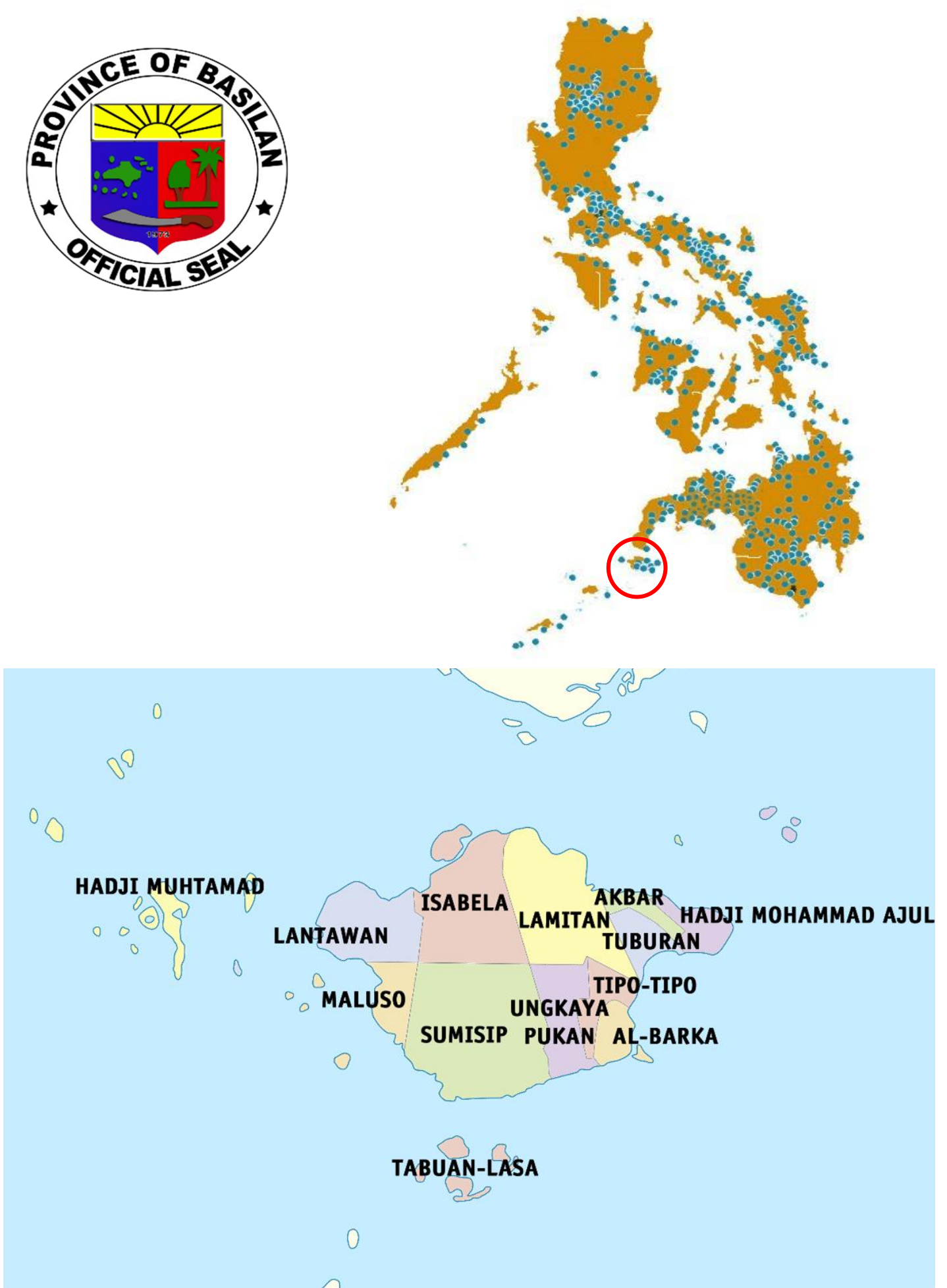


# CASE OF BASILAN PROVINCE:

**Applying Governance  
Through the Nurturing Care  
Framework**



Population	459,367
Excluding Isabela City	346,579
Component LGUs	13 (2 cities and 11 municipalities)
Barangays	255
Poverty incidence	66%
Literacy rate	72.2%
Life expectancy	63 years
Main ethnic groups	Yakan, Tausug, Zamboangueno, Sama, Badjao,
Main source of livelihood	Fishing and agriculture
Major crops	Coconut, coffee, black pepper, rubber  Palay, corn, cassava, cacao



