

PHILIPPINE NATIONAL ACTION PLAN ON YOUTH, PEACE AND SECURITY

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*A Primer on the Journey of Every Filipino Youth
towards Just and Lasting Peace*



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Did You Know?

- ✓ The Philippines is the **first country in Asia and the fourth globally** to develop and adopt a National Action Plan on Youth, Peace, and Security.
- ✓ The NAPYPS is the **first youth-led and multi-stakeholder driven** national policy on peace and security in the Philippines - written and presented by the Filipino youth, for the Filipino youth.
- ✓ The Philippines is also the **first country in Asia** to have a National Action Plan on Women, Peace, and Security (NAPWPS) and NAPYPS hand-in-hand.
- ✓ UNSCR 2250 notes that today's generation of youth is the largest the world has ever known, which is why the Philippine NAPYPS is anchored in guiding principles of youth-centric, inclusiveness, and participatory.

The Philippine National Action Plan on Youth, Peace and Security or NAPYPS is a 10-year plan that details key action points strengthening the **meaningful participation** of young people in peacebuilding, governance, protection of human rights, and the implementation of global and national sustainable development agenda. NAPYPS is the first youth-led and multi-stakeholder driven national policy on youth, peace and security in the country.

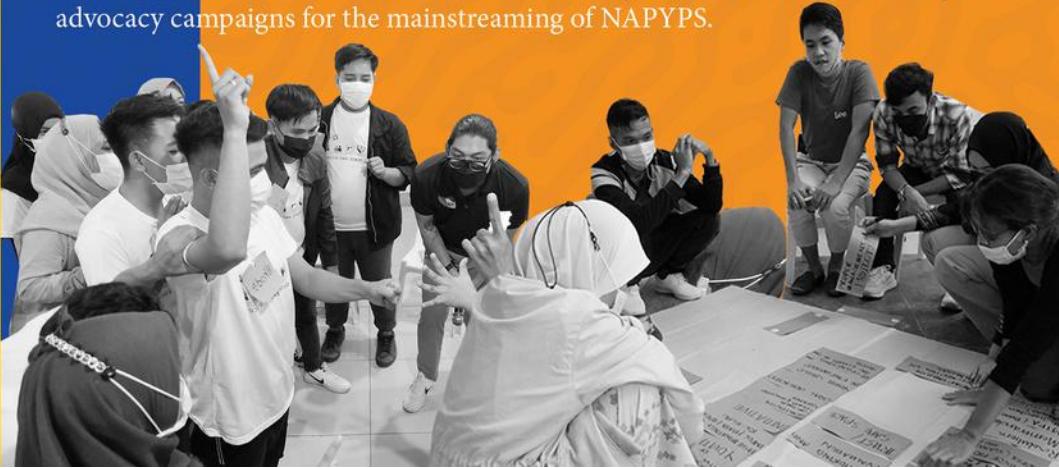
Anchored on the Philippines' peace policy agenda and the **United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250** – the first resolution on youth, peace and security adopted in 2015 – the Philippine NAPYPS recognizes the **unique experiences and role of the youth before, during, and after conflict and young people's inclusion and participation as key dimension of building and sustaining peace and security for all.**

The **Multi-Stakeholder Dialogue** convened by the **Office of the Presidential Adviser on Peace, Reconciliation, and Unity (OPAPRU)** and the **National Youth Commission (NYC)** served as the platform that regularly convened the youth stakeholders, government and non-government agencies, local and international partners such as the BARMM Bangsamoro Youth Commission (BYC); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ); European Union (EU); Norwegian Embassy; Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); LGUs, CSO partners, and most importantly, the local and national youth organizations.

Institutionalizing the NAPYPS into the Philippine Development Agenda and the Comprehensive Peace Process

The fundamental role of the Filipino youth in peacebuilding is guided by the **Philippine Development Plan (PDP)** in its chapter on *Attaining Just and Lasting Peace*, where the Peace and Development Agenda featured the NAPYPS as a core policy in addressing the peace and security challenges faced by the youth, particularly those in conflict-affected and conflict-vulnerable areas.

