

THE SITUATION AND CHALLENGES OF MUSLIM FAMILIES IN THE PHILIPPINES



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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- I. Background: Minoritized and Marginalized**
- II. Challenges Faced by Muslim Families**
- III. Responses**



II. The Challenges Confronting Muslim Families

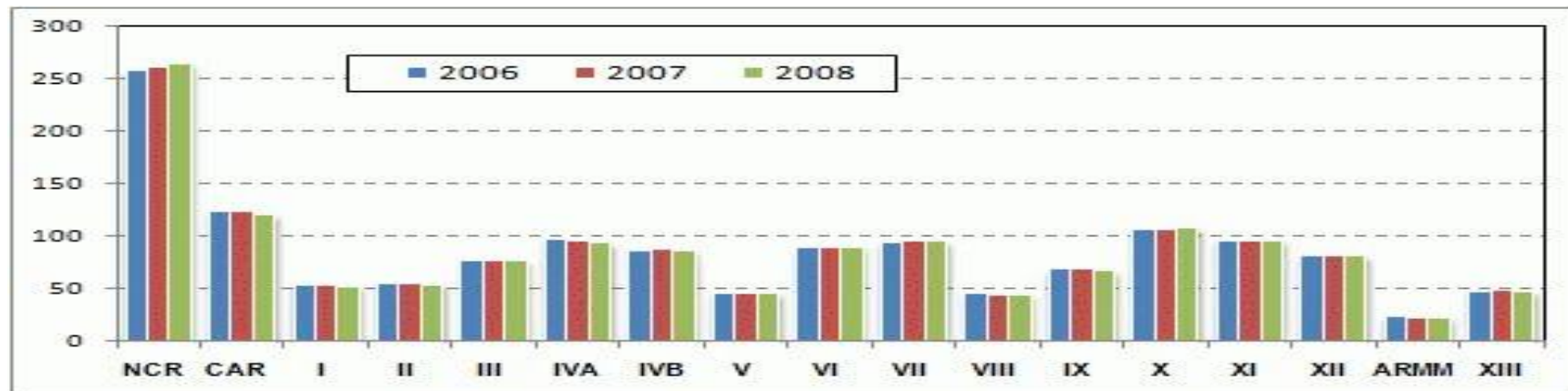


HUMAN DEVELOPMENT INDEX IN ARMM: LOWEST 10 PROVINCES

1997		2000		2003		2006	
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Sulu	0.34	Sulu	0.35	Sulu	0.31	Sulu	0.33
Lanao Sur	0.42	Tawi-Tawi	0.39	Maguindanao	0.36	Tawi-Tawi	0.33
Maguindanao	0.42	Basilan	0.43	Tawi-Tawi	0.36	Maguindanao	0.43
Tawi-Tawi	0.43	Maguindanao	0.46	Basilan	0.41	Basilan	0.43
Basilan	0.44	Lanao Sur	0.46	Masbate	0.44	Lanao Sur	0.45
Ifugao	0.45	Ifugao	0.46	Zambo Norte	0.45	Masbate	0.46
Lanao Norte	0.47	Agusan Sur	0.48	Sarangani	0.45	Sarangani	0.48
Agusan Sur	0.48	Samar	0.51	W. Samar	0.47	E. Samar	0.48

POVERTY INCIDENCE IN ARMM

REGION	2000		2003		2006	
	%	Rank	%	Rank	%	(+/-)
ARMM	71.30	1	53.10	1	55.3	+2.2
NCR	11.50	15	7.30	15	7.1	-0.2
Bicol	61.90	2	47.90	4	41.8	-6.1
E. Visayas	51.10	6	43.40	6	40.7	-2.7
W. Mindanao	53.00	7	49.40	2	40.2	9.2
N. Mindanao	52.20	4	44.30	5	46.1	+1.8



