

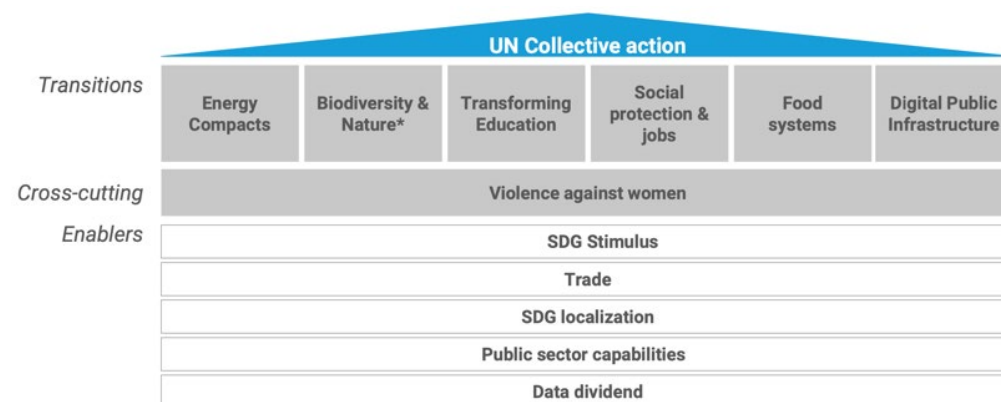
UN support to Philippine Government efforts for SDG acceleration

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BACKGROUND

In the lead up to the SDG Summit in New York on 18-19 September 2023, the UN Secretary-General has urged world leaders to help deliver a ‘Rescue Plan for People and Planet’ at the Summit announcing national and global commitments that will help drive SDG transformation for inclusion and sustainability. This document presents a brief summary of ongoing and planned interventions in the forthcoming Philippines 2024-2028 United Nations Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework supporting various Philippine Government initiatives that may be considered as [Transformative Actions](#) to accelerate SDG progress in the country. UN contributions are presented in line with the crucial dimensions for SDG acceleration being applied for the SDG Summit (see figure on right).



