



Meeting with Women Protection Team members. Sudan. November, 2025. ©NP

After the Fall



Our team stands witness to Sudan's ongoing conflict, and keeps people safe

After an 18-month siege, during a civil war that has raged for over two years, the North Darfur capital city of El Fasher fell in late October. Before the latest attack, the city was home to more than a quarter of a million people, with many more living in surrounding villages. Yet according to the International Organization for Migration, fewer than 90,000 people have escaped.

"The conditions under which people have had to escape, the conditions under which they are trying to survive, if they get to safety is, I would personally say, probably some of the worst that we have seen anywhere," shared Nic Pyatt, NP's Regional Director.

The accounts NP's team has heard from survivors are harrowing. People report tripping over dead bodies and being shelled

and shot at as they fled. With very few vehicles and fuel available, most people are escaping on foot to Tawila, a town that is already hosting more than 600,000 displaced people as a result of the civil war.

Entire families are being torn apart as they flee without any means to survive. Continuing to look away while people die trying to reach safety is unacceptable. *Nic Pyatt*

"What we're seeing on the ground is complete exhaustion—both of people and of the few services still functioning," said Chris Ogbonna, NP's Head of Program in Sudan. "Children are arriving alone, often too weak to even stand on their feet." Our community protection teams at the arrival center estimate that approximately 50% of the children there came without parents or an adult caregiver.



View from NP Vehicle, Sudan, 2025. ©NP

with a specific focus on caring for, and finding guardians for, separated and unaccompanied children.

The need for protection and safety will only keep growing for civilians in Sudan. “Every day, we face new stories of sexual assault, extortion, kidnap for ransom, harassment, wounds,” said Pyatt.

NP stands in solidarity with the civilians, civil society actors, and humanitarian networks who continue to operate under fire in North Darfur, delivering last-mile aid. Thank you for supporting the work of NP with your financials gifts - because of you we can keep people safe in harrowing conditions in Sudan, and around the world.



Are You a Changemaker?

Through Unarmed Civilian Protection (UCP), NP staff, side by side with local communities, interrupt cycles of violence and enhance nonviolent responses to conflict. Now you can learn the tools to build peace and safety in your community by applying to the Changemakers Program. Through a new initiative with the UCP Academy, an online learning platform powered by NP, 20 participants will learn the foundational skills of UCP, receive a micro grant to implement UCP in their community, and gain mentorship from UCP practitioners to strengthen their work.

We invite local changemakers in peacebuilding, protection, and safety to apply for the first cohort beginning in 2026. Anyone over the age of 18 is eligible to apply through December 31, 2025.

Learn more at ucpacademy.org/changemakers

The Journey to a Gun-Free Barangay

HOW ONE CHAIRWOMAN LED AN EFFORT TO CHALLENGE HER TOWN’S FUTURE NARRATIVE BY CULTIVATING PEACE

The memory of armed conflict in the Philippines still haunts people in Lunggang. The region faced years of unrest, and for many civilians, firearms carry a complex legacy, rooted in survival, resistance, and fear. But over time, through facilitation and guidance from NP, the community in Lunnang has developed safety measures around guns, such as early warning systems and community dialogues.

That’s how Chairwoman Ambuh Mhar first connected with NP, through attending a training session where she shared her vision for a gun-free barangay (village). As a woman living with a disability, Ambuh knew what it would take to make her vision a reality: confidence.

Too often, individuals with disabilities and impairments are left out of conversations around peace and security. With the support of barangay officials, Ambuh began asking residents: *what would it take for Lunggang to become a gun-free community?*