**ANNUAL PER CAPITA INCOME GROWTH
RATE, 1997-2006**

NCR	2.1
1 – Ilocos	2.3
2 – Cagayan Valley	3.3
3 - Central Luzon	2.2
4 – Southern Tagalog	3.9
5 – Bicol	2.9
6 - Western Visayas	3.6
7 - Central Visayas	3.3
8 - Eastern Visayas	4.3
9 - Western Mindanao	2.0
10 - Northern Mindanao	1.7
11 - Southern Mindanao	3.5
12 - Central Mindanao	2.8
CAR	2.3
ARMM	-0.5

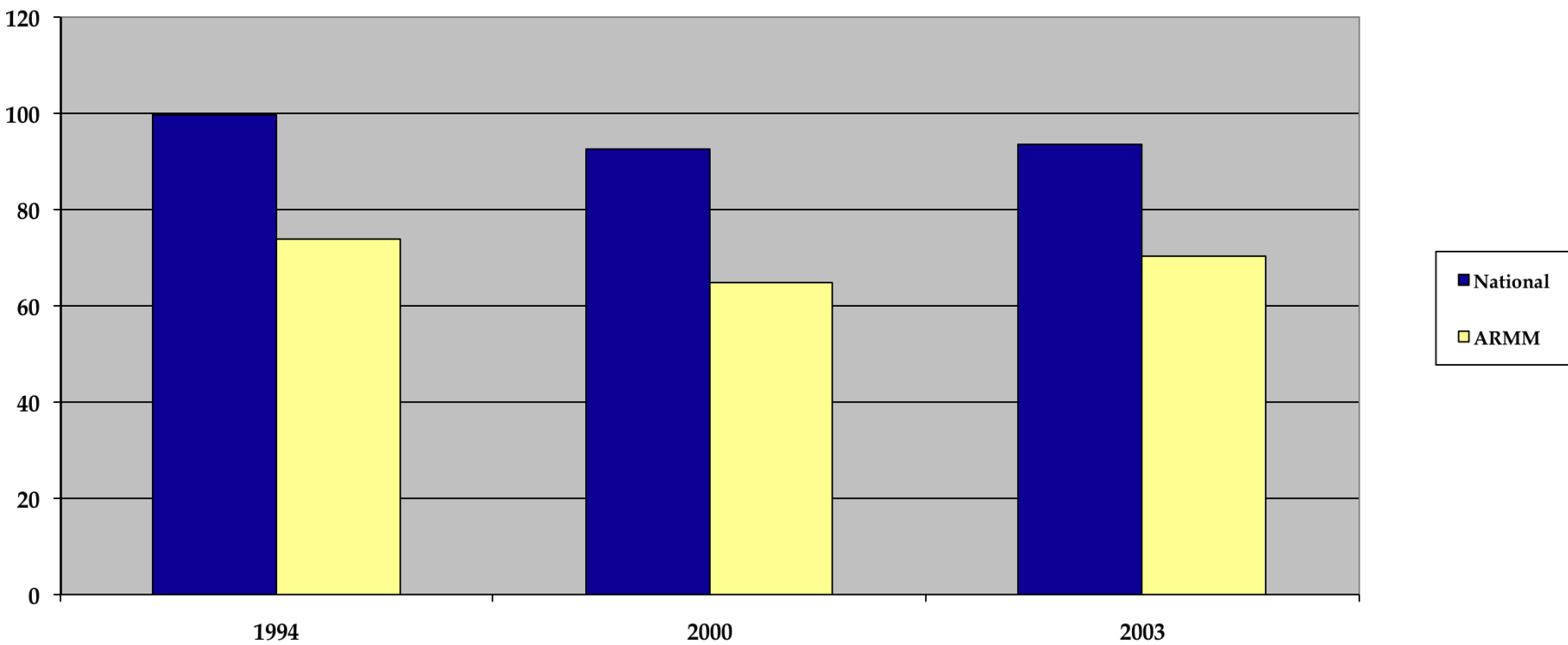
HIGH OUT-MIGRATION INCIDENCE OF MUSLIM MOTHERS

- The Feminization of Labor Migration indicates that there is an increasing rate of Muslim women who are independently migrating. The percentage of female migrants have risen from 46.7 percent in 1960 to 49.6 percent in 2005, according to [United Nations](#) statistics.
- More importantly, however, the term refers to the fact that more women are migrating independently in search of jobs, rather than merely as family dependants together with their husbands.



