

# WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION <sup>IN</sup> FORMAL <sup>AND</sup> INFORMAL PEACE PROCESSES <sup>AND</sup> DIALOGUES

PHILIPPINES

Where are the Women?



PEACE BUILDING



GAPS

→ REALPOLITIK

'CASUALTY' OF LARGER FORMAT POLITICAL PROCESS?  
MINDSET & PRACTICES ON THE GROUND  
'STALLED'



GAINS

INCLUSION OF GENDER SENSITIVE PROVISIONS IN PEACE AGREEMENTS  
WOMEN IN FORMAL PEACE TABLES  
→ ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY, INCLUDING GRASSROOTS WOMEN

MYANMAR



the PEACE PROCESS is DYNAMIC

WOMEN NEGOTIATORS ARE DISCRIMINATED

ONLY A FEW WOMEN SPEAK

WOMEN NEGOTIATORS FACE

HOSTILITY



EVEN IF THERE'S A 30% MANDATORY QUOTA,

THERE'S NOT ENOUGH PARTICIPATION

CEASEFIRE MONITORING COMMITTEE

JUNIOR, STATE & LOCAL LEVEL  
→ BRING CIVILIAN WOMEN IN

CEASE FIRE? NOT INTERESTED



VILLAGES NOMINATE NEGOTIATORS

LACK of INTEREST and EMPOWERMENT

COLLABORATION

GOVERNMENT vs CIVIL SOCIETY

~ NOT COOPERATIVE  
~ ENGAGING WITH THE GOVERNMENT IS AN ANOMALY

BOTH NEED MORE

HARD TO FIND QUALIFIED WOMEN



WOMEN'S PARTICIPATION: NO PROMINANCE  
~ SEEN AS A MAN'S ROLE

VOLUNTEERS IN THE VILLAGES



NO CLEAR ENEMY, WOMEN HAVE TO CARE for the FAMILIES WHEN THE MEN ARE KILLED

DON'T TRUST SOLDIERS

WOMEN WANT TO BE RECOGNISED  
GENDER EQUALITY

BUDGET TO SUPPORT CAPACITY BUILDING

