



## Wide spectrum of approaches

To address the complex and multi-layered conflicts around protracted, social, economic and political marginalization, GIZ-CPS and forumZFD jointly developed a common strategy for the Philippines utilizing varied working approaches:

- Development of peace infrastructures and process accompaniment such as structure building for dialogue and advisory services for decision-makers, among others
- Strengthening capacities of communities and regional peace and security structures for early warning and early response to conflict
- Promotion of conflict-sensitive media and advocacy work
- Lobbying and awareness-raising to support non-violent conflict transformation strategies
- Peace education, research and studies

## Civil Peace Service in the Philippines

**“The Civil Peace Service in the Philippines contributes to the formation of a just society in which all members feel equally represented, have equal and fair access to their vested rights and are able to realize their needs through legal and peaceful means.”**

In the Philippines, Civil Peace Service projects are implemented by two German organizations: forumZFD (Forum Civil Peace Service) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

With the expertise of more than 20 national and international peace and conflict consultants we aim to support the non-violent transformation of different conflicts prevalent in Mindanao.

GIZ-CPS and forumZFD are working since 2007 in different regions of Mindanao on common strategic goals with complementing approaches and varying partnership structures.



## GIZ - CPS Impact Goals 2020 - 2023

The recent developments in the political and peace and conflict landscape of Mindanao calls for a renewed commitment to impact goals that aims to address emerging issues and challenges.

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With regional offices in Mindanao, GIZ-CPS connect and support a wide range of partners and networks mainly composed of civil society and governmental institutions, and accompany them in their conflict transformation processes. GIZ utilizes its position as governmental development agency to advance the interests of marginalized and underrepresented groups.

## What is the Civil Peace Service

The Civil Peace Service (CPS) is a program aimed at preventing violence and promoting peace in crisis zones and conflict regions. CPS recognizes that peace is often fragile in post-conflict situations and that armed conflicts can easily flare up again. Thus, the CPS and its partners work to establish trust and reliable relations that lay down the foundations for a lasting peace.

CPS experts provide long-term support to local partners in their efforts to promote dialogue, human rights, and peace non-violent approaches, contributing their expertise in the process. Changing attitudes, behaviours, and relationships, that are believed to influence structures and institutions as well as the conflict culture of a society are key to the work of CPS.

## In 43 countries worldwide for sustainable and just peace

The CPS is a consortium of nine German peace and development organizations, which run the program together with local partners in 43 countries worldwide. The diversity of the members of the consortium is one of the strengths of CPS, as they have access to civil society organizations and networks, and government agencies.

The CPS's approaches are as diverse as the conflicts and regions in which it works. CPS activities are built on the third-party involvement of both international and national peace and conflict advisors and are based on close cooperation with local partners.



“It is people who make peace; it cannot be enforced by using arms. Violent conflicts cannot be resolved sustainably with military means and peace cannot be prescribed but only be achieved jointly by all parties to a conflict and the people affected. If we want to have sustainable peace, we must take a non-violent course of action. One such course of action is the civil peace service.”

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