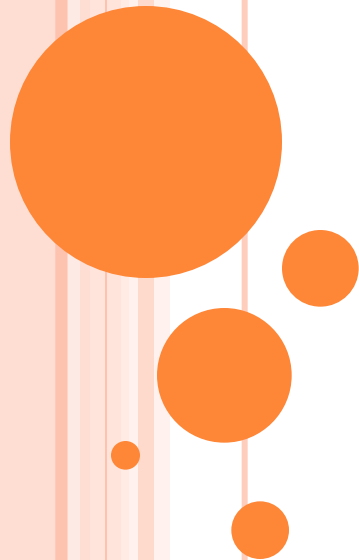
LITERACY IN THE ARMM

Simple Literacy Rate (%)



Human Rights Violations

1. Warrantless arrests
2. Illegal detention
3. Harassment
4. Disappearances
5. Killings



- On September 20, 2009, as Muslims in Indanan, Sulu prepare for Eid'l Fitr, the Philippine military conducted military operations that resulted to the death of 17 displaced over 300 families.

- After non-signing of MOA-AD, August 2008: 756,554 IDPs. Hundreds have been killed or wounded.



BREAKDOWN OF THE RULE OF LAW

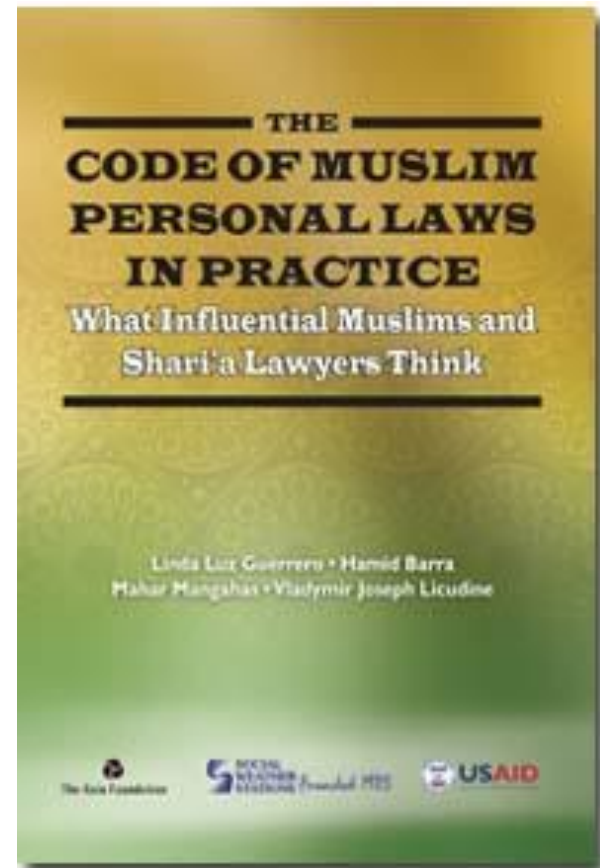
- Political Violence: The Ampatuan Massacre has claimed 57 lives: 22 women, including 2 female lawyers and 2 pregnant, 30 journalists
- Narcopolitics
- Illegal arms trade
- In Sulu, CSOs and schools condemned “serial rapes”: over 100 victims since 2008.



CHALLENGES FROM WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

THE CODE OF MUSLIM PERSONAL LAW

- Muslim women face double standards from within, as member of the minority group and as women in a male-dominated society.
- No woman involved in the codification of the CMPL.
- The implementation of *Shariah* in the Philippines, has features which violate women's rights.



MUSLIM WOMEN: MINORITIES WITHIN MINORITIES!

