

## ABOUT THE PHILIPPINE CENTER FOR CIVIC EDUCATION AND DEMOCRACY

The Philippine Center for Civic Education and Democracy (PCCED) is a non-stock, non-profit organization dedicated to the effective promotion of good citizenship and participatory democracy through education. By "good citizenship" we mean a reasoned commitment to fundamental democratic values and principles manifested in an active engagement in civic life.



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### THE CIVIC EDUCATION TRAINING SEMINAR (CETS),

is an integrated approach at increasing the competence of teachers in Civic Education, primarily in strengthening their grasp of the subject matters included in the "Makabayan" (or "Citizenship") Curriculum, but also in other subjects that may be embedded with lessons in civic responsibilities throughout the high school curriculum.



**PROJECT CITIZEN (PC)** is an international program for increasing the democratic participation, political efficacy, and civic engagement levels of students at the middle and high school levels, and currently, there are more than 60 countries that are using the program. PCCED uses this approach to systematically train teacher-moderators in embedding education for democracy in the classroom, while simultaneously providing a venue for students to participate in community problem-solving and applying their lessons in citizenship in real life.



**PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING (PB)** is an attempt to make democracy work at the local level. It is a process for engaging people to participate in the preparation of the local budget through the identification and prioritization of projects set in the short, medium or long term.



### THE BARANGAY RULE OF LAW PROGRAM

targets the Barangay justice system (Katarungang Pambarangay) where administrators of justice and conflict resolution at the barangay-level are provided with increased procedural and technical skills and knowledge in implementing the Katarungang Pambarangay as well as the capacity to educate their constituents on the ideals of democracy, rule of law, justice and common good.

# THE BARANGAY AND THE BARANGAY JUSTICE SYSTEM



## THE BARANGAY OR VILLAGE

is the smallest political unit in the Philippines. It is administered by elected officials led by the barangay chairperson.

A barangay has an average population of

**2,000**

There are atleast

**411,550**

Lupong Tagapamayapa Members in

**41,155**

Barangays in the Philippines where KP is functional.

**6,187,681** Cases filed before the KP from 1980 to 2008



## Common types of cases brought before the Katarungang Pambarangay

### Criminal Case

Physical Injury  
Slander  
Threats  
Robbery  
Theft  
Drug Abuse  
Damage to Property  
Estafa  
Trespassing  
Coercion  
Unjust Vexation

### Civil Case

Ejectment  
Family or Marital Problems  
Collection of Debts or Rentals  
Breach of Contract  
Damages  
Demand for Specific Performance arising from Contracts

# POPULARIZING RULE OF LAW THROUGH THE BARANGAY JUSTICE SYSTEM

PCCED's Barangay Rule of Law Program takes advantage of this unique justice system to empower the peace council members to become civic educators, inculcating the ideals and values of democracy, rule of law, justice, common good as they settle community disputes. It recognizes the important role of grassroots local government – where people experience government face-to-face – in popularizing and deepening democratic values.

The program strengthens the peacekeeping function of the barangays through the Lupong Tagapamayapa (Peace Council) by empowering them with technical knowledge on the Katarungang Pambarangay System (Barangay Justice System) as well as alternative dispute resolution skills. As the peace council tries to settle disputes, they have the opportunity to inculcate the virtues of community, harmony, rule of law, democracy and citizenship not just among the disputants but to all their constituents. Seen this way, the barangays are transformed into "schools for citizenship", where the barangay officials are the civic educators.

## COMPONENTS OF THE BARANGAY RULE OF LAW PROGRAM



### MODULE DEVELOPMENT

### TRAININGS

### MONITORING & REFLECTION

### FORMATION OF ASSOCIATION

A pool of experts, including local leaders, is gathered together to develop training modules that are intended for the use of the barangay officials who will be capacitated to train the members of the community in democracy and citizenship.

The Program Training is a capacity-building activity, which aim to incorporate the democratic values, skills and habits and train officials who are assigned to perform the peacekeeping functions in the Barangays.

The monitoring and reflection activity aims to measure the impact of the program using various methodologies such as the knowledge test, random observation and focus group discussion.

The barangay officials who are trained in the program are provided with platform to create linkage and partnership with the duty bearers from the other local communities.

#### Module 1: The Barangays as "Schools for Citizenship"

The module revisits some of the key concepts associated with the Katarungang Pambarangay System, provide a clear understanding of the concepts of common good, justice, politics, citizenship and democracy and explain the critical role of the barangays as the showcase of democracy at the grassroots level.



#### Module 3: Techniques and Skills in Resolving Conflicts

The module session introduces the techniques and skills that are necessary for barangay peacekeepers to acquire and apply as "civic educators", in the pursuit of their barangay's role as "schools of citizenship" where the ideals of common good, justice, rule of law and democracy are espoused.

#### Module 2: The Law on Katarungang Pambarangay

The module aims to empower the members of the Lupong Tagapamayapa by providing them with sufficient technical legal expertise on the KP law in simplified yet extensive discussion on the KP process.

#### Module 4: Towards a Transformative Katarungang Pambarangay

The modules aims to make the participants anchor the KPS on the idea of common good in their pursuit to make it work in their respective communities understand the link between the "rule of law" and the common good and reassert their commitment in making KPS succeed with renewed vigor and ethical considerations.

# WHERE IS BARANGAY RULE OF LAW PROGRAM IMPLEMENTED?

To date, PCCED has trained **1,162** barangay officials and lupon members on the key concepts of Democracy, Citizenship, Rule of Law Justice and the Common Good, the procedural aspects of the Katarungang Pambarangay and Conflict Resolution Skills in **187** barangays across the country.



## OTHER AREAS

**129** barangay officials  
and lupon members from  
**21** barangays



## SORSOGON PROVINCE

**671** barangay officials  
and lupon members  
covering **103** barangays

## ALBUQUERQUE

**112** barangay officials  
and lupon members from  
**11** barangays

## TAGBILARAN

**150** lupon members  
and barangay officials  
covering **15**  
barangays

## ZAMBOANGA

**100** barangay officials  
and lupon members from  
**37** barangays