This is further defined in the crafting of the **Philippine Youth Development Plan (PYDP) 2023-2028** to be led by the NYC, as the NAPYPS becomes one of the key strategies for its Peacebuilding and Security Centre of Youth Participation. NAPYPS will be further discussed in multi-stakeholder consultations for the PYDP, promoting the active participation of **Sangguniang Kabataan (SK)**, youth organizations, government agencies, and other stakeholders in implementing the NAPYPS. Module development for the training of SK will also include the NAPYPS and Conflict Sensitivity and Peace Promotion (CSPP). NYC as the lead agency for PYDP will develop advocacy campaigns for the mainstreaming of NAPYPS.



BY THE FILIPINO YOUTH, FOR THE FILIPINO YOUTH:

The Philippine NAPYPS is guided by the UNSCR 2250 Pillars of
**“PARTICIPATION | PROTECTION | PREVENTION | PARTNERSHIP |
 DISENGAGEMENT | REINTEGRATION”**

in identifying the following overarching goals and strategies:



PARTICIPATION

The Filipino youth emphasize the need for personal safety as a cornerstone of active participation, as well as the recognition of their strengths and capacities to be empowered and to proactively participate in changing their situations and communities.



Outcome: Filipino youth are actively engaging themselves in peace and security issues - accompanying the different peace processes, participating in different levels of decision making, policy formulation, and implementation of peace and security initiatives.

Overall Strategy: Application of a youth-inclusive approach in all systems, procedures and mechanisms of peace and security governance, including conflict prevention and resolution, post-crisis reconstruction, public safety and order, safeguarding of territorial integrity and sovereignty efforts, and the promotion of national peace, reconciliation, and unity.

PROTECTION

In order to sustainably participate in peacebuilding, young people need to be protected from threats of violence and violent extremism.



Outcome: Young peacebuilders, especially those who work in human rights and social activism, are protected from all forms of violence, including gender-based and sexual violence, especially during armed conflict and other humanitarian crises.

Overall Strategy: Promotion, employment, and monitoring of youth-sensitive and youth-responsive protection mechanisms in compliance with human rights protocols and standards, shielding the youth from threats of conflict, all forms of violence, misrepresentation, and recruitment of extremist groups.

PREVENTION

Filipino youth have been engaged in violence prevention and conflict transformation initiatives in their local communities, mostly on a voluntary basis. Their dedication to peacebuilding work can further be strengthened when they are given more support to pursue and continue their work for greater impact.

Outcome: Filipino youth are not just recognized for their contributions to peacebuilding, but also given adequate technical and financial support to sustain their work in preventing violence at different levels.



Overall Strategy: Ensuring an inclusive and enabling environment for young people to sustain their work on peace and security through access to competence-building and training opportunities, peace education activities, life skills programs, and spaces to exchange and learn from their good practices.

PARTNERSHIP

More often than not, Filipino youth are seen as beneficiaries or mere participants of peacebuilding interventions that are supposed to be solutions to address their own challenges. The partnership pillar suggests that more young people are given leadership roles alongside adults to increase ownership and sustainability of these interventions.

Outcome: Filipino youth are considered meaningful and trusted equal partners in the implementation of whole-of-society and whole of nation approach to peace and security initiatives at the national and local levels.



Overall Strategy: Strengthen mechanisms for multi-stakeholder and multi-sectoral partnerships with young people by expanding on different ways the government can engage in meaningful youth partnerships, as well as sharing good practices and experiences.

DISENGAGEMENT AND REINTEGRATION

For the Filipino youth, the meaningful reintegration of young people into society involves the inclusive process of ensuring the physical, emotional, and mental health and wellbeing of young people who are involved in armed conflict.



Outcome: Filipino youth affected by armed conflict are supported holistically, provided with meaningful and inclusive socio-economic and employment opportunities as well as conflict and gender-sensitive evidence-based reintegration interventions.

Overall Strategy: Integration of youth-responsive approaches that address the holistic well being of young people being reintegrated in society. The NAPYPS can be a space for the collaborative formulation of conflict-sensitive and peace-promoting disengagement and reintegration strategies that will be embraced by different stakeholders, most especially the security sector.

TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE NAPYPS AND YOUR ROLE,
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THE PHILIPPINE JOURNEY

TOWARDS A YOUTH-LED, MULTI-SECTOR DRIVEN PEACE AND SECURITY ACTION PLAN

Years of youth consultations, sharing and listening sessions, and understanding the narratives and emerging realities faced by young people across the country led to the finalization of the NAPYPS. The transformation of real-life stories into policy action points – **by the youth, from the youth, and for the youth** – is the soul of this National Action Plan.



