"We know how to make bread but not how to sell them commercially. The PLEDGE trainings taught us how to start a business so we can earn for our families."

Ismaudin Mama, People’s Organization President

July 2016/ Barangay Pigcalagan, Sultan Kudarat, Maguindanao

THE MINDANAO TRUST FUND-RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (MTF-RDP)

A partnership between the Philippine Government, the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF) and international donors, the MTF-RDP promotes socioeconomic recovery in conflict-affected communities to support the Bangsamoro peace process.

The Bangsamoro Development Agency, the development arm of the MILF, is the MTF-RDP’s main implementing partner. The program also works with the Community and Family Services International, Mindanao Land Foundation and the International Labour Organization.

COMMUNITY ENTERPRISES

Ismaudin is one of the 1,178 members of the 42 PLEDGE business groups trained by the BDA to start and maintain small businesses. With support from the MTF-RDP, these groups reported an increase in income which helped augment the monthly expenses of their members.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The MTF-RDP provided technical support and Php 113 million for the BDA to run its first enterprise program. From 2013 to 2016, the BDA trained 42 business groups to convert their resources and skills into high value products such as bamboo furniture and cassava and banana chips.

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