

CHAPTER IV CONCLUSION

The arrival of Indonesian citizens to Mindanao, the Southern Philippines since the 1930s has been endlessly suffering. The initial goal of Indonesian citizens to move to Mindanao was to improve the lives of those who were concerned and live in poverty while in Indonesia. However, the misery did not stop after their move to Mindanao. Indonesian citizens are often faced with problems including the problem of poverty, education, health to the problem of public services that over time make them very oppressed located in the region. In fact, it is not uncommon for Indonesian citizens to be accused of being involved in terrorism cases. The root of the problem for the various types of oppression experienced by Indonesian citizens while living in the Mindanao region is because most of them do not have identities such as Identity Cards or Passports. So, with these conditions Indonesian citizens living in the area are considered as foreigners or even referred to as illegal entrance so they are often referred to as “Undocumented Citizens”

The Indonesian government has sought to resolve the legality problems experienced by Indonesian citizens living in Mindanao. Even the Philippine government also helped solve the problem by suggesting that Indonesian citizens have an Alien Certificate Citizen (ACR) which would later change the status of Indonesian citizens from “Undocumented Citizen” to “Documented Citizen”. However, the problem is not resolved just like that, to have the ACR Indonesian citizens must pay according to the Law that has been agreed by the Philippine government and some of the Indonesian citizens are unable to pay the tax because the cost is quite expensive with the added conditions of citizens Indonesia is in the category of the poor and far from being prosperous. Their main goal in coming to Mindanao to get a more decent life turned out to be very alarming because they were increasingly trapped in the scope of poverty, because most of them did not have sufficient skills so that getting decent jobs was very difficult considering the competition for jobs was very tight in Philippines.

The response of the Philippine government and the Filipino community regarding the issue of the transfer of Indonesian citizens to the Mindanao region is still full in a worrying situation. They are hesitant and still look negatively on Indonesian citizens regarding the issue of terrorism issues that had existed in Indonesia several years ago. On the other hand, in the private sector Indonesian citizens were subjected to jealousy for workers who came from Filipinos because most of the owners of companies in the Philippines preferred to accept Indonesian citizens as workers who had been known as diligent workers and they never demand big wages. Based on that, most of the Filipino workers feel jealous of the existence of Indonesian citizens in the private sector. This situation also had a negative impact on Indonesian citizens because they felt they were treated like slaves by exploiting their energy as optimally as possible but with very little salary. So, regarding the response of the government and the people of the Philippines, they have not fully believed in the arrival of Indonesian citizens in the area and many of them often get rumors from local residents because they are considered ashamed and often referred to as parasites because their lives move around without clear status.

Therefore, the Diaspora of the South Indonesia-Philippines under the authority of the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia, Davao City has a full role in economic empowerment for Indonesian citizens in Mindanao, considering that their economic conditions are below the poverty line which is the starting point of their misery in the region. Through programs from the Diaspora of the Southern Indonesia-Philippines, Indonesian citizens are taught various kinds of skills and knowledge which will later make it easier for Indonesian citizens to find decent jobs in the region without over-exploiting their energy to get very little results. One of the programs of the Diaspora of Indonesia-South Philippines in seeking economic empowerment is *Public and Private Partnership*. In this program the members of the Indonesia-Philippines Southern Diaspora will receive funds from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) which are then managed by Indonesian citizens to open businesses such as capital for opening stalls, raising livestock, gardening and others. In addition, in order to optimize economic empowerment, the Diaspora

of Indonesia-South Philippines sought to put into effect the implementation of the Dual Citizenship which would provide confidence for Indonesian citizens living in the Mindanao region. Therefore, with the creation of these programs by the Diaspora of the South Indonesia-Philippines, it is hoped that it can improve the standard of living of Indonesian citizens as well as by increasing their lives it will be easier to blend and improve social relations with Filipinos so that there are no more rumors raised for Indonesian citizens while living in the Mindanao region. With that, the Diaspora of Indonesia-Southern Philippines is very important in the survival of Indonesian citizens in Mindanao, Southern Philippines.

Bilateral relations between Indonesia and the Philippines are very close, the two countries have signed a bilateral cooperation memorandum of understanding which has sparked several collaborations in various fields, including firstly, cooperation in the protection of migrant workers, secondly, cooperation in the aspect of vocational education and training, thirdly, cooperation against drug smuggling, the last is cooperation in research education and training between national defense education institutions. Bilateral cooperation that has been built for a long time between the two countries aims to further improve relations between the two and to develop each of their countries. With the establishment of the bilateral cooperation, Indonesia and the Philippines have now felt significant benefits for the development in their respective countries. Especially Indonesia, now the Indonesian government feels more secure and believes in its people living in Mindanao, Southern Philippines because the Indonesian government has also contributed to the progress of the Philippines, namely by providing educational scholarships which until now there are many students from the Philippines implementing sister schools or university to university thanks to the existence of good bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

Meanwhile, the success of bilateral relations between the two countries, especially in Davao City, of course, thanks to the great contribution of the Indonesian Consulate General in Davao City since Mr. Berlian Napitupulu as the Consul, bilateral relations and cooperation between Indonesia and Davao City are getting tighter.

Bilateral cooperation between the two countries, especially in Davao City, is focused on economic, educational and cultural aspects. Mr. Berlian itself always promotes products from Indonesia so that they can be known and can also be consumed in the region. Thus the two countries enjoy undergoing cooperation that has been built since decades ago and wants to further develop the bilateral cooperation into many other fields. Basically, the two countries have their own unique and diverse cultures. Meanwhile, cooperation between the two countries will always be maintained by transparency carried out by each other. Thus, this is one of the long-standing factors of bilateral relations between Indonesia and the Philippines until today.

The efforts made by the Indonesian government in dealing with the Diaspora issue in Mindanao, Southern Philippines, namely the Consulate General of the Republic of Indonesia in Davao City have attempted to collect data for Indonesian citizens living in the area, then for those who fulfill the requirements to become Indonesian citizens the Indonesian government will provide free passports and visas and will return them to areas they have been living in since Indonesia. In addition, the Indonesian government seeks to create a forum called the Diaspora of the Southern Philippines, where the forum aims to teach Indonesian citizens to become good citizens while living abroad. In addition, at the forum Indonesian citizens were also given basic knowledge about Indonesia including history, culture, Indonesian which they had forgotten so far because they had lived in the Philippines for a long time. The Indonesian government also took the initiative to teach Indonesian citizens to cook using food that had been available from the nature around them. As well, Indonesian citizens are also taught to use computers and are expected to be reliable in operating them and can get decent jobs with the skills and skills they have.

In addition, the Indonesian government took the initiative to build a school called the Learning Center and was built at settlement points where the Indonesian citizens lived in the Mindanao region. The construction of the school is certainly very helpful for Indonesian citizens to recall Indonesia. The citizens of Indonesia are very enthusiastic to join the school program because they get knowledge for free. The simple construction of the school is open to

all Indonesian citizens from all ages, because the school is made so that they can recall about Indonesia and it is hoped that Indonesian citizens who are still in school can continue their education to a higher level through the Learning center that is. Actually, for those who graduate from education at the school will get a certificate to be able to continue their education to a higher level.