117 key youth leaders in the country gathered in a series of **Youth Peace Tables (YPT)** which resulted in the YPT Agenda as the Philippine statement for the open debate of the UNSCR 2250.

2017
OF MAY - JUNE 2018

17 National Government Agencies (NGAs) participated in the **Inter-Agency Workshop on UNSCR 2250** to review the YPT Agenda in preparation for the Philippine NAPYPS.

2018
AUG-SEPT

2021
OF MAY - AUG 2022



Multi-Stakeholders Consultation and Dialogue Platform with the youth government agencies, civil society, international partners, and youth organizations was established by OPAPRU in May 2021 to ensure an inclusive multi-stakeholder approach to the NAPYPS process.

Executive Order on the creation of a National Steering Committee for the NAPYPS - produced for the approval of the President.

13 Regional, Provincial, and Virtual Youth Consultations held to harvest the narratives and emerging peace and security challenges and recommendations of the youth.

385 Youth Leaders and 120 Youth Organizations participated from different sectors nationwide.

56 youth organizations shared the challenges faced by the youth in their context and recommendations through the **National YPS Survey**.

25 YPS Champions from the consultation-workshops across the country gathered to draft the Philippine NAPYPS during the OPAPRU-GIZ organized Writeshop under the “Youth for a Culture of Peace and Non-Violence in Mindanao” (YOUCAP) project.

2019
OF JUNE - DEC 2020



Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM) YPS Consultation produced the Bangsamoro YPS Agenda which aims to guide the Bangsamoro Transition Authority in integrating and adopting action points for the youth.

Mindanao Indigenous People Youth Peace Assembly (MIPYA) gathered IP youth leaders to support the Mindanao IP Council of Elders and Leaders in strengthening Indigenous Political Structures towards fostering peace, reconciliation, and unification.

2022
AUGUST

After a series of writings by the Filipino youth and feedback sessions with various stakeholders, the first ever **Philippine NAPYPS** was launched.



2023

YOUTH VOICES AMPLIFIED IN THE PHILIPPINE NAPYPS

Writing a NAP is very significant, it gives opportunity to exchange ideas specially to understand the IP youth sector on its views on peace building and security. How the IP youth can contribute on the peace and development, while promoting culture rights -based experience with shared responsibility.



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The NAP-YS is a critical document in defining the topline issues and lines of effort about the youth's importance in peace and security. In addition to traditional issues such as the peace process and youth protection in armed conflict situations, I also hope to spotlight emerging concerns such as national sovereignty and the protection of civic space - an attempt to look not just at pressing problems but also strategic developments that may take years before significantly impacting our everyday lives. It's our chance to infuse futures-thinking in how we define the role of the youth in peace and security, and think more critically about reinforcing the scope and depth of youth participation.



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I am very much thankful to take part in crafting the National Action Plan on Youth Peace and Security as I will also be an outlet on making our voices here in Mindanao LOUD. Malaking karangalan ang mairepresenta ko ang mga kabataan ng Tawi-Tawi. Ito yung paraan namin para maipakitang kaming mga KABATAAN SA TIMOG handang makibahagi, makialam at makiisa para sa Kaunlaran, Pagkakaisa at kapayapaan.



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I am delighted to be part of the formulation of the Philippines' National Action Plan. My participation conveys a strong message about the importance of young people's involvement in national and local policy-making, especially in addressing uncertainties in pushing sustainable and inclusive development in the post pandemic era. Youth, peace, and security are crucial to creating a healthier, habitable, and humane society for all. As a youth, who make up the largest group in the country, our voices should NOT BE LEFT BEHIND.



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As a leader who bloomed from the grassroots, I have started from the bottom and have seen what insurgency and violence can do to our children. Writing this National Action Plan means opening what eyes we have to the reality beyond the four corners of our homes, and what we can do to empower and mobilize the youth through the United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2250 as its backbone. This means hope to me and this also means defining what the youth can do to make this nation peaceful. Para sa kapayapaan, kalayaan at progresibong Kabataang Filipino.



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