gonzales, Senior Research Associate, presented their research paper on assessing teacher performance in evaluating online information. Dr. Calingasan also served as moderator and facilitator in one of the parallel sessions. As paper presenters, the ERP members shared valuable insights and research findings with an audience comprising educators, researchers, and stakeholders in the field of education. This participation not only showcased ERP’s commitment to advance knowledge in the realm of education but also fostered meaningful discussions and collaborations among diverse participants at the conference.



■ Co-Convenor Lorina Calingasan as one of the speakers at the Ayala Foundation, Inc. Gurong Magiting Conference.  
*SOURCE | Junette Fatima Gonzales*

## ■ CONFERENCE

### 11th Gurong Magiting Conference 2 December 2023

ERP Co-Convenor Dr. Lorina Calingasan served as one of the keynote speakers during the 11th Gurong Magiting digital conference of Ayala Foundation, Inc. The conference was held face-to-face at the Ayala Museum and was attended by around 100 participants. Dr. Calingasan’s presentation was titled, “Critical Literacy in the K to 12 Curriculum.” Last year, ERP Convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo presented a talk on the theme “Building a Framework for Learning and Literacy Recovery,” which covered the following points: phases and aims of recovery, World Bank’s rapid framework for learning and recovery, five actions for children’s literacy, learner home contexts and corresponding support, flexible learning options, and enabling local solutions. ERP Co-Convenors’ keynote presentations contributed to the discourse of education and educational policies, potentially shaping perspectives on integrating critical literacy into the K to 12 curriculum.

## ■ CONFERENCE

### PEAC Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) Conference 6 December 2023

Co-Convenor Dr. Dina Ocampo served as a resource speaker for the 2023 PhilEd Conference, hosted by the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC). In line with the theme “Inspiring Reforms that Transform Philippine Education,” Dr. Ocampo gave a talk titled “Reflecting on Teacher Education Reforms.” Dr. Ocampo’s participation in the PEAC Conference contributed to the discourse on educational reforms. Her insights on teacher education reforms are likely to influence policy discussions, potentially serving as a catalyst for transformative changes in the Philippine education landscape.

## EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

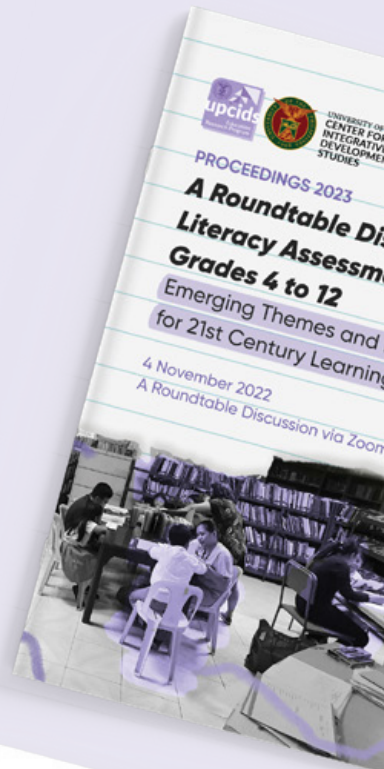
# Publications: July to December 2023

## ■ PROCEEDINGS

- Literacy Assessments for Grades 4 to 12: Emerging Themes and Framework for 21st Century Learning

## DOWNLOAD FOR FREE

[cids.up.edu.ph/collection-database](https://cids.up.edu.ph/collection-database)



## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Beginning-of-Year Administration of Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children</b>	Public		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Barangay UP Campus</i></li> <li>• <i>Pook Aguinaldo Community Learning Hub</i></li> <li>• <i>Pook Area 17 Community Learning Hub</i></li> <li>• <i>Krus Na Ligas Community Learning Hub</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Development</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	Private		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Interactive Children's Literacy Program</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Workshop on Skeptical Resilience and Fighting Fake News: Capacity-building for Teachers</b>	Public		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Department of Education (DepEd) Schools Division Office (SDO) of Zamboanga City</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Western Mindanao State University College of Teacher Education Graduate School</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
	Private		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Facts First PH</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
<b>Number of Collaborators and Partners</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>
	Total	From Public Sector	From Private Sector

## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DepEd SDO Dagupan City</li> <li>• DepEd SDO Navotas</li> <li>• DepEd SDO Manila</li> <li>• Department of Education</li> <li>• Department of Labor and Employment</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barangay UP Campus</li> <li>• Pook Aguinaldo Community Learning Hub</li> <li>• Pook Area 17 Community Learning Hub</li> <li>• Krus Na Ligas Community Learning Hub</li> <li>• DepEd SDO Zamboanga City</li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 75 Schools (see page 44)</li> </ul>	
	Other UP Units	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Office of the Vice Chancellor for Research Development</li> <li>• UP Integrated School</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Rural High School</li> <li>• UP Cebu High School</li> <li>• UP Iloilo High School</li> </ul>
	<b>Private</b>	Private Foundations or Research Groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PHINMA Education Holdings, Inc</li> <li>• Ayala Foundation, Inc.</li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 29 Schools (see page 45)</li> </ul>	
	Social Movements, Peoples' Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facts First PH</li> </ul>	
<b>International Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amnesty International Philippines;</li> <li>• SEAMEO INNOTECH</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNESCO</li> <li>• Comparative Education Society of Asia</li> </ul>	

**Number of Linkages and Reach**

**126**

Total

**90**

From Public Sector

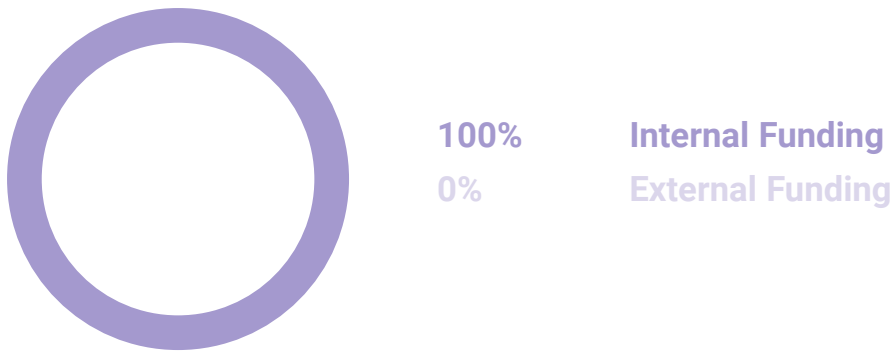
**32**

From Private Sector

**4**

International Organizations

## Funding for 2023



## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

For the language and literacy studies research strand, collaboration with partner community learning hubs will continue, involving teacher-volunteer mentoring sessions through learning actions cells and session observations. A mid-year assessment will also be conducted. This will determine the needed literacy skills of students enrolled in the community learning hubs. Additionally, SukatWika will continue data gathering for the development of the linguistic analyzer. Representatives from target user groups will be invited to try out the current version of SukatWika and describe their experience through questionnaire and focus group discussions.

For the skeptical resilience strand, the primary aim is to deepen the framework for combatting

disinformation. This involves strengthening the effectiveness of skeptical resilience by conducting interdisciplinary roundtable discussions that bring together experts and academics from diverse fields. Furthermore, recognizing the prevalence of disinformation today, the strand aspires to extend the impact of its research to broader audiences. It wishes to share practical strategies and insights derived from studies on skeptical resilience. This dissemination aims to provide valuable tools for individuals, educational institutions, and the general public to effectively navigate and counter the challenges posed by rampant disinformation. Moreover, the skeptical resilience strand endeavors to present evidence and insights that can inform policies related to media literacy, education, and countering disinformation.

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## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### Collaboration with Community Learning Hub Teacher-Volunteers

Learning action cells will be held with teacher-volunteers as venues for collaboration on the development of literacy programs based on beginning-of-year assessment data. Session observations will be carried out as teacher volunteers implement the literacy program, which was developed from the same beginning-of-year data.

### **Middle-of-Year Administration of the Multi-Literacy Assessments for Filipino Children (MLAF) in Three Modalities (Face-to-Face, Visual Remote, and Telephony)**

The MLAF Development Team will administer the mid-year assessments to students enrolled in partner community learning hubs. The gathered data will hopefully show the progress of students as they participate in literacy programs designed specifically for their needs. This will also inform lesson development for the rest of the year.

### **Further Refinement and Development of SukatWika**

Activities geared towards the development of SukatWika v2.0 will begin in the early part of 2024. Target users will be asked to conduct specific activities using the current version of the program. After which, their experiences will be documented through questionnaires and focus group discussions. Data gathered from these research activities will then be collated and analyzed to determine the revisions and additions to be made to SukatWika v1.0.

### **Completion of Data Gathering, Data Analysis, Writing, and Research Dissemination on the Patterns of Language Use Among Children in Low SES Families and Language Input from the Home Environment**

The Language Capture and Ethnography Team will complete all home observations by June 2024. They will conduct exit interviews with the primary caregivers of the child participants thereafter. Data coding and analysis will be done as well. A journal

article will be written to share the results of the study to a broader audience. The team will also organize a forum to share research results with the study participants. Likewise, it will present papers in conferences about the study.

### **Conduct Interdisciplinary Roundtable Discussion**

The skeptical resilience team will facilitate a comprehensive round table discussion involving experts and academics from various disciplines, such as the UP Diliman College of Mass Communication and the UP Diliman College of Social Sciences and Philosophy. The proposed activity aims to bring together experts and academics from diverse fields for an in-depth round table discussion on skeptical resilience.

### **Publish Journal Article**

For 2024, part of the timeline is to develop and publish a journal article that delves into the findings of the skeptic resilience study. It will provide valuable insights into the application and effectiveness of skeptical resilience in combating disinformation. The analysis of data from the round table discussion and related activities will be compiled to create a journal article.

### **Develop Television Episodes for TVUP**

To translate the strategies derived from skeptical resilience studies into engaging and informative television episodes, the team will collaborate with TVUP to produce and broadcast episodes that share practical strategies for cultivating skeptical resilience among viewers. These episodes will provide practical strategies to enhance viewers' ability to critically evaluate information and cultivate skeptical resilience.

## **Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024**

- Two (2) journal articles
- Two (2) roundtable discussions proceedings
- One (1) Sipat-Edukasyon research forum (online)

## Annex: Linkages and Reach (for Public and Private Schools)

### Public

- Bacalan National High School
- Biliran Province State University
- CAS - Southern Luzon State University
- Central Luzon State University
- Mariano Marcos Memorial High School
- Philippine Normal University
- Philippine Science High School- CAR Campus
- Pogo-Lasip Elementary School,
- Southern Luzon State University
- Tarlac State University
- Technological University of the Philippines
- A.B Simpson Alliance School Inc
- Antonio C. Esguerra Memorial National High School
- Ayala National High School
- Baliwasan Senior High School
- Basilan National High School
- Bolong National High School
- Bonifacio Elementary School
- Bunguiao National High School
- Cabaluay National high school
- Calatrava Elementary School
- Campo Uno Elementary School
- Canelar Integrated School
- Culianan National High School
- Dita Elementary School
- Don Gregorio Evangelista Memorial School
- Don Pablo Lorenzo Memorial High School- Stand Alone Senior High School
- ECC-Baluno National High School
- Gov. V. Rafael Lazatin Integrated School
- Landang Gua NHS
- Lumayang Elementary School
- Magsaysay Elementary School
- Malagutay Elementary School
- Malayal National High School
- Mampang Elementary School
- Manalipa Integrated School
- Maria Clara L. Lobregat National High School
- Maria clara L. Lobregat NHS Lumbangan Annex
- Mercedes National High School
- Nangka ES
- Pamucutan ES
- Pangapuyan Elementary School
- Panubigan Elementary School
- Pasonanca National High School
- Patalon Elementary School
- Ramon Enriquez High School
- Regional Science High School-IX
- Saint Joseph School Foundation Incorporated
- San Ramon Elementary school
- Sibuktok Elementary School
- Sibuktok National High School
- Sibulao National High School
- Sinubong National High School
- Sinunuc Elementary School
- Sinunuc National High School
- Southcom Elementary School SPED Center
- Southcom National High School
- Southern Support Command Elementary School
- Tagasilay Elementary School
- Tagasilay National High School
- Talon-talon Elementary School SPED Center
- Talon-Talon National High School
- Taluksangay Elementary School
- Tictapul National High School
- Tigtabon Elementary School
- Tuan Datu Hadji Abdullah Nuno Memorial Integrated School
- Tugbungan Elementary School
- Tumatulutab Elementary School
- Tulungatung National High School
- Universidad de Zamboanga
- Vitali National High School
- Western Mindanao State University
- Zamboanga City High School MAIN
- Zamboanga National High School West
- Zamboanga Peninsula Polytechnic State University
- Zamboanga State College of Marine Sciences and Technology



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**Private**

- *Aldersgate College*
  - *ALRES-PHILS Learning Center*
  - *Assumption Antipolo*
  - *Ay Kun School*
  - *Bannister Academy*
  - *Cafetalk (online Japan-based company)*
  - *Casa del libro*
  - *Caterina and Giuditta Cittadini School*
  - *College of Saint Anthony*
  - *De La Salle Andres Soriano Memorial College*
  - *De La Salle Lipa*
  - *De La Salle University-Dasmariñas*
  - *Diocese of Imus Catholic Educational System Inc.*
  - *EduCube Learning Center*
  - *Hercor College*
  - *Holy Trinity College*
  - *Interactive Children's Literacy Program*
  - *International Philippine School in Al Khobar*
  - *Jiangsu University (China)*
  - *La Salle Green Hills*
  - *Laguna College of Business and Arts*
  - *Mabalacat City College*
  - *Manila Central University*
  - *Pasig Catholic College*
  - *San Beda University Rizal*
  - *St. Paul College Pasig*
  - *The Growing Place Learning Center*
  - *The Chalkboard Inc.*
  - *University of Antique*
  - *University of Santo Tomas*
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# Higher Education Research and Policy Reform Program



The Higher Education Research and Policy Reform Program (HERPRP) aims to chart a research agenda, systematically build an evidence base for policy analysis, and create a network of experts and researchers doing work in the higher education sector. The Program also serves as a convening body that seeks to build partnerships and working collaborative networks among key stakeholders.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

For the latter part of 2023, the team primarily focused on its role as secretariat for the UP President Edgardo J. Angara Fellowship (UP PEJA Fellowship). From the beginning of the announcement of the relaunch of the program to screening received applications, the team was on top of the logistical concerns of the fellowship. Other tasks include coordinating with the UP Foundation Inc. for the release of grant money (worth PHP 500,000) for each fellow. Due to this increased workload, HERPRP opted to hire Ms. Maureen Jaye Gomez as UP PEJA Fellowship coordinator. Her expected tasks were mainly to coordinate and lead organizing activities between the fellowship committee, fellows, and secretariat.

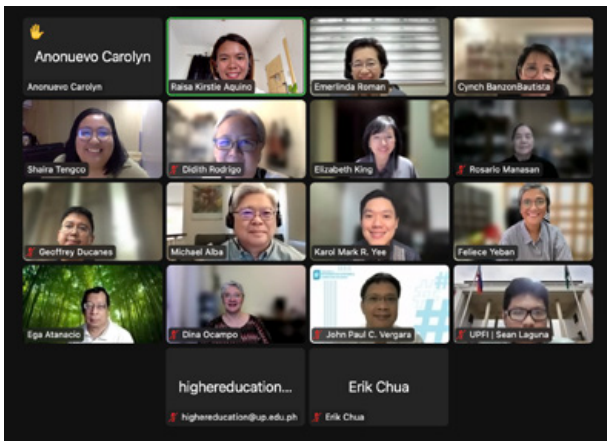
HERPRP was heavily involved in the initial stages of deliberations of the UP PEJA Fellowship. The

team processed and screened 60+ abstracts from the applications. In the latter half of 2023, the team also organized milestone activities to jumpstart the fellowship for the nineteen studies approved by the fellowship committee: (1) the Awarding Ceremony held at the Senate last September 26 and (2) Orientation Workshop for the fellows and their research collaborators in UP BGC last December 5.

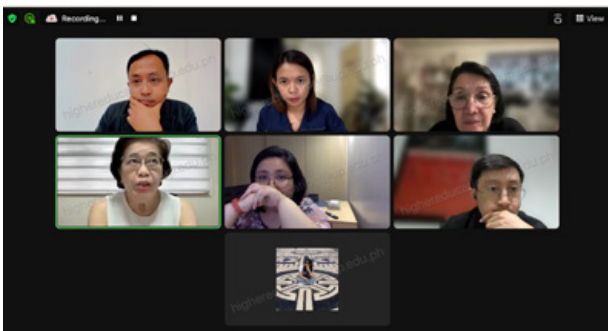
Regarding other activities, HERPRP concluded its program for Batch 2 Research Consultants last July 18. During a hybrid event, consultants presented their findings from their studies. Topics range from issues in pre-service teacher training to discussions on microcredentials and non-degree upskilling programs, as well as pedagogy and learning. Outputs from consultants are expected to be released in 2024.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Collaboration</b>	EDCOM 2 Public Policy Series	May – December 2023 (continuing until 2024)
<b>Collaboration</b>	UP PEJA Fellowship	June – December 2023 (continuing until 2024)
<b>Collaboration</b>	UP PEJA Fellowship Committee Deliberations	July 2023
<b>Collaboration</b>	UP PEJA Fellowship Committee Alignment Meetings	July to December 2023
<b>Paper Presentations</b>	HERPRP Batch 2 Research Consultants Showcase	18 July 2023
<b>Collaboration</b>	UP PEJA Fellowship Awarding Ceremony	26 September 2023
<b>Collaboration</b>	UP PEJA Fellowship Workshop	5 December 2023
<b>Meeting</b>	Alignment Meeting with UP CIDS Administrative Unit	December 2023



- A screenshot from the UP PEJA Fellowship Committee Deliberations. *SOURCE | HERPRP*



- UP PEJA Fellowship Awarding Ceremony. *SOURCE | HERPRP*

## ■ COLLABORATION

### EDCOM 2 Public Policy Series

*May - December 2023 (continuing until 2024)*

Deliberations with the screening committee of submissions from the Joint Call for Research Proposals on Higher Education Policy, posted last May 2023, were conducted last June 25 and June 26. Eleven proposals were initially identified to be approved. Final list of approved studies will be awarded in 2024.

## ■ COLLABORATION

### UP PEJA Fellowship Committee Deliberations

*July 2023*

The UP PEJA Fellowship Committee deliberated via Zoom on the submitted proposal. The committee consists of the following members:

1. Former UP President Dr. Emerlinda Roman;
2. Former UP Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Cynthia Bautista;
3. Secretary Arsenio Balisacan as National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) Representative;
4. UP President Angelo Jimenez or Vice President Leo Cubillan as UP Representative;
5. Representatives from UP Foundation Inc. (UPFI);

The secretariat consists of representatives from Second Congressional Commission on Education (EDCOM 2) led by Executive Director Karol Yee and representatives from HERPRP.

## ■ COLLABORATION

### UP PEJA Fellowship Committee Alignment Meetings

*July to December 2023*

To ensure coordination between the fellowship committee and the secretariat, multiple alignment meetings were held, both online (via Zoom) and face-to-face (November 14, 2023 at UP College of Education).

## ■ PAPER PRESENTATIONS

### HERPRP Batch 2 Research Consultants Showcase

*18 July 2023*

In this hybrid event, conducted via Zoom and Facebook and held at the College of Mass

Communications, the following consultants presented their findings on July 18, 2023:

6. Allen Espinosa, Ph.D. - International Large Scale Assessment (ILSA) and its implications to the provision of pre-service teacher education in the Philippines
7. Agnes Kristine Arban Quilinguing - Mapping of UP System Public Financial Management Processes and Systems: Constraints to Higher Education Service Delivery
8. Kathleen Mai Cardoz - Micro-credentials and the proposed Senate Bill No. 62 (Educational Roadmap Act)
9. Marren Araña Adan, MA, LPT - "Deterritorializing Pedagogy and Learning
10. Leonardo Jaminola III - The role of adult children's higher education on older parents' physical and mental health
11. Juan Miguel Sevilla - Synergy of Non-Degree Data Upskilling Programs and Higher Education
12. Marion Tinio - The State of Environmental Planning Education in the Philippines after RA 10587
13. Ivan Harris Tanyag - Local Geographic Spillovers of R&D Initiatives of State Universities and Colleges: The Case of the Pili R&D Center in Bicol Region

After the event, policy papers from these research consultants were processed for initial review. Outputs are expected to be released in 2024.

## ■ COLLABORATION

### UP PEJA Fellowship Awarding Ceremony 26 September 2023

Together with the UP PEJA Fellowship Committee and EDCOM 2, the team organized the UP PEJA Fellows Awarding Ceremony last September 26, 2023 at the Senate of the Philippines. The following (19



■ HERPRP Batch 2 Research Consultants Showcase (July 18, 2023 at UP College of Mass Communication). *SOURCE* | HERPRP

proposals with 23 individuals) were awarded the UP PEJA Fellowship:

1. Felicia Yeban, Ph.D.
2. Michael Alba Ph.D.
3. Luis Sison, Ph.D.
4. Geoffrey Ducanes, Ph.D.
5. Cleve V. Arguelles and Joel Paulin Mendoza
6. Dina Ocampo Ph.D.
7. Rosario G. Manasan
8. Maria Mercedes T. Rodrigo, Ph.D.
9. Elizabeth King, Ph.D.
10. Kenneth Isaiah Ibasco Abante and Riz Supreme Balgos Comia
11. John Paul Vergara, Ph.D.
12. Carolyn Medel-Anonuevo
13. Maria Assunta C. Cuyegkeng, Dr.rer.nat.
14. Lisa Grace Bersales, Ph.D.
15. Luis Rey. I. Velasco, Ph.D.
16. Maria Regina M. Hechanova-Alampay, Ph.D.
17. Dr. Carmencita D. Padilla
18. Enrique Niño P. Leviste, Ph.D. and Ma. Glenda Lopez Wui, Ph.D.
19. Krista Danielle S. Yu, Ph.D. and Michael R. Cabalfin, Ph.D.

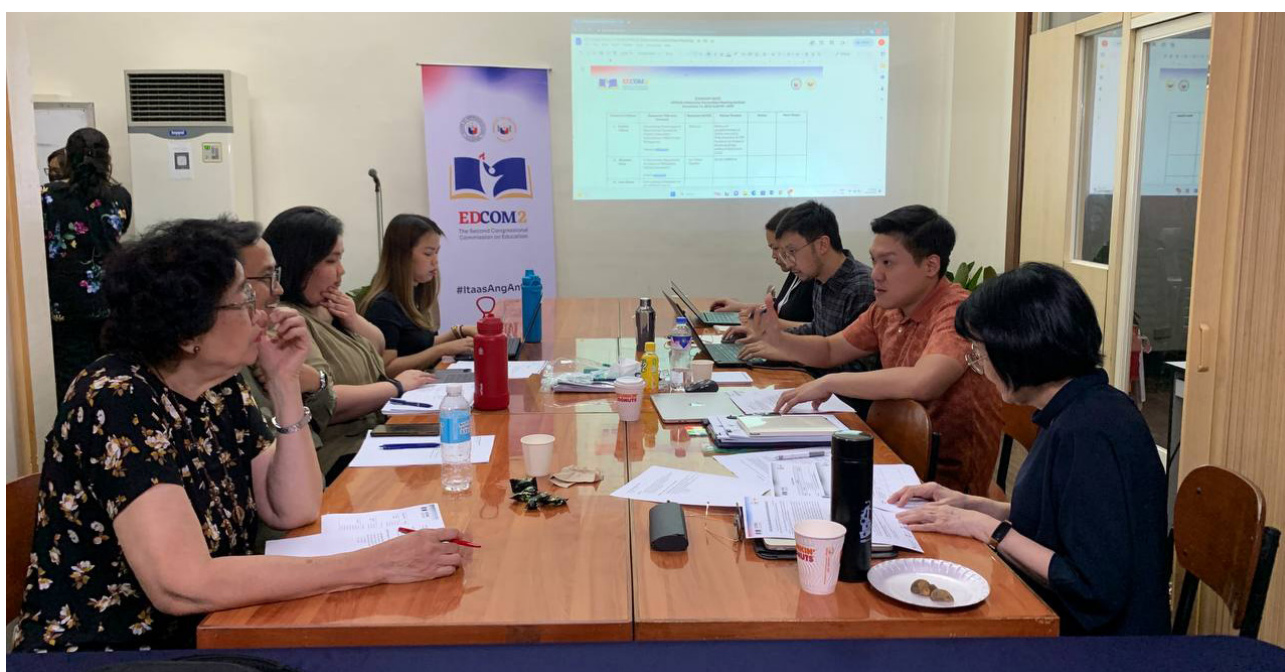
Present at the event were the family of the late Senator Edgardo Angara, including his wife and his children with the incumbent Senator Sonny Angara. Other esteemed guests, like UP President Atty. Jimenez, UP Vice President Academic Affairs Dr. Cubillan, Senator Sherwin Gatchalian, Senator Joel Villanueva, and Congressman Roman Romulo, are also in attendance. Hosted at the plenary hall, the awarding ceremony was a commemoration of the 89th birthday of the late Senator Edgardo J. Angara. He was born on September 24, 1934.

