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**COMMUNITY AWARENESS, PEACE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND
DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT (CAPLEDS)**

Attached is the letter from the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Civil-Military Operations Company regarding the conduct of the Community Awareness, Peace, Law Enforcement, and Development Support (CAPLEDS) activities in schools under the Department of Education – Negros Island Region.

The Schools Division Superintendents are authorized to exercise discretion in addressing this matter.

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Department of Education–Negros Island Region (DepEd-NIR)

Batanguel, Dumaguete City

Dear Dr. Uytico,

Greetings of peace.

We sincerely appreciate the productive coordination meeting we had with you this morning. We are encouraged that our proposed initiative is closely aligned with the Department of Education–Negros Island Region's Powering Empathy, Acceptance, and Connection Everyday (PEACE) campaign, which promotes a safe, inclusive, and resilient learning environment for our students.

As discussed during the meeting, it is vital to strengthen students' awareness of the deceptive recruitment tactics employed by the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG), particularly among senior high school students who will soon transition to higher education. Freshmen and newly enrolled college students are often more susceptible to recruitment and exploitation due to their exposure to new social environments and influences. Equipping learners with the knowledge to recognize, resist, and report these tactics is a proactive measure that contributes to their safety, critical thinking, and responsible citizenship.

In this regard, we respectfully request your approval to allow all Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP) sub-units operating within the Negros Island Region to coordinate directly with schools under the Department of Education–Negros Island Region and conduct Community Awareness, Peace, Law Enforcement, and Development Support (CAPLEDS) activities. This authority will enable AFP units to effectively support DepEd's peace education and learner protection initiatives by delivering timely and relevant awareness sessions aimed at preventing the recruitment and exploitation of students by the Communist Terrorist Group (CTG) and other threat groups.

For your reference and further appreciation of the proposed initiative, we have attached the CAPLEDS Concept Paper, which outlines the activity's objectives, methodology, topics to be discussed, and expected outcomes. We hope this document will facilitate your evaluation of our request and serve as a basis for our continued coordination.

We look forward to your favorable consideration and to strengthening the partnership between the Department of Education and the Armed Forces of the Philippines in promoting peace, resilience, and the welfare of learners throughout the Negros Island Region.

For any clarifications regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Cpl Jhonrel G Gabrillo (Inf) PA, Operations NCO who has been designated as the point of contact. He may be reached at 0954-413-0830 (Globe).

Thank you very much for your unwavering support and commitment to the development and protection of our youth

Respectfully yours,

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3CMO "PEACEMAKER" BATTALION: "CAPLEDS PROGRAM: THE COMMAND TRAJECTORY AND UNIT SUSTAINABILITY PLAN" (2026–2028)

I. VISION

"To establish the 3rd Civil-Military Operations Battalion (3CMOBn), CMOR, PA as a premier Civil-Military Operations unit by 2028, characterized by institutionalized stakeholder engagement systems, empowered and resilient communities, innovative Civil-Military Operations practices, and the ability to seamlessly transition from tactical community engagement to operational-level influence in support of national security, peacebuilding, and sustainable development within the Area of Responsibility."

II. STRATEGIC PILLARS AND GOALS

Pillar I: Stakeholder Engagement and Community Empowerment

A. Goal: Shift from activity-based Civil-Military Operations to stakeholder-driven and community-owned peace and development initiatives.

B. Key Initiative (The Legacy): Institutionalization of the CAPLEDS Community Partnership Network (CCPN)

1. **2026:** Establish and maintain a comprehensive stakeholder mapping system covering LGUs, NGAs, CSOs, educational institutions, religious groups, private organizations, and community leaders within the AOR.

2. **2027:** Organize and operationalize CAPLEDS Community Partnership Councils in priority municipalities and barangays to facilitate collaborative planning and implementation of peace and development initiatives.

3. **2028:** Achieve a fully functional and self-sustaining stakeholder engagement network capable of supporting CAPLEDS initiatives regardless of leadership transitions.

Pillar II: Systems and Processes Efficiency

A. Goal: Institutionalize knowledge management, stakeholder continuity, and digital governance systems to ensure seamless command transition.

B. Key Initiative (The Legacy): Deployment of the "CAPLEDS Digital Knowledge and Stakeholder Management System (CDKSMS)"

1. **2026:** Digitization of stakeholder profiles, engagement records, Resolutions, MOAs, project databases, and community assessments.

2. **2027:** Codification of the CAPLEDS Best Practices Manual and establishment of a centralized repository of lessons learned, impact assessments, and operational templates.

3. **2028:** Full operationalization of a command-transition-ready database containing stakeholder networks, project portfolios, sustainability plans, and institutional knowledge for succeeding commanders.

Pillar III: Operational Influence and Community Resilience

A. Goal: Transform Civil-Military Operations from activity-focused engagements into operational tools that shape the human terrain and security environment.

B. Key Initiative (The Legacy): The "CAPLEDS Convergence and Resilient Communities Framework"

1. 2026: Conduct Community Awareness, Peace, Law Enforcement, and Development Support (CAPLEDS) activities in priority barangays through whole-of-government and whole-of-nation participation.