- Added to the gravity of the aforementioned:
 - Traditional beliefs also represses women's rights
 - Lack of awareness of women's rights
 - Lack of resources and capacity of government institutions to implement existing laws on VAW.



THE RESPONSE: EXPANDING THE ROLE AND PARTICIPATION OF MUSLIM WOMEN IN NATION AND PEACE BUILDING



EARLY EFFORTS ON EMPOWERING WOMEN

- Empowering women in peace and conflict resolution
- Training of Muslim women as human rights advocates
- Economic empowerment thru entrepreneurship training
- Islamic micro credit
- Literacy and education



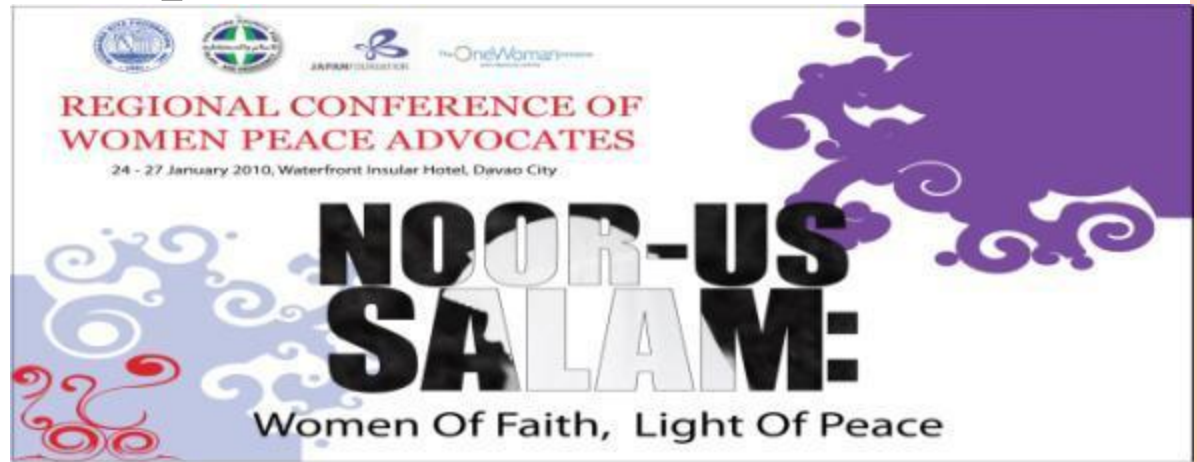
THE DECLARATION OF MUSLIM WOMEN LEADERS WAGING PEACE

- Women are stakeholders and should therefore be key players and partners in promoting sustainable development in a culture peace.
- The declaration reflects the aspirations of the aleemat and Muslim women leaders in their advocacies on **peace, economic development, health, clean and honest election, and promoting education as well as Islamic values.**



Empowering Women as Peace Advocates Project

Strengthened Collaboration of Aleemat and Women Leaders/Representatives of CSOs



Noor-us Salam: *Women of Faith, Light of Peace*

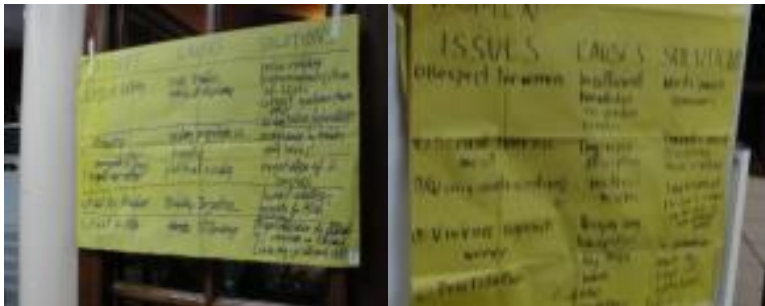
PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS (PAPS)