## ■ COLLABORATION

### UP PEJA Fellowship Workshop

*July to December 2023*

During a hybrid event held at UP BGC and conducted via Zoom, UP PEJA fellows, the Fellowship Committee, EDCOM 2 Standing Committee and Advisory Council members gathered to initially discuss possible directions for the fellows' studies, aligning them with the research questions posted by EDCOM 2. Guidelines on the outputs of the fellows were also discussed and other logistical concerns.



■ MEETING

**Alignment Meeting with UP CIDS Administration team**

*December 2023*

Due to the identified challenges faced by HERPRP in organizing UP PEJA Fellowship-related events, an alignment meeting with the UP CIDS Administration team was held last December. Various solutions were discussed including hiring additional manpower, and formalizing UP CIDS involvement in the collaboration.



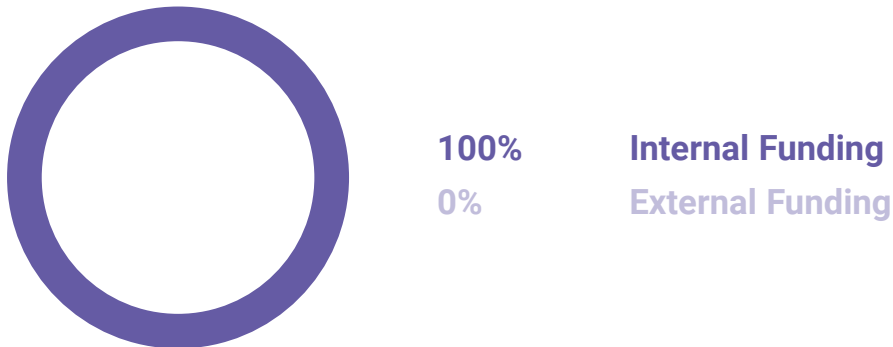
■ Alignment Meeting with UP CIDS Team (December 2023).  
SOURCE | HERPRP

**Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023**

<p><b>UP PEJA Fellowship</b></p>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDCOM 2</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ OTHER UP UNITS                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Fellowship Committee</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>EDCOM 2 Public Policy Series</b></p>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• EDCOM 2</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<p><b>Number of Collaborators and Partners</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Total</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>LGU, National Government</p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Other UP Units</p>
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## Funding for 2023



## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

The Program will face major changes in 2024. Two new Co-Convenors, Dr. Jan Carlo Punongbayan and Ms. Jeriesa Osorio, will be joining the team and will be mentored by the current Convenor, Dr. Fernando Paragas. Major staff changes will also occur in the first half of 2024, with Mr. Jake Sumagang joining the team as the new Senior Research Analyst, replacing Ms. Shaira Tengco. There will also be a request for additional manpower to accommodate the expected workload for the UP PEJA Fellowship.

Continuing the commitment for the UP PEJA Fellowship, the team will be part of the organizing

committee of two upcoming events for UP PEJA Fellows: (1) around March 2024, fellows will be expected to present their initial findings to the fellowship committee for initial comments; (2) by June 2024, fellows will present their final papers to all concerned stakeholders, such as senators and congressmen. To ensure alignment and cohesive outputs from the fellows, multiple check-ins will be organized together with the assigned standing committees and advisory council members from EDCOM 2 from January to March 2024, before they present their initial findings.

## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### ■ COLLABORATION

#### UP PEJA Fellowship

*June 2023 to June 2024*

To ensure alignment and cohesive outputs from the fellows, multiple check-ins will be organized together with the assigned standing committees and advisory council members from EDCOM 2 from January to March 2024, before they present their

initial findings. Currently, fellows are divided into 6 thematic groups; therefore, 6 check-ins will be conducted at least once from January to March 2024.



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## ■ COLLABORATION

### UP PEJA Fellows Initial Findings Presentations

*March 2024*

Around March 2024, fellows will be expected to present their initial findings to the fellowship committee for initial comments.

## ■ COLLABORATION

### UP PEJA Fellows Final Presentations

*June 2024*

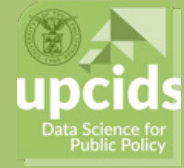
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## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

- 1 Monograph (Batch 2 Research Consultants)
- 3 PJPP Articles (from UP PEJA Fellows)

# Program on Data Science for Public Policy



The Program on Data Science for Public Policy (DSPPP) has three (3) objectives. First, it aims to build the capacity of the faculty members of the University of the Philippines (UP) in data science and apply this learned skill to public policy and governance. Second, it strives to engage a community of researchers within the University and encourage the pursuit of interdisciplinary, problem-oriented research through high-level quantitative analyses. Finally, it seeks to convene multidisciplinary teams of social scientists, humanists, and scientists to research issues in the public sector.

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## Convenor

**Jalton G. Taguibao, Ph.D.**  
*Associate Professor*  
*Department of Political Science*  
*College of Social Science and Philosophy*  
*University of the Philippines Diliman*

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## Program Research Fellows

**Vladimer Kobayashi, Ph.D.**  
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*Department of Mathematics, Physics, and Computer Science*  
*College of Mathematics and Science*  
*University of the Philippines Mindanao*

**Maria Margarita Lavidés, Ph.D.**  
*Assistant Professor and Director of Research and Extension*  
*University of the Philippines Diliman Extension Program in*  
*Pampanga and Olongapo*

**Ebinezer Florano, Ph.D.**  
**Professor**  
*National College of Public Administration and Governance*  
*University of the Philippines Diliman*

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## Junior Research Analyst

**Julius Paolo C. Basa, MPA**

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

The Program continued to provide a platform to convene experts, faculty members, and researchers among the different units of the University of the Philippines. DSPPP provided critiques for the new data science degree programs, including the Ph.D. in Data Science at UP Diliman and the B.Sc. in Data Science at UP Mindanao. More degree program proposals are undergoing critique from the Data Science Working Group convened by the Program.

In terms of its internal research capacity, the Program is actively engaged in various projects,

with a specific focus on manuscript revisions related to marine littering and e-governance project. Through continued collaboration with the faculty of the UP Diliman Extension Program in Pampanga and Olongapo (UP DEPPPO), DSPPP produced research outputs from the its Culture Data Science project. This project looks at the relevance of traditional Filipino norms—specifically *pakikipagkapwa*—in this time and age of digitization and misinformation. This project continued its validation survey of the data captured through web scraping.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Consultative Meetings</b>	Data Science Working Group Meetings	7 July 2023, 24 July 2023, and 4 October 2023
<b>Project Meetings</b>	Culture Data Science Project	4–25 August 2023, 1 November 2023, 24 November 2023, and 15 December 2023
<b>Writeshop</b>	Culture Data Science Project Writeshop	30–31 August 2023, 1 September 2023
<b>Ad-Hoc Project Meeting</b>	UP Open Data Policy	4 September 2023 and 22 November 2023

## ■ CONSULTATIVE MEETINGS

### Data Science Working Group Meetings

7 July 2023, 24 July 2023, and 4 October 2023

Initially convened in the first half of 2023, the Data Science Working Group continues to serve as the primary platform for convening experts across disciplines to discuss initiatives and efforts in the field of Data Science across Constituent Universities (CUs). Included in the working group are data scientists and faculty from various UP constituent universities including UP Diliman, UP Manila, UP Los Baños, UP Visayas, and UP Mindanao. For the second half of 2023, the Working Group continued to provide a pre-curricular critique of different degree program proposals in Data Science, and reviewed data science efforts during the height of COVID-19 pandemic for possible development.

One of the major accomplishments of the Data Science Working Group is the continuous provision of curricular critique to the BSc in Data Science offered in UP Mindanao at the start of academic year 2023 to 2024. The UP Board of Regents approved of the degree program in April 2023. DSPPP kept updated of the degree program's implementation, attempted to identify emergent needs, and construct possible development suggestions. This project was headed by DSPPP Fellow Dr. Vladimer Kobayashi. Likewise, the newly established UP Center for Intelligent Systems was conceptualized and formed through discussions with the different stakeholders across the UP System.

## ■ PROJECT MEETINGS

### Culture Data Science Project

4–25 August 2023, 1 November 2023, 24 November 2023, and 15 December 2023

A collaboration among the faculty members of UP DEPPPO and UP Mindanao, the Culture Data Science Project aims to look at the relevance of the *pakikipagkapwa* model in modern Philippine societal



■ DSPPP Fellows Dr. Vladimer Kobayashi and Dr. Ma. Margarita Lavidés share a meal after attending the Ethics Board Meeting in UP Mindanao.

SOURCE | Dr. Ma. Margarita Lavidés



■ Culture Data Science Project Team Meeting with DSPPP Fellow Dr. Lavidés and DSPPP Staff Julius Basa.

SOURCE | Dr. Ma. Margarita Lavidés

interactions. This project seeks to understand interactions in social media platforms through scraped data. The project had already commenced and applied for ethics clearance before data gathering in the first half of 2023. While waiting for the approval, project meetings were held to discuss the finalization of the initial manuscripts, activities for the conduct of a validation study as well as team

updates regarding the progress of team members. Preparations for a planned public webinar, sharing the results of the study once published, was also discussed during the meetings.

## ■ WRITESHOP

### Culture Data Science Project Writeshop 30–31 August 2023, 1 September 2023

These writeshop sessions are continuations of the writeshop sessions conducted last 11–15 April 2023. The sessions focused on finalizing the written research outputs of the Culture Data Science Project in partnership with UP DEPPPO. DSPPP Fellow Dr. Vladimer Kobayashi presented the findings stemming from the web scraping and text mining activities of the project. Likewise, the Culture Data Science Project members participated in coding sessions throughout the writeshop, and discussed plans for the project.

## ■ AD-HOC PROJECT MEETING

### UP Open Data Policy

4 September 2023 and 22 November 2023

As a follow up to the consultative sessions held on January 5, 2023 and February 28, 2023, DSPPP continued its projects that would lay the prospects of mirroring data of various government agencies. In support of the Open Government Partnership, DSPPP's Open Data Project prompted the creation



■ Members of the Culture Data Science Team during the team's writeshop held last 30-31 August and 1 September 2023. *SOURCE | Julius Paolo Basa*

of the Open Data Policy for research projects of UP Diliman. The Program continued to assist and take part in the discussions of the UP Open Data Policy Ad Hoc Committee in drafting the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of UP's Open Data Policy.

The new program offerings in Data Science as well as the UP Open Data Policy were supported by the UP Data Commons. This computing facility includes several units of high-performance computing (HPC) machines that can be utilized for research, including HPC tasks, programming applications/software, systems and web application development, data repositories and database systems development, and other purposes.



■ DSPPP Fellows Dr. Lavidés and Dr. Kobayashi, together with Culture Data Science Project member Asst. Prof. Remi De Leon and DSPPP staff, meet at CIDS Office to discuss steps moving forward for the project.

*SOURCE | Dr. Ma. Margarita Lavidés*



■ DSPPP Fellows Dr. Lavidés and Dr. Kobayashi together with Culture Data Science Project member Asst. Prof. Remi De Leon and DSPPP staff pose at the lobby of the UP CIDS Office after a project team meeting.

*SOURCE | Dr. Ma. Margarita Lavidés*

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Data Science Working Group Meetings</b>	Public		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b></li> <li>• <i>College of Social Science and Philosophy, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>School of Statistics, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Science, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>School of Economics, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Engineering, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Social Science and Philosophy, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, UP Mindanao</i></li> <li>• <i>UP Open University</i></li> <li>• <i>UP National Institutes of Health</i></li> <li>• <i>Philippine Genome Center</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Culture Data Science Project</b>	Public		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b></li> <li>• <i>UP Diliman Extension Program in Pampanga and Olongapo</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Mathematics, Physics and Computer Science, UP Mindanao</i></li> </ul>		
<b>UP Open Data Policy</b>	Public		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b></li> <li>• <i>College of Social Science and Philosophy, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Law, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Science, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>National College of Public Administration and Governance, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Engineering, UP Diliman</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Number of Collaborators and Partners</b>	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: #76b82a;">16</div> <p>Total</p>	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">0</div> <p>LGU, National Government</p>	<div style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">16</div> <p>Other UP Units</p>

## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marikina LGU</li> <li>• Pasig LGU</li> <li>• Quezon City LGU</li> <li>• Mandaluyong LGU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Trade and Industry</li> <li>• Department of Information Communication and Technology</li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Diliman</li> <li>• UP Open University</li> <li>• UP Mindanao</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Diliman Extension Program in Pampanga and Olongapo</li> </ul>

**Number of Linkages and Reach**

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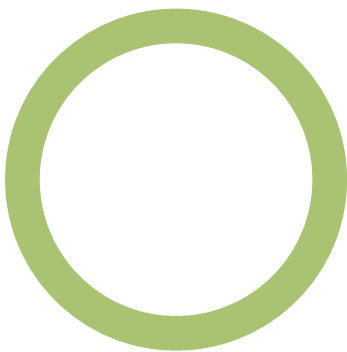
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From Public Sector

**0**

From Private Sector

## Funding for 2023



100%  
0%

**Internal Funding**  
External Funding

## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

The Program will continue pursuing activities related to its internal research agenda as well as the research proposals of the Program Fellows which deals mainly with the intersection of data science with topics and issues from other disciplines. The outputs of these research activities will be submitted to UP CIDS for publication after a technical review conducted at the Program level. Different capacity-building programs will also be pursued as part of the two-pronged thrust of the Program, particularly on Information System Capacities at the Local

Government Unit (LGU) level. The Program will also continue to serve as a platform for discussion among the different units who are part of the Data Science Working Group and assist in the pre-curricular discussion of new degree program offerings in the field of Data Science. Furthermore, the Program shall continue to serve as an avenue to work for the operationalization of UP Center for Intelligent Systems.

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## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### **Continuation of the Culture Data Science Project with UP DEPPO – Phase 2 and Public Perception on Leadership and Governance**

The Program shall continue the data analysis and drafting of the manuscripts for the Culture Data Science Project, which will be led by DSPPP Program Research Fellows, Dr. Maria Margarita Lavides and Assoc. Prof. Vladimer Kobayashi, together with the faculty members of UP DEPPO. A webinar is being planned to present the research findings of the project.

### **Serve as A Support Platform for the UP Center for Intelligent Systems**

The Program will serve as a potential platform in operationalizing the new UP Intelligent Systems—stemming from the early work on the Data Science Working Group—and concurrently serve as the secretariat of the working group. DSPPP expects to be heavily involved in present and future projects and plans in developing the said Center.

### **Convene the Data Science Working Group**

The Program shall continue convening the Data Science Working Group which will hold several meetings in 2024. Pre-curricular discussions on new program offerings in other units shall form most of the discussions. Specifically, the graduate degree programs proposed by the UP Open University on Data Science, and the digital humanities degree proposal in UP Visayas. Both to continue receive critique and proposed revisions from the working group.

### **Capacity Building Program on the Sustainable Development Goals at the Local Level**

New capacity-building activities are being planned in line with the Program's research agenda. The capacity-building will empower LGUs in to practice data-driven monitoring and evaluation (M&E), particularly of LGU performance in achieving their targets that align with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The capacity-building activity is expected to yield in a training module, and several manuscripts on the experience of LGUs in monitoring SDGs.



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## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

- at least one (1) Discussion Paper
- at least two (2) Policy Briefs
- at least one (1) manuscript from the Program's capacity-building activity
- one (1) proceedings of the public webinar on Culture Data Science

# Program on Alternative Development



The Program on Alternative Development (AltDev) aims to look at paradigms, policies, practices, and projects that are largely marginalized and excluded from the mainstream. As they challenge dominant modes, these alternatives do not figure prominently in the national and international discourse. Moreover, AltDev aims to bring these voices from the margins and into the mainstream, leveling the playing field so that they may be regarded on an equal footing with dominant discourses and thus offering alternatives to the existing system.

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**Convenor****Eduardo C. Tadem, Ph.D.***Professor Emeritus**Asian Center**University of the Philippines Diliman*

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**Co-Convenor****Benjamin B. Velasco (until September 2023)***Assistant Professor**School of Labor and Industrial Relations**University of the Philippines Diliman*

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**Project Leader****Jose Monfred C. Sy***Assistant Professor**Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas**College of Arts and Letters**University of the Philippines Diliman*

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**Senior Research  
Analyst****Ananeza P. Aban (until December 2023)**

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**Junior Research  
Analysts****Honey B. Tabiola (until September 2023)****Rafael Vicente V. Dimalanta**

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**Senior Project  
Assistant****Ryan Joseph C. Martinez**

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**Junior Project  
Assistants****Eunice Santiago (incoming January 2024)****Junah Amor Delfinado (incoming January 2024)**

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

The second half of 2023 marks the AltDev's return to face-to-face research and networking engagements both locally and internationally. Through the support of the long-term engagement with the 11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement, Global Tapestry of Alternatives, and CCFD-Terre solidaire, as well as the continuing support from the University of the Philippines Center for Integrative and Development Studies (UP CIDS), AltDev was able to convene and expand its partnerships through the conduct of various field visits, workshops, fora, and conferences. UP CIDS continues to remain a bastion of academic freedom and critical thought amid burning issues concerning the welfare of people, affirmingly taking the position of the marginalized in times of distress. Emphasizing the narratives and positions from below through participatory and action-oriented research, AltDev was able to promptly produce relevant research work on the Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP), housing crises, expanded maternity and women's issues, informal economy, and agrarian reform issues in various academic and popular forms of dissemination.

AltDev's activities and outputs align with its strategic component firmly rooted in the Program's commitment to grassroots engagement, cross-regional collaboration, and knowledge production that addresses the concerns and aspirations of marginalized communities in the Philippines and beyond Southeast Asia.

### Documentation and Publication of Alternative Practices in Southeast Asia

From July to December 2023, AltDev coproduced 10 research publications and proceedings with its research partners. The Program's model of embedded participatory action research maintains the positions of the community and their contextualized and lived social realities. This informs the Program's policy engagements and positions that stand on the collective position of marginalized societies amidst political and economic stress. This is demonstrated by AltDev's continuing research on the government's Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program (PUVMP). The community, with the support of AltDev, presented the UP CIDS policy brief "Putting Transport Workers and Commuters First: The Route to Just Transition in Public Transport Modernization" in consultations across various policy levels.

### Networking and Regional Solidarity-Building

In 2023, the Program sat as the provisional secretariat of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA). The regional network is composed primarily of grassroots and civil society alternative practitioners, and research organizations. MASSA continues to be involved in the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN People's Forum 2023, with several of the network's members attaining positions in organizing the annual regional civil society summit parallel to the ASEAN Summit in Jakarta last September 2023. Through MASSA, AltDev was able to push alternative regionalism in both plenary and convergence breakout sessions. AltDev, through MASSA, was also present among 60 civil society movements in the first face-to-face assembly of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives in Kenya. The global network strengthens the partnership in realizing peoples' alternative solutions to the polycrisis.



- Face-to-face Hub Participants from Indonesia during the People-to-People Exchange between Southeast Asia and India alternative development practitioners. *SOURCE | Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia*

## People-to-People (P2P) and Knowledge Sharing

AltDev hosted the Fourth Regional Conference on Alternatives held at the University of the Philippines Hotel last 28–31 October 2023. With the theme “Advancing Alternative Regionalism from Below: People and Planet First,” the conference resolved to carry on the objectives of MASSA as the collective regional network among participating organizations. Representatives from 31 country-based and regional organizations across Southeast Asia attended the conference. They compose the membership regional network. Dr. Leo Cubillan, UP Vice-President for

Academic Affairs, welcomed the delegates. Among those present and delivered key addresses on pressing issues in Southeast Asia were Professor Aurora de Dios, Executive Director, Women and Gender Institute (WAGI); Wanun Permpibul, Executive Director of Climate Watch Thailand; Suntaree Saengging, Executive Director of Homenet Southeast Asia; Chandy Eng, Executive Director of Gender and Development for Cambodia; Eri Trinurini Adhi, Ph.D., Executive Director of Asian Solidarity Economy Council; and Professor Walden Bello.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Online Meetings</b>	Preparatory Meetings of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA) for the Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	19 and 24 July 2023
<b>Online Meetings</b>	Preparatory Meetings for the 4th Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)	2 August; 15, 20, and 29 September; 6, 13, 20, and 27 October 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Workshops</b>	Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly	4–13 August 2023
<b>Fieldwork</b>	Launch of ASAMBA Monograph During the 26th Anniversary of ASAMBA HOA	15 August 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Forum</b>	ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2023	1–3 September 2023
<b>Fieldwork</b>	Housing Imbalance: Kapehan sa Kalagayan ng Pabahay para sa Urban Poor	8 September 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Workshops</b>	Food, Farming, Freedom Policy Analysis, Development, and Advocacy Workshop	13–14 September 2023
<b>Online Forum</b>	Feminism and Climate Justice	28 September 2023
<b>Online Forum</b>	Progressive Fiscal Policies to End Austerity: Taxing Wealth to Fund the Care Economy	10 October 2023
<b>Online Meeting</b>	Multistakeholder Consultations for the Revised Guidelines of the PUV Modernization Program	11 October 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Forum</b>	Save Our Rice! RESIST Agrochemical TNCs! The Peoples' Conference Against the Corporate Onslaught on Rice and Food	17 October 2023
<b>Online Meeting</b>	Proposal Consultation with VLIR-OUS, 11.11.11, University of Ghent Conflict Research Group, and Focus on the Global South	17 October 2023
<b>Online Forum</b>	Rising Debt, Hunger, and Anger: Ano ang Tugon ng Sambayanan?	18 October 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Forum</b>	4th Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)	30–31 October 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Fieldwork</b>	Fieldwork for the case study research on Agroecology and Pamaynihan with Good Food Community	6–10 November 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Forum</b>	Zero Eviction Forum	11 November 2023
<b>Face-to-Face Fieldwork</b>	Transport Strike	20–21 November 2023

## ■ ONLINE MEETINGS

### Preparatory Meetings of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA) for the Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly

*19 and 24 July 2023*

In preparation for the Core Team Meeting and General Assembly of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives in Kenya, Arvin Dimalanta and Ryan Martinez of AltDev participated in preparatory meetings of the Program and the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA). These meetings focused on refining the presentations of the research partners of AltDev, namely the Solidarity for People's Education and Lifelong Learning (SPELL), Serikat Petani Pasundan (SPP), and Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute (KSI). Their presentations showcased their respective alternative development practices during the forthcoming event.

## ■ ONLINE MEETINGS

### Preparatory Meetings for the 4th Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)

*2 August; 15, 20, and 29 September; 6, 13, 20, and 27 October 2023*

AltDev participated in Steering Committee Meetings and Program Committee Meetings of MASSA in preparation for its Fourth Regional Conference on Alternatives. These meetings focused on refining the program, specifying topics, and identifying methodologies to align with the conference objectives. AltDev collaboratively contributed to the Program Committee alongside organizations, including the Asian Solidarity Economy Council, Kabar Bumi, Asia Floor Wage Alliance, SPELL, and Homenet Southeast Asia.

