



PRESS RELEASE: Putting Communities at the Center of Bangsamoro Camps Transformation

Sustainable peace and development begin on the ground, driven by the community voices.

From June 22 to 26, 2026, the **World Bank**, in partnership with **Community and Family Services International (CFSI)** and the **Bangsamoro Development Agency (BDA Inc.)** successfully conducted the **First Implementation Support Mission (ISM)** for the Bangsamoro Camps Transformation Project, Phase 2 (BCTP/2). Participants in the ISM engaged with camp communities, provided guidance to strengthen coordination, and supported project implementation. The ISM provided an opportunity for the partners to assess progress, identify emerging challenges, and offer technical guidance to enhance the effective delivery of BCTP/2 activities.

The ISM visited Brgy. Panggao, Munai in Camp Bilal; Brgy. Sandab, Butig in Camp Bushra; Brgy. Minabay, Buldon in Camp Abubakar; and Brgy. Kenebeka, Datu Odin Sinsuat in Camp Badre. The visits enabled greater engagement between the World Bank, CFSI, and BDA Inc. with community members, particularly women, youth, farmers and cooperatives, Indigenous Peoples, the camp-level Joint Task Forces on Camps Transformation (JTFCTs), and local government units (LGUs).

The BCTP/2 ensures the safe and meaningful participation of community members at all stages of this project. This is reflected during recent community activities, specifically the Community-Wide Orientations and Household Surveys, which are part of the project's modified community diagnostics approach, and informs project activities. The mission aimed to ensure that BCTP/2 is being implemented as designed by engaging communities throughout the project process, promoting their understanding of the project's planned interventions and expected benefits, and encouraging their active participation in decision-making. It also sought to strengthen collaboration with government partners and ensure that communities are informed about the project's **Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)** and the available channels for raising concerns, feedback, or complaints.

Through this engagement, community members showed incredible strength and determination by actively leading the way in proposing solutions to their everyday challenges towards

sustainable peace and development. Despite evolving challenges in the operating environment, the continued collaboration among government partners, the MILF, LGUs, and residents proved that a unified community can overcome any obstacle.

"CFSI reaffirms its commitment to maintaining a neutral, inclusive, and community-centered approach, ensuring that the people of the Bangsamoro remain the authors of their own development story."

As the **First Implementation Support Mission (ISM)** concluded, project partners reaffirmed their shared commitment to the successful implementation of BCTP/2. The mission reviewed the project's overall progress, including technical implementation, compliance with financial management, procurement, and environmental and social standards (ESS), while identifying key actions to strengthen project delivery. The mission also laid the groundwork for the next phase of implementation, with its key findings and agreements to be reflected in the **Aide Memoire** that will be issued by the World Bank Task Team.

Reflecting on the project's impact, one community beneficiary shared, *"We are grateful to the BDA, CFSI, and the World Bank. Thanks to the warehouse and solar dryer you provided, many farmers have been able to operate more effectively since our produce no longer spoils—especially during the rainy season. This has significantly increased our family's income."* The testimony reflects how community-driven investments are helping improve livelihoods while strengthening the resilience of farming communities across the Bangsamoro.

The World Bank, CFSI, and BDA stand more united than ever. The mission concluded with renewed commitment to strengthening collaboration and delivering meaningful services that will improve the lives of families across the six previously acknowledged MILF camps.

About BCTP/2: CFSI implements the BCTP/2 in partnership with BDA. The project is funded by the Bangsamoro Normalization Trust Fund (BNTF) administered by the World Bank Group, with contributions from Australia, Canada, European Union, and United Kingdom, to improve access to basic social and economic services in six previously acknowledged MILF camps covering 17 barangays selected from 36 priority barangays identified under the Camps Transformation Investment Plan (CTIP).

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