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## ABSTRACT

This study aimed to assess the level of effectiveness of the implementation of the Bleye Kukum justice system in terms of: Conflict resolution, Peace and Order, Governance, and Economy was also identified. Also, the problems encountered by the Indigenous People concerning the Bleye Kukum justice system, which was the basis of the policy recommendations. The study used the descriptive-evaluative method to determine the level of effectiveness of the implementation of the Bleye Kukum justice system in South Upi, Maguindanao. It was conducted in the selected barangays in the municipality of South Upi, Maguindanao. The respondents of this study were the Tri-People (Muslim, Christian and Teduray) living in the selected barangays which are Barangay Romongaob and Barangay Kuya with the total of One Hundred (100) respondents. The findings show that the respondents' profile revealed that in terms of the profile of the respondents, most of the respondents were belong to the age of 30 to 39, married, female, earning of 3,000 and below per month, with a big number of dependents and have elementary level of educational attainment. In the level of effectiveness of the implementation of the Bleye Kukum Justice System in terms of conflict resolution, peace and order, governance and economy were considered as effective. Majority of the respondents experienced problem on the Bleye Kukum's process of settling. Thus, it is concluded that the level of effectiveness of the implementation of the Bleye Kukum Justice System is effective.

## KEYWORDS

Bleye Kukum; Justice System; Conflict Resolution

## INTRODUCTION

The indigenous conflict resolution plays a very significant role in the day-to-day lives of many ethnic groups and tribes particularly the poor and marginalized societies. Local leaders and elderly people have used traditional laws to ensure conflict do not curve into uncontrolled violence and disrupt civic life (Alemie et al, 2018; Ragandang III, 2018; Maganag, 2019). Locally trusted elderly people enjoy socially eminent status and authority granted by customs while passing decisions are based on a high level of social consensus and legitimacy. The process is soft and based on the willingness of conflicting parties, the relationship between individuals, among families and kinship become strong. Indigenous conflict resolution system allows conflicting parties to work cooperatively by minimizing their gap in productive way that does not demolish their relationship. But solving conflicts or disagreements through formal process by using courts disputants rarely want to work together and cooperatively. Compared with that of the formal conflict resolution process, indigenous conflict resolution mechanisms take less time to dispose of a single case (Circular No. 14-93 July 15 1993).

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