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOPS

### Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly

*4–13 August 2023*

The face-to-face General Assembly of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives (GTA) convened 60 individuals from more than 22 countries, representing organizations from Latin America, Africa, South Asia, Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and Kurdistan. Ryan Martinez and Arvin Dimalanta participated in the gathering as part of MASSA and AltDev. Joining them were colleagues from MASSA: Belle Jayco from SPELL, Erni Kartini from SPP, and Jenito Satana from KSI.

## ■ FIELDWORK

### Launch of ASAMBA Monograph During the 26th Anniversary of ASAMBA HOA

*15 August 2023*

Represented by Convenor Prof. Eduardo Tadem and Junior Research Analyst Hans Tabiola, AltDev participated in the 26th anniversary of the Alyansa ng mga Samahan Sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association, Inc. (ASAMBA) and the ceremonial launching of the ASAMBA Monograph. The monograph intricately chronicles the Sitio Mendez residents' struggle for the right to housing, navigating through setbacks until the triumphant assertion of their rights. On behalf of the Program, Prof. Tadem delivered a solidarity message to the community leaders and members of ASAMBA.

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE FORUM

### ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2023

1–3 September 2023

AltDev Co-Convenor Benjamin Velasco, alongside research staff Angging Aban, Arvin Dimalanta, and Ryan Martinez, served as representatives of the Program in Jakarta, Indonesia and helped co-organize four workshops under the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2023 Convergence Space on Alternative Regionalism. Collaborating with 16 other civil society organizations (CSOs), AltDev facilitated face-to-face workshops on topics such as youth activism, trade union repression, solidarity economy, community-based climate initiatives, feminism, and intersectionality. Different representatives of CSOs from all over the Southeast Asia region attended the workshops.

## ■ FIELDWORK

### Housing Imbalance: Kapehan sa Kalagayan ng Pabahay para sa Urban Poor

8 September 2023

AltDev research staff Rafael Dimalanta participated in a forum alongside various urban poor people's organizations (POs) and nongovernment organizations (NGOs), such as Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap (Kadamay), Urban Poor Associates, Community Organizers Multiversity, Philippine Action for Community-Led Shelter Initiatives, Inc., Joly Homes Foundation, Kilos Maralita, and Inclusive Cities Advocacy Network (ICAN), among others. The primary objective of this forum was to convene this diverse array of POs and NGOs, fostering discussions on issues pertinent to the urban poor sector, with a particular focus on housing concerns. The aim was to identify common grounds and establish foundational points of agreement among the participants.



■ Participants of the ACSC/APF 2023 during the closing ceremony and turnover of hosting responsibilities to Timor-Leste National Organizing Committee for 2024. *SOURCE* | ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2023

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE WORKSHOPS

### **Food, Farming, Freedom Policy Analysis, Development, and Advocacy Workshop**

*13–14 September 2023*

Farmers, activists, urban poor leaders, and various advocates converged for the Food, Farming, Freedom event, which was co-organized by Good Food Community, ImagineLaw, IBON International, and AltDev. A significant portion of the two-day workshop was a workshop on policy analysis, development, and advocacy in pushing for food and agriculture policies that serve the needs of the people. Emphasizing people's rights in food production and consumption, the workshop included a discussion from AltDev Convenor Prof. Eduardo Tadem on the pivotal role of genuine agrarian reform in achieving sustainability and in Philippine agriculture and social justice.

## ■ ONLINE FORUM

### **Feminism and Climate Justice**

*28 September 2023*

Senior Research Analyst Angging Aban represented the Program in an online discussion on feminism and climate justice, which was hosted by the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID).

## ■ ONLINE FORUM

### **Progressive Fiscal Policies to End Austerity: Taxing Wealth to Fund the Care Economy**

*10 October 2023*

Co-organized by the Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development, Financial Transparency Coalition, Tax Justice Network Africa, Human Rights Watch, and Latindadd, the online forum titled "Progressive Fiscal Policies to End Austerity: Taxing Wealth to Fund the Care Economy" featured AltDev Convenor Eduardo Tadem as a panelist. Having studied wealth tax and tax justice extensively, he contributed to the

discussions particularly on the need for windfall taxes on corporations, inheritance taxes, and wealth taxes as essential measures to bridge fiscal gaps exposed during the COVID-19 pandemic.

## ■ ONLINE MEETING

### **Multistakeholder Consultations for the Revised Guidelines of the PUV Modernization Program**

*11 October 2023*

The Department of Transportation (DOTr), the Land Transportation Office (LTO), and the Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB) organized an online multistakeholder consultation for the revised Public Utility Vehicle Modernization Program Guidelines. AltDev, represented by research staff Angging Aban and Arvin Dimalanta, participated in the meeting alongside active mobility, and commuter groups. Both AltDev representatives emphasized the inclusion of the transport sector stakeholders in decision-making processes and policy formulations. They also questioned the agencies' decision to continue with the deadline set on franchise consolidation despite the apparent shortcomings on the part of DOTr in the PUVMP implementation, as highlighted in the agency's presentation.

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE FORUM

### **Save Our Rice! RESIST Agrochemical TNCs! The Peoples' Conference Against the Corporate Onslaught on Rice and Food**

*17 October 2023*

RESIST AgroChem TNCs! together with AltDev co-organized the "Save Our Rice! RESIST Agrochemical TNCs! The Peoples' Conference Against the Corporate Onslaught on Rice and Food," convening advocates across sectors to unite against the corporate control of food and agriculture. The gathering aimed to voice criticisms of the International Rice Congress



(IRC) hosted by entities like the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), highlighting concerns about corporate influence and greenwashing. It underscored the urgent need to address chronic crises in the rice industry, emphasizing the impact on small farmers and advocating for a more equitable and sustainable approach to food systems and agriculture.

## ■ ONLINE MEETING

### Proposal Consultation with VLIR-OUS, 11.11.11, University of Ghent Conflict Research Group, and Focus on the Global South

*17 October 2023*

AltDev Convenor Prof. Eduardo Tadem and Senior Research Analyst Angging Aban represented the Program on Alternative Development in an exploratory meeting with VLIR-OUS, the Flemish interuniversity council and research scholarship-funding institution, together with 11.11.11, Coalition of the Flemish North-South Movement, University of Ghent Conflict Research Group, and Focus on the Global South. The online meeting is part of a series of consultations aimed at exploring ways of working and sustainability of the research projects and activities of the Program.

## ■ ONLINE FORUM

### Rising Debt, Hunger, and Anger: Ano Ang Tugon ng Sambayanan?

*18 October 2023*

AltDev Convenor Prof. Eduardo Tadem delved into the issues and problems of the Philippines' debt during the online forum, titled "Rising Debt, Hunger, and Anger: Ano ang Tugon ng Sambayanan?," which was organized by the Freedom from Debt Coalition (FDC). His presentation spotlighted the misinformation propagated by government authorities regarding the national budget allocation to debt servicing and the concealed costs of government borrowing. It also underscored the necessity of implementing a wealth tax. The forum included fellow speakers Rene Ofreneo and Rovaniel Obanil from FDC and Flora Santos from the Oriang Women's Movement.



- Ananeza Aban and Honey Tabiola, AltDev research staff, facilitated a writing workshop with the Panalsalan Dagumbaan Tribal Association in Bukidnon.

*SOURCE | Honey Tabiola*



- Posterity shot of MASSA conference participants in front of the UP Hotel.

*SOURCE | Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia*

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE FORUM

### 4th Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)

30–31 October 2023

Building upon the initial progress towards a new civil society engagement paradigm beyond the ASEAN framework, MASSA, with AltDev temporarily acting as the interim secretariat, organized the Fourth Conference on Alternatives in Southeast Asia under the theme “Advancing Alternative Regionalism from Below: People and Planet First.” This two-day event explored prevailing and emerging challenges that marginalized communities in Southeast Asia face. It also outlined the trajectory for MASSA and its movement-building initiatives. Over 40 representatives from 20 people’s organizations and non-governmental organizations from Southeast Asia, came together for the conference.

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE FIELDWORK

### Fieldwork for the Case Study Research on Agroecology and Pamaynihan with Good Food Community

6–10 November 2023

AltDev research staff Ryan Martinez conducted his field research in Bauko Mountain Province with the Chico River Organic Practitioners Organization, an all-women organic producers association. This research engagement is part of the continuing partnership with Good Food Community and IBON International to codevelop a case study and policy brief on organic agroecology.



- University of the Philippines Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Leo Cubillan welcoming the participants of the Fourth Regional Conference on Alternatives. *SOURCE | Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia*



- AltDev research staff Ryan Martinez conducted field research in Bauko, Mountain Province with the Chico River Organic Practitioners Organization. *SOURCE | Good Food Community*



- AltDev supported the jeepney drivers' series of transport strike against the government's jeepney modernization scheme. *SOURCE | Mayday Multimedia*

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE FORUM

### Zero Eviction Forum

11 November 2023

More than 15 urban poor communities in Metro Manila gathered to share their experiences in ongoing demolition threats and evictions in the Zero Eviction Forum. The forum brought together communities facing eviction due to government infrastructure projects, those being situated in private lands, and those who are even residing in the government resettlement housing. The forum concluded with the formulation of resolutions, including the establishment of an antidemolition alliance and other plans to strengthen Metro Manila's fight against demolitions and evictions. The Zero Eviction Forum was co-organized by AltDev, in collaboration with ICAN, Kadamay, and IBON Foundation.

## ■ FACE-TO-FACE FIELDWORK

### 20–21 November 2023

#### *Transport Strike*

AltDev engaged in the Transport Strike to show solidarity to its research partner, Pagkakaisa ng mga Samahan ng Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (PISTON), and to gather firsthand narratives for incorporation into an upcoming AltDev publication, which will include the proceedings of the Transport Summit.

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<p>Preparatory Meetings of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA) for the Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Solidarity for People’s Education and Lifelong Learning (SPELL)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Serikat Petani Pasundan (SPP), Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute (KSI)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Preparatory Meetings for the 4th Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>10 organizations (see Annex at page 78)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Solidarity for People’s Education and Lifelong Learning (SPELL)</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>30 organizations and individuals (see Annex at page 79)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Launch of ASAMBA Monograph during 26th Anniversary of ASAMBA HOA</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Alyansa ng mga Samahan sa Sitio Mendez</i></li> <li>• <i>Baesa Homeowners Association, Inc. (ASAMBA)</i></li> <li>• <i>Sanlakas</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ ASEAN Peoples’ Forum 2023</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>16 organizations (see Annex at page 79)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Housing Imbalance: Kapuhan sa Kalagayan ng Pabahay para sa Urban Poor</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>7 organizations (see Annex at page 79)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Food, Farming, Freedom Policy Analysis, Development, and Advocacy Workshop</p>	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Good Food Community</i></li> <li>• <i>ImagineLaw</i></li> <li>• <i>IBON International</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

<b>Feminism and Climate Justice</b>	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)</i></li> </ul>
<b>Progressive Fiscal Policies to End Austerity: Taxing Wealth to Fund the Care Economy</b>	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Asian Peoples' Movement on Debt and Development</i></li> <li>• <i>Financial Transparency Coalition</i></li> <li>• <i>Tax Justice Network Africa</i></li> <li>• <i>Human Rights Watch</i></li> <li>• <i>Latindadd</i></li> </ul>
<b>Multi-stakeholder Consultations for the Revised Guidelines of the PUV Modernization Program</b>	Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b></li> <li>• <i>Department of Transportation</i></li> <li>• <i>Land Transportation Office (LTO)</i></li> <li>• <i>Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB)</i></li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Private</li> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Move as One Coalition</i></li> <li>• <i>PARA—Advocates for Inclusive Transport</i></li> <li>• <i>Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap</i></li> </ul>
<b>Save Our Rice! RESIST Agrochemical TNCs! The Peoples' Conference Against the Corporate Onslaught on Rice and Food</b>	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, MASIPAG, Good Food Community</i></li> </ul>
<b>Proposal Consultation with VLIR-OUS, 11.11.11., University of Ghent</b>	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b></li> <li>• <i>VLIR-OUS, 11.11.11.</i></li> </ul>
<b>Rising Debt, Hunger, and Anger: Ano ang Tugon ng Sambayanan?</b>	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Freedom from Debt Coalition, Oriang Women's Movement</i></li> </ul>

<b>Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)</b>	Private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Good Food Community</i></li> <li>• <i>Inclusive Cities Advocacy Network</i></li> <li>• <i>Solidarity for People’s Education and Lifelong Learning</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>18 organizations (see Annex at page 80)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Fieldwork for the Case Study Research on Agroecology and Pamaynihan with Good Food Community</b>	Private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Good Food Community, IBON Foundation, Chico River Organic Practitioners Organizations</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Zero Eviction Forum</b>	Private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Inclusive Cities Advocacy Network, Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap, IBON Foundation, Urban Poor Coordinating Council–NCR</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Transport Strike</b>	Private <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Pagkakaisa ng mga Samahan ng Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (PISTON)</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Number of Collaborators and Partners**
**82**

Total

**3**

 From  
Public  
Sector

**79**

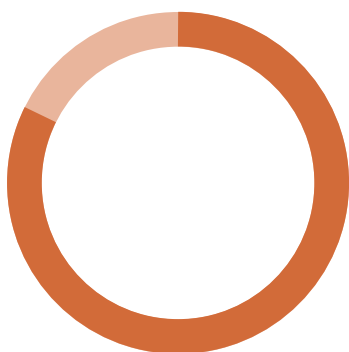
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## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Department of Transportation,</li> <li>Land Transportation Office (LTO)</li> <li>Land Transportation Franchising Regulatory Board (LTFRB)</li> </ul>
<b>Private</b>	Social Movements, Peoples’ Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17 organizations (see Annex at page 80)</li> </ul> Private Foundations or Research Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 private foundations or research groups (see Annex at page 80)</li> </ul>
<b>International Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>43 organizations (see Annex at page 81)</li> </ul>
<b>Individuals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 individuals (see Annex at page 81)</li> </ul>

<b>Number of Linkages and Reach</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>
	Total	From public sector	From private sector
		<b>43</b>	<b>9</b>
		International organizations	Individuals

## Funding for 2023



**82%** Internal Funding  
**18%** External Funding

In 2023, AltDev secured external funds for its research activities. Its external funding comprised 18% of its total budget for 2023, while the majority, 84%, came from internal UP CIDS funding.

AltDev’s external funding were sourced from the following: (1) CCFD-Terre Solidaire; and (2) 11.11.11 Coalition of the Flemish North South Movement.

## PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

# Publications: July to December 2023

## ■ DISCUSSION PAPER

- #TaxTheRich: A Policy Analysis of Introducing a Wealth Tax in the Philippines Using a Social Justice Lens

## ■ MONOGRAPH

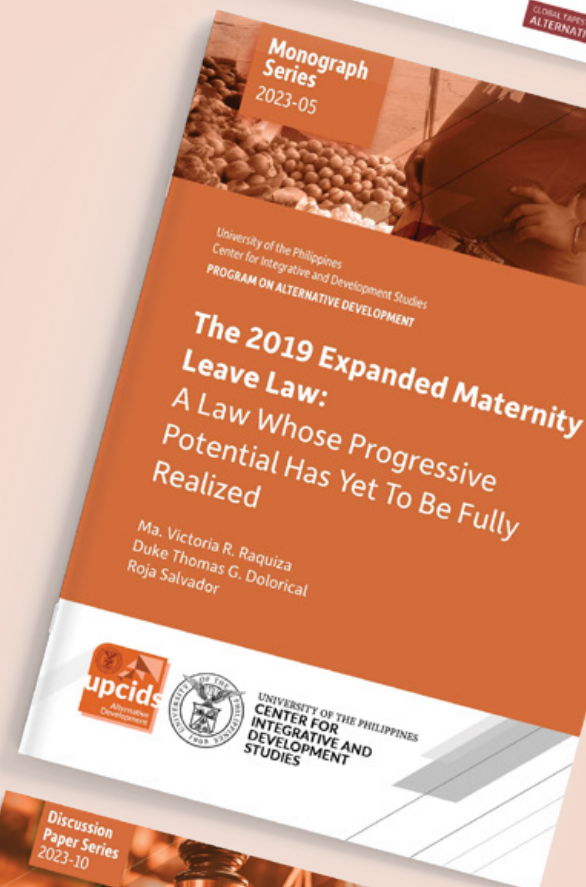
- The 2019 Expanded Maternity Leave Law: A Law Whose Progressive Potential Has Yet to Be Fully Realized

## ■ PROCEEDINGS

- People-to-People Exchange Towards Forging Intersectional Feminist Futures
- Transport Summit 2023: Moving Forward Together: Unite for Mass Public Transportation! Defend Franchises and Livelihoods!
- Women's Assembly 2023: Babae Ako: Usbong, Sulong, Hindi Uurong!
- Linking People-to-People Exchange: Weaving between Alternative Development Practitioners from Southeast Asia and India

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## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

AltDev's main thrust, documenting and amplifying alternative practices in Southeast Asia, finds new momentum with the third volume of the monograph, which is set to be co-written by grassroots research partners of the Program. Alongside this, AltDev is also working on a book project for an international publication that will feature the alternative practices of peoples across the Southeast Asian region.

Field visits are poised to resume shortly, venturing to include the experiences of Northeast India and Southwest China. Alongside co-research planned with its Philippine partners, the Program will undertake a

comprehensive study of Indonesia's land occupation movement in collaboration with the University of Ghent's Conflict Research Group and Indonesia peasant group Serikat Petani Pasundan (SPP).

The Program is also exploring collaboration with the London School of Economics Firoz Lalji Global Hub in establishing the Centre for Public Authority in the Polycrisis. The Centre shall encompass Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America and explore alternative governance models that respond to issues of the marginalized in the said regions. AltDev leads the Philippine research arm for the initiative.

## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### Continuing the Research and Documentation on Alternatives in Southeast Asia

UP CIDS AltDev commits to continue the research and documentation on alternatives. The third volume of the monograph is underway. The documentation process and authorship will maintain the partnership with MASSA members. The Program hopes that the field visits across the region will be revived in the near future to expand to other alternative practitioners, especially in Northeast India and Southwest China.

### Research Partnership with the Conflict Research Group (CRG) of the University of Ghent

UP CIDS AltDev remains a member of the Governance in Conflict Network that is being coordinated by the Conflict Research Group (CRG) of the Department of Conflict and Development Studies of the University of Ghent in Belgium. Relatively, it is expected that an in-depth study about the land occupation movement of Indonesian peasants under SPP will commence in 2024. This research project will be a partnership between UPCIDS AltDev, SPP, and CRG University of Ghent.

### Research Collaboration with the London School of Economics Firoz Lalji Global Hub

Spearheaded by the London School of Economics Firoz Lalji Global Hub, a research proposal was submitted for funding to establish the Centre for Public Authority in the Polycrisis. This project will cover Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America. UP CIDS AltDev is the team assigned to conduct the research in the Philippines. If the proposal gets approved, this research collaboration will investigate circumstances and conditions. It will then propose possibilities for more inclusive forms of public authority and governance that will address inequalities and vulnerabilities. This research will amplify the narratives of ordinary people, particularly communities marginalized by mainstream development, in order to advance the concept of public authority.

## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

### ■ Two Discussion Papers

- Revisiting the Right to Adequate Housing: Evictions after the COVID-19 Emergency
- Teenage Motherhood

### ■ One Monograph

- Labor Concerns in Banning Single-Use Plastics

### ■ One Policy Brief

- LGBTQIA+ Rights Policy

### ■ Two Proceedings

- Max Lane Lecture Series
- Fourth Southeast Asia Regional Conference on Alternatives

### ■ One Book Review

- Book on Philippine Studies

### ■ One Book Project

- Reimagining Development in Southeast Asia: Alternative Practices from the Grassroots and Social Movements

## Annex: Collaborations and Partnerships

Preparatory Meetings for the 4th Regional Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)	International
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN SOGIE Caucus</li> <li>• Asian Solidarity Economy Council</li> <li>• PEMANGKIN Research</li> <li>• Homenet Southeast Asia</li> <li>• Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute</li> <li>• Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia</li> <li>• Serikat Petani Pasundan</li> <li>• Asia Floor Wage Alliance</li> <li>• Gender and Development for Cambodia</li> <li>• Kabar Bumi</li> </ul>

<b>Global Tapestry of Alternatives Core Team Meeting and General Assembly</b>	International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Serikat Petani Pasundan (SPP)</i></li> <li>• <i>Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute (KSI)</i></li> <li>• <i>Vikalp Sangam</i></li> <li>• <i>Crianza Mutua Mexico</i></li> <li>• <i>Crianzas Mutuas Colombia</i></li> <li>• <i>Ecoversities Alliance</i></li> <li>• <i>May First Movement Technology</i></li> <li>• <i>Greenpeace International</i></li> <li>• <i>Academy of Democratic Modernity</i></li> <li>• <i>Indigenous Community and Conserved Areas Consortium</i></li> <li>• <i>WoMin African Alliance</i></li> <li>• <i>Full Circle Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>ECOLISE</i></li> <li>• <i>Jineoloji Academy</i></li> <li>• <i>Global Forest Coalition</i></li> <li>• <i>Wellbeing Economy Alliance - East Africa</i></li> <li>• <i>The Alternatives Project</i></li> <li>• <i>Kalpavriksh, Travellers' University Jagori Rura</i></li> <li>• <i>North East Network</i></li> <li>• <i>Proceso de Comunidades Negras Ella</i></li> <li>• <i>Pacto Social Sur</i></li> <li>• <i>Marina Sitrin</i></li> <li>• <i>Vasna Ramasar</i></li> <li>• <i>Shrishtee Bagpal</i></li> <li>• <i>Ashish Kothari</i></li> <li>• <i>Pheko Lebohang</i></li> <li>• <i>Liepollo</i></li> <li>• <i>Alex Jensesn</i></li> <li>• <i>Madhuresh Kumar</i></li> <li>• <i>Xochitl Solano</i></li> </ul>
<b>ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN Peoples' Forum 2023</b>	International	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)</i></li> <li>• <i>Homenet Southeast Asia</i></li> <li>• <i>ASEAN SOGIE Caucus</i></li> <li>• <i>Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia</i></li> <li>• <i>Milktea Alliance Friends of Myanmar</i></li> <li>• <i>Gender and Development Cambodia</i></li> <li>• <i>Asian Floor Wage Alliance</i></li> <li>• <i>Climate Watch Thailand</i></li> <li>• <i>Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA Timor Leste</i></li> <li>• <i>K'dadalak Sulimutuk Institute-Timor Leste</i></li> <li>• <i>Serikat Petani Pasundan</i></li> <li>• <i>Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact</i></li> <li>• <i>Initiatives for International Dialogue Voice</i></li> <li>• <i>Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network</i></li> <li>• <i>Womxn's Voice</i></li> <li>• <i>Perempuan Mahardika</i></li> </ul>
<b>Housing Imbalance: Kapehan sa Kalagayan ng Pabahay para sa Urban Poor</b>	Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap</i></li> <li>• <i>Urban Poor Associates</i></li> <li>• <i>Community Organizers Multiversity</i></li> <li>• <i>Philippine Action for Community-Led Shelter Initiatives, Inc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Joly Homes Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Kilos Maralita</i></li> <li>• <i>Inclusive Cities Advocacy Network</i></li> </ul>

Regional	International	
<b>Conference of the Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia (MASSA)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASEAN SOGIE Caucus</li> <li>• Asian Solidarity Economy Council</li> <li>• PEMANGKIN Research</li> <li>• Homenet Southeast Asia</li> <li>• Kdadalak Sulimituk Institute</li> <li>• Konfederasi Pergerakan</li> <li>• Rakyat Indonesia,</li> <li>• Erikat Petani Pasundan</li> <li>• Asia Floor Wage Alliance</li> <li>• Gender and Development for Cambodia</li> <li>• Kabar Bumi</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Watch Thailand</li> <li>• Freedom from Debt</li> <li>• Coalition, Uniaun Agrikultor de Ermera,</li> <li>• Vikalp Sangam</li> <li>• Stop the War Coalition</li> <li>• 11.11. 11 Coalition of the Flemish North South Movement</li> <li>• Catholic Committee Against Hunger and for Development - Solidarity of the Earth</li> </ul>

