



CFSI STATEMENT ON THE COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENT ON THE BANGSAMORO

Community and Family Services International (CFSI) is a Philippines-based humanitarian organization, committed to peace and social development, with a particular interest in the psychosocial dimension. Established in 1981, its mission is to vigorously protect and promote human security—specifically, the life, well-being, and dignity of people uprooted by persecution, armed conflict, disaster, and other exceptionally difficult circumstances. The vision of CFSI is diverse people living together in dignity, peace, and harmony.

CFSI has two goals. The first is to empower and equip uprooted persons to address social and health problems. The second is to prevent children, women, and men from becoming uprooted by promoting peace, respect for human rights, and the equitable distribution of resources.

In this context, CFSI commends the Government of the Republic of the Philippines (GPH) and the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) for successfully negotiating, and signing on 27 March 2014, the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro (CAB).

CFSI believes the CAB is one of many steps on the road to a just and lasting peace in Mindanao. It represents the promise of a new age that should prove beneficial to all those who live in this part of the country, as well as the nation as a whole. Further, the CAB is a beacon of hope for peace advocates and those affected by armed conflict in other parts of the world.

Believing true peace and sustained social development require respect for human rights, social justice, the active participation of all, and a great deal of hard work, CFSI commits to do all it can to help ensure the full and effective implementation of the CAB in a timely manner.

Further, CFSI encourages others to join, and further build, the constituency for peace in the Philippines.

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