



Project Title: Kababaihan Kapit-bisig para sa Kapayapaan sa Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (K-BARMM)

Mission: To engage Muslim women in preventing violent extremism in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao.

Vision: Advancing women's empowerment and promoting locally-led approaches to prevent violent extremism as the best means to build inclusive and sustainable peace in BARMM.

Background: Violent extremism is a complex global phenomenon, and in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM), it is a significant cause of conflict. Factors contributing to extremism in the region include gender discrimination, extreme poverty, weak governance, irregular migration, historical dynamics, shadow economy activities (e.g., kidnapping for ransom, drugs, and gun proliferation), and the emergence of extremist groups like the ISIS-affiliated Maute, Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Fighters, and Abu Sayyaf. In recent years, extremist groups have increasingly recruited Muslim women for various roles, including attacks, bombings, and propaganda. Despite these challenges, Muslim women are crucial in fostering positive change and long-term solutions to extremism and radicalism, serving as essential actors in preventing violent extremism and building peace at the grassroots level.

Activities to Date: As part of the marketing and promotional phase, the project team leader conducted four in-person consultation meetings with thirty-four Bangsamoro women from Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, and Tawi-Tawi in April and May 2022 through the SGS and TNF grant. For more information, please watch [KBARMM promotional video - YouTube](#).

Project Components:

1. Capacity-Building through a Training Workshop

- **Objective:** To capacitate thirty Bangsamoro women from the four identified areas alongside the project team.
- **Duration:** Five days
- **Coverage:** Accommodation, food, transportation, fees for facilitators/speakers/documenters, DSA, etc.
- **Outcome:** Participants will become K-BARMM Ambassadors, promoting an inclusive, gender, and culturally-sensitive community-driven approach to preventing violent extremism. They will also engage in online workshops and webinars, supported by mentors for their advocacy projects.
- **Budget Needed:** \$23,475 USD

2. Livelihood Programme

- Objective: To design and implement a women-led livelihood project for a year, subject to funding availability. This aims to support women's financial self-sufficiency while implementing their PVE advocacies, addressing poverty as a driver of extremism.
- Outcome: Encouragement and support for K-BARMM Ambassadors to register their association by the end of the project cycle.
- Budget Needed: \$8,000 USD (\$2,000 USD per area)
- Note: Further details and guidelines for the livelihood programme are needed.

3. Mentoring Programme

- Objective: To assign a mentor for each area to guide and support the establishment and implementation of their projects.
- Duration: Six months (extendable with available funds)
- Budget Needed: \$2,400 USD

4. Online and Offline Advocacy

- Objective: To promote modules and counter extremist propaganda through social media platforms, and engage offline via focus group discussions, seminars, and workshops. Collaborate with other women's groups in BARMM to expand the network.
- Budget Needed: \$2,000 USD (\$500 per area)

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

- Objective: Monthly monitoring and evaluation via online meetings and field visits.
- Duration: Six months
- Budget Needed: \$3,000 (to hire one MEAL Officer at \$500/month)

Outcome: These project components aim to make the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region safe for all women and girls, helping them rebuild their lives and empowering them as positive agents of peace in their communities. The project team will produce a report with policy recommendations for stakeholders to prevent violent extremism in BARMM.

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Published Articles by Jamila-Aisha Sanguila:

1. [Women Can Help Prevent Violent Extremism in the Philippines](#)
2. [Invest in Women to Prevent and Counter Violent Extremism in BARMM](#)

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