## Annex: Linkages and Reach

### Social Movements, Peoples' Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Solidarity for People's Education and Lifelong Learning (SPELL)</li> <li>• Alyansa Ng Mga Samahan Sa Sitio Mendez, Baesa Homeowners Association, Inc. (ASAMBA)</li> <li>• Sanlakas</li> <li>• Kalipunan ng Damayang Mahihirap</li> <li>• Urban Poor Associates Community Organizers</li> <li>• Multiversity Philippine Action for Community-Led Shelter Initiatives, Inc.,</li> <li>• Kilos Maralita</li> <li>• Good Food Community</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Move as One Coalition</li> <li>• PARA - Advocates for Inclusive Transport</li> <li>• Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas</li> <li>• MASIPAG</li> <li>• Good Food Community</li> <li>• Freedom from Debt Coalition</li> <li>• Oriang Women's Movement</li> <li>• Chico River Organic Practitioners Organizations</li> <li>• Urban Poor Coordinating Council - NCR</li> <li>• Pagkakaisa ng mga Samahan ng Tsuper at Operator Nationwide (PISTON)</li> </ul> |
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### Private Foundations or Research Groups

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joly Homes Foundation,</li> <li>• Inclusive Cities Advocacy Network</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ImagineLaw</li> <li>• IBON International</li> </ul> |
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## International Organizations

- *Serikat Petani Pasundan (SPP)*
- *Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute (KSI)*
- *ASEAN SOGIE Caucus*
- *Asian Solidarity Economy Council*
- *PEMANGKIN Research*
- *Homenet Southeast Asia*
- *Kdadalak Sulimutuk Institute,*
- *Konfederasi Pergerakan Rakyat Indonesia*
- *Serikat Petani Pasundan*
- *Asia Floor Wage Alliance*
- *Gender and Development for Cambodia,*
- *Kabar Bumi*
- *Vikalp Sangam*
- *Crianza Mutua Mexico*
- *Crianzas Mutuas Colombia*
- *Ecoversities Alliance*
- *May First Movement Technology*
- *Greenpeace International*
- *Academy of Democratic Modernity*
- *Indigenous Community and Conserved Areas Consortium*
- *WoMin African Alliance*
- *Full Circle Foundation*
- *ECOLISE*
- *Jineoloji Academy*
- *Global Forest Coalition*
- *Wellbeing Economy, Alliance - East Africa*
- *The Alternatives Project*
- *Kalpavriksh*
- *Travellers' University*
- *Jagori Rural*
- *North East Network*
- *Proceso de Comunidades Negras Ella Pacto Social Sur*
- *Movement for Alternatives and Solidarity in Southeast Asia*
- *Milktea Alliance Friends of Myanmar*
- *Climate Watch Thailand*
- *Union Aid Abroad-APHEDA Timor Leste*
- *Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact*
- *Initiatives for International Dialogue*
- *Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network*
- *Womxn's Voice*
- *Perempuan Mahardika*
- *Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)*
- *VLIR-OUS*
- *11.11.11. Coalition of the Flemish North South Movement*
- *University of Ghent Conflict Research Group*
- *Focus on the Global South*
- *Freedom from Debt Coalition*
- *Uniaun Agrikultor de Ermera*
- *Stop the War Coalition*
- *Catholic Committee Against Hunger and for Development - Solidarity of the Earth*

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# Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change



The Program on Escaping the Middle-Income Trap: Chains for Change (EMIT C4C) examines inclusiveness and competitiveness in its research agenda and in its efforts at working with its partners to address social development challenges. It undertakes three projects: (1) big data analytics on manufacturing, labor, and exports; (2) action research on agriculture and fisheries value chains; and (3) action research on business-for-peace in Mindanao. EMIT C4C provides learning and partnering platforms for the academe, government, civil society, and the private sector to share lessons and act on recommendations.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

EMIT C4C published an end-conference report and two discussion papers from July to December 2023, all of which were products of its action research projects with its partners. The Program also initiated efforts to explore the nexus among its three projects. For instance, the Program's rapid assessment of skills and employment in select Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) areas in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region for Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) covers labor, agriculture value chains, and business-for-peace. These constitute the focus areas of EMIT C4C. One of the Program's objectives is to achieve "cross thematization" or complementation among the three projects in specific initiatives. This is essential, considering that the themes covered in the project—labor, export, manufacturing, agriculture, value chains, and peace—are crucial development concerns.

In 2023, the Program wrapped up its action research on agriculture and social enterprises project with the Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF). EMIT C4C was able to publish two discussion papers and present its key findings in an international conference. With the exemption of one remaining paper that needs to be published and disseminated, this action research partnership with PEF was deemed to be highly satisfactory for both PEF and EMIT C4C. This is due to the lessons generated, the recommendations implemented not only by PEF but also by its partners, and the knowledge products that were developed and shared.

EMIT C4C researchers were also invited as conference presenters, trainers, and resource persons by government agencies, civil society organizations, and the private sector. Additionally, the Program was also invited by partners to undertake new action research efforts for 2024. Likewise, the Program joined the rest of UP CIDS in summarizing its roles in policymaking including its impact in the Data Science para sa Bayan (Data Science for the Nation) which created a data lake during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Big Data Analytics on Manufacturing, Labor, and Exports

EMIT C4C worked with the UP Strategic Research & Management Foundation Inc. (UPSTREAM) of UP Mindanao and the International Labour Organization (ILO) to conduct a "Sectoral Review, Value-Chain Study, Sector Skill and Employment Strategy Drafting in the BARMM." In December 2023, the Program submitted its final draft of the paper. EMIT C4C also mentored key staff of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) on using big data for analyzing exports.

### Action Research on Agriculture and Fisheries Value Chains

In November 2023, the Program successfully submitted a discussion paper titled "Resilience of Organic Rice and Supermarket Value Chains during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of the Global Organic Wellness Corporation". EMIT C4C researchers, PEF staff, and the Chairperson of the Kapunungan sa Gagmay'ng Mangingisda sa Concepcion or KGMC (translates to Association of Small Fishermen in Concepcion) presented the findings of the action research in the International Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture in Bali, Indonesia.

### Business-for-Peace in Mindanao

EMIT C4C and its partners—Hineleban Foundation, Pakigdait, Inc., and Mindanao State University Iligan Institute of Technology Institute for Peace and Development in Mindanao (MSU IIT IPDM)—organized the end-conference of the Business-for-Peace (BfP) project that was funded by The Netherlands Embassy in Manila. After the end-conference in February 2023, EMIT C4C's partners continued the monitoring of livelihood activities that launched the project. The end-conference proceedings was published by UP CIDS on 27 October 2023.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Multisectoral Partnership Meeting led by World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines (WWF Philippines)</b>	Baseline Survey of Multisectoral Partners of WWF Philippines in Lagonoy Gulf and Mindoro Strait	4 August 2023 and 22 August 2023
<b>International Conference</b>	Presentation of the Case Study on KGMC	24-25 October 2023
<b>Online Mentoring Sessions 1 and 2</b>	Online Mentoring on Multi Stakeholder Partnerships	10 October 2023 and 7 November 2023
<b>Online Learning Session for Agro-Enterprise Facilitators</b>	Presentation of the Case Study on the Farmer Entrepreneurship Program and KGMC	29 November 2023

### ■ MULTISECTORAL PARTNERSHIP MEETING

#### Baseline Survey of Multisectoral Partners of WWF Philippines in Lagonoy Gulf and Mindoro Strait

*4 August 2023 and 22 August 2023*

EMIT C4C and the Partnerships Resource Centre of the Rotterdam School of Management of Erasmus University (PRC-RSM) partnered with the World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines (WWF Philippines) in undertaking an action research on sustainable tuna. EMIT C4C co-developed the baseline survey questionnaire. During the meetings with partners in Lagonoy, Bicol, and Mindoro Occidental, EMIT C4C conducted the data gathering among attendees. The results of the survey were analyzed and presented to WWF Philippines.

### ■ INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

*24–25 October 2023*

EMIT C4C, together with KGMC and with the funding support of PEF, presented the findings of its case study on KGMC in an international conference in Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia. The Program shared a number of copies of the monograph to interested audience, among whom were scientists and practitioners.

Link to the Monograph: [cids.up.edu.ph/download/going-against-tide-kapunungan-gagmayng-mangingisda-concepcion-kgmc/](https://cids.up.edu.ph/download/going-against-tide-kapunungan-gagmayng-mangingisda-concepcion-kgmc/)



■ Presentation of the case study on KGMC.

SOURCE | PEF and EMIT C4C



## ■ ONLINE MENTORING SESSIONS 1 AND 2

### Online Mentoring on Multi Stakeholder Partnerships

10 October 2023 and 7 November 2023

EMIT C4C and PRC-RSM served as mentors of WWF Philippines on the multi-stakeholder partnerships on sustainable tuna. The sessions looked at the results of the baseline survey and surfaced the tensions faced by stakeholders in navigating partnerships for social change. Key points from these sessions are expected to be addressed and documented by the stakeholders as part of an ongoing action research.



- Screenshot from the breakout group of “Gains from the Field: Bridging Sectors to Build Sustainable Agro-Enterprises.” SOURCE | EMIT C4C

## ■ ONLINE LEARNING SESSION

### Presentation of the Case Study on the Farmer Entrepreneurship Program and KGMC for Agro-Enterprise Facilitators

29 November 2023

One of the partners of EMIT C4C, Jollibee Group Foundation (JGF), invited the Program to serve as one of the speakers of their online learning event. The breakout session was titled “Gains from the Field: Bridging Sectors to Build Sustainable Agro-Enterprises.” EMIT C4C presented its key findings on partnership and stakeholder engagement from the case studies on Farmer Entrepreneurship Program of JGF and KGMC.

Link to the Monograph: [cids.up.edu.ph/download/going-against-the-grain-a-case-study-of-jollibee-group-foundations-farmer-entrepreneurship-program-2/](https://cids.up.edu.ph/download/going-against-the-grain-a-case-study-of-jollibee-group-foundations-farmer-entrepreneurship-program-2/)

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

Focus Group Discussions on Agriculture Techno-Demo Projects	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peace and Equity Foundation (PEF)</li> <li>• Cocolink Inc.</li> <li>• SIMAG Foundation</li> <li>• Hojap Multipurpose Cooperative</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partnerships Resource Centre -Rotterdam School of Management (PRC-RSM)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Mentoring Sessions on Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• World Wide Fund for Nature Philippines (WWF Philippines)</li> </ul> </li> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PRC-RSM</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Online Learning Session for Agro-Enterprise Facilitators	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LOCAL           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kapunungan sa Gagmayng Mangingisda sa Concepcion</li> <li>• Jollibee Group Foundation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Mentoring of Key Staff of the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI)	Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT           <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Export Marketing Bureau of Department of Trade Industry (DTI)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Number of Collaborators and Partners

10

Total

2

From Public Sector

8

From Private Sector

## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

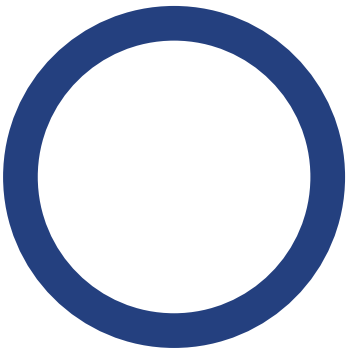
<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BARMM Planning and Development</i></li> <li>• <i>BARMM Board of Investments</i></li> <li>• <i>BARMM Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Agrarian Reform</i></li> <li>• <i>Office of the Presidential Adviser on the Peace, Reconciliation and Unity</i></li> <li>• <i>DTI</i></li> </ul>
	Embassies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Netherlands Embassy in Manila</i></li> </ul>
<b>Private</b>	Educational Institutions
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<b>Private</b>	Corporate and Related Groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>UGP Inc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Bamboo Ecologic Corporation</i></li> <li>• <i>Jollibee Group Foundation</i></li> </ul>
	Social Movements, Peoples' Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>PEF</i></li> <li>• <i>Malaga Cuenca Agrarian Reform Cooperative (MACARBEN)</i></li> <li>• <i>Global Organic and Wellness Corporation (GLOWCORP)</i></li> <li>• <i>Pakigdait Inc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Hineleban Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Northwestern Mindanao Front of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (NWMF MILF)</i></li> <li>• <i>Hojap Multipurpose Cooperative</i></li> <li>• <i>Simag Foundation</i></li> <li>• <i>Kapunungan sa Gagmayng Mangingisda sa Concepcion</i></li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>PRC-RSM</i></li> </ul>	
<b>Private</b>	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Land Bank of the Philippines</i></li> </ul>
<b>International Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>International Labour Organization</i></li> </ul>
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Number of Linkages and Reach

<b>26</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>
Total	From Public Sector	From Private Sector

<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>
International Organizations	Individuals

Funding for 2023



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# Publications: July to December 2023

## ■ DISCUSSION PAPER

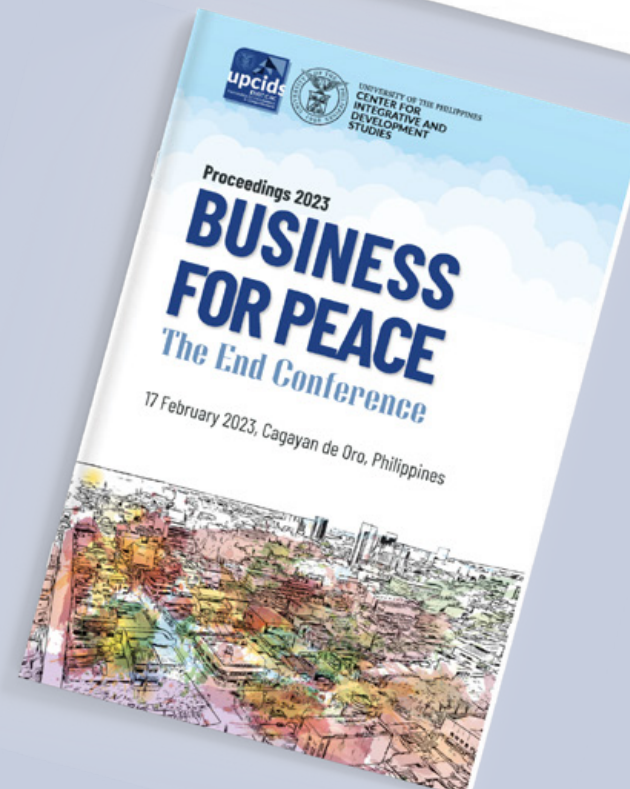
- Resilience of Organic Rice and Supermarket Value Chains during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of the Global Organic Wellness Corporation

## ■ CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

- End Conference Proceedings on Business-for-Peace

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## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

EMIT C4C aims to synthesize its agriculture value chains lessons by undertaking two research initiatives. The first is an action research on local governments as lead institutions and nexus of inclusion. EMIT C4C has studied lead firms in the form of corporations (Farmer Entrepreneurship Program of Jollibee Group Foundation), multinational firms (Unifrutti Tropical Philippines), traders (Middelen), farmers and fishers organizations (Kapunungan sa Gagmayng Mangingisda sa Concepcion, Malaga Cuenca ARB Cooperative), and social enterprises (Global Organic Wellness Corporation). However, the Program has not comprehensively studied and documented local governments as drivers of inclusion and competitiveness. Hence, the action

research proposal. The second research initiative is a methodology paper that looks at the spectrum of inclusiveness. It will encompass a systematic review of literature and a summative discussion of lessons that were surfaced from research efforts.

EMIT C4C will also undertake action research on Islamic Financing in partnership with PEF. The Program will work with the partners of PEF in examining the current landscape. It will look at primary and secondary documents, and interview key actors in Islamic Financing. Afterwards, EMIT C4C will present its findings to stakeholders of the project including key officials and centers in UP.

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## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

EMIT C4C intends to hold four to five forums and workshops on Islamic Financing—two anchor theme workshops on methodologies of inclusion and competitiveness, and three field researches—one of which will be in the BARMM.

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## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

### ■ Two Discussion Papers

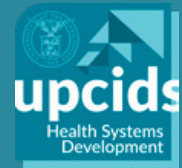
- Frameworks that Inquire, Describe, and Explain an Anonymized Case Study Developed (in partnership with the Peace and Equity Foundation)
- Aquaculture and Capture Fisheries Value Chains

### ■ One Strategy Paper

- Agriculture Value Chains in the BARMM



# Program on Health Systems Development



The Program on Health Systems Development (PHSD) houses work that investigates problems and innovates solutions for health systems. Although this mission inevitably applies scientific rigor to the *parts* of health systems, the goal is to improve the *whole* in terms of overall performance and ultimate outcomes. The Program's flagship project is the Philippine Primary Care Studies (PPCS), with three sites: UP Health Service (UHS), the rural health unit (RHU) in Samal, Bataan, and the RHU in Bulusan, Sorsogon.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

Since the Program's conclusion of its study at the three sites last 2022, the team has focused on analyzing data from study surveys conducted over the past three years. The primary focus for 2023 was on writing the papers. Regular weekly meetings were held to discuss the progress of the papers. If there were comments from the peer reviewers that need to be addressed, the team held special meetings to discuss them.

As of December 2023, PHSD has already published six manuscripts in a local journal, Acta Medica Philippina. There are four more papers accepted for publication, six ongoing peer review, two recently completed manuscripts for journal submission, and five ongoing write-ups. The ongoing write-ups are set to be published in 2024.

Moreover, the team continued to conduct the bi-monthly primary care trainings among the healthcare workers through the UpToDate Club.

Trainings were also extended in other areas in Bataan, such as Hermosa and Dinalupihan.

PHSD has also completed one study, titled "Acceptability, Feasibility and Impact of UpToDate (UTD) use on Health Care Worker Knowledge from the Philippine Primary Care Studies." This study is included in the five ongoing write-ups. Likewise, another study titled "Evaluating the use of a clinical decision support tool in the rural and remote sites in the Philippines," has been transferred to another investigator from UP Manila due to the lack of resources to continue the study.

Lastly, the team also continued to support the maintenance of the electronic health records of the UP Health Service for the past six months. Currently, the Program is coordinating the migration of their data into the new electronic medical record called E-Med.

## Activities from July to December 2023

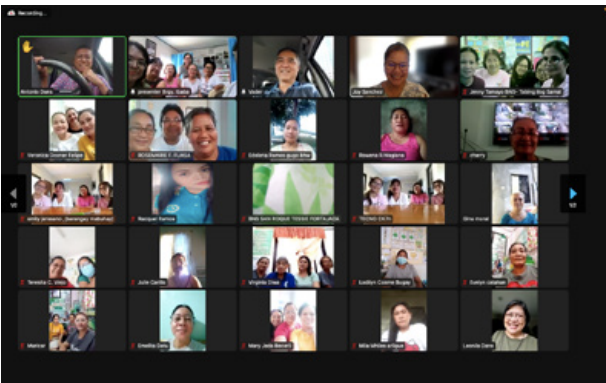
<b>Online Training</b>	UpToDate Club	13 July 2023, 27 July 2023, 24 August 2023, 7 September 2023, 21 September 2023, 12 October 2023, 9 November 2023, 23 November 2023
<b>Face to Face Training</b>	Training of Dinalupihan Healthcare Workers on UpToDate Use	29 August 2023
<b>Online Meeting</b>	PHSD Planning Meeting for 2024	27 September 2023
<b>Online Meeting</b>	Meeting with Dinalupihan and Hermosa MHOs to discuss Access to UpToDate	16 October 2023
<b>Online Meeting</b>	Meeting with Wolters Kluwer to Discuss UpToDate Issues in Dinalupihan and Hermosa	6 November 2023

## ■ ONLINE TRAINING

### UpToDate Club

13 July 2023, 27 July 2023, 24 August 2023, 7 September 2023, 21 September 2023, 12 October 2023, 9 November 2023, 23 November 2023

Josephine Sanchez facilitated the UpToDate Club held at least once a month in the latter half of 2023. The following topics were discussed from July to November 2023: common colds, insomnia, depression among adults, acute gastroenteritis, spina bifida, rabies, preseptal cellulitis, and tetanus. At the end of the presentation, guest doctors, together with Dr. Antonio Dans and Dr. Leonila Dans, gave their feedback and recommendations. These trainings coincided with the barangays' health focus for the month.



■ UpToDate Club Training with barangay health workers

SOURCE | Josephine Sanchez

## ■ FACE TO FACE TRAINING

### Training of Dinalupihan Healthcare Workers on UpToDate Use

29 August 2023

Dr. Leonila Dans and Dr. Anotnio "Tony" Dans, together with the PPCS staff, conducted a face to face training for the Dinalupihan healthcare workers. The training focused on how to use the UpToDate App. It was attended by around 60–80 participants from different barangays of Dinalupihan. Doctors, nurses, midwives, and healthcare workers also attended the training. After the lecture of Dr. Tony Dans, they were given sample cases. Grouped into buzz groups, they were tasked to look for these cases in the app and to report what they learned from it.

## ■ ONLINE MEETING

### PHSD Planning Meeting for 2024

27 September 2023

Dr. Leonila Dans conducted a planning meeting with the PHSD staff to discuss the Program's plans for 2024. She inquired about everyone's plans for the upcoming year and if they were still interested to be part of PHSD. The Program staff agreed about doing something important. If funding can be secured for projects, conducting an evaluation study on the Universal HealthCare (UHC) roll-out in the pilot sites



■ UpToDate App Face to Face Training in Dinalupihan. SOURCE | Josephine Sanchez

can be possible. The staff also agreed on needing new projects and young blood to pass onto them what the Program has started. Plans for 2024 also include the following: 1) barangay health workers (BHW) education caravan, which can help back up the BHW law; 2) information technology arm capacity building; 3) evaluation of the UHC; and 4) documenting success and failures of public-private partnerships in the healthcare industry.

## ■ ONLINE MEETING

### Meeting with Dinalupihan and Hermosa MHOs to discuss Access to UpToDate

16 October 2023

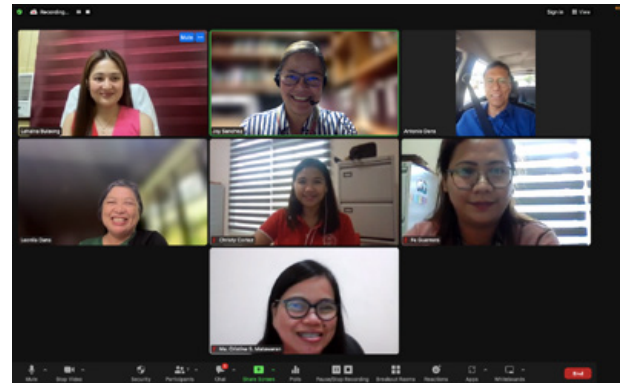
Dr. Tony Dans, together with Dr. Leonila Dans and Josephine Sanchez, met with the Medical Health Officers (MHOs) and the Information Technology (IT) team of Dinalupihan and Hermosa to discuss their problems in accessing the UpToDate App. Wolters Kluwer, the UpToDate App provider, suggested two options: 1) municipalities availing of a static IP address, or 2) registering an account via email. The MHOs rejected the first option due to lack of funds. Meanwhile, the second option was not practical since many people did not have an email address. At the end, Dr. Antonio Dans recommended to schedule another meeting with Wolters Kluwer to discuss other possible solutions.