UN CONTRIBUTIONS

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TRANSITIONS: ENERGY COMPACTS		
Provide policy advice, share regional and global experience and national and sub-national institutions' capacity to transition towards low-carbon and net-zero pathways	7, 9, 12, 13	Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs); National Cold Chain Industry Roadmap; E-Vehicle Industry Development Act; 2022 Philippine Strategic Investment Priority Plan; Philippine Energy Plan 2040
UNIDO		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish global partnership with private sector and collaboration with financing institutions for the promotion of investment and support of best available energy-efficient design technologies and practices transfer Support increasing access of micro and small enterprises to renewable energy and energy efficiency through capacity enhancement, technology transfer and financing 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop integrated e-mobility ecosystem in the country through strengthening local energy planning framework, deliver low-carbon, affordable electricity and charging infrastructure, demonstrate viable business models for the private sector, for greater uptake of electric vehicles • Accelerate energy-for-all by demonstrating renewable energy technologies in off-grid areas • Facilitate development of climate-smart Industries and services and introduction of climate action standards among MSMEs and establishing climate finance programs for pipeline and bankable projects • Promote the institutional and technical capacity to accelerate the uptake of green hydrogen 		
TRANSITIONS: BIODIVERSITY AND NATURE		
<p>Mobilise global and regional climate and biodiversity finance, and public and private investments</p> <p>Rights-based, gender-responsive approach to sustainable management of environment, natural resources and biodiversity through improved capacities of the government and IPLCs while wide partnerships with the civil society actors and voluntary sector</p>	<p>9, 12, 13, 15</p>	<p>Expanded National Greening Program (EO193, s.2015); Philippine Master Plan for Climate Resilient Forestry Development (2016-2028); Agriculture NDCs; National Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan [integrated in the National Adaptation Plan]; Philippine Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (PBSAP) 2015-2028; National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP); Bangsamoro Development Plan 2023-2028; DENR Chemical Roadmap; Extended Producer Responsibility Act 2022; Stockholm Convention; Minamata Convention</p>
<p>FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support adaptation of Philippine agriculture to climate change through use of climate information systems, establishing climate-resilient agri enterprises and fostering an enabling environment for agricultural value-chains • Support forest and landscape restoration (FLR) through: (a) creation of an enabling environment through intersectoral coordination and relevant policy alignment for the implementation and scaling up of national FLR initiatives; (b) piloting restoration approaches in selected sites with high potential for FLR; and (c) enhancement of monitoring capacity to monitor both socio-economic and environmental benefits of FLR, as well as support to coastal and marine restoration • Support rehabilitation and preservation of the Key Biodiversity Areas along Bataan Province to Manila Bay • Enhance local capacities for a climate resilient fisheries sector • Promote ecosystems approach to Fisheries Management • Develop and pilot application of marine spatial planning framework and tool for fisheries and coastal resource management 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support municipal water delineation of coastal municipalities for sustainable governance of fisheries management • Support developing national climate finance investment programmes and projects linked to adaptation and mitigation priorities for the agriculture sectors and exchange knowledge and learning to promote innovative mechanisms for public and private sector climate finance at national and regional levels 		
<p>UNEP</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support addressing the management of the plastic value chain in Southeast Asia to reduce adverse impact of land-based plastic leakage into the marine environment • Support the Philippines meet targets of the approved Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the marine and coastal environment of the South China Sea (SCS) through implementation of the National Action Plans in support of the SAP, and strengthening regional co-ordination for SCS SAP implementation. 		
<p>IOM</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance access to and integration of renewable energy (Solar) in evacuation centres in Bicol, ensuring access to green energy pre and post disaster in GIA locations • Enhance community resilience to climate change through strengthening the capacities of the Government and stakeholders to facilitate migration as an adaptation strategy, and by raising public awareness on the issue • Support research and implement interventions related to climate change, human mobility and conflict in BARMM with a focus on community-based livelihoods in coordination with BARMM Government and LGUs • Provide renewable energy in Basilan, Sulu, and Tawi-tawi (BASULTA) to enhance and stabilize health systems through granting access to reliable and green energy to key hospitals in remote locations 		
<p>WFP</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Office of Civil Defence (OCD) and other government partners to enable the operationalization of Anticipatory Action at the national and sub-national levels which allows national and local government agencies to access and use pre-arranged contingency funds to implement mitigation measures and deliver assistance ahead of an extreme weather event • Work with sub-national government authorities to develop/improve their climate adaptation plans, to link them with robust risk and vulnerability assessments, and to enhance their access to the national climate adaptation fund (“People's Survival Fund”) • Implement the “Multi-Hazard Impact-Based Forecasting and Early Warning System (MH-IBF-EWS) for the Philippines” with Department of Science and Technology - Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration (DOST-PAGASA) and the Land Bank of the Philippine 		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jointly implements programmes in BARRM with the BARRM government to protect, conserve, and rehabilitate forests, coastal, and marine resources, and to mainstream disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation measures to improve resilience <p>UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support introducing environmentally sound management of e-wastes to reduce new POPs release reduction from recycling stream and to assist in the implementation of the PCB management programs for electric cooperatives Reduce of emissions from unintentionally produced persistent organic pollutants and manage mercury wastes from the healthcare sector Support developing sustainable policy and creation of innovative resource-efficient systems towards circular economy of plastic in the food and beverage sector 		
TRANSITIONS: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION		
<p>Increased access to quality early childhood education, especially for children 3-4 years old and their smooth transition to kindergarten and primary education; and alternative learning system (ALS) services including in humanitarian crisis by strengthening capacity to deliver early childhood and basic education for children</p>	4	<p>MATATAG agenda: <i>Bansang Makabata, Batang Makabansa</i></p>
<p>UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with UNICEF, support ensuring access to documentation through birth registration of the most vulnerable populations such as Sama Bajau children and unregistered children in the context of internal displacement due to armed conflict in Zamboanga and BASULTA <p>UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In partnership with UNESCO, provide technical assistance to the development and implementation of policies and frameworks for education (such as the Basic Education Development Plan 2030 and the Bangsamoro Education Reform and Development Plan 2035) which provide blueprints and targets for the provision of quality, inclusive and equitable education 		