# ZFF's Historical Engagements in Basilan



**2013**

CHPP ARMM Cohort  
includes  
Mun. of Akbar, Basilan



**2015**

USAID HLP-MLGP  
includes 11 Basilan  
LGUs



**2017**

PLGP under USAID  
IHLGP (10 provinces)  
includes Basilan



**2021**

KGJF PNGP (5 provinces)  
USAID BARMM Health (2  
provinces)  
Include Basilan



**2024**

Basilan Assistance  
Program  
Province-level  
10 LGUs



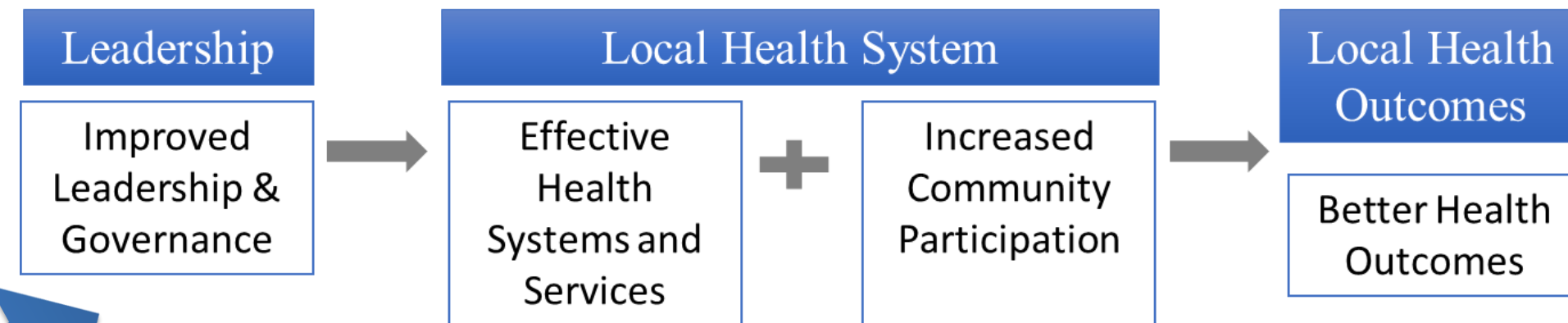
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Basilan Assistance  
Program Province-level;  
10 LGUs with Private  
Sector Support