2. 2027: Expand convergence efforts by integrating livelihood, education, environmental protection, disaster preparedness, and peacebuilding initiatives with partner agencies and local stakeholders.

3. 2028: Institutionalization of community-led peace and development programs resulting in resilient communities capable of sustaining gains against insurgency influence, misinformation, and emerging threats.

Pillar IV: Strategic Communication and Information Operations

A. Goal: Establish 3CMOBn as the leading operational communicator and trusted partner of communities within the Area of Responsibility.

B. Key Initiative (The Legacy): The "PEACEMAKER Strategic Engagement Network (PSEN)"

1. 2026: Strengthen information dissemination through CAPLEDS forums, social media engagement, campus outreach, and community dialogues.

2. 2027: Develop a network of local influencers, educators, youth leaders, media practitioners, and advocacy groups supporting government peace and development programs.

3. 2028: Establish a sustainable community-based communication ecosystem capable of amplifying positive narratives and countering misinformation through trusted local voices.

Pillar V: Command Transition and Sustainability

A. Goal: Ensure that the CAPLEDS Program becomes an enduring battalion capability rather than a commander-dependent initiative.

B. Key Initiative (The Legacy): The "CAPLEDS Sustainability and Command Transition Framework"

1. 2026: Institutionalization of CAPLEDS policies, implementation guidelines, monitoring systems, and stakeholder engagement protocols.

2. 2027: Publication of the Annual CAPLEDS Sustainability Report and establishment of a succession roadmap for key community programs.

3. 2028: Formal turnover of CAPLEDS systems, stakeholder networks, and sustainability mechanisms to the incoming Battalion Commander, ensuring continuity of operational gains and strategic partnerships.

III. Legal Basis:

1. The 1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines, Article II, Declaration of Principles and State Policies.

2. Executive Order No. 70, series of 2018, Institutionalizing the Whole-of-Nation Approach (WNA) in Attaining Inclusive and Sustainable Peace, creating a National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), and directing the adaptation of a National Peace framework.

3. DILG Memorandum Circular 2019-125 dated 06 August 2019. Guidelines for the Local Government Units in the Implementation of Executive Order No. 70, series of 2018, DILG.

IV. Implementation of CAPLEDS Program:

The Community Awareness, Peace, Law Enforcement, and Development Support (CAPLEDS) Program was implemented across the 80 barangays within the Area of Responsibility (AOR). The initiative was spearheaded by LTC RICARDO C VILLARUEL III INF (GSC) PA, Commanding Officer of 3CMOBn, CMOR, PA, in coordination with the Philippine National Police (PNP) and the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP).

The implementation focused on strengthening civil-military-police collaboration through sustained community engagements, information dissemination campaigns, and capacity-building activities. Key efforts were directed toward enhancing public safety, improving security awareness, and promoting community resilience and development.

Through coordinated activities such as community dialogues, peace and order briefings, and inter-agency support operations, the program reinforced trust between stakeholders and local communities while supporting the overall peace and development objectives within the AOR.

V. Utilizing the CMO Response Team (CRT) in the CAPLEDS Program

The effective utilization of the CMO Response Team (CRT) in the implementation of the Community Awareness, Peace, Law Enforcement, and Development Support (CAPLEDS) Program serves as a force multiplier in addressing the immediate and long-term effects of armed encounters and security incidents. Through a rapid, coordinated, and community-centered approach, the CRT enables government forces and partner agencies to promptly engage affected communities, address emerging concerns, and restore public confidence.

The CRT conducts immediate community engagements, information dissemination activities, and stakeholder consultations to counter misinformation, assess community needs, and identify areas requiring government intervention. By integrating the efforts of Civil Affairs, Psychological Operations, Public Affairs, and partner agencies, the team facilitates the delivery of essential services, strengthens civil-military relations, and promotes peace and development initiatives.

Furthermore, the CRT supports CAPLEDS by serving as the primary mechanism for post-conflict engagement, ensuring that security gains are consolidated through sustained community outreach, inter-agency coordination, and responsive governance. Its presence in affected areas demonstrates the government's commitment to protecting communities, addressing their concerns, and fostering an environment conducive to peace, stability, and development.

Through the strategic employment of the CRT, the CAPLEDS Program effectively bridges security operations with development efforts, enhances community resilience, and contributes to the attainment of lasting peace and sustainable progress within the Area of Responsibility.

VI. Narrative:

"While my tenure focused on strengthening Civil-Military Operations and expanding community engagement across the Area of Responsibility, the 3rd Civil-Military Operations Battalion cannot remain an activity-centric organization. This command trajectory ensures that when my successor assumes command, he will not inherit merely a calendar of activities, but a battalion equipped with institutionalized stakeholder networks, digital knowledge systems, sustainable peace and development mechanisms, and a community partnership framework capable of generating operational effects.

The CAPLEDS Program is designed to transition the Battalion Commander from a tactical executor of events into an operational artist who shapes the human terrain, influences key stakeholders, and synchronizes whole-of-nation efforts in support of national security objectives. By institutionalizing stakeholder engagement, knowledge management, and community resilience today, the PEACEMAKER Battalion will remain a relevant, adaptive, and indispensable partner of local government units, national agencies, and communities tomorrow."