## ■ ONLINE MEETING

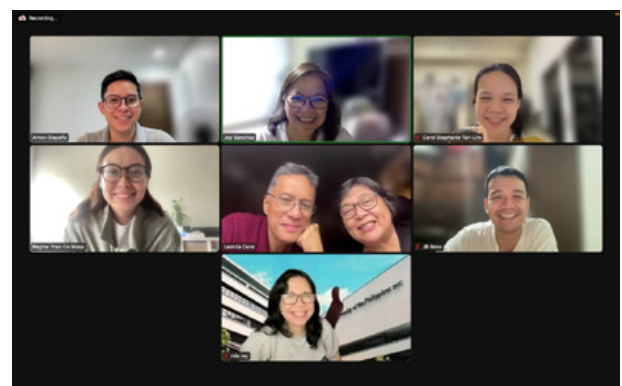
### Meeting with Wolters Kluwer to Discuss UpToDate Issues in Dinalupihan and Hermosa

6 November 2023

Dr. Tony Dans, together with the PPCS team, had an online meeting with Wolters Kluwer, the UpToDate App provider. The team discussed the issues encountered by the municipalities of Dinalupihan and Hermosa regarding the app. The team mentioned that the two options provided (i.e., municipalities availing of a static IP address and/or registering an account



■ Meeting with Dinalupihan MHOs to discuss UpToDate Training. *SOURCE | Josephine Sanchez*



■ PPCS meeting with writers to discuss papers to be written. *SOURCE | Josephine Sanchez*

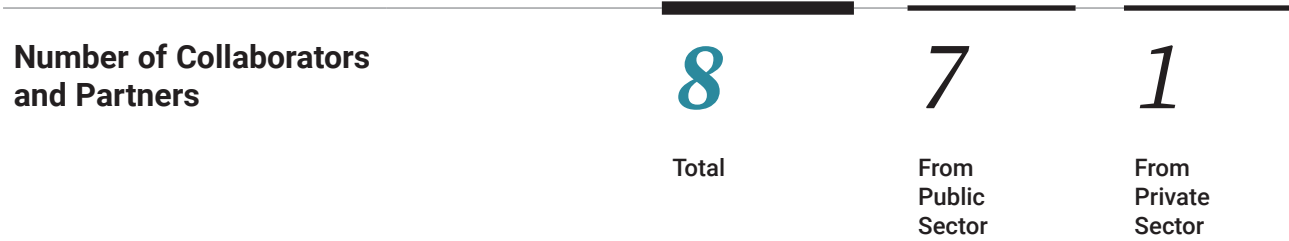


■ PPCS Meeting with Statistician Mark Javelosa. *SOURCE | HERPRP*

via email) were not feasible. The MHOs rejected the first option due to lack of funds. Meanwhile, the second option was not practical since many people did not have an email address. During the discussion, Dr. Tony Dans suggested that Wolters Kluwer explore mobile phone registration for users, to which they responded that they would look into it.

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

UpToDate Club	Public
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</li> <li>• LGUs of Samal and Bulusan</li> <li>• Dinalupihan and Hermosa RHU             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MHOs</li> <li>• Information Technology (IT) Team</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Department of Health</li> </ul>
	Private
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ INTERNATIONAL</li> <li>• Wolters Kluwer</li> </ul>



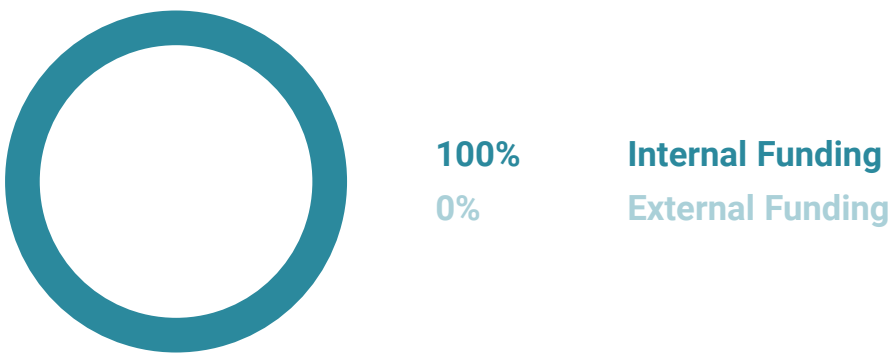
## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

Public	LGUs, National Government
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Department of Health (DOH)</li> <li>• Department of Science and Technology / Philippine Council on Health Research and Development (DOST/PCHRD)</li> <li>• Philippine Health Insurance Corporation (PhilHealth)</li> <li>• Provincial LGU-Bataan (Samal, Dinalupihan , and Hermosa)</li> <li>• Sorsogon LGU (Bulusan)</li> <li>• Senate of the Philippines</li> <li>• Congress of the Philippines</li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UP Health Service</li> <li>• UP Manila</li> <li>• UP National Institutes of Health</li> </ul>

<b>Private</b>	Corporate and Related Groups
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DCI</li> </ul>
	Social Movements, Peoples’ Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PH3D, Action for Economic Reforms (AER)</li> </ul>
	Others
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical students</li> </ul>
<b>International Organizations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wolters Kluwer</li> </ul>
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### Funding for 2023

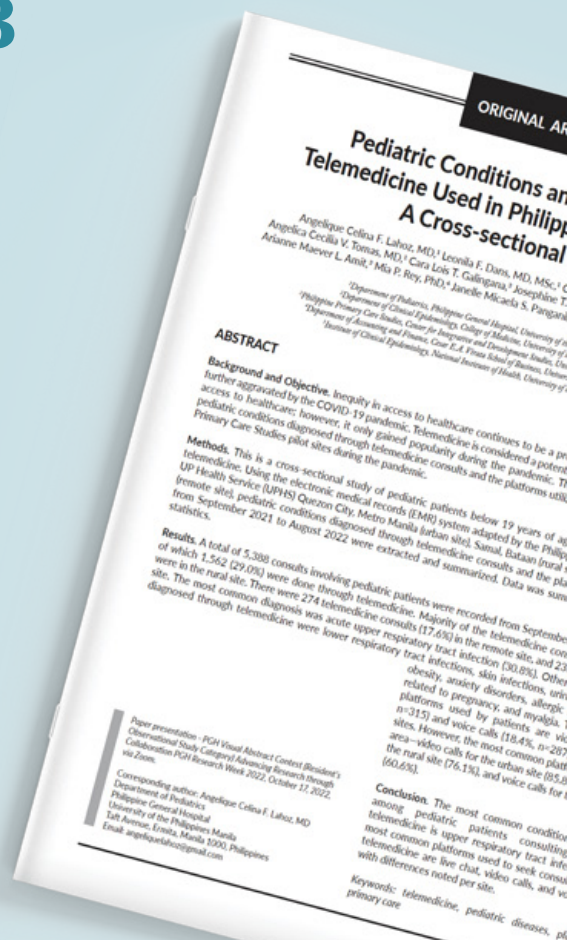


## PROGRAM ON HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT

# Manuscripts/ Journal Articles: July to December 2023

## MANUSCRIPTS

- Pediatric Conditions and Platforms of Telemedicine Used in Philippine Primary Care: A Cross-Sectional Study
- Turn Around Time of Consults in a Primary Care System in Rural Philippines: A Descriptive Restrospective Cohort Study
- Frequency Distribution of Pediatric Care Cases in a Rural Site in The Philippines: A Cross-Sectional Study
- Adherence to Primary Care Providers to Practice Guidelines for Common Pediatric Conditions in Urban, Rural, and Remote Sites in the Philippines: A Cross-Sectional Study
- Prescribing Patterns in a Primary Care Service in a Rural Site in the Philippines from April 2019 to March 2020 - A Cross-sectional Study
- Experiences from the Philippine grassroots: impact of strengthening primary care systems on health worker satisfaction



## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2023

1. For 2024, PHSD plans to write and publish the following papers:
  - Patient Satisfaction Y2-Y3
  - EMR Satisfaction Y1 & Y2-Y3
  - Utilization Paper Y2-Y3
  - Public-Private Partnership
  - UpToDate paper
2. Likewise, the Program plans to recruit new project leaders for PHSD who are interested to collaborate in future projects;
3. conduct post hoc analyses/studies (research papers) and annual surveys in the pilot sites (assess Konsulta), but still seeking funding;
4. continue to support the EHR transition in UPHS from Open MRS to E-Med;
5. continue capacity building of the barangay health workers using UpToDate app; and
6. continue the development of the PPCS website.

## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

1. Currently, PHSD is recruiting new project leaders to join the Program. The team conducted a meeting with Dr. Gideon Lasco, an anthropologist, and Dr. Irish Isip Tan, the chief of the UP College of Medicine Medical Informatics Unit, who both had shown interest. The team plans to formalize their collaboration in the coming months.
2. PHSD plans to continue the monthly primary care training among healthcare workers through the UpToDate Club. The team plans to continue the support for manpower/workforce development of rural and remote sites. It also plans to expand the reach of UpToDate Club to other municipalities that were given access to the app by DOH. The goal is to encourage volunteer healthcare workers from each barangay, who were given access to the app by DOH, to discuss the topics (illness) encountered in the barangay health stations. A guest doctor shall give their comments and recommendations on the topic discussed.
3. Currently, PHSD is coordinating and preparing for possible partnerships with the USAID project under Dr. Carlo Panelo. The team has already submitted a proposal to them and is now awaiting results if chosen.

## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

### ■ Four Manuscripts Accepted for Publication in *Acta Medica Philippina*

- *The Cost of Primary Care: An Experience Analysis in an Urban Setting* by Rey MP, De Mesa RH, Marfori JA, et al.
- *Adherence to Clinical Practice Guidelines on the Management of Acute Infectious Gastroenteritis in Children as a Measure of Quality of Care Delivered by a Primary Care Facility in Rural Philippines: A Descriptive Retrospective Study* by Diaz PJ, Dans LF, Zamora AP, et al.
- *Antibiotic Prescription Patterns among Pediatric Patients with Pneumonia in Primary Care – A Retrospective Cohort Study* by Salliman JD, Dans LF, et al.
- *Clinical Profile And Prescribing Patterns of Therapy In Children With Bronchial Asthma In*

A Rural Site In The Philippines: A Retrospective Study by Gonzales-Javier GK, Dans LF, Tan-Lim

CC, Tanega-Aliling K, Galingana CT, Rey MP, Aquino MR, Sanchez J, Dans AL.

## ■ Six Studies Undergoing Peer Review Process

- *A Qualitative Study On Telemedicine Services From Sentiments Of Primary Care Beneficiaries Across Urban, Rural, And Remote Sites* by Fabian N, De Mesa RYH, Tan-Lim CC, Sandigan G, Amit AML, Dans AL.
- *Promoting Equitable and Patient-Centered Care: An Analysis of Patient Satisfaction in Urban, Rural, and Remote Primary Care Settings in the Philippines* by Panganiban JMS, Amit AML, De Mesa RYH, Camiling-Alfonso R, Fabian NC, Dans LF, Galingana CLT, Lopez JE, Casile RU, Aquino MRN, Rey MP, Sanchez JT, Javelosa MAU, Tan-Lim CC, Dans AL.
- *Feasibility, Acceptability, and Impact of a Clinical Decision Support Tool Usage in Urban, Rural, and Geographically Isolated Sites in the Philippines* by Calderon YT, Sandigan G, De Mesa RY, Fabian NC, Rey M, Sanchez J, Dans LF, Galingana CT, Sundiang N, Casile R, Aquino B, Poblete KE, Lopez JF, Zabala H, Tan-Lim CC, Dans AL.
- *Effectiveness of trainings on primary care provider knowledge in the Philippines* by Pascual JKM, Amit AML, De Mesa RYH, Fabian NM, Sanchez JT, Tan-Lim CC, Javelosa MAU, Dans LF, Dans AL.
- *Impact of primary care interventions on health care utilization and estimated out-of-pocket expenses: Results of a cohort study involving urban, rural, and remote settings in the Philippines* by Panganiban JS, Camiling-Alfonso R, Sanchez JT, De Mesa RH, Sandigan G, Amit A. Rey MP, Lopez J, Fabian N, Galingana N, Aquino MR, Lastrilla C, Callo M, Tan-Lim CC, Dans AL.
- *Electronic health* by De Mesa RYH, Galingana CT, Panganiban JS, Javelosa MU, FaWbian NC, Calderon YT, Rey MP, Sundiang NB, Sanchez JT, Dans LF, Casile RU, Tan-Lim CC, Dans AL.

## ■ Five Recently Completed Studies

- *Impact of primary care benefits on health care utilization and estimated out-of-pocket expenses in an urban, rural, and remote settings in the Philippines* by Besa JV, et al.
- *Factors affecting intention to use electronic health records (EHR) in primary care facilities in the Philippines* by Elepano AG, et al.
- *Adoption of a clinical decision support tool for capacity-building of community health workers: a longitudinal case study using the NASSS framework* by Elepano AG, et al.
- *Impact of primary care system interventions on patient satisfaction in the Philippines* by Fabian N, et al.
- *An Underpaid Labor of Love: A Multi-Level Analysis of the Barriers and Enablers to Role Performance Among Community Health Workers in Rural and Remote Municipalities in the Philippines* by De Mesa RH, et al.





# Political Economy Program



The Political Economy Program (PEP) was established in 2019 to undertake problem-solving, evidence-based research aimed at promoting sustainable, equitable, and innovation-driven development policies, programs, and practices. It adopts an interdisciplinary approach that combines policy and technology innovation as multi-stakeholders' participation and collaboration.

Included in PEP's research objectives are: (1) identify and address policy gaps and research and development needs of specific economic or social sectors or industries; (2) draw up policy recommendations and government-university-industry implementing mechanisms for collaborative problem-solving; and (3) develop a database on available university expertise and government and private sector resources that can be mobilized for joint undertakings.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

From July to December 2023, two of PEP's research projects focused on the development of technology for small domestic manufacturers and producers-operators. These are on the (1) local production and commercialization of single-cylinder engines (SCEs) for small agri-fisheries machinery; and, (2) product development of a hybrid energy-powered engine for small fishing vessels.

The project on the production of SCEs, led by a team from the Center for Agri-Fisheries and Biosystems Mechanization (BIOMECH) of UP Los Baños, held extensive discussions with government agencies and domestic manufacturers. One output was a position paper for the local development, manufacture, and procurement of SCEs for small farm machineries that was submitted in August 2023 to the Office of the Senior Undersecretary Domingo Panganiban of the Department of Agriculture (DA). One of the policy recommendations presented to the DA was to utilize the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund (RCEP) to support the production and procurement of local farm machinery.

The project on the product development of engines for marine vessels focused on producing a prototype of a hybrid electric propulsion engine (one that uses a battery system and an electric motor) that would be attached to small boats/fishing vessels to reduce carbon emission and increase operating efficiency. In December 2023, the project conducted field interviews with fishers and boat owners in Subic, Navotas, and Mariveles to gather data from intended users that would serve as inputs to the product design.

Other research projects during the semester include: (1) a comparative analysis of the semiconductor industries in the Philippines and Taiwan, which aims to determine factors that account for differences in industry performance in Taiwan and the Philippines; and, (2) consolidation of policy recommendations based on the country's experience in linking the Philippine science and technology community and

Micro-, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSME) sector, particularly the work of former Secretary Fortunata dela Peña at the Department of Science and Technology. These projects aim to provide evidence-based studies toward the promotion of an inclusive, innovation-driven, and sustainable industrial policy.

PEP provided secretariat support for the ongoing preparations for the 5th Biennial Conference of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA), to be held on 18–20 July 2024 in UP Diliman. The Conference will be hosted by the Asian Center and is being organized by a multidisciplinary UP Host Committee, in which PEP is a part of. With expected participation of more than 400 scholars and practitioners, the SEASIA Conference seeks to highlight knowledge production and praxes on and in Southeast Asia. The holding of the conference will contribute to the University of the Philippines' internationalization drive as well as the University and the Philippines' regional profile as a center for Southeast Asia studies.

Lastly, as an offshoot of the #PILiPiLUNAS2022 Governance Agenda produced by UP Diliman in light of the 2022 national elections, PEP continued its engagements with the Office of Senator Juan Edgardo Angara. In particular, the Program participated in public consultations led by the Senate Committee on Finance for the finalization and passage of the Tatak Pinoy Act, which aims to develop and diversify domestic enterprises' productive capacities. The Program's recommendations at the hearings included giving the Department of Science and Technology a bigger role in the Tatak Pinoy Council, especially in the area of technology research and innovation, and improving the digital infrastructure support for MSMEs.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Meeting Participation</b>	Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA) Executive Committee Meeting, Kyoto	6 November 2023
<b>Hybrid Lecture</b>	The Paradox of Philippine Development	25 November 2023

### MEETING PARTICIPATION

#### Regular UP Host Committee (UPHC) Meetings for the 5th Biennial SEASIA Conference

Dr. Antoinette Raquiza, chair of the (regional) SEASIA, and PEP Co-Convenor Prof. Monica Santos,

led the regular meetings on the preparations for the activity. The PEP provided secretariat support and assisted in setting up and documenting UP meetings, as well as with various tasks for the various sub-committees (i.e., program, linkaging, and finance sub-committees).



■ The UP Host Committee for the 2024 SEASIA Conference with Dr. Antoinette R. Raquiza and Asst. Professor Monica F.A.W. Santos, PEP Convenor and Co-Convenor, respectively. *SOURCE | SEASIA 2024 Conference Secretariat*

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- The official publication material of the 5th Biennial Conference of the Consortium for Southeast Asian Studies in Asia (SEASIA)

SOURCE | SEASIA 2024 Conference Secretariat

## ■ HYBRID LECTURE

### The Paradox of Philippine Development

25 November 2023

Dr. Antoinette Raquiza gave a hybrid lecture on recent Philippine sectoral development, which is characterized by rapid growth but with high inequality, mainly due to limited structural transformation. The lecture was joined by members of the Sarilaya Women's Development Chapter, and held at the UP Asian Center.



- PEP Convenor Dr. Antoinette Raquiza gives a hybrid lecture on The Paradox of Philippine Development.

SOURCE | PEP

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Meeting with SEASIA Executive Committee</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b></li> <li>• <i>UP Asian Center</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Political Science, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Anthropology, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Center for International Studies, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan ng Pilipinas, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Music, UP Diliman</i></li> </ul>
	<p>Others</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b></li> <li><i>SEASIA Member Institutions</i></li> <li>• <i>Center for Asia-Pacific Studies, Academia Sinica</i></li> <li>• <i>Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI), now Institute of Social Sciences and Humanities-National Research and Innovation Agency (Badan Riset dan Inovasi Nasional, BRIN)</i></li> <li>• <i>Center for Southeast Asian Studies, Kyoto University</i></li> </ul>
<b>Preparatory Meetings with Partners and Potential Co-Sponsors for the 2024 SEASIA Conference</b>	<p>Public</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b></li> <li>• <i>Department of Foreign Affairs</i></li> <li>• <i>Commission on Higher Education</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Education</i></li> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b></li> <li>• <i>Department of Political Science, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Center for International Studies, , UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Arts and Letters Foundation, , UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Anthropology, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>College of Music, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Departamento ng Filipino at Panitikan, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Office of Institutional Linkages, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>• <i>Office for Initiatives in Culture and the Arts, UP Diliman</i></li> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b></li> <li>• <i>Southeast Asian Studies Regional Exchange Program (SEASREP) Foundation</i></li> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Asian Development Bank</i></li> </ul>
	<p>Private</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b></li> <li>• <i>Vibal Publishing</i></li> </ul>

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**■ INTERNATIONAL**

- *Springer*

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**Others**
**■ INTERNATIONAL**

- *Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University*
- *School of Social Sciences, Nanyang Technological University*
- *Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore*
- *Taiwan Association of Southeast Asian Studies*
- *Institute of Asian Studies, Universiti Brunei Darussalam*
- *Southeast Asia Research Centre, City University of Hong Kong*
- *ISEAS-Yusof Ishak Institute (Singapore)*
- *School of International Studies, Jinan University*
- *Center for Southeast Asian Studies, National Chengchi University*
- *Center for Southeast Asian Studies, American University of Phnom Penh*
- *Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Jeonbuk National University*
- *Konrad Adenauer Stiftung*

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**Hybrid Lecture on Philippine Development**
**Private**
**■ LOCAL**

- *Sarilaya Women's Development Chapter*

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**Participation in Public Consultations on the Tatak Pinoy Act**
**Public**
**■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

- *Office of Senator Juan Edgardo Angara*
- *Senate Finance Committee*

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**Regular meetings with partners and stakeholders in the agri-fisheries sector**
**Public**
**■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT**

- *Department of Agriculture*
- *Department of Science and Technology - Metals Industry Research and Development Center*
- *Department of Trade and Industry - Board of Investments*

**■ OTHER UP UNITS**

- *UP Los Baños Center for Agri-Fisheries and Biosystems Mechanization*

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**Private**
**■ LOCAL**

- *Philippine Metalcasting Association, Inc. (PMAI)*
  - *Supercast Foundry and Machinery Corporation (SFMC)*
  - *RU Foundry and Machine Corporation*
  - *Agricultural Machinery Manufacturers and Distributors Association*
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Regular meetings with partners and stakeholders in the shipbuilding sector	Public
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### Number of Collaborators and Partners

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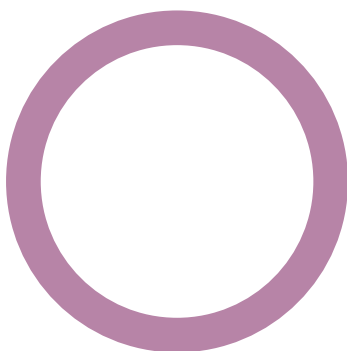
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From Private Sector

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Others

### Funding for 2023



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Internal Funding

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External Funding



## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

- For January to June 2024, PEP will continue to pursue research projects toward growing and strengthening local manufacturing, with focus on the following:
  - On the shipbuilding sector, continued collaboration with local shipbuilders and fishing groups to build, test, and refine a hybrid engine that can be used to improve the efficiency of small fishing vessels;
  - On the transportation sector, exploration of possible collaboration with local jeepney manufacturers and drivers to examine the impact of the government's modernization program on the sector, as well as the support they need moving forward.

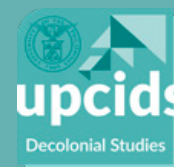
## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

- Roundtable discussions (RTDs) on inclusive science and technology, particularly on the following topics:
  - Moving Filipinnovation Forward: Maximizing Benefits from Investments in Science, Technology & Innovation for Development (22 February 2024)
  - Moving Filipinnovation Forward: Building and Gaining National Capability in Science, Technology & Innovation (27 February 2024)
  - Focus group discussion on a proposed hybrid electric propulsion engine for small boats/fishing vessels, aimed at reducing carbon emissions and increasing the productivity of these vessels for local fisherfolk; and
  - RTD on the Public Utility Vehicle (PUV) Modernization Program, with focus on the participation of domestic jeepney manufacturers.

## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

- **Policy Briefs on the following:**
  - Advancing the Local Production and Commercialization of Single Cylinder Engines for Agricultural and Fisheries Sector Mechanization
  - Comparative Analysis of Taiwan and the Philippines' Semiconductor Industries
  - Crowdsourcing, Co-Production, and Collaborative Governance Towards Modernizing Local Public Transport: The Experience of General Santos City
  - Adoption of E-Tricycles in the Philippines
- **Proceedings of the RTDs on Moving Filipinnovation Forward**
- **Write-up on hybrid energy-powered engines for small marine vessels**

# Decolonial Studies Program



The term modernity/coloniality often refers to the continuing and often deleterious processes, conditions, and attitudes brought about by the colonial period which, Anibal Quijano and Walter Mignolo argue, are inextricably linked to epistemology of modernity. The Decolonial Studies Program (DSP) focuses on the varying dimensions of coloniality/modernity that continue to impact Global South societies and hinder their institutions from achieving their liberating potential.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

With the success of last year's projects, DSP sought to continue its focus on decolonial legislation as well as decolonizing minority and identity narratives. In October 2023, the Program hosted the "Identities and Digital Humanities Research Workshop" via Zoom. The workshop drew the participation of eight Filipino scholars and practitioners involved in humanities and social science research. In December 2023, the Program engaged with policymakers and legal scholars in two hybrid (i.e., online and onsite) roundtable discussions on "Decolonizing Policymaking" and "Decolonizing Legal Studies" at Microtel by Wydnham, UP Technohub. These engagements aimed to address the prevalence of coloniality in Philippine legal and policy systems. Building upon the Program's scholarship in previous years, DSP sought to conduct activities beyond the scope of last year's projects. As such, in December

2023, the Program hosted a hybrid roundtable discussion on "Decolonizing English Studies through Affect" at UP CIDS. This roundtable discussion saw local and international English studies scholars in dialogue and situated affect as a means of decolonizing their discipline.

