

Arms Trade Treaty Voluntary Trust Fund

FINAL REPORT

The Philippines

Office of President

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Project Number	ATT.VTF.G2024.001PHL
Grantee name	The Philippines
Project title	Enhancing cooperation and partnership as a Pathway for Arms Trade Treaty (ATT) universalization and capacity building
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1. Project activities and outcomes

a Describe the project outcomes.

1.1 Preparatory Consultations

Held on 4 February 2025 with the Malaysian Embassy in Manila led by HE Malaysian Amb Malik and his delegation, this meeting reaffirmed bilateral cooperation between the Philippines and Malaysia on ATT universalization and capacity building. It also confirmed Malaysia's participation in the Sub-Regional Workshop and identified thematic priorities such as diversion prevention and cross-border monitoring.

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1.2 Sub-Regional Workshop on ATT Universalization and Humanitarian Disarmament

Date: 17–19 February 2025 Venue: Quezon City, National Capital Region

Participants: Delegations from the Philippines and Malaysia; Cambodia (as ASEAN Lead Shepherd on the Declaration on Combating Arms Smuggling); Indonesia (through its Defense Attaché); and Japan (representing the donor community).

Objectives Achieved:

- Strengthened national-level awareness and understanding of ATT obligations.
- Facilitated peer exchange on control lists, reporting templates, and diversion-prevention practices.
- Reinforced ASEAN-level cooperation and information sharing.

Visibility and Outreach: Messages of support from the President of the Philippines, Executive Secretary Paynor, and Malaysian Ambassador Malik were delivered. Media coverage was extensive through national TV channel PTV and official social media channels.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eDSUB26JKH0>

Output: *The Manila Outcome Report on Enhancing Cooperation for ATT Universalization and*

Humanitarian Disarmament (finalized July 2025 and launched in October 2025) was drafted as a shared policy reference for National and ASEAN discussions.

1.3 1st National Workshop on Enhancing ATT Implementation and Humanitarian Disarmament

Date: 25 July 2025 Venue: Manila

Objectives:

- Present and validate findings from the Sub-Regional Workshop.
- Map national-level ATT implementation priorities across agencies.
- Strengthen cross-agency collaboration on import/export controls, diversion risk assessment, and transparency measures.
- Lay groundwork for inter-agency reporting alignment under the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA).

Highlights:

- Convened over 40 participants from 17 key national agencies.
- Featured presentations by OSETC and NISEA on aligning ATT with ASEAN's Declaration on Combating Arms Smuggling.
- Identified next steps for the October 2025 national follow-up workshop and preparation of the *Manila Report* launch.
- Encouraged active participation of women leaders, achieving 36% female representation.

Output: A draft *Philippine National Outcome Report* summarizing agency roles and recommendations for ATT effective implementation, including proposals for an inter-agency circular on arms control coordination.

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1.4 2nd National Follow-Up Workshop and Launch of The Manila Report Date: 7–8 October 2025 Venue: Manila

This meeting was attended by 50 participants from 22 national agencies, and consolidated the outcomes of previous events, endorsed the Manila Report for continued Philippines-Malaysia and ASEAN cooperation, and it also formally launched *The Manila Report* on ATT Universalization and Humanitarian Disarmament and the Brochure on the Lifecycle of Weapons and Ammunition in the Philippines that highlight key roles of national agencies and stakeholders. Participants agreed to continue inter-agency coordination through the Ad-hoc Technical Working Group.

Photo

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News/Press coverage:

Philippine News Agency

<https://www.pna.gov.ph/articles/1260412>

Philippine Daily Inquirer

<https://globalnation.inquirer.net/294192/fwd-central-database-pushed-to-boost-crackdown-vs-illegal-firearms/amp>

UNTV News and Rescue (38.40-43:42)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0AvtZCVqIQo>

1.5 Information Exchange and Regional Coordination Regular coordination was maintained with Cambodia (ASEAN Lead Shepherd), Malaysia (2025 ASEAN Chair), and Indonesia (Ministry of Defense). These exchanges contributed to developing regional alignment of ATT reporting templates and harmonization of policies. Philippine experiences were also presented in a Side Event together with UNODA during the 11th Conference of States Parties to the ATT in Geneva on August 25-29, 2025. The Philippines shared the outcomes of the VTF project in its national statements.

b Describe how the project has assisted your implementation of the ATT.