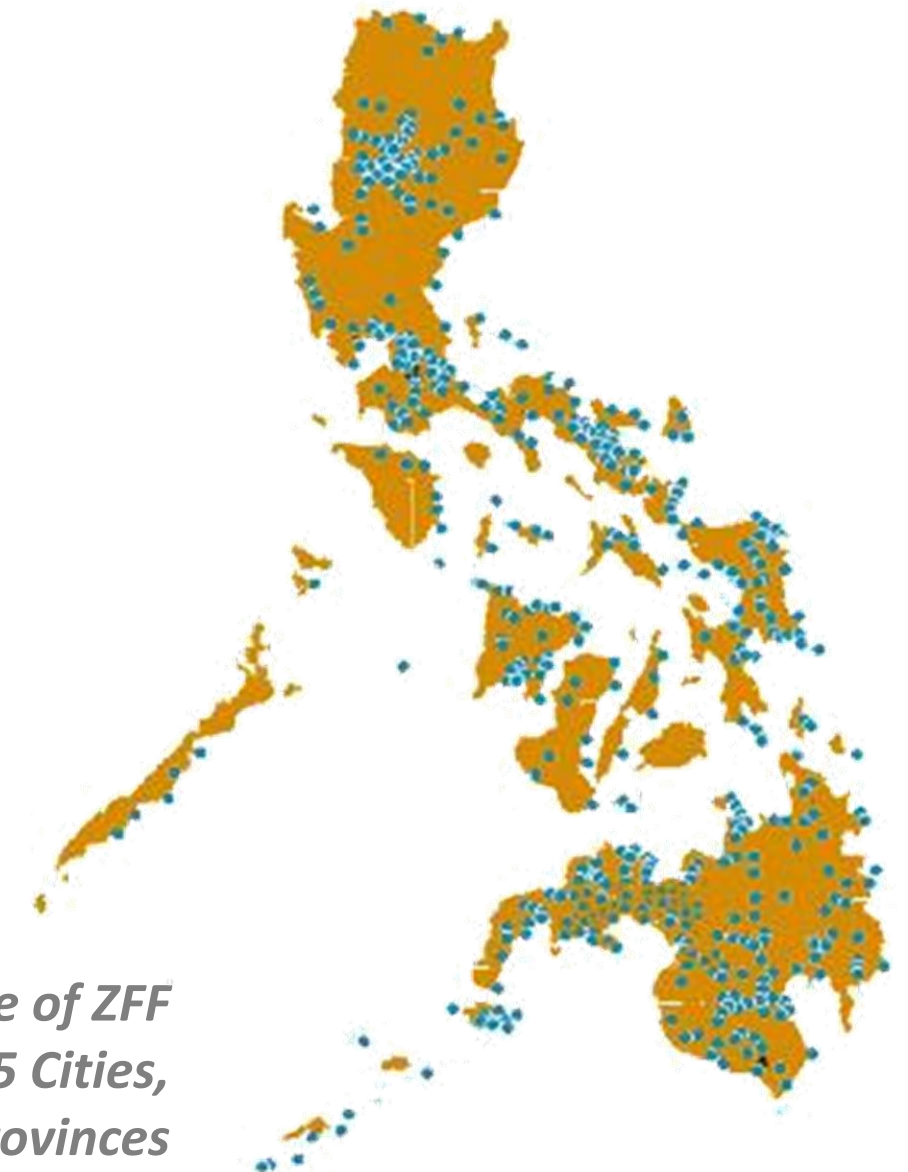
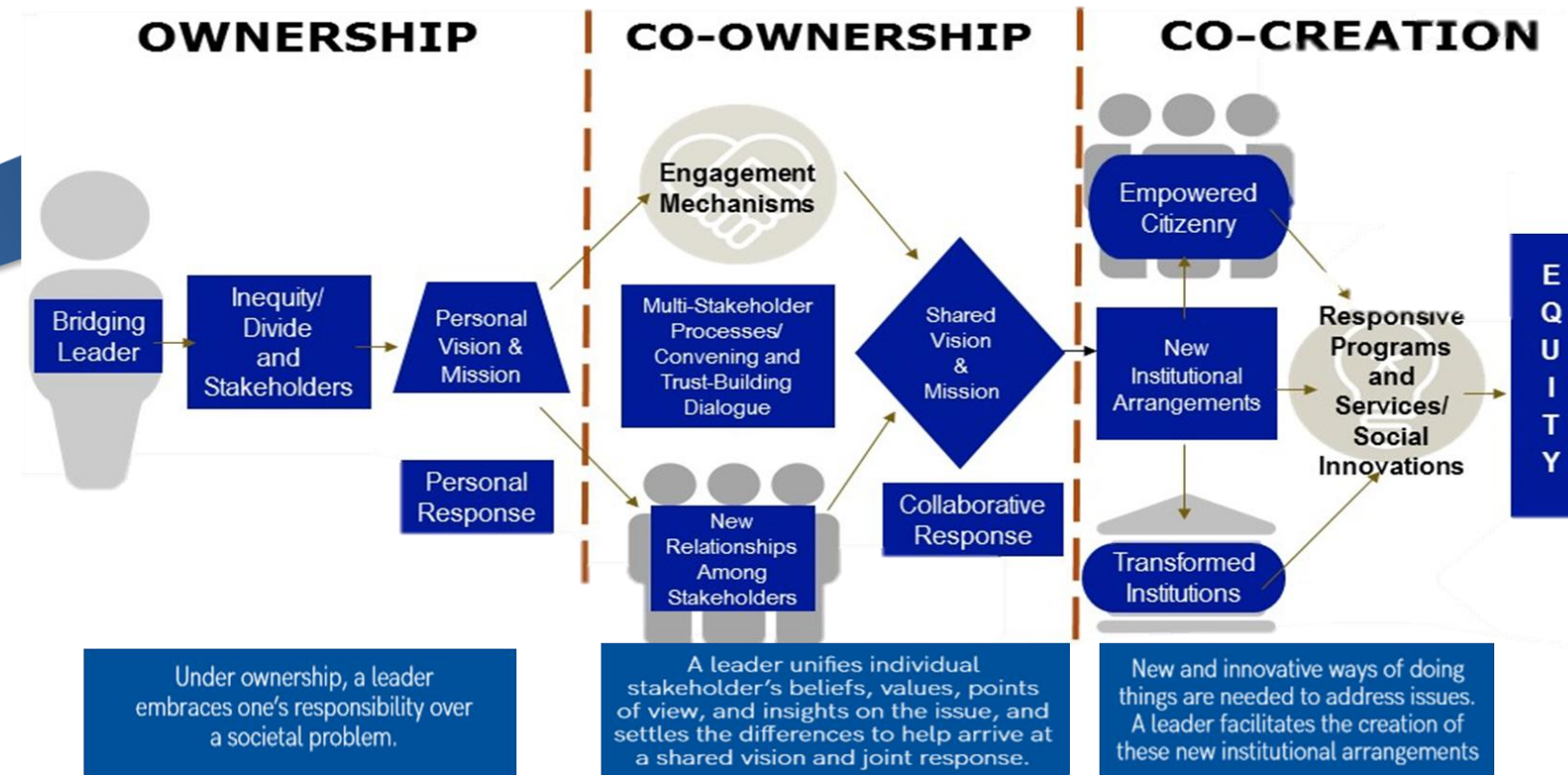