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TRANSITIONS: SOCIAL PROTECTION AND JOBS		
<p>Implement adaptive and shock-responsive social protection programmes, and expanding the coverage and benefit levels for vulnerable groups such as migrant workers, informal workers and farming and fishing communities, including durable solutions for protracted displacement</p> <p>Improve the skills architecture. enable smooth school-to-work transition, through career counselling and apprenticeship, and bridging the skills gap in labour force</p>	1, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12	PDP Chapter 3, Reduce Vulnerabilities and Protect Purchasing Power, Subchapter 3.2 Strengthen Social Protection; Social Protection Operational Framework; Bangsamoro Development Plan 2023-2028; BARMM Food Security and Nutrition Roadmap; Philippines Labor and Employment Plan; Philippine Plan of Action in Nutrition 2023-2028
<p>FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance institutional capacities for adopting anticipatory actions and shock responsive social protection through social and community engagement, simulation exercises and policy-level interventions in various areas in the Philippines, including BARMM. Advocate for and enhance capacities for BARMM government to provide workable agricultural insurance scheme Support developing programs to support BARMM government address youth unemployment and underemployment in the agriculture and fisheries sector <p>UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support agribusinesses in post-conflict Bangsamoro to increase their sales to the Filipino market and their exports to the market of Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-the Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) through: implementation of the reviewed Halal and sea products' standards and certification procedure, upgrading local standard compliance laboratories, and support local agribusinesses obtain the certification for the reviewed Halal and sea products' standards Enhance livelihoods of disadvantaged communities through an innovative technical assistance-small grant scheme Facilitate government-industry collaboration on standards and skills development to adapt in green and digital transitions Strengthen livelihoods and sources of income of vulnerable seaweeds producing communities in Tawi-tawi by stimulating the manufacturing of better-quality seaweeds through securing climate-resilient water access Establish sustainable financing, investment and incentive mechanisms in the formulation, production and application of eco-friendly crop protection solutions for reduction of persistent organic pollutants (POPs) and highly hazardous pesticides (HHPs) enhancing livelihood, food safety and protection to human health and the environment. 		

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<p>IOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Government in fair and ethical recruitment practices, including a national action plan to promote and uphold the rights of migrant workers through capacity enhancement, technical support and advocacy • Support the Government in gender responsive reintegration of migrant workers including capacity enhancement, development of policy and the national reintegration handbook in support of the national action plan on reintegration • Through research and key policy recommendations, support the integration of migration as an adaptation strategy to climate change through policy and operations at the national and local level, ensuring the dividends of safe migration are leveraged for climate resilience • Enhance capacity of communities to enhance knowledge of safe migration in locations impacted by climate change supported by policy, capacity enhancement, livelihood diversification and skills training. • Enhance the capacity of vulnerable youth and women (including women former combatants) on livelihood skills development by facilitating their access to technical vocational education and certification to improve their access to employment and social entrepreneurship. <p>UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritizes the implementation of a self-reliance programme for refugees and asylum seekers, which includes counselling, training needs assessments, referral and expansion of network of service providers and champions for access to education, livelihood, skills training, employment and practice of profession • Work with the Government to advocate for access to financial and digital services through policy reform, both creating enabling environments for socio economic development • Advocate for the passage of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) bill at the national and sub-national levels <p>ILO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support the Government in the establishment of a Social Protection Floor (SPF) which provides nationally defined sets of basic social security guarantees to ensure access to essential health care and basic income security for children, working age and older persons • Support the Government development the Philippine Labor and Employment Plan (PLEP) 2023-2028. The National Tripartite Industrial Peace Council (NTIPC) signed Resolution No. 1 Series of 2023 approving and adopting the Philippine Labor and Employment Plan (PLEP) 2023-2028. The PLEP is organized around three key strategic decent work priorities on employment; social protection; and fundamental principles and rights at work, international labour standards and human rights • Support the Philippine Statistics Authority (PSA) in the pilot process on measuring SDG indicator 10.7.1 on the recruitment costs of migrant workers <p>WFP</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-implement the Government’s programme “Food e-Voucher. Walang Gutom 2027 (No Hunger)” which enables the Government to implement its social protection framework and is aligned with social protection, food security, and nutrition strategy • Support creating employment opportunities for youth and women through supporting the Government design a Home-Grown School Feeding model which will provide market opportunities for smallholder farmers and creates opportunities for all actors along the value chain by engaging in activities related to food aggregation, transportation, food preparation, and serving • Bring women and disadvantaged youth, such as former combatants, into last-mile community infrastructure development programmes which range from maintaining vegetable gardens, fishponds, reforestation, planting of fruit trees, construction of farm to market roads, irrigation canals, post-harvest facilities etc. <p>UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support strengthening social safety nets for children through the introduction and roll-out of the humanitarian cash transfer and the development of anticipatory action plans at the subnational level to support local governments in responding to vulnerable populations in disaster- and conflict-prone areas 		
TRANSITIONS: FOOD SYSTEMS		
<p>Enhance the nutrition-sensitivity of agriculture programmes to improve the efficiency of marketing and distribution of nutritious foods</p>	<p>2, 9, 17</p>	<p>National Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan; Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty; Philippine Food Systems Transformation Pathway; Food Fortification Strategic Plan; Philippine Plan of Action in Nutrition 2023-2028; Enhanced Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty; BEDP 2030; Local comprehensive development plans; Bangsamoro Food Security and Nutrition Plan 2023 – 2028</p>
<p>FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance institutional capacities for nutrition-sensitive planning and programming in the agriculture sector, including conduct of technical studies to contribute to evidence-base • Establish the Digital Mapping System, an online registry, to support the Enhance Partnership Against Hunger and Poverty (EPAHP) in profiling and identification of locations of community-based agri-producing organizations and to link them with government institutional procurement for feeding programs in public schools, hospitals, jails, and others • Enhance institutional capacities for food security data use and analysis, including improvement of the Agriculture Indicators System and trainings on agriculture policy development 		

