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IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY REFUGEE RELIEF AND THE PEACE PROCESS IN THE MINDANAO REGION OF THE SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES

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PEACE IN MINDANAO

THRU
EDUCATION



AAI currently has more than 20,000 elementary and high school students in our Model of Excellence Schools on the island of Jolo, including 37 college scholarship students who come from Patikul, home

of the Abu Sayyaf terror gang. Each child is an ambassador of Hope and Peace in a region that has endured four decades of war and terror. In the recent kidnapping in Jolo of television reporter Ces Drillon, her captors were teenagers between the ages of 14 to 18 years. In the recent MILF attacks in Lanao del Sur, majority of the perpetrators under Commander Bravo were between the ages of 12 and 17. These kids turned terrorists should be in school. AAI offers alternatives to conflict and aims to deny militant networks the ability to recruit. AAI's scholars, who come from the poorest families but maintain a B grade point average in college, are tomorrow's leaders and today's alternative models for their peers. AAI's Model of Excellence and Peace Zone public schools, with 20,000 students, have graduation and retention rates of over 90 percent, 40 percent higher than the regional average.....

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COMMUNITY BUILDING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

AAI promotes Community Building and Economic Development thru it's various programs: FOOD FOR HOPE, GARDENS OF HOPE, COLLEGIATE SCHOLARSHIPS, COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIPS, SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD PROGRAMS AND TRANSFORMING BATTLEFIELDS INTO HARVEST FIELDS. It has been, and continuous to be involved, in peace mediation between the government, the local community and the MNLF. During this critical time of intense fighting, AAI conducts emergency relief missions to provide medical and humanitarian support to conflict areas.



GLOBAL FOOD SHORTAGE - The Mindanao region has tremendous food production potential which has not been utilized. On top of helping promote peace, if planting is done immediately, on some of the most fertile lands in Mindanao, we can increase production to not only satisfy demand in Mindanao, but for the whole country.....

PHYSICIANS FOR PEACE

Led by Dr. Victor Lorica and Dr. Quan Nguyen, the objective of these series of Physicians for Peace Events is to create awareness about the delicate and volatile situation in the indanao Region of the Philippines and identify *how we can help* in the **Global War Against Terror**

The concert for Peace is the first of a series of events. Please join us for a concert with opera singer, Chrissellene G. Petropoulos, as well as featured physicians who have graciously offered to perform to help support work for peace in the Mindanao region of the Philippines

As we provide humanitarian relief, we realize that **international security** and the **defense of human rights** are inseparable. “*Therefore, victory over terrorist movements require the foresight to provide humanitarian assistance in at-risk, impoverished communities*”. As we work together, we realize that PEACE is indeed POSSIBLE.

[Asia America Initiative](#) is a U.S. and Manila –based 501c3 non-profit organization conducting peace mediation in some of Asia’s most impoverished and war torn communities through comprehensive health, education and livelihood development programs.

AAI was founded by Albert Santoli in 2002 to promote peace and prosperity in conflict-plagued communities. Our people-to-people initiatives integrate health, education, arts and livelihood as a basis for peace mediation. By BUILDING HOPE and PROSPERITY, we overcome hatred and fear.

AAI operations are rooted in the belief that international security and the defense of human rights are inseparable. Therefore, victory over terrorist movements requires the foresight to provide humanitarian assistance in at-risk, impoverished communities. **As a catalyst for policy innovation, AAI’s field programs deliver direct aid to populations targeted by terrorist recruitment.** In the Philippines, AAI is networking private U.S. humanitarian and educational organizations with local NGOs to support the peace process in Muslim Mindanao. These efforts are is intended to 1) enhance the quality of life, 2) reinforce opportunities for women, 3) offer alternatives to conflict and to 4) deny militant networks the ability to recruit.

Since 2002, AAI, acting as intermediaries between local communities, international agencies and government officials, has created and conducted the **Development for Peace program in Muslim Mindanao** that is recognized as one of the most successful efforts to bring the people of Luzon and Mindanao together in peace and shared progress.

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