- Institutionalized ATT awareness among Philippine implementing agencies.
- Strengthened national inter-agency coordination through the Office of the Special Envoy on Transnational Crime (OSETC).
- Reinforced Philippine leadership in humanitarian disarmament in the region as Chair of the Working Group on Effective Treaty Implementation (WGETI).
- Anchored ATT implementation to regional commitments under ASEAN mechanisms, bridging humanitarian disarmament and transnational crime frameworks.

c List all States that benefitted from the project.

The Philippines, Malaysia, Cambodia, outreach was made to Indonesia.

d Were all the project activities as specified in the Project Schedule (see Annex G) completed?

Yes ☒ No ☐

If no, explain why and describe any problems, constraints and difficulties experienced in implementing the project.

What recommendations would you make in this regard?

As the Philippines leverage its WGETI Chairmanship to champion inclusive and transparent treaty reporting mechanisms and universalization efforts, it will strive to promote universalization at the regional level. Thus, it makes the following recommendations:

- For the ATT VTF: Continue encouraging multi-stakeholder projects combining state and civil-society leadership; streamline reporting templates to reflect regional cooperation outcomes and other national considerations/realities
- For UNODA and ASEAN: Facilitate an annual *ASEAN Peer Exchange on ATT Implementation* hosted by rotating member states, as complementary event of the SOMTC Working Group on Combating Arms Smuggling

e How would you rate the *relevance* of the project (was the project suited to existing priorities and policies of the benefitting State(s))?

Not relevant at all	Not very relevant	Moderately relevant	Relevant	Very relevant
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Explain your answer:

The project directly addressed national and regional priorities on countering illicit arms flows and implementing responsible arms trade systems. It supported the Philippines' ongoing efforts to operationalize ATT obligations in line with ASEAN cooperation and national security priorities. It also strengthened Philippines' leadership on humanitarian disarmament, at the regional and global engagements.

f How would you rate the *effectiveness* of the project (to what extent has the project attained its stated objectives)?

Not effective at all	Not very effective	Moderately effective	Effective	Very effective
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Explain your answer:

The project effectively achieved its objectives through strategic engagement, policy dialogue, and capacity building. The workshops fostered inter-agency cooperation and created a shared understanding of ATT obligations. Outputs such as *The Manila Report* and the lifecycle of weapons and ammunition brochure showing the roles for coordination are being used as references in ongoing policy integration and future ASEAN consultations as Philippines expands its outreach of the Regional Roadmap on Weapons Regulation.

- g How would you rate the *efficiency* of the project (to what extent were the project results attained on time and within budget)?

Not efficient at all	Not very efficient	Moderately efficient	Efficient	Very efficient
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Explain your answer:

All activities were implemented on schedule and within the approved budget. Coordination among OSETC, Nonviolence International SEA, and participating agencies ensured cost-efficient delivery. Activities leveraged prior networks and institutional support to maximize outcomes relative to expenditures.

- h Please describe the impact of the project (i.e. the positive or negative changes or effects that the project results have on the surrounding circumstances).

The project has strengthened the Philippines' institutional capacity to implement the ATT and has fostered a culture of transparency and accountability in arms regulation. It has also established a model for ASEAN regional collaboration, inspiring Malaysia and Cambodia to explore similar national-level initiatives. The project created a sustained inter-agency mechanism under OSETC, ensuring ATT integration into existing security governance systems.

- i How would you rate the *sustainability* of the project (to what extent can the project benefits continue after the project has finished)?

Not sustainable at all	Not very sustainable	Moderately sustainable	Sustainable	Very sustainable
☐	☐	☐	☐	☒

Explain your answer:

The Philippines will continue the momentum through:

- Regional Institutionalization – Integration of ATT objectives in the ASEAN Roadmap on Weapons Regulation, in coordination with SOMTC-Cambodia and Malaysia as ASEAN Chair 2025, and Philippines as upcoming Chair in 2026
- National Follow-Through – Clarity in the ATT reporting and transparency requirements within the Strategic Trade Management Act (STMA) inter-agency mechanisms.
- Civil-Society Partnership – Strengthening collaboration between government and Nonviolence International SEA to sustain outreach and capacity-building programs.
- Long-Term Vision – Establishment of a *Philippine Center for Responsible Arms Transfers and Humanitarian Disarmament* as a regional learning hub.

- j How will the Project outcomes be further used or applied in the future? Are there plans for the activities to be continued or for the experience gained to be shared?