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<p>UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen early warning systems through Industry 4.0 applications in agriculture <p>ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Support improving quality management and control systems for exported food products, in alignment with international best practices <p>WFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work with the Government to ensure coordinated, responsive, and effective intervention to achieve Zero Hunger and food security by 2030 through government policies, initiatives, and projects Support the drafting of the Government’s Rice Fortification Strategic and Operational Plan Support key national and regional plans on food security and nutrition and social protection systems Contribute to the reduction of malnutrition rates through the integration of Social Behaviour Change Communication (SBCC) in nutrition interventions and technical support to the Government, Support the Department of Education in the implementation of Home-Grown School Feeding (HGSF) and to help the Government achieve its commitments to the School Meals Coalition, and institutionalize HGSF in BARMM and other local governments Support the government of BARMM and local governments in addressing the food security and nutrition needs of all segments of the population, in an equitable manner, to further consolidate and enhance peace and development Jointly implement programmes with the BARMM government to uplift the lives of decommissioned and soon-to-be decommissioned combatants, conflict-affected populations, and indigenous people through agricultural productivity and to assimilate these groups back to society as economic contributors Work closely with local governments (districts) in BARMM to develop their Local Comprehensive Development Plans, including integrating programmes to help increase market linkages of smallholder farmers and fisherfolks Implement a digital platform that creates a marketplace connecting aggregators, smallholder farmers and fisherfolk, and local buyers, and seeks to increase market linkages of agricultural cooperatives 		
TRANSITIONS: DIGITAL PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE		
<p>Provide policy advice, technical assistance, and support to public awareness on digital transformation of the economy, including bridging digital skills and digital gender gaps,</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>Inclusive Innovation Industrial Strategy (i3S); National Emergency Telecommunications Cluster; NDRRMC Shelter Transition Plan; Normalization of the Comprehensive Agreement on the Bangsamoro</p>

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building trust in digital payment systems and addressing cybersecurity concerns		
<p>ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide trade policy support to help align trade and investment policies to achieve digitalization and innovation-led industrial development in the Philippines <p>WFP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lead the national Emergency Telecommunications Cluster to support the Department of Information and Communications Technology (DICT) in enhancement its capacity through trainings and technical expertise Develop versions of the Government Emergency Communications System - Mobile Operations Vehicle for Emergencies (MOVE), a government-funded project developed with DICT Provide national capacity strengthening on Digital Beneficiary Management (WFP-SCOPE) in support of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD)'s shock-responsive social protection program 		
TRANSITIONS (Additional): PREVENT NEW AND REDUCE EXISTING DISASTER RISKS		
Provide policy advice, technical assistance, share experience and contribute to enhance capacities of institutions and communities at all levels for strengthening resilience, protection-centred disaster risk reduction and management, preparedness, response, and durable and nature-based solutions in line with the Sendai Framework	11, 13	National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan (NDRRMP) 2011-2028
<p>UNDRR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Work on the making 63 cities in the Philippines resilient through increased investment for a long-term disaster and climate resilience at the local level in partnership with the Office of Civil Defense (OCD), the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council (NDRRMC), the Department of the Interior and Local Government (DILG), and the Union of Local Authorities of the Philippines (ULAP) 		
CROSS CUTTING: VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN		
Enhancing capacities of institutions to combat violence and discrimination against women, misogynistic narratives,	5	Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Plan 2019-2025; Gender and Development Fund Utilization Guidelines; BARMM