## HEALTH CHANGE MODEL

Training + Practicum + Coaching



- Bridging Leadership as strategy to collaborate with leaders towards improvement of health and nutrition outcomes
- Results-driven to deliver changes in health and nutrition systems



*Scale of ZFF*  
**774 Municipalities, 25 Cities,**  
**27 Provinces**

# Basilan Assistance Program (BAP)

## Coverage

- Province level
- 10 of 13 component LGUs which account for 87.62% contribution to improvement in the over-all provincial accomplishments

**Outcomes Target: Basilan province has improved nutrition outcome indicators**  
(stunting, wasting, NAR, LBW, OPT coverage)



### Prototyping

behavior change intervention, information system and food security models for local health and nutrition systems in the context of province-wide UHC capacity



### Scaling Up Health and Nutrition Systems in more Municipalities

in partnership with local CSOs, academe, and private sector partners



### Ensuring Sustainability

through planning, transfer of knowledge to LGUs, academe, and local NGOs, and capacity building of new provincial leaders to navigate transition effectively



## Health Nutrition

- Addressing stunting and wasting, enhancing maternal and child health

## Health

- Strengthen capacities for inclusive and integrated health systems and nutrition governance

## Nutrition

- Behavior-centered nutrition programs at the community and household

## Responsive Care-giving

- Regular height and weight monitoring, responsive family counseling, and appropriate referrals.



