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## UN PLAN FOR LASTING PEACE IN MINDANAO

### VIDEO

SUNRISE ON LAKE CIBU

LANDEY ON-CAMERA

### AUDIO

RADIO ANNOUNCER: (In English)

"This is DXUS FM 90.7 bringing to you the good news on the peace and development in this mountainous resort of South Cotabato." (12")

NARRATION

But the news from here in Mindanao in Southern Philippines was not always good. (5")

A bloody thirty-year struggle between the government and rebel forces fighting for independence cost thousands of lives. Fighting ended in 1996...and the work of waging peace began. (11.5")

Former guerrilla soldiers, who spent years hiding in the mountains, needed to rebuild their lives. (5.5")

LANDEY: (In English)

"We set up these peace and development communities." (2.5")

NARRATION

Deborah Landey, Head of the United Nations Development Programme, UNDP, in the Philippines. (5")

LANDEY ON-CAMERA

LANDEY: (In English)

"What we did in those communities was that we set up services, basic services for people." (6")

NARRATION

Services like housing...and job opportunities. With ten million dollars in funding, UNDP helps former soldiers – both men and women - reclaim and farm their land...harvest their rice paddies...and secure loans to open neighbourhood businesses, like this salon. (18.5")

Every one of the one-hundred and sixty-three "Peace Communities" built so far also has a kind-of "resource center" where former fighters learn to diffuse conflicts through communication ...and where resources --like food, medicine, even farm equipment -- is divided equally among community members. (19")

LANDEY ON-CAMERA

LANDEY: (In English)

"The most stunning thing was to listen to former commanders, fighters, men almost break down in tears because they had come to understand that peace is the only way to move development of their people forward." (12")

NARRATION

SOLDIERS AT VILLAGE MEETING And that has many of the ex-rebels, like former Commander Aladdin, volunteering to become “peace advocates”. Their job - to talk to their neighbours about how peace can bring prosperity.

ALADDIN: (In English)

ALADDIN ON-CAMERA “We have now begun to develop ourselves, so maybe that’s the end of hardship in our lives.” (8”)

AVEEN: (In English)

AVEEN ON-CAMERA “They are tired of war. They would want to exhaust all means that is not violent.” (5”)

NARRATION

Aveen Acuna-Gulo works with these advocates for the UN. (4.5”)

AVEEN: (In English)

AVEEN ON-CAMERA “They try to live their lives in a way that’s peaceful, that would also radiate to other community members.” (7”)

NARRATION

In a final step toward lasting peace, some now have even joined their country’s army – serving alongside their former enemies. Standing side-by-side as countrymen...and now as neighbours. (13”)

UN LOGO

This report was prepared by United Nations Television. (3”)

