

migration, environment, peace and development

Highlights of the Mindanao Summit Recommendation/s



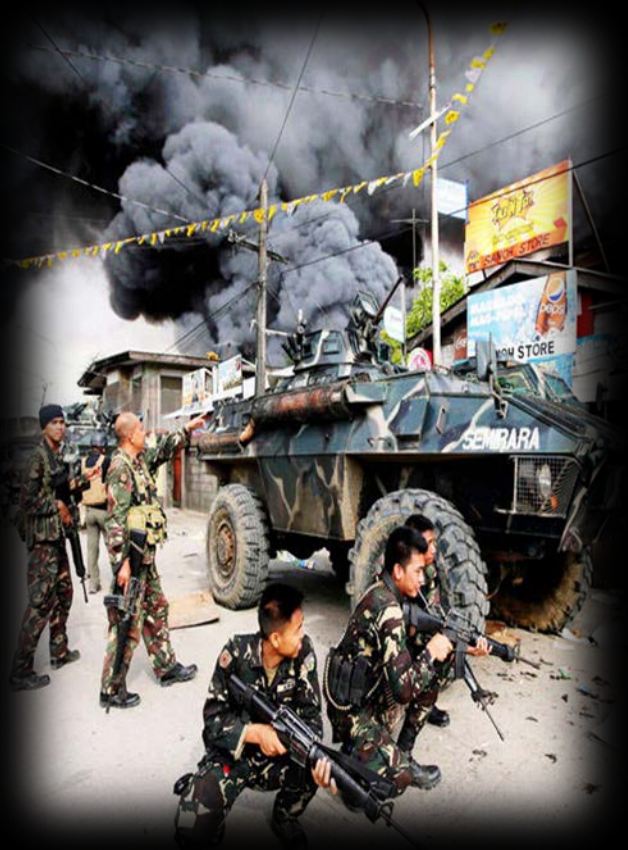
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. . . . the absence of peace, environmental degradation and disasters exacerbate migration problems and hinder development of Mindanao.