The project successfully met its objectives by enhancing regional cooperation for ATT universalization, strengthening Philippine leadership in treaty implementation, and linking ATT goals with ASEAN's regional agenda on arms control and humanitarian disarmament. The outputs produced under this VTF cycle will continue to inform regional policy dialogues and serve as a model for future joint initiatives in Southeast Asia.



Name of Grant Recipient
Department or Agency
Posting Date
Project code

The Philippines
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INSTRUCTIONS
1) Complete all pink fields only.
2) Print, sign, scan and email expenditure report to trustfund@thearmstradetraty.org along with the electronic version.
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Project No. ATT-VTF-G2024.001PHL
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Local Currency Code PHP
Grant Received USD (1st instalment) 49916
Grant Received USD (2nd instalment) 42927

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General Details				Total Budget		Actual spend to date**		Balance of budget available	Balance of funds received
Budget Line	Ref. N°	Description 1	Description 2 - Receipt or Invoice No. - Date	USD	Local Amount	Rate	USD	USD	USD
Personnel costs	1	Payment to Nonviolence International Inc. for the project coordination, technical assistance, facilitation, and project operational support	Ref 1.1, 1.2	30,000.00	1,709,466.00		30,000.00	-	62,843.00
	2	Technical experts, and national and regional policy experts from the ASEAN region	Ref 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4	10,000.00	560,595.00		10,000.00	-	52,843.00
Travel costs	3	Airfare and airport transfer of national authorities from Malaysia	Ref 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4	3,250.00	102,880.00		1,776.71	1,473.29	51,066.29
	4	Airfare and airport transfer of national authorities from Indonesia		4,250.00			-	4,250.00	51,066.29
	5	Domestic airfare and airport transfer of Philippine national authorities from Visayas and Mindanao region for the sub-regional workshop	Ref 5.1-5.7	3,500.00	93,580.00		1,616.10	1,883.90	49,450.20
	6	Domestic airfare and airport transfer of Philippine national authorities from Visayas and Mindanao region to the follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 6.1- 6.10	3,500.00	55,944.00		997.94	2,502.06	48,452.26
	6.1	Domestic airfare and airport transfer of Philippine national authorities from Visayas and Mindanao region to the 2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 6.11 - 6.24		₱82,730.00		1,475.75		46,976.50
	7	Local transportation for preparations and pre-workshop meetings of the Implementing Partner	Ref 7.1-7.4	500.00	9,646.50		166.59	333.41	46,809.91
	7.1	Local transportation for preparations and pre-workshop meetings of the Implementing Partner to the 2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 7.5 - 7.34		₱36,045.00		642.98		46,166.93
Operating costs	8	40 persons (10 international participants + 10 national participants outside of capital + 5 implementing Partner + 15 from implementer and other capital-based national authorities) x 3 days	Ref 8.1, 8.2	9,600.00	628,367.00		10,851.71	-1,251.71	35,315.23
	9	Opening dinner reception	Ref 9.1-9.3	3,200.00	106,636.51		1,848.57	1,351.43	33,466.66
	10	Dinner of international participants 10 + 10 national participants outside of capital x 3 days	Ref 10.1 - 10.7	1,800.00	33,060.00		570.94	1,229.06	32,895.72
	11	10 international participants + 10 national participants outside of capital x 4 days	Ref 11	12,000.00	472,000.00		8,151.30	3,848.70	24,744.43
	12	Workshop kits which includes photocopying and reproduction of other printed materials	Ref 12.1 -12.18	800.00	48,749.10		858.50	-58.90	23,885.53
	13	Follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 13.1 - 13.3	2,400.00	132,840.04		2,369.63	30.37	21,515.90
	13.1	2nd Follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 13.4 -13.5		₱301,078.00		5,370.69		16,145.21
	13.2	Secretariat Room and Small Private Meeting Room for meetings on the sidelines							16,145.21
	14	10 national participants outside of capital x 2 days for the follow up national meeting	Ref 14.1 - 14.2	3,000.00	174,000.00		3,103.85	-103.85	13,041.37
	14.1	2nd Follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 14.3 - 14.4		₱282,400.00		5,037.50		8,003.86
	15	Dinner of 10 national participants outside of capital x 2 days	Ref 15.1	600.00	27,455.99		489.77	110.23	7,514.10
	15.1	2nd Follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	Ref 15.2		₱112,111.99		1,999.87		5,514.22
	16	Layout and design package services	Ref 16.1	2,000.00	112,119.00		2,000.00	-	3,514.22
	17	Event banner (sub-regional workshop and follow up national meeting)	Ref 17.1	500.00	14,156.00		244.47	255.53	3,269.75
	18	Brochures/briefing material (2-4 pages)	Ref 18.1, 18.2	400.00	₱25,500.00		454.87	-54.87	2,814.88
	19	Printing of the outcome report (30-40 pages)	Ref 19.1, 19.2	2,000.00	₱142,500.00		2,541.94	-541.94	272.94
	20	Airfare and airport transfer of National Authority from Cambodia	Ref 10.1 - 20.4		83,871.65		1,448.44	-1,448.44	-1,175.50
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				93,300.00	5,347,731.78		94,018.50		