As pandemic restrictions have been substantially eased since 2022, the network of decolonial scholars extended beyond Metro Manila and the Philippines. As such, the Program's activities continued to include hybrid and fully online setups, allowing for the participation of scholars and members of the public outside Metro Manila. In the coming year, DSP intends to conduct in-person, hybrid, and fully online events to ensure that the Program and its activities are more accessible, and that its networks, especially those outside of Metro Manila, are strengthened.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Workshop</b>	Identities and Digital Humanities Research Workshop	2, 3, 12, & 13 October 2023
<b>Roundtable Discussion</b>	Decolonizing Legal Studies in the Philippines	1-3 December 2023
<b>Roundtable Discussion</b>	Decolonizing Policymaking in the Philippines	1-3 December 2023
<b>Roundtable Discussion</b>	Decolonizing English Studies through Affect	9 December 2023

**identities and digital humanities**  
Research Workshop

2 - 13 October 2023 | Online via Zoom  
3-6 PM PHST | 20 Slots Available

**This four-day workshop split over two weeks aims to:**

- Introduce computer-aided research in digitized archives, focusing on minority identities in the Philippines
- Examine developments in the digital humanities and corpus-assisted discourse studies
- Provide opportunities for individuals and groups to present their research and discuss the implications of minority representation on social dynamics, policy, and their respective visions of community

**DIGITAL HUMANITIES TOOLS**  
Workshops on: AntConc, Voyant Tools, and Gephi  
Discussions on: Mapping Tools and Transkribus

**IDEAL PARTICIPANTS**

- Fourth Year University Students
- Graduate Students
- Interested professionals

Interested participants must have access to a computer and Zoom and should download the digital tools above prior to the workshop sessions.

Certificates of Participation will be provided at the end.

Organized by the UP Center for Integrative and Development Studies Decolonial Studies Program.

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Deadline of Registration  
15 september 2023

- Identities and Digital Humanities Research Workshop  
Poster. *SOURCE* | Luis Emmanuel A. Abesamis

## ■ WORKSHOP

### Identities and Digital Humanities Research Workshop

2, 3, 12, & 13 October 2023

This four-day workshop, split over two weeks, aimed to introduce Filipino scholars and practitioners to computer-aided research in digitized archives on minority identities in the Philippines. It also examined developments in digital humanities and corpus-assisted discourse studies. The online workshop held over Zoom entailed one-on-one consultations with DSP's Co-Convenor Frances Cruz, and project proposal presentations.

## ■ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### Decolonizing Policymaking in the Philippines

1-3 December 2023

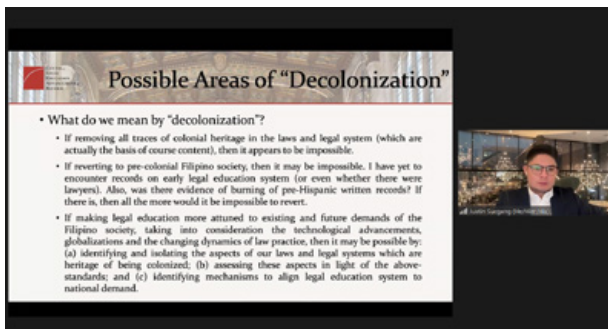
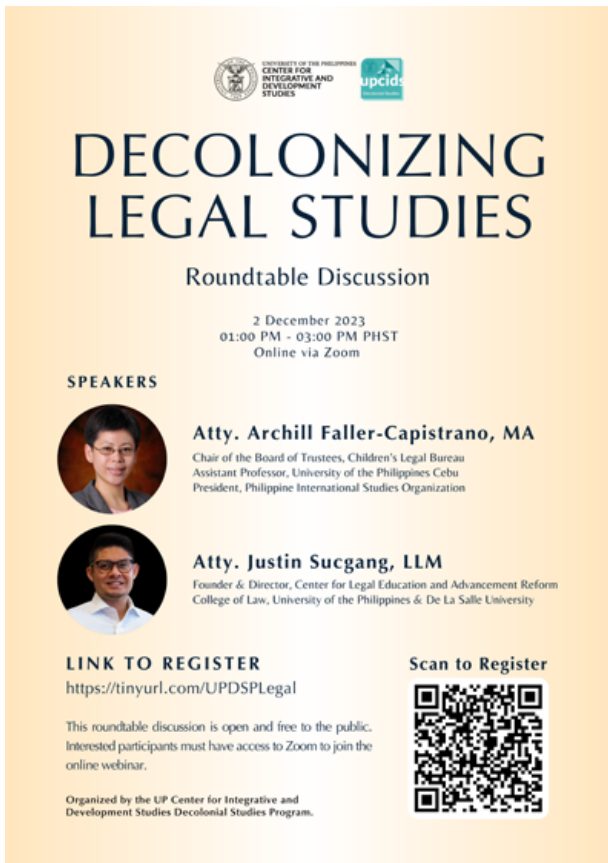
In this roundtable discussion, DSP heard from Vincent L. Casil and Kebart P. Licayan, two policy experts from the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao – Parliament. They shared the policymaking challenges and issues faced by the region located within a modified political, legal, and institutional framework of autonomous governance adopted from a mixture of self-determination governance abroad. The discussion ended with questions from the participants onsite and online.

## ■ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

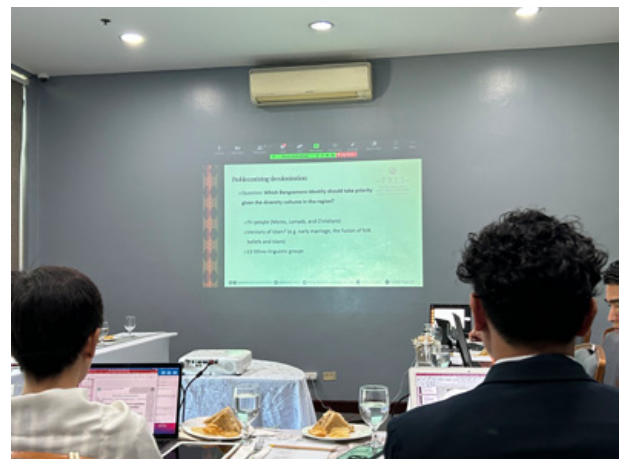
### Decolonizing Legal Studies in the Philippines

1-3 December 2023

In this roundtable discussion, the Program aimed to explore various ways on how to decolonize the knowledge production and practice of law in the Philippines that is attuned to Filipino norms, mores, customs, and culture. Additionally, the Program sought to outline specific approaches for the ontology of lawmaking and legal studies to address the contemporary societal needs and counter persisting social issues in the country. Legal scholars Atty. Archill Faller-Capistrano, MA and Atty. Justin Sugang, LLM were the resource speakers for this activity.



- Top: Decolonizing Legal Studies Poster. **SOURCE** | Luis Emmanuel A. Abesamis
- Bottom: Atty. Sucgang discusses potential pathways to decolonizing legal studies in the Philippines. **SOURCE** | DSP



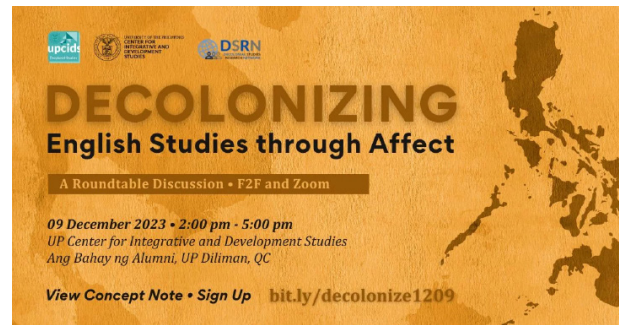
- Top: Decolonizing Policymaking Poster. **SOURCE** | Luis Emmanuel A. Abesamis
- Bottom: Mr. Vincent L. Casil begins the Decolonizing Policymaking roundtable by problematizing decolonization. **SOURCE** | DSP

## ■ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

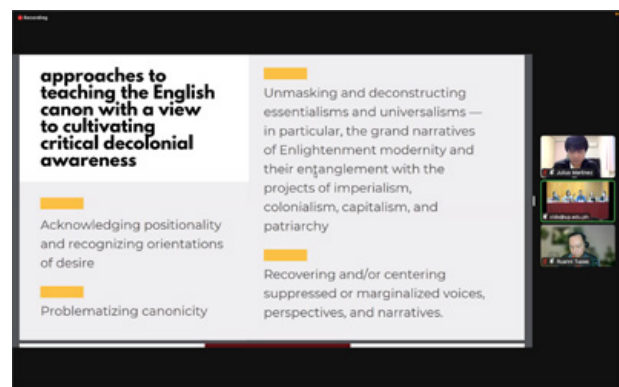
### Decolonizing English Studies through Affect

9 December 2023

This roundtable discussion aimed to demonstrate the usefulness and relevance of affect in making sense of, interrogating, and refiguring English Studies. It specifically considered the burden and trauma of the country's colonial past and neocolonial present, the complexities and promise of a diverse multilingual reality, continuing linguistic and social inequalities, and a strong Western bias in knowledge production and consumption. The panelists included Jean Aaron de Borja of UP Diliman, Jeremy De Chavez of the University of Macau, Julius Martinez of Nigata University of International and Information Studies, Kristine Marie Reynaldo of UP Diliman, and Ruanni Tupas of University College London.

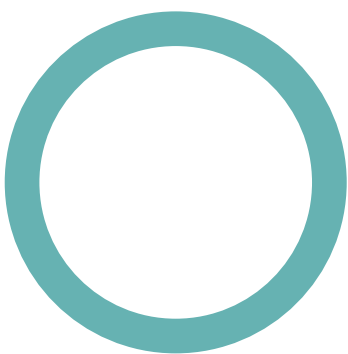


■ Decolonizing English Studies Poster. *SOURCE* | UP CIDS



■ Dr. Kristine Reynaldo (UP Diliman) tackles critical approaches to teaching English. *SOURCE* | DSP

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## DECOLONIAL STUDIES PROGRAM

# Publications: July to December 2023

## ■ POLICY BRIEF

- The Indigenous People's Rights in the Bangsamoro Local Governance Code

## ■ DISCUSSION PAPERS

- Decolonizing Religion: Wishful Thinking or a Real Possibility?
- Exploring Methods to Decolonize English Studies

## ■ JOURNAL ARTICLE

- An Exploratory Network Analysis of the Translation Industry in the Philippines: Perspectives from Translators in the Academe

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## Proposals for January to June 2024

DSP intends to conduct several projects in 2024 that not only continue its work in policymaking but also extend its scope to other scholarly fields and disciplines where coloniality remains persistent and unchallenged. Through roundtable discussions, seminars, and workshops, the Program hopes to explore how decoloniality—as a process and praxis—can be actualized and supported in Philippine contexts. Through this means, the Program will hopefully surface the structures and implications of coloniality to policy, research, and advocacy work. The Program will focus on oppressed and minoritized

groups and sectors such as indigenous people groups, gender and sexual minorities, children, etc. The goal for 2024 is to engage with scholars and practitioners in and from the Philippines to further situate decolonization in relation to the country's sociocultural, geopolitical, and material contexts and systems. Through these projects, the Program intends to produce policy briefs, discussion papers, and other scholarly outputs made accessible and actionable for duty-bearers, program implementers, and community leaders among many others.

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## Planned Activities for January to June 2024

### **Now You See IT: Decolonization, Decoloniality, AI, and the Internet**

This roundtable discussion aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, and interested parties from diverse backgrounds to assess the ways in which the Internet and AI have become tools for material and colonial power transmission, re-production, and dissemination. This exploratory roundtable discussion aims to examine how alternative media and social media promote hegemonic and counter-hegemonic political narratives and contribute to bias in deep learning models. The goal is to compile recommendations for practical training and policy to enhance digital literacy, while also laying the foundations for a critical approach to digital literacy.

### **Resisting Coloniality in Gender Studies in the Philippines**

The pervasiveness of colonialism and gendered structures of domination, such as heteropatriarchy and cisgenderism, in Philippine social systems warrants a critical review of the ways that scholarly projects in and on the Philippines may reflect and reinforce colonial hegemonies and hierarchies. By engaging with scholars from different disciplinary

backgrounds, this roundtable discussion aims to foreground the ways Filipino scholars have situated, grappled with, disrupted, critiqued, and resisted against hegemonic epistemological and ontological assumptions of gender as a construct, experience, social position, and axis of power vis-à-vis the multiplicity of lived, gendered realities in the Philippines.

### **Resisting Coloniality through Gender Advocacy and Activism in the Philippines**

Decolonial praxes entail attention to the “colonial difference”—the point where colonial structures are not only made real or intelligible but also weakened by and resisted in the everyday lives of the colonized. As such, decoloniality in gender studies in the Philippines necessitates a temporal, spatial, and material positioning of anti-colonial praxes at the level of the community. To that end, this roundtable discussion intends to engage with representatives of different communities of practice to foreground ways in which these communities resist coloniality through gender advocacy and activist work in the Philippines.



## Exploring the Decolonial Aspects of the Bangsamoro IP Code Bill and its Comparisons with the IPRA Law

The Bangsamoro region is home to numerous communities of Meranao, Maguindanaon, Tausug, Iranun, Yakan, Sama, Badjao, Jama Mapun, Kagan/Kalagan, Kalibugan, Sangi, Molbog, Palawanon, Teduray, Lambangian, Manobo Dulangan, Bisaya, Tagalog, and Chinese who have their own unique traditions and practices. Article IX under Section 24 of RA No. 11054 or the Bangsamoro Organic Law states that the Bangsamoro government shall preserve the history, culture, arts, traditions, and the rich cultural heritage of the Bangsamoro people and their Sultanates of Sulu, Maguindanao, Kabuntalan, Buayan, the Royal Sultanate Houses of Ranao and of the Iranun, and the non-Moro indigenous peoples of BARMM. To review this regional mandate, a two-part roundtable discussion will be conducted, exploring possible decolonial aspects to the proposed Bangsamoro IP Code (a BARMM priority legislation) and comparing it with the IPRA law.

## On the (De)Coloniality of Child Protection: Prospects in Decolonizing Advocacy for Children's Rights

Children and the colonized share a similarity: limited agency and enforced dependence that render them vulnerable to abuse and exploitation. Civilizing the “savage-child” (Fallace, 2015) is the usual precondition to emancipation when the status of being underage on the part of children, and being uncivilized on the part of the colonized, is shed. From this civilizing imperative arose a corpus of protectionist declarations which include

the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC). Yet, a seemingly prevailing punitive mindset in treating children in the Philippines appears to be among the “limps” despite the country’s “leaps” in ratifying and passing child protective treaties and legislation (Capistrano, 2022). Hence, this research project in collaboration with the Children’s Legal Bureau, Inc. proposes to facilitate the identification and reflection on the power asymmetries in child protection with a roundtable discussion. It shall proceed with a workshop involving children’s rights advocacy representatives from Cebu in exploring prospects in decolonizing advocacy for children’s rights.

## Opening the Gates: A Case for Philippine Englishes

These roundtable discussions seek to expand the conversation on English as it is used, interpreted, and imagined in the Philippines. From a view of English as homogenous and monolithic, the roundtable explores the pluralities and multiplicities of English, moving from “English” to “Englishes”, as such Englishes are practiced across the country. The roundtable also hopes to decenter English Studies by holding the roundtable discussion in the regions. Moving the roundtable away from the center creates a more on-the-ground and nuanced investigation of English Studies and opens the gates for alternative, and hopefully decolonized and decolonizing, understandings, framings, and practices of English/es and English Studies.

## Proposed Deliverables for January to June 2024

### ■ Five Discussion Papers

- Discussion Paper on Decolonization, Decoloniality, AI, and the Internet
- Discussion Paper on Resisting Coloniality through Gender Advocacy and Activism in the Philippines
- Discussion Paper on Exploring the Decolonial Aspects of the Bangsamoro IP Code Bill
- Discussion Paper on On the (de)coloniality of child protection
- Discussion Paper on Opening the Gates: A Case for Philippine Englishes

### ■ Three Policy Briefs

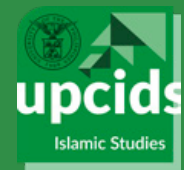
- Policy Brief on Resisting Coloniality in Gender Studies in the Philippines
- Policy Brief on Exploring the Decolonial Aspects of the Bangsamoro IP Code Bill
- Policy Brief on On the (de)coloniality of child protection

### ■ One Proceedings Paper

- Proceedings Paper on Opening the Gates: A Case for Philippine Englishes



# Islamic Studies Program



The Islamic Studies Program (ISP) seeks to advance the critical and strategic roles of Islam in nation-building. It is determined to lead the Filipino communities to know Islam deeper and, consequently, deal with the existing stereotypes against Muslims. The three-fold research component includes Hikma, the historical and Islamic knowledge for the modern age; Philippine Code of Muslim Personal Laws (PD 1083) and Islamic institutions in the Philippines, reviewing its implementation and addressing gaps and challenges; and the Moro story, presenting historical narratives on the Muslim Filipino and identifying intellectual sources of Philippine Islam.

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# Performance Summary from July to December 2023

## Cesar Adib Majul Posthumous Book Project (Phase 2)

The Cesar Adib Majul Posthumous Book Project (Phase 2) has chiefly accomplished its goal of producing commentaries on a select small number of Majul’s unpublished articles. The unpublished articles were expositions on aspects of Philippine Muslim history, with one writer engaging with Majul’s thoughts on one particular aspect. The commentaries were structured to engage, critique, complement/supplement with contemporary developments based on general guidelines. However, the writers were given the liberty to interpret these guidelines according to their critical academic appreciation. Two writers have submitted their commentaries, one of whom needs a little more finetuning. The third commentary shall be submitted within the second week of January 2024.

## Policy Paper Collection

The Policy Paper collection (two policy insights and three policy briefs) has been completed, with the exception of one policy brief. it is expected to be submitted within the second week of January 2024. As intended, the policy papers feature discussions of policies, programs, and projects involving institutional development that affect Muslim communities and the public in the Philippines. The accomplished policy papers are respectively titled “Framing Bangsamoro Education: Moral Governance in Education, Hajj Pilgrimage Infrastructure, Narrative-building for Bangsamoro History” and “Teaching Methodologies in Islamic Education.” The coming policy brief is titled “The Significance of Halal certification to Food Security of the Muslim Community.”

For the Majul posthumous book and policy paper collection projects, regular scheduled meetings and communications via Facebook Messenger Group Chat among the commentary and policy paper writers, and the CIDS project leader and staffs, ensured that there was a collegial discussion space

for the writers. This also served as an information and support venue for the project collaborators. The challenge lay in synchronizing writers’ availability for online meetings given their hectic professional commitments. This led one writer to withdraw from the project and also caused delay in submissions for the two other writers. The withdrawn writer was eventually replaced at the last minute to ensure that project deliverables were met.

## Jawi Studies

Another Jawi document, “The Intellectual Tour on the Memories of Filipino Students in Al-Azhar University and the Protected Makkah,” written by Badruddin, was acquired through networks of friends in Mindanao. This Jawi document comprises biographies of Filipino Muslims who pursued Islamic studies abroad during the post-Independence period. It has already been translated from Arabic to English and will be submitted as part of the 2024 deliverables.



■ Jawi document, “The Intellectual Tour on the Memories of Filipino Students in Al-Azhar University and the Protected Makkah,” written by Badruddin.

SOURCE | UP Institute of Islamic Studies (IIS)

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Meeting</b>	Orientation Meeting with the Majul Book Project Phase 2 and Policy Brief Collection Project Partners	4 July 2023, Hybrid
<b>Meeting</b>	Progress Sessions with Project Partners	15 August 2023 and 14 November 2023, Hybrid
<b>Meeting</b>	ISP Team Meeting	15 November 2023, Hybrid
<b>Forum</b>	Forum on Hajj: Administering and Financing the Hajj 2023	13 October 2023, SR 108 University Hotel, UP Diliman

### MEETING

#### Orientation Meeting with the Majul Book Project Phase 2 and Policy Brief Collection Project Partners

4 July 2023, Hybrid

ISP Project Leader Dr. Nefertari A. Arsad organized a meeting for the project partners of Majul Phase 2 and the Policy Paper Collection. The agenda included the introduction of ISP and its projects for the latter half of 2023. Majul Phase 2 would concentrate on writings about history and social science, while the Policy Paper Collection would focus on Muslim development. Partners, acting as authors, would contribute to various outputs, such as policy insights, briefs, and commentaries. The goal was to strengthen the relevance of these themes to contemporary Muslim developments and policies.

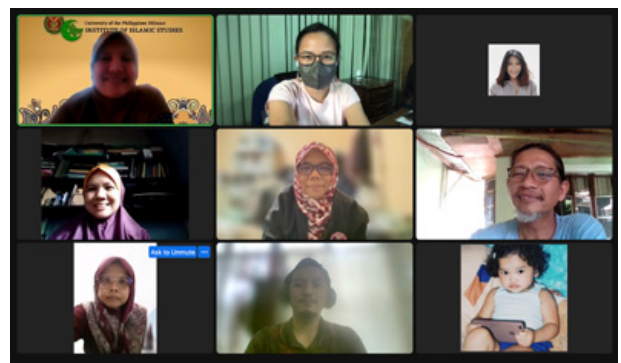
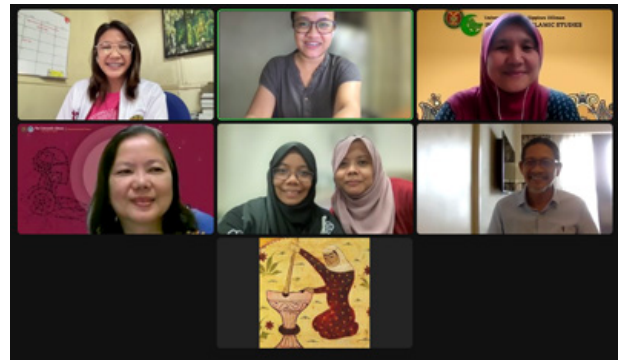


■ Group photo of the Policy Paper Collection and Majul Book Project Phase 2 partners with Dr. Nefertari Arsad. **SOURCE** | UP CIDS-ISP

### MEETING

#### Progress Sessions with Project Partners 15 August 2023 and 14 November 2023, Hybrid

ISP conducted regular progress sessions with project partners to provide updates on the authors' progress and offer comments and ideas to further enhance the paper. These sessions also aimed to discuss technicalities to ensure adherence to established



■ Group photo of the ISP Team with Policy Paper Collection and Majul Book Project Phase 2 partners with Dr. Nefertari Arsad. **SOURCE** | UP CIDS-ISP



■ Group photo of the UP IIS and UP CIDS-ISP organizers with the key participants of the forum on Hajj. **SOURCE | UP CIDS-ISP**

publication guidelines. Furthermore, a productive discussion on policy relevance and contributions to the evolving Muslim development institutions also took place. The potential contribution of the outputs to the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region on Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) in support of its advocacy on Moral Governance and the Halal Ecosystem were also considered.

## ■ FORUM

### Forum on Hajj: Administering and Financing the Hajj 2023

*13 October 2023, SR 108 University Hotel, UP Diliman*

Recognizing the need to address challenges from the 2023 Hajj, the UP Diliman Institute of Islamic Studies (IIS) organized a forum in collaboration with UP CIDS-ISP and the Office of the Presidential Adviser on Muslim Affairs. The presentations deepened understanding and the interactive

discussions enriched discourse. The proceedings of the forum were submitted to the Senate and House of Representatives, offering a comprehensive record of the challenges and potential solutions related to the practice of Hajj in the Philippines.