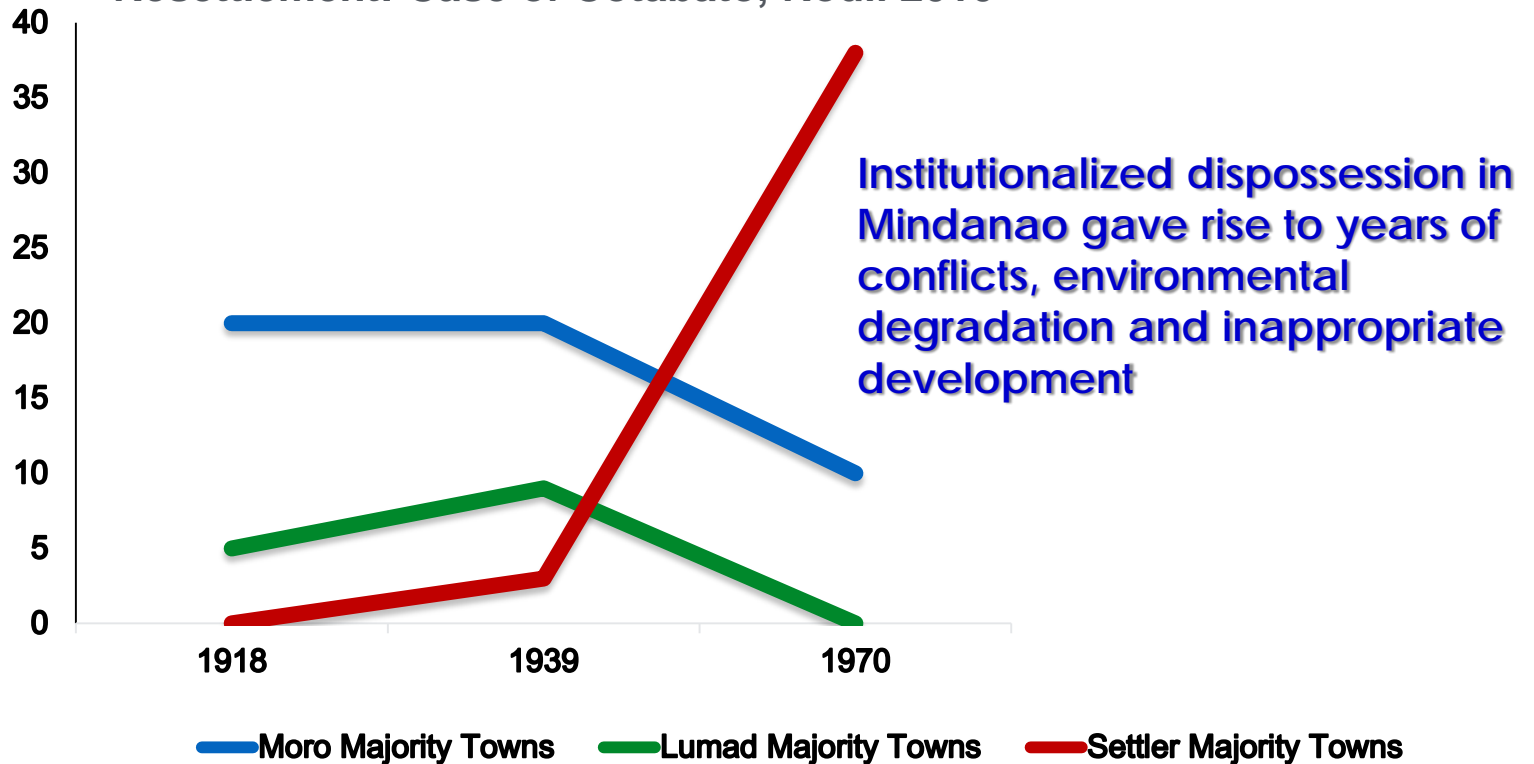




Migration and the Peopling of Mindanao

The peopling of Mindanao, particularly from the colonial to the early days of the Philippine Republic, was in large part a function of the migration policies of the State .

Resettlement: Case of Cotabato, Rodil 2010





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Connection and Interaction

Emergencies result in unaccounted
flow and transit of people

- ❑ Conflict induced migration
- ❑ Calamity induced migration
- ❑ Development induced migration

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- ❑ Labor migration moreso
international labor
migration





migration issues

- ❑ Realization/s that **MIGRATION** is not only international labor migration.
- ❑ Poverty, lack of economic opportunities, and livelihood opportunities as a major factor in the exodus of Filipinos abroad and local transit for refuge and/or survival.
- ❑ Feminization of labor migration and the gender-dimension of migrant worker exploitation and abuse
- ❑ Undocumented migrant workers ; falsification of civil documents
- ❑ **JOB MISMATCH.** lack of available employment opportunities; inadequate employment and livelihood opportunities.
- ❑ **Abandonment of families of migrant worker**



migration issues

- ❑ OFW Remittance was recognized as vital and strategic contribution to the Philippine economy.
- ❑ Meager yet significant the REMITTANCE brought in by OFWs survived family members in IDP camps and emergency situation.
- ❑ The plights of the so-called stateless children (Sabah, Malaysia /ARMM)
- ❑ Phenomenon of migratory workers in the sugar cane industry which also identify and included child laborers.
- ❑ Development-induced migration in mining, agricultural plantations or shopping and commercial malls (urban displacement) in the city.



migration issues

- ❑ The absence of **database system** in tracking number of OFWs (documented or undocumented, active or returned). This is also the same emergencies/crises situation where tracking system of people in transit are not established/installed thus resulting to poor prevention, protection intervention.
- ❑ the absence and/or lack of opportunity for regional participation /Mindanaoans on the discourse of MIGRATION patterns : Development and reactions (PEACE process, ASEAN Economic Reintegration 2015) and on the inclusion of migration to the Millenium SUSTAINABLE Development Goals

Trafficking in Person is a shared concern :

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Labor trafficking among tuna fishport workers

Davao Region

- ❑ Recruitment of young girls /women in the communities experiencing conditions of distress brought about by fire & floods for sexual exploitation.
- ❑ Development-induced migration in mining, agricultural plantations or shopping and commercial malls (urban displacement) in the city.

Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao

- ❑ the Interplay of poverty, certain cultural practices, warlordism, continuing armed conflict, proximity to Malaysia and bureaucratic corruption. Mass displacement as effects of recurring conflicts and natural disaster.



Trafficking in Person is a shared concern :

Northern Mindanao

- ❑ Increased vulnerabilities of IDPs to illegal recruitment and labor trafficking.

CARAGA

- ❑ Organ Trafficking Center(Siargao Island, Surigao del Norte)
- ❑ Cybersex capital of Mindanao (Bislig)
- ❑ Butuan City was identified to have issues on alleged easy access to falsified personal documents – less stringent processing of passports/other travel documents





Recommendations

- ❑ The unification of intervention through **convergence** – Government , private and CSOs .
- ❑ To call on the national and local government units to include migration, whether in-migration or out-migration as integral part in the local development planning and policy development
- ❑ Calling national government to sensitize its process of consultations to include MINDANAO voices and agenda particularly on issues of migration, environment, peace and development.
- ❑ The need to enhance information dissemination on migration in Mindanao in the context of international labor migration, emergencies, and other induced displacements to generate awareness and concern.
- ❑ Creating protection mechanism to address abandonment of families of migrant workers.



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