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Type of Mission: <input type="checkbox"/> Project Monitoring <input type="checkbox"/> Advocacy and Outreach <input type="checkbox"/> Training <input type="checkbox"/> Regional/Global Meeting <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Person <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Others (specify): MILG – LGU – LGA MOA Signing		Purpose/Objective of Mission: Prepared, facilitated, conducted and participated in MILG MOA Signing event with orientation and strategic consultation meetings with the 12 LeAPS LGUs (Batch 1) and the Local Government Academy for Output 3 - Institutionalization processes with sustainability measures.										
Brief Summary of Mission Findings: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Two monumental institutionalization events were delivered by the LeAPS PMO -1) the MILG and the Local Government Academy partnership agreement was sealed by the Deputy Minister Abunawas Maslamama (for the Minister Atty. Naguib Sinarimbo) and Executive Director Thelma Vecina of the LGA witnessed by Director-General Engr. Khalid S. Dumagay and Assistant Director Esmeralda Daphne Purnell (LGA). The Academy will become the “institutional resource” of the MILG to support the LeAPS Program as well as the organization. The agreement provides the following areas where LGA’s expertise is tapped - organizational assessment, policy development, strategic governance, development management, leadership & management, organizational M&E, national and international scholarships, and other capacity development related activities for the MILG and the LGUs. Most important of all is the technical assistance and support to the Bangsamoro Local Governance Academy. The strategic consultation and the LeAPS Orientation event for the Local Chief Executives / Mayors were helpful from day one (March 6th). The consultation with the LGU prior to the MAA signing on day two proved that there was a “buy- in” or ownership from the commitment shown by the 8 LCEs/Mayors. One of the recommendations was to have a “Municipal Digital Transformation Strategy and Roadmap” as a single document and likewise it will be included for funding from the municipal budget for the 2024 fiscal cycle. The mayors also agreed to have a LeAPS Task Force and will designate members. This is a very optimistic move by the LCEs. They also suggest exploring solar-based energy as long term solution to power generation to support the digitalization agenda or involved LASURECO (Lanao Del Sur Electric Cooperative) in finding solutions. The MOA Signing events signaled the commencement of the institutionalization of the LeAPS Program will all of its components. LeAPS is now seeded in the 12 LGUs who will undergo transformative digitalization journey in the next 5 to 10 years. From the wise words of the MILG Deputy Minister that “it is better to start and end successfully rather not starting at all with no end in sight”. LGU ownership was manifested too. 												
Recommendations/Actions to be Taken and by Whom and by When: For Action: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The MOA between the MIIG and the LGUs becomes a tool for positive “change” on digital transformation through the LeAPS Program. It is aimed at raising the quality of life of the people through data-centric planning and decision-making as well as mobility and access to digital technology by the citizenry. For the LeAPS PMO, there will be 10 municipalities to focus on and an additional 10 more for the 2nd batch. Major training / workshop activities will be happening in 2023. The rollout of the program to new ministries and LGUs is expected. For the MILG, the staffing is a serious concern as the LeAPS Program continues to expand. LGUs expressed willingness to co-share the cost of solar energy. PMO to make a study on the feasibility of provision of solar energy with counter-parting of LGUs in mind. Explore also the possibility of external funding or complementation with other groups or projects that respond to these expressed needs. 			Distribution: (Copies to) LeAPS PMO I&P									

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