## ■ MEETING

### ISP Team Meeting

*15 November 2023, Hybrid*

ISP held a team meeting to provide updates on the program's progress and to discuss the outstanding activities and deliverables for 2023. Assistant Professor Darwin J. Absari, the ISP Convenor, underscored the significance of completing the Capacity Building for Teachers teaching Philippine Muslim History and Capacity Building for Barangay Officials on PD 1083. He emphasized the valuable impact of these initiatives, not only on policy but also in alignment with the government's efforts to strengthen these specific areas.

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Policy Paper Collection</b>	Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education - BARMM</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>UP Open University</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Western Mindanao State University History Department</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<b>Majul Book Project Phase 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (NON-UP)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Western Mindanao State University History Department, Zamboanga State Polytechnic College</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<b>Forum on Hajj</b>	Public	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>BARMM</i></li> <li>• <i>Office of the Presidential Adviser on Muslim Affairs</i></li> <li>• <i>Senate of the Philippines</i></li> <li>• <i>House of Representatives of the Philippines</i></li> <li>• <i>Department of Interior and Local Government</i></li> <li>• <i>National Commission on Muslim Filipinos</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>OTHER UP UNITS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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<b>Jawi Studies</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <b>LOCAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Al-Amanah Islamic Bank</i></li> <li>• <i>GlobalStar Travel Management</i></li> <li>• <i>Warner Barnes Travel, Inc.</i></li> <li>• <i>Philippine Airlines</i></li> <li>• <i>Better Hajj and Umrah Movement</i></li> <li>• <i>Islam Kabayan Peace Propagation</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>■ <b>INTERNATIONAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Embassy</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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**Number of Collaborators and Partners**

**19**

**12**

**7**

Total

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Public  
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## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BARMM</li> <li>Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education - BARMM</li> <li>Office of the Presidential Adviser on Muslim Affairs</li> <li>Senate of the Philippines</li> <li>House of Representatives of the Philippines</li> <li>Department of the Interior and Local Government</li> <li>National Commission on Muslim Filipinos</li> </ul>
	Embassies
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Kingdom of Saudi Arabia Embassy</li> </ul>
<b>Private</b>	Educational Institutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Western Mindanao State University</li> <li>Zamboanga State Polytechnic College</li> <li>UP Open University</li> <li>UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor</li> </ul>
	Corporate and related groups
<b>Private</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Al-Amanah Islamic Bank</li> <li>GlobalStar Travel Management</li> <li>Warner Barnes Travel, Inc.</li> <li>Philippine Airlines</li> </ul>
	Social Movements, Peoples' Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations
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**Number of Linkages and Reach**

**17**

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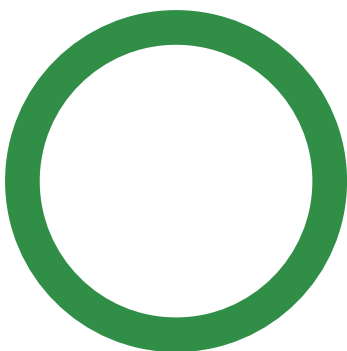
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From Public Sector

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From Private Sector

## Funding for 2023



**100%**

**Internal Funding**

**0%**

External Funding

In 2023, a portion of ISP's internal funding came from a grant from the UP Diliman Office of the Chancellor for its Hajj project.

## ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM

# Publications: July to December 2023

## ■ POLICY BRIEF

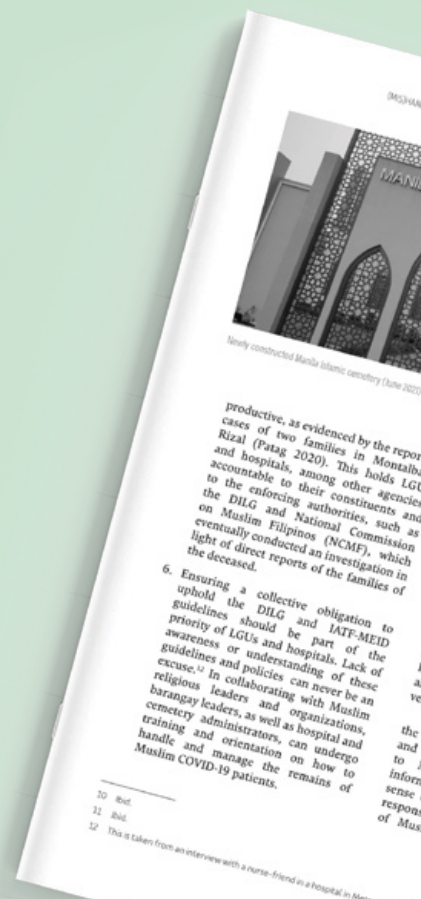
- (Mis)Handling COVID-19-Related Deaths and Islamic Burial Rites Among Muslims in the Philippines

## ■ MONOGRAPH

- Tarasul hal Sambahayang: Prayer and Sufi Spirituality in Sulu 1\*
- The Three Classifications of Knowledge in Islam\*
- Majul Book Project Phase 1\*

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\*These are manuscripts and will be published in due course.

## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

ISP will undertake activities and produce outputs focused on providing valuable data and references for policymakers and other government institutions. The goal is to consistently uphold UP CIDS' pivotal role as a primary contributor to the Philippine government's online research repository, and to

amplify the influence of the Program's projects in alignment with pressing policy development and institutional advancements. This initiative is particularly crucial for those within the BARMM and is geared towards the well-being of the Muslim Ummah.

## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### Capacity Building for Teachers Teaching Philippine Muslim History

This capacity building project will map out the appropriate content, methodology, and strategies for teaching Philippine Muslim History (PMH). Teachers and historians teaching PMH from different academic institutions in Mindanao shall participate in this project.

### Code of Muslim Personal Laws (CMPL) Information Education Campaign Series

The CMPL education campaign aims to increase Muslims' awareness of Shari'ah (Islamic Law), its accessibility, and its significance in the lives of modern Muslims. Barangay captains and other barangay officials of Muslim communities in Metro Manila shall serve as the participants in this education effort.

### Forum on Shari'ah

The Shari'ah forum shall provide an opportunity for key individuals involved in the promotion, implementation, and development of Islamic Law in the Philippines to discuss its developments and gaps, allowing ISP to supplement its existing Shari'ah data. It also aims to provide comprehensive information to government institutions such as the Supreme Court, which is planning to expand Islamic Law training, as well as to policy-making bodies with existing bills on Shari'ah.

### Module Development on Islamic Education

This module development activity is intended to produce materials on topics pertinent to Islamic education in the Philippines. The modules will either be materials for case discussions and/or soft skills development for the benefit of Islamic education stakeholders.

## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

- Capacity Building for Teachers Teaching Philippine Muslim History (1 Proceedings)
- Code of Muslim Personal Laws (CMPL) Information Education Campaign Series (1 Proceedings)
- Forum on Shari'ah (1 Proceedings)
- Module Development on Islamic Education (1 Module)

# Program on Social and Political Change



The task of the Program on Social and Political Change (PSPC) is to provide a platform for understanding the varied social and political challenges facing modern Philippine society and polity from a multidisciplinary perspective. The Program designs empirical studies that form the basis for policy inputs and discussions at the local, national, and international levels.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

From July to December 2023, PSPC continued work on its activities and projects namely, (1) the SONA 2023 Roundtable Discussion, 2) the publication of *Compendium of NRCP Research Works and Policy Advisory Project*, and (3) a co-sponsored public lecture on “Revisiting the War on Drugs.”

PSPC held the SONA Roundtable Discussion on 17 July 2023. This was a significant event where experts and stakeholders gathered to discuss the State of the Nation Address (SONA) of President Ferdinand "Bongbong" R. Marcos, Jr. The discussion focused on the key points and implications of his pronouncements. It also provided a platform for in-depth analysis and dialogue between experts, stakeholders, and students.

PSPC also co-sponsored the public lecture “Revisiting the War on Drugs,” presented by Dr. Steffen Jensen and Dr. Karl Hapal last 16 November 2023. This public lecture involved different perspectives on the topic and aimed to foster a better understanding of the complexities surrounding the war on drugs

based on a decade of ethnographic work in barangay Bagong Silang.

On the publication side, the Program finished the draft research report for the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP) titled *Compendium of NRCP Research Works and Policy Advisory Project*. This project involves the compilation and publication of research works funded and supported by NRCP from the 1930s to 2020. The compendium contains valuable insights and recommendations on strengthening the NRCP as a research arm for policy of the government.

The proceedings of the SONA 2023 Roundtable Discussion and the public lecture are currently in the finalization stage and are being prepared for submission to the UP CIDS publication unit. PSPC has also committed to sharing the insights and outcomes of its activities with a wider audience, potentially contributing to informed public discourse and policymaking, particularly through social media.

## Activities from July to December 2023

<b>Roundtable Discussion</b>	Reality vs. Expectation: BBM’s 2023 SONA	17 July 2023
<b>Research Dissemination</b>	Act Now or Pay Later: Enhancing Disaster Risk Governance for a Resilient Philippines (Knowledge-Sharing Virtual Forum)	20 July 2023
<b>Public Lecture</b>	Revisiting the War on Drugs: A Public Lecture	16 November 2023
<b>Research Dissemination</b>	A Seminar on Local Governance: Cases of Decentralization and Equitable Development	30 November 2023

## ■ ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

### Reality vs. Expectation: BBM's 2023 SONA 17 July 2023

PSPC organized a hybrid roundtable discussion on 17 July 2023, tackling topics that assessed and investigated the pronouncements of President Bongbong Marcos in his first SONA as well as what can be expected from his second SONA. Speakers from various areas of expertise and civil society organizations presented their understanding and recommendations on what policy and other issues might be prominent in the next five years of the current administration. Assistant Professor Jan Carlo B. Punongbayan talked about President Marcos Jr.'s role as the Department of Agriculture's Secretary, and his economic policies. Professor Maria Ela L. Atienza examined the state of central-local relations and local governance in the first year of Marcos Jr.'s presidency. Professor Emeritus Maria Fe Villamejor-Mendoza shared her insights into the current state of executive-legislative relations and Congress. Mr. Joseph Purugganan discussed the state of civil society participation. Lastly, Associate Professor Thaemar C. Tana expounded on the current Philippine foreign relations issues and related policies. Assistant Professor Maria Elize H. Mendoza moderated the RTD.

Link to the roundtable discussion: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W2OFsn7AtJs>



■ Poster of the SONA RTD 2023.

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## ■ RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

### Act Now or Pay Later: Enhancing Disaster Risk Governance for a Resilient Philippines (Knowledge-Sharing Virtual Forum)

20 July 2023

Professor Atienza represented UP CIDS in the regular knowledge-sharing virtual forum of the Philippine Institute for Development Studies, through the Socioeconomic Research Portal for the Philippines (SERP-P) project, in July 2023 (in support of the National Disaster Resilience Month). She shared insights and policy recommendations from her finished project “Poverty Alleviation in the Wake of Typhoon Yolanda,” under the auspices of the Department of Political Science, University of the Philippines Diliman, and the University of Nottingham, with support from the United Kingdom’s Economic and Social Research Council and the Department for International Development. Links to the event can be found here:

- <https://www.pids.gov.ph/details/event/act-now-or-pay-later-enhancing-disaster-risk-governance-for-a-resilient-philippines>
- <https://fb.watch/IUIUovlHSv/>

## ■ PUBLIC LECTURE

### Revisiting the War on Drugs: A Public Lecture

16 November 2023

PSPC co-sponsored a public lecture on 16 November 2023, drawing from the book, *Communal Intimacy and the Violence of Politics: Understanding the War on Drugs in Bagong Silang, Philippines* authored by Dr. Steffen Jensen and Dr. Karl Hapal. Dr. Jensen is a professor at Global Refugee Studies, Department of Politics and Society at Aalborg University. He is also a senior researcher at DIGNITY: Danish Institute Against Torture. Meanwhile, Dr. Hapal is an assistant professor at the College of Social Work and Community Development, University of the Philippines. The book



- Poster of the public lecture on the war on drugs

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offers an explanation of the war on drugs based on nearly 10 years of ethnographic work. In the lecture, they discussed how the war on drugs is not some exogenous phenomenon that descended on places like Bagong Silang. Instead, communal relations in Bagong Silang, mediated by gerontocratic and patron-client authority structures, provided the conditions where the war could unfold and escalate. The lecture also discussed various methodological challenges, particularly encountering and studying violence in the field, and engaged scholarship for social justice and human rights.

## RESEARCH DISSEMINATION

### A Seminar on Local Governance: Cases of Decentralization and Equitable Development

30 November 2023

An academic seminar in the Institute of Arts and Sciences of Far Eastern University (FEU) was held on 30 November 2023. The seminar features FEU Political Science students discussing selected readings and aims to build a community that was knowledgeable on governance in the Philippines. The seminar was titled “A Seminar on Local Governance: Cases of Decentralization and Equitable Development.” In this seminar, FEU students presented and discussed several chapters from the book *A Better Metro Manila? Towards Responsible Local Governance, Decentralization and Equitable Development* edited by Dr. Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem and Dr. Maria Ela Atienza (Palgrave Macmillan Singapore, 2023). The chapters discussed by the students were “Chapter 2: The Evolving Empowerment of Local Governments and Promotion of Local Governance in the Philippines: An Overview” (Encarnacion Tadem and Atienza); “Chapter 4: Where the Gaps



- Public lecture speakers. SOURCE | PSPC

Are: Assessing Alternative Models of Governance to Improve the Delivery of Key Public Services in Metro Manila” (Kevin Mark R. Gomez and Fatima Joy O. Pamittan); “Chapter 5: Decentralisation Experiences in the Philippines: Social Services Sectors and the Local Government Code of 1991” (Jan Robert R. Go); “Chapter 13: Urban Farming and Land Use Governance in Metro Manila” (Kristian Karlo Saguin and Mark Angelo Cagampan); “Chapter 14: IRA

and Local Fiscal Governance in the Philippines” (Rogelio Alicor L. Panao); and “Chapter 16: Reforms and Ways Forward for Responsible Governance, Decentralization, and Equitable Development.” The edited book is part of the reading list of several political science courses at FEU.

Link to the book: <https://link.springer.com/book/10.1007/978-981-19-7804-3>

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Reality vs. Expectation: BBM’s 2023 SONA</b>	Public ■ OTHER UP UNITS • Department of Political Science, UP Diliman and DZUP
<b>Revisiting the War on Drugs: A Public Lecture</b>	Public ■ OTHER UP UNITS • Department of Political Science, UP Diliman
<b>Act Now or Pay Later: Enhancing Disaster Risk Governance for a Resilient Philippines (Knowledge- Sharing Virtual Forum)</b>	Public ■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT • Philippine Institute for Development Studies
<b>Compendium of NRCP Research Works and Policy Advisory Project</b>	Public ■ LGU, NATIONAL GOVERNMENT • National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP), Department of Science and Technology
<b>Number of Collaborators and Partners</b>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">4</span> Total         </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <span style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold;">4</span> From Public Sector         </div> </div>

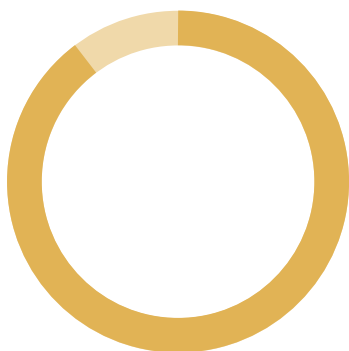


## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>Public</b>	LGUs, National Government
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Research Council of the Philippines, Department of Science and Technology</li> <li>Philippine Institute for Development Studies</li> </ul>
	Educational Institutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UP Department of Political Science</li> <li>DZUP, College of Mass Communication</li> </ul>
<b>Private</b>	Educational Institutions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Far Eastern University</li> </ul>

<b>Number of Linkages and Reach</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>
	Total	From Public Sector	From Private Sector

### Funding for 2023



**90%** Internal Funding  
**10%** External Funding

From July to December 2023, 90% of PSPC’s funding came from internal sources, whereas 10% was sourced through external funding. PSPC was able to secure the 10% from the National Research Council of the Philippines (NRCP). External funds were used to commission the publication project titled, “Publication of the Compendium of NRCP Research Works and Policy Advisory.”

## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

PSPC will focus on the finalization and publication of the proceedings of previous activities, edited books, and project outputs.

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## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

### ■ Two Proceedings

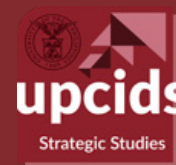
- Proceedings of SONA 2023 RTD
- Proceedings of public lecture on “Revisiting the War on Drugs”

### ■ Two Reports

- Publication of the final report of the NRCP project
- Finalization of the NRCP project report



# Strategic Studies Program



The Strategic Studies Program (SSP) aims to promote interest and discourse on significant changes in Philippine foreign policy and develop capacity-building for strategic studies in the country. It views the country's latest engagement with the great powers and multilateral cooperation with other states in the Asia-Pacific as a catalyst for further collaboration and multidisciplinary research among the intellectual communities in the region.

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## Performance Summary from July to December 2023

Throughout the latter half of 2023, SSP concentrated on three programmatic objectives, namely, the completion of policy paper manuscripts initiated in 2022, the launching and conclusion of the 3rd Season of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast, and the production of policy briefs and discussion papers, facilitated by research fellows and external contributors. While navigating these endeavors presented challenges, they concurrently provided SSP with an invaluable opportunity for self-assessment, fostering a reflective process to enhance the Program's overall performance and the caliber of content and outputs it generates.

For its first objective, the draft proceedings for the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2022 Series, totaling 12 episodes, is finished. The draft proceedings will be submitted for publication and review. Meanwhile, the synoptic chapter for the UP CIDS Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives on Public Policy (InDePPP) volume on Public Policy and Introduction to Philippine External Relations has successfully undergone peer review. It is now under

final redrafting. The target is to conclude these outputs by early 2024.

The second objective was to launch the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023 Series. In partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), the podcast opened its 3rd Season last August 2023 and released its finale in November 2023. The podcast series is composed of six (6) episodes, all of which examine recent developments that carry implications for regional security and align with Philippine strategic priorities. This year's series also involved a deeper dive into the interconnected relationship between regional dynamics and Philippine internal affairs as well as policymaking. As of November 2023, the series has garnered 287 plays, and reached listeners from 42 countries including the Philippines, the United States, Singapore, India, Taiwan, the United Kingdom, Australia, and Canada. The proceedings for the 6 episodes have recently been drafted. It will be released in the first quarter of 2024.



■ Alignment Meeting with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung. *SOURCE* | KAS Philippines

Finally, SSP set out to produce policy briefs and discussion papers as its third objective. The Program invited young promising scholars to write about trends, issues, and developments in the regional

security environment. A total of 3 policy briefs and 2 discussion papers are in the pipeline, set to be published early next year.

## Activities from July to December 2023

### Podcast

Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023

August 2023 to  
November 2023

### ■ PODCAST

#### Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023

*August 2023 to November 2023*

The Katipunan Dialogue Podcast provides a forum for experts to analyze and discuss changes in the strategic landscape of the Philippines and the wider region. The third season features six (6) new episodes that examine how external developments impact domestic politics, internal security, and policy making in the Philippines. Focus was given to the Indo-Pacific policies of current and potential security partners of the country, as well as maritime security, international cooperation, multilateralism, and regional stability. Experts from the academe and civil society, government and security sector, and the diplomatic community provided insights on policy issues and shared practical policy recommendations.



■ Recording of Episode 18 of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast.  
*SOURCE | SSP*



■ Recording of Episode 20 of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast.  
*SOURCE | SSP*



■ Recording of Episode 22 of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast.  
*SOURCE | SSP*

## Collaborations and Partnerships from July to December 2023

<b>Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023</b>	Private
	■ INTERNATIONAL
	• Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

### Number of Collaborators and Partners

**1**

Total

**1**

From Private Sector

## Linkages and Reach from July to December 2023

<b>International Organizations</b>	• Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Philippines
<b>Individuals</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Moses Isaiah B. Places, 2nd Lieutenant, Corps of Professors, Armed Forces of the Philippines</li> <li>• Mr. Marvin Hamor Bernardo, National Chengchi University, Taiwan</li> <li>• Asst. Prof. Edcel John Ibarra, Assistant Professor, UP Department of Political Science</li> <li>• Asst. Prof. Aaron Abel T. Mallari, Assistant Professor, UP Department of Political Science</li> <li>• Mr. Jikko Alfonso Puzon, Independent Geopolitical Analyst</li> <li>• Mr. Julio Amador III, Founder and President, Foundation for the National Interest</li> <li>• Ambassador Laura Quiambao-Del Rosario, President, Miriam College</li> <li>• Mr. Alex Kim, Political Secretary, Embassy of the Republic of Korea in the Republic of the Philippines</li> <li>• Asst. Prof. Te-Anne C. Robles, Assistant Professor, UP Diliman Department of Political Science</li> </ul>

### Number of Linkages and Reach

**10**

Total

**1**

International Organization

**9**

Individuals

## STRATEGIC STUDIES PROGRAM

# Publications: July to December 2023

## ■ DISCUSSION PAPER

- “Pendulum Swings” in the Philippines’ South China Sea Approach? Policy Continuities from the Ramos to Duterte Administrations

## ■ PROCEEDINGS

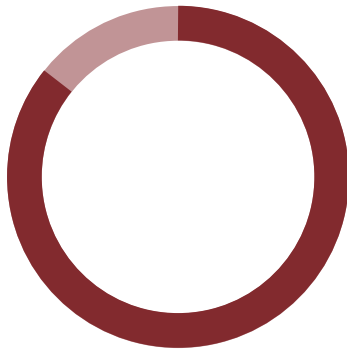
- Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2022 Proceedings\*
- Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023 Proceedings\*

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## Funding for 2023



86%

Internal Funding

14%

External Funding

Although majority (86%) of SSP's funding came from internal sources, the Program was also able to secure external funding (14%) from Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Philippines. SSP used this fund to finance the sound engineer and other studio requirements to produce the Katipunan Dialogue podcast series.

## Strategic Thrust: January to June 2024

SSP remains committed to fostering in-depth public discourse and policy debates surrounding emerging issues in the international and regional landscape, specifically focusing on their ramifications for the security, strategic interests, and foreign policy of the Philippines. The Program's mission is to stimulate interest and understanding regarding significant shifts and developments in Philippine foreign policy and strategic studies. SSP aims to bring these issues to the forefront of public awareness. In light of recent events impacting the country's defense and overall security posture, the Program recognizes the profound impact on the nation's development and overarching national interest. Consequently, the Program deems it crucial for Filipinos to have access to reliable sources of pertinent knowledge and insights in this domain.

Moreover, SSP aspires to provide platforms where individuals can share their sentiments and insights on various issues. To achieve these objectives, the Program envisions to engage in research, podcast production, and other information-sharing and dissemination activities.

The Katipunan Dialogue Podcast, which will now enter its fourth season in 2024, shall be one of the priorities of SSP next year. For the last three years,

the podcast has been an effective contingency to in-person gatherings as well as to webinars and other live virtual events. Although pandemic restrictions to in-person learning endeavors and practically any other gatherings are no longer in place, podcasts still offer unique advantages to their audience. They provide ease of access and navigation, as well as depth of content among others. From the production side, podcasts allow for a broader audience reach, are relatively easier to organize and produce, and can help generate a community of dedicated listeners. Being able to reach 42 countries for its third season, SSP hopes to reach even more places in 2024 and engage diverse groups and demographics.

In-person events, of course, are still very conducive spaces for learning and information-exchange. There will always be a certain charm in face-to-face engagements. As such, SSP also intends to slowly ease into conducting in-person events. The Katipunan Conference, which is the predecessor of the podcast, will be revived but converted into a panel discussion series for 2024. It will feature three main themes that, as per the Program's careful calculation, will be very crucial and prominent in the coming years and should therefore be promoted to the public. These themes shall also guide the policy papers (briefs and

discussion papers) which the Program will seek to produce by next year.