* Description 2 - Receipt or Invoice No. - Date: include information on the date of the receipt received, as well as the receipt number. Also include additional information e.g. if the budget line item relates to an airfare include the airline that issued the ticket, the departure city and arrival city etc.
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Signature:

24 July 2026

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Special Envoy on Transnational Crime
DATE 15 JULY 2026

RECONCILIATION
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Description	Total budget	Actual spend (Interim Report)	Actual spend (Final Report)	Actual spend (Total)	Balance of budget available	Balance of funds received	% of over- or under-spend
	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	USD	
Personnel costs							
Payment to Nonviolence International Inc. for the project coordination, technical assistance, facilitation, and project operational support	30000	15000	15000	30000	0	62843	100%
Technical experts, and national and regional policy experts from the ASEAN region	10000	0	10000	10000	0	52843	100%
Travel costs					0		
Airfare and airport transfer of national authorities from Malaysia	3250	1777	0	1777	1473	51066	55%
Airfare and airport transfer of national authorities from Indonesia	4250	0	0	0	4250	51066	0%
Domestic airfare and airport transfer of Philippine national authorities from Visayas and Mindanao region for the sub-regional workshop	3500	1616	0	1616	1884	49450	46%
Domestic airfare and airport transfer of Philippine national authorities from Visayas and Mindanao region to the follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	3500	0	998	998	2502	48452	29%
Domestic airfare and airport transfer of Philippine national authorities from Visayas and Mindanao region to the 2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	0	0	1476	1476	-1476	46977	
Local transportation for preparations and pre-workshop meetings of the Implementing Partner	500	167	0	167	333	46810	33%
Local transportation for preparations and pre-workshop meetings of the Implementing Partner to the 2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	0	0	643	643	-643	46167	
Operating costs					0		
40 persons (10 international participants + 10 national participants outside of capital + 5 Implementing Partner + 15 from Implementer and other capital-based national authorities) x 3 days	9600	10852	0	10852	-1252	35315	113%
Opening dinner reception	3200	1629	219	1849	1351	33467	58%
Dinner of international participants 10 + 10 national participants outside of capital x 3 days	1800	571	0	571	1229	32896	32%
10 international participants + 10 national participants outside of capital x 4 days	12000	8151	0	8151	3849	24744	68%
Workshop kits which includes photocopying and reproduction of other printed materials	800	325	534	859	-59	23886	107%
Follow up national meeting with Philippine authorities	2400	0	2370	2370	30	21516	99%
2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine	0	0	5371	5371	-5371	16145	
Secretariat room and similar private meeting room for	0	0	0	0	0	16145	
10 national participants outside of capital x 2 days for the	3000	0	3104	3104	-104	13041	103%
2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine	0	0	5038	5038	-5038	8004	
Outlier of 10 national participants outside of capital x 2	600	0	490	490	110	7514	82%
2nd follow up national meeting with Philippine	0	0	2000	2000	-2000	5514	
Layout and design package services	2000	0	2000	2000	0	3514	100%
Event banner (sub-regional workshop) and follow up	500	244	0	244	256	3270	49%
Brochures/briefing material (2-4 pages)	400	0	455	455	-55	2815	114%
Printing of the outcome report (30-40 pages)	2000	0	2542	2542	-542	273	127%
Airfare and airport transfer of national authority from	0	1448	0	1448	-1448	-1175	
Total Direct Costs	93300	41780	52238	94018		0	101%
Total Indirect Support Costs - 7%	6531	2925	3657	6581		0	101%
Total	99831	44705	55895	100600		0	

Amount of 1st installment
Amount of 2nd installment
Amount of 3rd installment
Balance owing to VTF

49916
42927
6988
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Signature:

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Date: 15 JULY 2026