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<p>hate speech, and promote representation of women in civil service, business, and politics</p> <p>Reinforce existing prevention and response to violence against women and children and their protection against sexual exploitation and abuse including child online sexual exploitation</p>		<p>Gender Road Map; BARMM Food Security and Nutrition Monitoring and Evaluation Framework</p>
<p>UN Women</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development and updating of regional and national action plans on Women, Peace and Security through the Bangsamoro Women's Commission and various ministries in close coordination and collaboration with the Office of the Presidential Adviser for Peace, Reconciliation and Unity • Engage private sector in promoting gender equality and women's empowerment (GEWE) and increase businesses and companies that adapt and implement Women's Empowerment Principles to provide pathways for women's participation and leadership in business and workplace • Support expansion of existing referral systems for Violence Against Women through adoption of local and provincial ordinances to implement and activate mechanisms in select provinces and municipalities • Provide technical and policy support for the expansion of women's access to justice through capacity enhancement of communities in engaging justice sector actors and provision of sensitivity to select jail wardens <p>IOM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reinforce existing prevention and response to violence against women and children and their protection against sexual exploitation and abuse including child online sexual exploitation • Support social cohesion, livelihood and enhanced access and integration into peace mechanisms and processes • Support developing and enhancement of social infrastructure, community-based capacity and referral pathways on Mental health and psychosocial support (MHPSS) to displaced populations, especially women in Marawi • Provide capacity enhancement and technical support to DSWD on Camp Coordination, Camp Management during disasters including GBV, MHPSS, PSEA and direct technical support to field staff during disasters to strengthen referral pathways, IEC materials and capacity enhancement of local camp managers • Conduct community-based awareness sessions to communities on PSEA, women empowerment, and gender equality towards enhancing inclusive local governance in Marawi post conflict setting <p>WFP</p>		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Train partners, enumerators, and suppliers on preventing and responding to sexual exploitation and abuse and integrating protection principles in humanitarian assistance, including training DSWD field staff to ensure protection mainstreaming during emergency response. <p>UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amplify the six core principles of protection from sexual exploitation and abuse (PSEA) by: equipping and empowering UNHCR staff, partner personnel, and people with and for whom UNHCR works to prevent, identify and respond to sexual misconduct; upholding organizational accountability in tackling sexual misconduct; and maintaining support to the inter-agency PSEA Task Force <p>UNICEF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Together with WHO and UNFPA, assist vulnerable women, children, and adolescents with mental health and psychosocial services and protection from gender-based violence (GBV) by enhancing the capacity of health and social workers, and developing a training package with practical tools 		
ENABLERS: TRADE		
<p>Contribute to structural and technological transformation in the agri-fisheries sector ...facilitate integration with regional and global value chains ... and supporting agriculture trade policies</p>	<p>1, 3, 8, 10, 12, 17</p>	<p>Philippine Export Development Plan (PEDP) 2023-2028; Inclusive Innovation Industrial Strategy (i3S); Coconut Farmers and Industry Roadmap (2021-2040); Philippine Game Development Service Industry Roadmap; Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund; National Agricultural and Fisheries Modernization and Industrialization Plan; Digital Agriculture; One Health; Safe food for Everyone; 2022 Philippine Strategic Investment Priority Plan; Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs); E-Vehicle Industry Development Act</p>
<p>FAO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce rice and production processing technologies for improved productivity and integration in the global value chain, including capacity enhancement support to PhilRice in adopting and rolling out the Direct Seeded Rice methodology and developing competitive and inclusive rice value chain (and experience sharing) in support of the implementation of the Rice Competitiveness Enhancement Fund Promote the adoption of ICT-based technologies in the livestock supply chain to improve trade and regulatory interventions in support of the implementation of biosecurity measures and traceability of livestock and poultry produce and eventual improvement of animal movement control to facilitate safe trade of livestock and poultry produce 		

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<p>ITC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Foster inclusive economic growth in the Philippines through improved international trade performance and competitiveness, including for women and youth, as well as economic integration <p>UNIDO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enhance capacity and quality infrastructure for the local production and testing of PPEs at the required volume to meet the demands of healthcare facilities and the vulnerable population, complying with required production, safety, and quality standards Remove e-vehicle market transformation and market barriers by implementing capacity enhancement targeted at private sector and innovative bankable project financing schemes. 		
ENABLERS: DATA DIVIDEND		
<p>Civil service capacity for cohesive, gender-responsive, coordinated policymaking through improved access and use of disaggregated data</p>		
<p>UNHCR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthen BARMM’s displacement tracking and monitoring through the IDP Profiling and Response Tracking (IPART) system Assist the Department of Justice (DOJ) with technical support and capacity enhancement in using the progRes system to ensures that the DOJ can effectively generate detailed, disaggregated data, have a deeper understanding of the specific needs of these populations, allowing them for more precise and effective interventions. Provide digital infrastructure to DOJ to enhance its efforts in protecting and assisting asylum seekers, refugees and stateless populations within the country with the aim of streamlining processes and improve data management tasks 		