Alongside promoting public awareness and appreciation for Philippine foreign and security policy and strategic studies, SSP also intends to generate insights that can translate into concrete recommendations for policymakers. The podcast, SSP research papers, and the planned panel

discussions are already promising avenues to discuss issues, generate policy recommendations, and communicate them with policymakers. However, more could be done. That being said, for 2024, SSP will also attempt to directly work and engage in dialogues with government entities and actors through policy workshops.

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## Planned Activities: January to June 2024

### Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023

#### *Proceedings*

The proceedings for the 6 episodes of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2023 series will be released in the first half of 2024. This compilation captures and presents the key insights derived from the thought-provoking discussions held throughout the 2023 series. It will provide a substantial resource for those seeking an in-depth understanding of the critical issues and trends in the regional strategic landscape.

### Katipunan Dialogue Podcast 2024

The upcoming fourth season of the Katipunan Dialogue Podcast is set to present a minimum of six (6) new episodes. It will continue to be an accessible platform where experts discuss and analyze shifts in the regional strategic landscape. Likewise, the focus of the podcast remains on exploring the interconnection between regional dynamics and Philippine internal affairs, investigating the effects of external developments on domestic politics, internal security, and, consequently, the Philippines' policy decisions.

### **The Katipunan Dialogue: A Panel Discussion Series on Dynamics and Prospects in the Regional Strategic Environment**

The Katipunan Dialogue is gearing up for a series of insightful panel discussions featuring experts

and practitioners. These discussions will delve into key issues and trends surrounding (1) managing strategic partnerships, (2) maritime security in Southeast Asia, and (3) regional strategic distrust. Our goal is to elevate public awareness on foreign policy and external security matters, democratize information on these policy concerns, and encourage engagement from a diverse array of stakeholders. This initiative aims to foster a more inclusive and informed dialogue on issues of paramount national importance.

### **Systemic Risks from A Regionalism Perspective**

#### *Policy Brief*

This proposed policy paper delves into a prominent challenge facing contemporary multilateral governance: systemic risks. The inherently transboundary character of systemic risks exposes them to the intricacies of territorial risk management politics. Consequently, these risks expand and limit the scope for emerging powers eager to establish their influence and delineate the bounds of their accountability on global and regional stages. The forthcoming policy paper seeks to scrutinize the influence of systemic risk on ASEAN's stance in multilateral governance and explore the hurdles it presents for cooperation in the East Asian region.

## Europe's Evolving Engagement in Asia

### *Policy Brief*

This proposed policy paper delves into Europe's growing collaboration and changing involvement in the Indo-Pacific, seeking answers to key questions: (1) What prompts Europe to strengthen its ties with Indo-Pacific states?; (2) In what ways can the European Union and European states actively contribute to the evolving dynamics in the Indo-Pacific?; (3) What are the strengths and limitations inherent in Europe's strategies for involvement in the Indo-Pacific?; and finally, (4) What are the anticipated implications of Europe's heightened engagement in the Indo-Pacific?

## "Pendulum Swings" in the Philippines' South China Sea Approach? Policy Continuities from the Ramos to Duterte Administrations

### *Discussion Paper*

This discussion paper surveys the Philippine government's actions in the South China Sea across five presidential administrations. It attempts to supplement the historical narrative of "pendulum swings" in the Philippines' behavior by identifying continuities in the country's foreign and security policies. It posits that recognizing policy continuities matter for assessing correctness of current and future policy strategies in the South China Sea.

## Asymmetric Warfare and the Philippine Navy: Recommendations for the Active Archipelagic Defense Strategy Refresh

### *Discussion Paper*

This article seeks to investigate how focusing on the modernization of the Philippine Navy not only strengthens the country's diplomatic initiatives in safeguarding its maritime interests but also actively influences state behavior despite a notable power imbalance. The article employs a mixed-strategy approach. Additionally, the paper puts forth potential policy suggestions for incorporating considerations in naval diplomacy and combined operations, viewed through the lens of strategic messaging for the Navy's Active Archipelagic Defense Strategy.

## Grey Zone Tactics in the West Philippine Sea and Japan's Role in Building Philippine Capacities

### *Policy Brief*

With an emphasis on the grey zone operations carried out by China in the West Philippine Sea, the paper seeks to answer the following questions: (1) How can the Philippine government strengthen the country's capacity to manage and deter grey zone operations? (2) As a key strategic partner of the Philippines, how can Japan contribute to countering grey zone operations in the maritime domain? (3) How can the Philippines become a more significant actor in the Indo-Pacific, particularly in promoting a rule-based international order?

## Proposed Deliverables: January to June 2024

- 1 Proceedings
- 2 Policy Briefs
- 3 Discussion Papers
- 3 out of 6 Podcast Episodes
- 1 out of 3 Panel Discussions



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# Publications

In line with the Center's mandate to produce and contribute to knowledge production, the UP CIDS Publications Unit heads the production and dissemination of various research outputs. The Center's non-peer-reviewed publications are comprised of the UP CIDS Policy Brief Series, Discussion Paper Series, Public Policy Monograph Series, as well as Proceedings. These are the products of the projects and activities of the 12 research programs of UP CIDS. Its peer-reviewed publication, conversely, is the *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives* (PJPP), which is published annually and receives submissions from scholars in the country and abroad. All of these are available online on the Center's website and in print.

Below is the breakdown of the total number of publications per type from July to December 2023 (i.e. Proceedings, Policy Briefs, Discussion Papers, Monographs).

# 18

Publications from July to December 2023

## 2

Policy Briefs

## 5

Discussion Papers

## 1

Public Policy Monographs

## 8

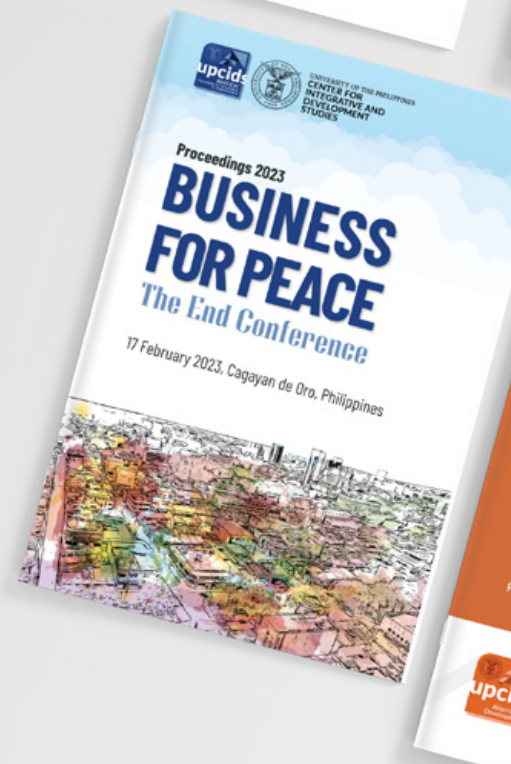
Proceedings

## 2

Others (Mid-Year Report 2023, PJPP 2023)

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PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

## #TaxTheRich: A Policy Analysis of Introducing a Wealth Tax in the Philippines Using a Social Justice Lens

Jocelyn Anne G. Libatique

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PROCEEDINGS COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS AND FLAME BURIAL SITES AMONG MUSLIMS IN THE PHILIPPINES 5

Manila Islamic Cemetery (June 2022) to assess the growing Muslim communities in Metro Manila. Photo: Darwin J. Absari

productive, as evidenced by the reported cases of two families in Montalban, Rizal (Patag 2020). This holds LGUs accountable to their constituents and to enforcing authorities, such as the DILG and National Commission on Muslim Filipines (NCMF), which eventually conducted an investigation in light of direct reports of the families of the deceased.

6. Ensuring a collective obligation to uphold the DILG and IATF-MEID guidelines should be part of the awareness of understanding of these guidelines and policies can never be as religious leaders and organizations, training and orientation on how to handle and manage the remains of Muslim COVID-19 patients.

These are some of the best practices which were shared by the cemeteries in Quisapo, Manila, and in Maharlika Village, Taguig City. Cemetery personnel conducting the burial rites after receiving training from ICRC Muslim personnel.

**Lessons and Recommendations**

From these experiences, we can affirm that the state did not falter in its immediate response to the health crisis, as it offered policies and protocols through its governing and enforcing agencies. Furthermore, these policies and protocols aligned with Islamic burial rites, and vice-versa.

However, we must also acknowledge the challenges related to the mishandling and refusal of Islamic burial rites to Muslim families. The absence of information, understanding, care, and a sense of solidarity regarding the collective responsibility towards the predicament of Muslim COVID-19 patients and their

10. Ibid.  
11. Ibid.  
12. This is taken from an interview with a Muslim friend in a hospital in Metro Manila via Facebook Messenger on August 26, 2022.

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## (Mis)Handling COVID-19 Burial Rites Among Muslims

Darwin J. Absari<sup>1</sup> and Darwin J. Absari<sup>2</sup>

**Introduction**

One of the many challenges the Muslim communities in the Philippines faced during the pandemic was the management of COVID-19-related deaths within the framework of the Inter-Agency Task Force for the Management of Emerging Infectious Diseases (IATF-MEID), a group of state agencies tasked to address the health crisis. This case study aims to look into the challenges, limitations, and good practices of handling COVID-19-related deaths among the Muslim population in Metro Manila, and in the provinces of Rizal, and Bulacan, from March 2020 to December 2022. This case study focuses on the implementation of IATF-MEID guidelines in upholding Islamic burial guidelines. Data come from six data sites including hospitals, mosques, and Muslim burial sites in four major Muslim communities. The authors conducted interviews with doctors, an ambulance driver, a cemetery administrator, and family members who were directly involved in COVID-19 death-related incidents.

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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

## Pediatric Conditions and Platforms of Telemedicine Used in Philippine Primary Care: A Cross-sectional Study

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background and Objective.** Inequality in access to healthcare continues to be a problem in the Philippines. This was further aggravated by the COVID-19 pandemic. Telemedicine is considered a potential strategy to address inequitable access to healthcare; however, it only gained popularity during the pandemic. This study aims to determine the pediatric conditions diagnosed through telemedicine consults and the platforms utilized by patients in the Philippine Primary Care Studies pilot sites during the pandemic.

**Methods.** This is a cross-sectional study of pediatric patients below 19 years of age who sought consult using telemedicine. Using the electronic medical records (EMR) system adapted by the Philippine Primary Care Studies in UP Health Services (UPHS) Quezon City, Metro Manila (urban site), Samar, Iloilo (rural site), and Bulacan, Sonoma (rural site), pediatric conditions diagnosed through telemedicine consults and the platforms utilized by patients from September 2021 to August 2022 were extracted and summarized. Data was summarized using descriptive statistics.

**Results.** A total of 5,388 consults involving pediatric patients were recorded from September 2021 to August 2022, of which 1,562 (29.0%) were done through telemedicine. The most common conditions diagnosed through telemedicine consults were acute upper respiratory tract infections (30.8%), other common conditions related to pregnancy, skin infections, urinary tract infections, obesity, anxiety disorders, allergic rhinitis, conditions related to pregnancy, skin infections, urinary tract infections, n-31 and voice calls (18.4%, n=297) across all three sites. However, the most common platform used per rural site (76.1%) and voice calls (83.8%) for the rural site (60.6%).

**Conclusion.** The most common condition diagnosed through telemedicine is upper respiratory tract infection. The most common platforms used to seek consult through telemedicine are live chat, video calls, and voice calls, with differences noted per site.

**Keywords:** telemedicine, pediatric, diseases, platforms, primary care

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## Linking People-to-People Exchange:

Weaving between Alternative Development Practitioners from Southeast Asia and India

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## Decolonizing Religion: Wishful Thinking or a Real Possibility?

Brian U. Doce and Nassef Manabilang Adiong

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Monograph Series 2023-05

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## The 2019 Expanded Maternity Leave Law: A Law Whose Progressive Potential Has Yet To Be Fully Realized

Ma. Victoria R. Raquiza  
Duke Thomas G. Dolorical  
Toja Salvador

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## Exploring Methods to Decolonize English Studies

Janice Roman-Tamesis and Marie Aubrey Villaceran

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## A Roundtable Discussion on Literacy Assessments for Grades 4 to 12

Emerging Themes and Framework  
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A Roundtable Discussion via Zoom

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# Policy Brief Series

The UP CIDS Policy Brief Series features short articles that aim to provide policy advice by presenting the findings and recommendations from the UP CIDS Programs and their projects on relevant issues. From July to December 2023, the Center published the following policy briefs:

TITLE	AUTHOR/S
• DECOLONIAL STUDIES PROGRAM	
The Indigenous Peoples' Rights in the Bangsamoro Local Governance Code	Kebart P. Licayan, MSc and Nassef Manabilang Adiong, Ph.D.
• ISLAMIC STUDIES PROGRAM	
(Mis)Handling COVID-19–Related Deaths and Islamic Burial Rites Among Muslims in the Philippines	Darwin J. Absari and Cheery D. Orozco, DIS
• PROGRAM ON HEALTH SYSTEMS DEVELOPMENT	
Revitalizing Local Governance in the Philippines through Sustainable Health Financing	Meljun R. Banogon, Geremiah Edison Daniel C. Llanes, Jaime Z. Galvez Tan, Juan Ma. Pablo R. Nañagas, Ruben C. Flores, Ramon Pedro P. Paterno, and Madeleine De Rosas-Valera

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# Public Policy Monograph Series

The UP CIDS Public Policy Monograph Series are full-length papers and/or volumes featuring original scholarly works on themes relevant to Philippine public policy. These works aim to provide research-based advice and recommendations for addressing national issues and concerns. There was one (1) monograph published during the second half of 2023:

TITLE	AUTHOR/S
• PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT	
The 2019 Expanded Maternity Leave Law: A Law Whose Progressive Potential Has Yet to Be Fully Realized	Marivic Raquiza, Duke Dolorical, Roja Salvador



UP CIDS

# Discussion Paper Series

The UP CIDS Discussion Paper Series presents preliminary research on current and burning issues that are circulated to elicit comments and suggestions for enrichment and refinement. From July to December 2023, the Center released the following discussing papers:

TITLE	AUTHOR/S
<p>• DECOLONIAL STUDIES PROGRAM</p> <p>Decolonizing Religion: Wishful Thinking or a Real Possibility?</p>	Brian Doce and Nassef Adiong
<p>• PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>#TaxTheRich: A Policy Analysis of Introducing a Wealth Tax in the Philippines Using a Social Justice Lens</p>	Jacquelyn Libatique
<p>• ESCAPING THE MIDDLE INCOME-TRAP: CHAINS FOR CHANGE</p> <p>Resilience of Organic Rice and Supermarket Value Chains during the COVID-19 Pandemic: The Case of the Global Organic Wellness Corporation</p>	Elaine Tacubanza, Ernest Barreiro, Tara Abrina, Jane Lynn Capacio
<p>• DECOLONIAL STUDIES PROGRAM</p> <p>Exploring Methods to Decolonize English Studies</p>	Janice Roman-Tamesis and Marie Aubrey Villaceran
<p>• PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT</p> <p>25 Years of IPRA: The Indigenous Peoples' Struggle Continues</p>	Vanessa L. Almeda, Jose Monfred C. Sy, Ananeza P. Aban, Honey B. Tabiola, with the Ayta Mag-indi community in Porac, Pampanga; Talaandig indigenous women leaders of Maramag, Bukidnon; and students from Lumad Bakwit School

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# Proceedings

The UP CIDS proceedings emanate from forums, conferences, roundtable discussions, and other events organized by the Center's research Programs. From July to December 2023, the Center released the following proceedings:

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• EDUCATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

Literacy Assessment for Grades 4 – 12: Emerging Themes and Framework for 21st Century Learning | Proceedings

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• ESCAPING THE MIDDLE INCOME-TRAP: CHAINS FOR CHANGE

Business for Peace Conference

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• PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

People-to-People Exchange Towards Forging Intersectional Feminist Futures: Alternative Practices of LGBTQIA+, Persons with Disabilities, and Migrant Groups in the Philippines

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• PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

Sama-sama sa Pag-arangkada! Magkaisa para sa Pang-masang Pamublikong Transportasyon! Ipagtanggol ang Prangkisa at Kabuhayan!

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• PROGRAM ON ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT

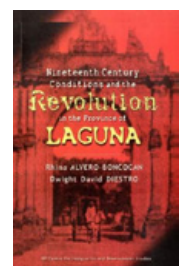
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## Social Media

In line with its mandate to disseminate its publications and other outputs, the UP CIDS has maintained its social media presence on Facebook. The Center's Facebook Page works hand in hand with its website to increase traffic and maximize exposure to UP CIDS publications and activities.

NAME/TITLE	TYPE	DATE POSTED	REACTIONS	SHARES
Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives (2023 issue)	Journal	8 December 2023	824	503
Exploring Methods to Decolonize English Studies	Discussion Paper	11 December 2023	356	369
Decolonizing English Studies through Affect: A Rountable Discussion	Roundtable Discussion	28 November 2023	327	319
Nineteenth Century Conditions and the Revolution in the Province of Laguna	Book	19 June 2023	198	186
Addressing the “blind side” of the government’s jeepney “modernization” program	Discussion Paper	6 March 2023	154	148



# Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives

The *Philippine Journal of Public Policy: Interdisciplinary Development Perspectives* (PJPP) is the peer-reviewed journal annually released by UP CIDS. It publishes policy-related articles and essays addressing social, cultural, economic, and political issues in the Philippines, as well as in other Southeast Asian countries.

PJPP was led by its editor-in-chief Teresa S. Encarnacion Tadem (until 31 July 2023), with Dr. Rosalie Arcala Hall set to take over. The editorial staff includes:

- Janus Isaac V. Nolasco (Deputy Editor-In-Chief)
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PJPP's Editorial Board and Editorial Advisory Board come from diverse institutions and academic specializations, adding to the interdisciplinary character of the Journal.

For the 2023 volume, PJPP published three (3) articles, one (1) policy insight, and four (4) book reviews.



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TITLE	AUTHOR/S
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Provision of Electricity and Internet Access in DepEd Schools: Implications on School Performance and Digital Inclusivity in the New Normal	Erwin A. Alampay and Maria Theresa Capule-Navarro
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## Policy Insight

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Systemic Perils in Post-Pandemic Southeast Asia	Eduardo C. Tadem

## Book Reviews

TITLE	AUTHOR/S
<i>A World Safe for Democracy: Liberal Internationalism and the Crises of Global Order</i> by John Ikenberry. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020.	Reviewed by Walden Bello
<i>The Drama of Dictatorship: Martial Law and the Communist Parties of the Philippines</i> by Joseph Scalice. New York: Cornell University Press, 2023.	Reviewed by Rommel A. Curaming
<i>Empire of Seas: Thinking About Asia</i> by Shiraishi Takashi. Tokyo: Japan Publishing Industry Foundation for Culture, 2021.	Reviewed by Luis Zuriel Domingo
<i>Plural Entanglements: Philippine Studies</i> edited by Dada Docot, Stephen B. Acabado, and Clement C. Camposano. Quezon City: Bughaw, 2023.	Reviewed by Jose Monfred C. Sy





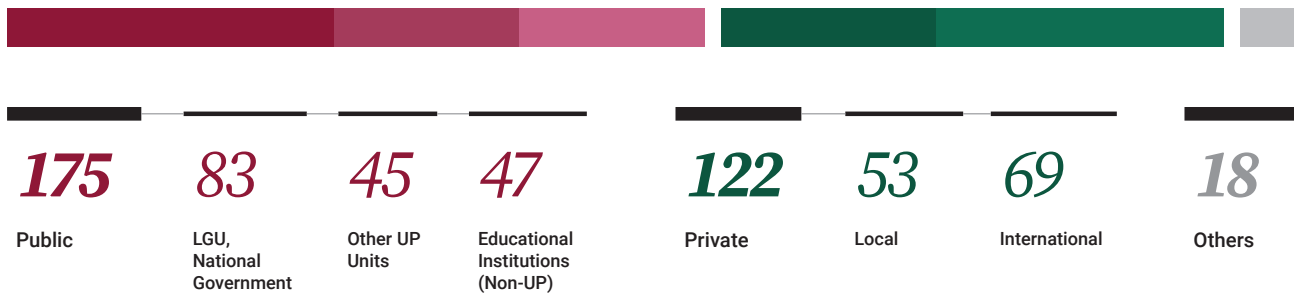




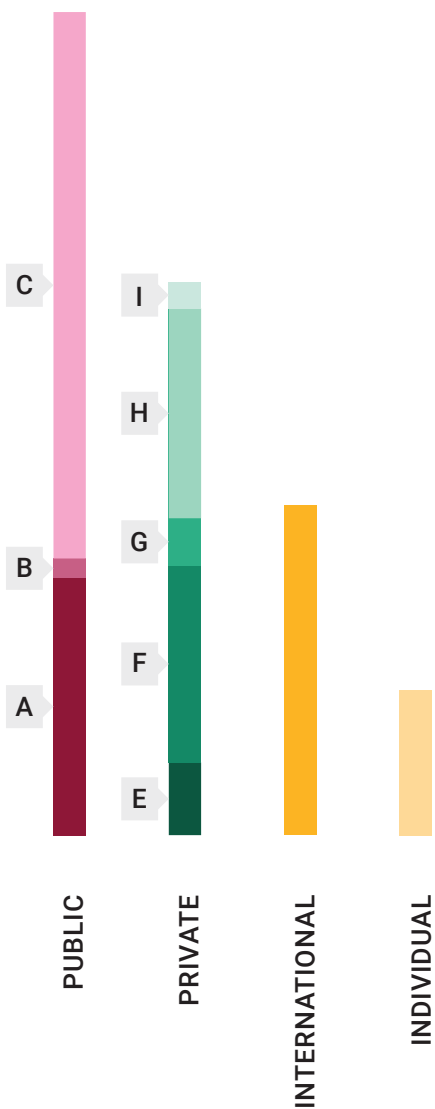
# Annex

Included in this section is the overall number of collaborations and partnerships, linkages and reach, and tally of key activities from July to December 2023.

## Collaborations and Partnerships



## Linkages and Reach



<b>PUBLIC</b>	<b>129</b>
A. LGU, National Government	39
B. Embassies	3
C. Educational Institutions (Non-UP)	87
D. Student Organizations	0
<b>PRIVATE</b>	<b>83</b>
E. Corporate and related groups	11
F. Social Movements, Peoples' Organizations, Civil Society Organizations, Non-Government Organizations	29
G. Private Foundations or Research Groups	7
H. Educational Institutions	32
I. Others	4
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>INDIVIDUAL</b>	<b>22</b>

## Tally of Key Activities

3	ASSESSMENTS	ACTRP	2	19	MEETINGS	ACTRP	3
		ERP	1			AltDev	4
12	PRESENTATIONS	ACTRP	8			DSPPP	3
		EMIT C4C	1			EMIT C4C	1
		ERP	2			HERPRP	1
		HERPRP	1			ISP	3
2	RESEARCH PROPOSALS	ACTRP	2			PEP	1
2	ORIENTATIONS	ACTRP	2			PHSD	3
2	DATA COLLECTIONS	ACTRP	1			6	WORKSHOPS
		ERP	1	DSP	1		
1	DATA PROCESSING	ACTRP	1	DSPPP	1		
4	CONSULTATIONS	ACTRP	4			ERP	2
4	TRAININGS	ACTRP	2	4	FIELDWORKS	AltDev	4
		PHSD	2	4	ROUNTATBLE DISCUSSIONS	DSP	3
1	LEGISLATIVE AID WORK	ACTRP	1			PSPC	1
12	FORA	ACTRP	1	4	CONFERENCES	EMIT C4C	1
		AltDev	7			ERP	3
		ERP	1	2	MENTORSHIPS	EMIT C4C	2
		ISP	1	6	COLLABORATIONS	HERPRP	6
		PSPC	2	2	LECTURES	PEP	1
				6	PODCAST EPISODES	SSP	6



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