Improving governance and investment for nutrition



Engaging leaders and other stakeholders



Integrating nutrition to existing programs on economic security



Strengthening nutrition-specific services



## Safety and security

- Program intervention rode on the peace-building effort of the governor

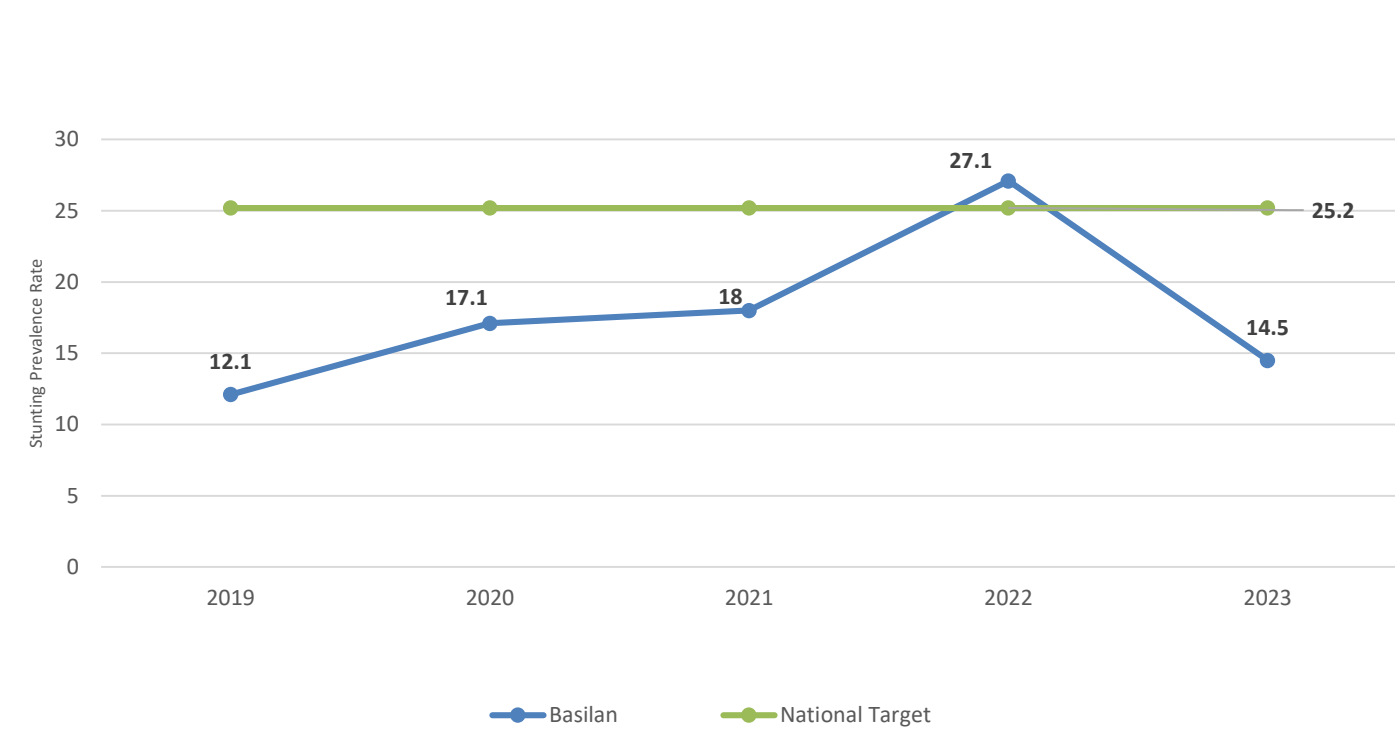


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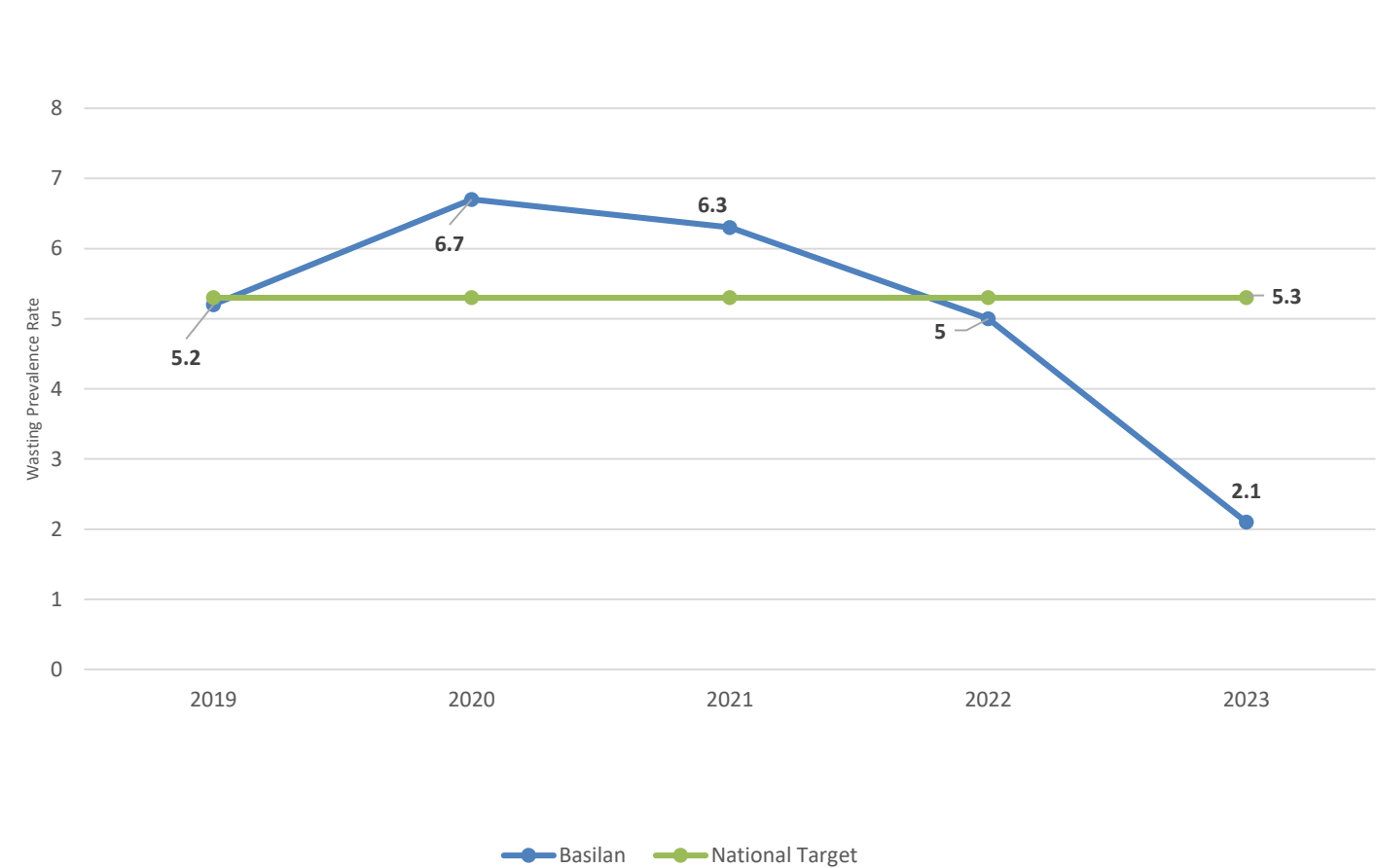
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Outcomes

