

Local FBOs – One for Marawi

Making the Christian Presence Known and Relevant in the
Recovery and Peacebuilding Process

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Quick Update

1. The Battle is Won but the War is not Over*
2. The Long and Gradual Process of Healing and Rebuilding Has Begun, and as expected it brought division.
3. So far, the government has not approved any of the masterplans – ongoing consultations. There is fear among the Maranaos that Marawi will be forgotten as a priority agenda.

Recent Incidents, Hostage Testimonies reveal enemy presence

Kambalingan *

- **Cluster 1:** 9 out of 9 barangays have returned
6469 families returned and given assistance (Duyog Marawi adopted two barangays – Luksadatu (total of 1087 families) and Saber (2,507 families) almost 50% are not listed in the government program)
- **Cluster 2:** 8 out of 14 barangays have returned, the others are in the process of pre-occupancy mapping and clearance)
So far, a total of 2291 have returned with assistance, and 321 have returned but not on the list – undergoing Grievance

ECONOMIC ACTIVITY HAS SUDDENLY BLOOMED IN A MATTER OF TEN DAYS

*Maranao for Homecoming

Mapping the Initiatives

2. ground zero residents in 24 totally damaged and 8 partially damaged barangays

In a state of despair and agitation due to lack of information and clear options for them

Options have narrowed down into – Build a new Marawi – preferred by many expert because it is more convenient and practical, and Retain and Rebuild preferred by Maranaos

Duyog Marawi has added Shelter Assistance and Livelihood to the 3570 families along the Peace Corridor.

3. Peace is very fragile

- a. Extension of Martial Law divides the population.
- b. Rido (Clan Wars) are showing signs of being reignited.
- c. BBL has divided the Maranaos, plus the 2019 election
- d. Maranao NGOs are seen as aligned to political parties, etc.

Role of Faith Based Organizations

- a. The essence of Neutrality has to consciously maintained and protected. We present ourselves as Church, not an NGO, and not part of the humanitarian agencies.
- b. Access to resources – fast response and fast mobilization (unencumbered by organizational bureaucracy)
- c. Mercy and Compassion as the driving force.
- d. Voice to the Maranaos

Small Steps

- a. Constant Communications
- b. Common activities like seminars and assemblies
- c. Sharing of resources
- d. Common Projects

Invitation

- Make the Christian presence more meaningful and relevant in the reconstruction and peacebuilding process.
- Come up with shared agenda or a common program for Marawi Reconstruction, especially for the *miskin* (their counterpart of the *Anawim*)
- Agree to a common code of conduct when dealing with Maranao communities.