- ◉ Peace
- ◉ Access to Financial resources and economic development
- ◉ Clean and Honest Election
- ◉ Health
- ◉ Education and Islamic Values
- ◉ Literacy
- ◉ Organizational Development of Noor-us Salam

RESPONSES

ON PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION

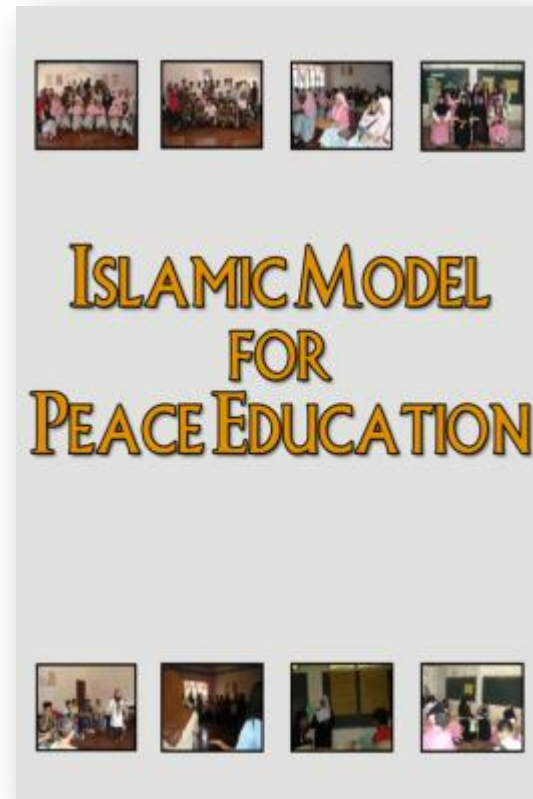
- Workshop on Peace, Security and Gender
- Workshop on Human Rights
- Workshop on Electoral Reform and Voters Training in Partnership with the Parish Pastoral Council for Responsible Voting (PPCRV)
- Training of Muslim Women Leaders at the barangay level for conflict resolution, etc.



RESPONSES

TEACHING PEACE FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF ISLAM: THE ISLAMIC MODEL ON PEACE EDUCATION

“The Islamic Model for Peace Education,” derived from authentic Islamic values and Bangsamoro cultural traditions , offers comprehensive insights into the basic principles of peace and conflict management in the light of Mindanao realities.



RESPONSES

A COMMON WORD: A CALL FOR INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION

Using “A Common Word” as a framework, MKFI and PCID began facilitating a series of dialogs between Christian and Muslim leaders to harness interfaith initiatives towards peace and development in Mindanao



RESPONSES

ON HEALTH

Regional Forum on the Consensus Bill on Population

July 2010, Cotabato City

PCID-USAID SHIELD Consultation on Health with Aleemat In ARMM

August 2010, Zamboanga City

Capacity-building Training and Workshops on Maternal Newborn Child Health and Nutrition Program for Aleemat in ARMM

October 2010, Zamboanga City and Cagayan de Oro



ON HUMAN RIGHTS

- Training of Muslim women and aleemat on human rights principles and monitoring of violations.
- ARMM is a major source of trafficked humans. PCID and MKFI have partnered with 3 major anti-trafficking NGOs.



**PACMAN IS OUR CHAMPION
AGAINST HUMAN
TRAFFICKING**



RESPONSES

ON CLEAN AND HONEST ELECTION

Voters' Education and Poll Watching Trainers' Training for Aleemat

April 2010, Zamboanga City

- Enhanced participation of the aleemat and Muslim women in the practice of good governance including transparency, accountability and zero tolerance of corruption, cronyism and nepotism.



RESPONSES

ON LITERACY

The Literacy for Peace and Development (LIPAD) Project

LIPAD is a 3-year ARMM-wide adult literacy project supported by the USAID. It targets the conduct of 2,500 classes and the graduation of 62,500 neo-literates.



THANK YOU!

MKFI and PCID try to provide solutions to the problems faced by Muslim families, but these are minuscule, in the light of the enormity of the problems.