Stunting Prevalence Rate among 0-5 Year Old Children



Wasting Prevalence Rate among 0-5 Year Old Children



System

Basilan Baseline Roadmap (2021)

Leadership & Governance	Financing	Human Resource	Access to Commodities	Information System	Service Delivery	Social Determinants
(1) Functional Expanded Provincial Nutrition Committee	(2) Annual Provincial Budget allocation for Nutrition	(1) Competent Provincial Nutrition Committee and Nutrition Unit/Office	(2) Functional Supply Chain Management for the First 1000 days of Life at the Provincial Level	(2) Functional Integrated Provincial First 1000 Days of Life Information System	(3) Capable Provincial Hospital for Maternal, Neonatal and Child Health and Nutrition Concern	(3) Access of Women to Economic Opportunity at the Provincial Level
(1) Organized and functional Provincial Early Childhood Care and Development Council/Committee						
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(2) Multi-sectoral Engagement, to Nutrition Program	(2) Accredited Provincial-owned Public Health Facilities	(2) Adequate and Competent Provincial Health Office Staff on Nutrition				
(2) Strengthened Implementation of Other Nutrition-related Laws at the Local Level	(3) Full Implementation of No Balance Billing for the Poor in Provincial-owned Public Hospitals	(2) Supportive supervision, (monitoring, coaching, mentoring) for health workers and volunteers are provided			(3) Client Centered Care at Provincial-owned health facilities	(3) Improved Available safe water, sanitation and hygiene in the Province

Basilan Updated Roadmap (April 2024)

PROVINCIAL TECHNICAL ROADMAP FOR FIRST 1000 DAYS						
Goal- Contribute to stunting prevalence reduction among children 0-23 months old from baseline prevalence						
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# Key Learnings

- **Localized governance** is central to realizing the Nurturing Care Framework:
  - Provincial and municipal governments have led capacity strengthening, committee formation, budgeting, and coordination across sectors.
  - Investment in *health-nutrition-safety* yielded measurable results, proving the value of equity-driven, localized planning.
- Adaptive, **systems-based approaches, anchored in strong local leadership**, inclusive governance, and sustained community engagement can lead to measurable improvements in health and nutrition outcomes, even in fragile and conflict-affected settings
- Improved nutritional status in **the first 1,000 days** supports optimal brain development, emotional regulation, and physical well-being, laying the groundwork for school readiness and lifelong learning



“When we had peace,  
we now have the  
mental space to plan  
beyond the day after  
tomorrow. We can now  
be more strategic and  
focus our investment in  
health and nutrition  
which was not  
prioritized before.”

- **Gov. Jim Hataman-  
Salliman**  
Basilan Governor 2016-2025



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