WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL PEACE PROCESSES AND DIALOGUES

PHILIPPINES
Where are the Women?

GAINS
- Inclusion of gender sensitive provisions in peace agreements
- Active participation of civil society, including grassroots women

CABS
- Realpolitik
- Casualty of larger formal political processes?
- Men's/peacemakers on the ground 'stalled'

REALITY OF LARGER FORMAL POLITICAL PROCESSES?
MINISTRY & PROCESSES ON THE GROUND 'STALLED'

PEACE PROCESS IS DYNAMIC

WOMEN NEGOTIATORS ARE DISCRIMINATED

Hostility
- Even if there's a 30% mandatory quota, there's not enough participation

CEASEFIRE
- Monitoring committee
- Junior, state & local level
- Bring civilian women in

VILLAGES
- Nominate negotiators

GOVERNMENT VS CIVIL SOCIETY
- Not cooperative
- Engaging with the government is an anomaly

Lack of interest and empowerment

COLLABORATION

WOMEN’S PARTICIPATION:
- No prominence
- Seen as a man's role

CIVIL SOCIETY
- More civil society

HARD TO FIND QUALIFIED WOMEN

BUDGET TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING

VOLUNTEERS
- No support
- To support capacity building

LACK OF INTEREST
- And empowerment

NO CLEAR ENEMY
- When the men are killed

WOMEN WANT TO BE RECOGNIZED
- Gender equality

DON'T TRUST SOLDIERS

Women have to care for the families when the men are killed

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