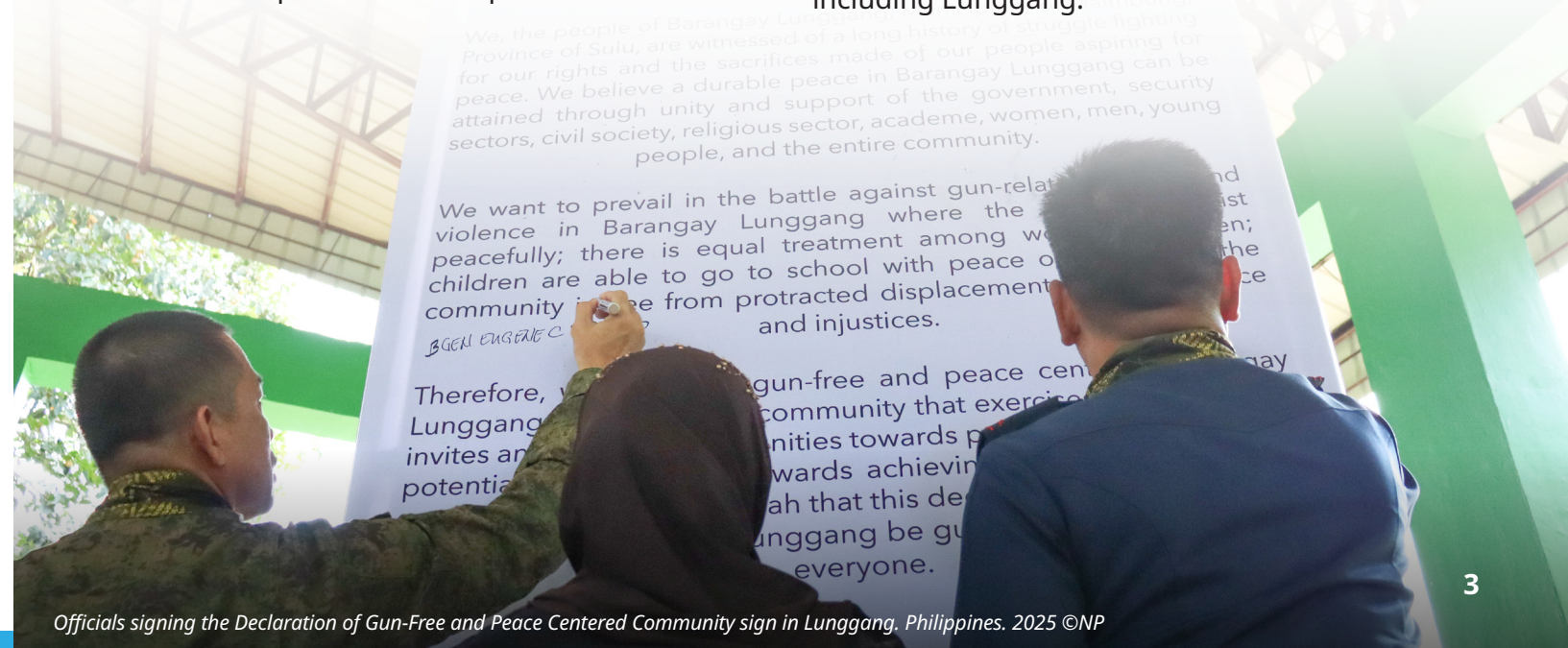
This question sparked a series of formal meetings organized by NP to bring together civilians to envision a gun-free future. The participants concluded that, for their barangay, sustainable peace would require more than

just the absence of guns; it would require the presence of opportunity, education, and safety. What started as a vision became a collective vision beyond just a gun-free community, to one where everyone can thrive and feel safe.

“Allhamdulillah (‘praise God’), we are at peace now.” “I hope NP continues to work with us to sustain this progress.”

Under Ambuh Mhar’s leadership, the community settled on its shared goal to declare Lunggang a Gun-Free Zone by 2023. With input from residents of various backgrounds—local leaders, women, youth, elders, displaced families, and people with disabilities like Ambuh Mhar—a plan was formed with goals, objectives, and enforcement phases. And the restriction on civilian firearm possession was clarified and presented in alignment with national laws.

Though many institutions were involved, the core of the work was led by the community. “It’s about possibility, not disability,” reflected Ambuh. While weapons proliferation remains a challenge in the Philippines, other barangays are taking note. According to data collected by NP’s Philippines team, there are now 47 gun-free barangays, including Lunggang.



Officials signing the Declaration of Gun-Free and Peace Centered Community sign in Lunggang, Philippines, 2025 ©NP

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT



Nell Hillsley

Acclaimed Minnesota artist Nell Hillsley was a long-time supporter of Nonviolent Peaceforce. She passed on November 9, 2023, but her generous spirit continues today.

Before her passing, Nell expressed her wish to have one last art sale for peace. Her family has since donated her artwork to benefit NP, which has already raised over \$50,000 through local sales in Minneapolis, as well as NP's Peace Bonds featuring her work.

Now is your last chance to take home a piece of Nell's art while supporting NP's mission of peace and protection. You can shop her collection now, from Peace Bond cards (\$10-25) to original artwork (\$90 - \$810, shipping costs included).



Visit nonviolentpeaceforce.org/art-sale to shop Nell Hillsley's work.



The concept behind NP is breathtaking—it works! I feel privileged to be a part of this historic organization. *Nell Hillsley, 2008*



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Explore all the ways to give at [nonviolentpeaceforce.org/make a gift](https://nonviolentpeaceforce.org/make-a-gift)

This giving season, there are so many causes in need of support—we are grateful keeping people safe and building peace remains a cause close to your heart. Funding cuts have put the life-saving and critical work of non-profit organizations at risk while the need for civilian protection and basic services mount.

Thank you for any amount you can give to push our mission of peace and protection further. From activating emergency teams in Sudan, to equipping local volunteers in Ukraine with life-saving protective equipment, to creating weapons-free zones in the Philippines—your support fuels safety without violence.



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