

HUMANITARIAN LEGAL
ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, INC.



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The Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. has continued to provide better services in forwarding the rights, welfare, and well-being of persons behind bars, especially those who need special assistance like the sick, elderly, and children in conflict with the law for the past 21 years.



HUMANITARIAN LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, INC.

OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

7,943 PDLs released

Throughout 2022, HLAF has been able to release more than 8,100+ persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) formerly known as inmates, all over the Philippines. This is all because of your generous support!

3,001 case consultations and follow-ups

Together with HLAF's scholars, interns, and volunteers around the Philippines, HLAF handled more than 6,100 cases which led to the speedy release of eligible PDLs in the country, especially the sick, elderly, women, persons with disability, and children.





1,405 capacitated duty bearers on Human Rights, Juvenile Justice, and Restorative Justice

HLAF's trained government employees, jail officers, local child protection officers, barangay officials, and other groups on Human Rights, Juvenile Justice, and Restorative Justice promoted values, beliefs, and attitudes that encouraged them and their beneficiaries, especially those most vulnerable people to uphold their own rights and those of others.

732 individuals trained to prevent child abuse

The training aimed to assist duty bearers to better protect the rights and welfare of Children at Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL). Among the different initiatives of the training are mentoring meetings, strengthening the reporting of the referral system, and training based on the needs and best interest of children.

2,095 Paralegal aides trained to help other PDLs

HLAF's trained paralegal aides assisted in the cases of more than 1,975 other persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) where they also conducted paralegal activities including basic orientations and education inside jail. The paralegal aides followed up 663 cases and facilitated the released 30 PDLs.

5 mental health webinars for PDLs, jail officers, duty-bearers

HLAF's Online Mental Health Webinars which were participated by different jails, persons deprived of liberty (PDLs), and communities from all over the country provided clear and safe spaces for persons behind bars, jail officers, duty-bearers, and former PDLs to manage stress.





467 PDLs prepared for reintegration in jail

HLAF took the chance to already prepare for the reintegration of persons behind bars who are already about to be released. The formation sessions provided them with a positive attitude and proper mindset on what they can experience back in the community.

39 former PDLs assisted to go back into the community

Despite former persons deprived of liberty's (PDLs) past, HLAF recognizes the PDL's potential for change and their desire to pursue productive employment for their benefit as well as for those they care about. This resulted in 26 former PDLs given debriefing activities, values formation, and life-skill trainings



1 LGU beginning to adopt their own reintegration program

One of the key concerns regarding the reintegration of former persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) is the lack of support from Local Government Units (LGUs). The stigma involved regarding former PDLs made it difficult for LGUs to support reintegration programs but through the effort of HLAf, one LGU has taken up the courage to challenge the stigma and support the desire of former PDLs to successfully reintegrate into their communities.

132 partners toward the collective effort in forwarding the rights of the vulnerable

HLAF's successful numbers will not be possible without the undying support of more than 130 partners all over the Philippines which includes government offices and agencies, schools and universities, local government units, civil society organizations, community groups, and volunteers!

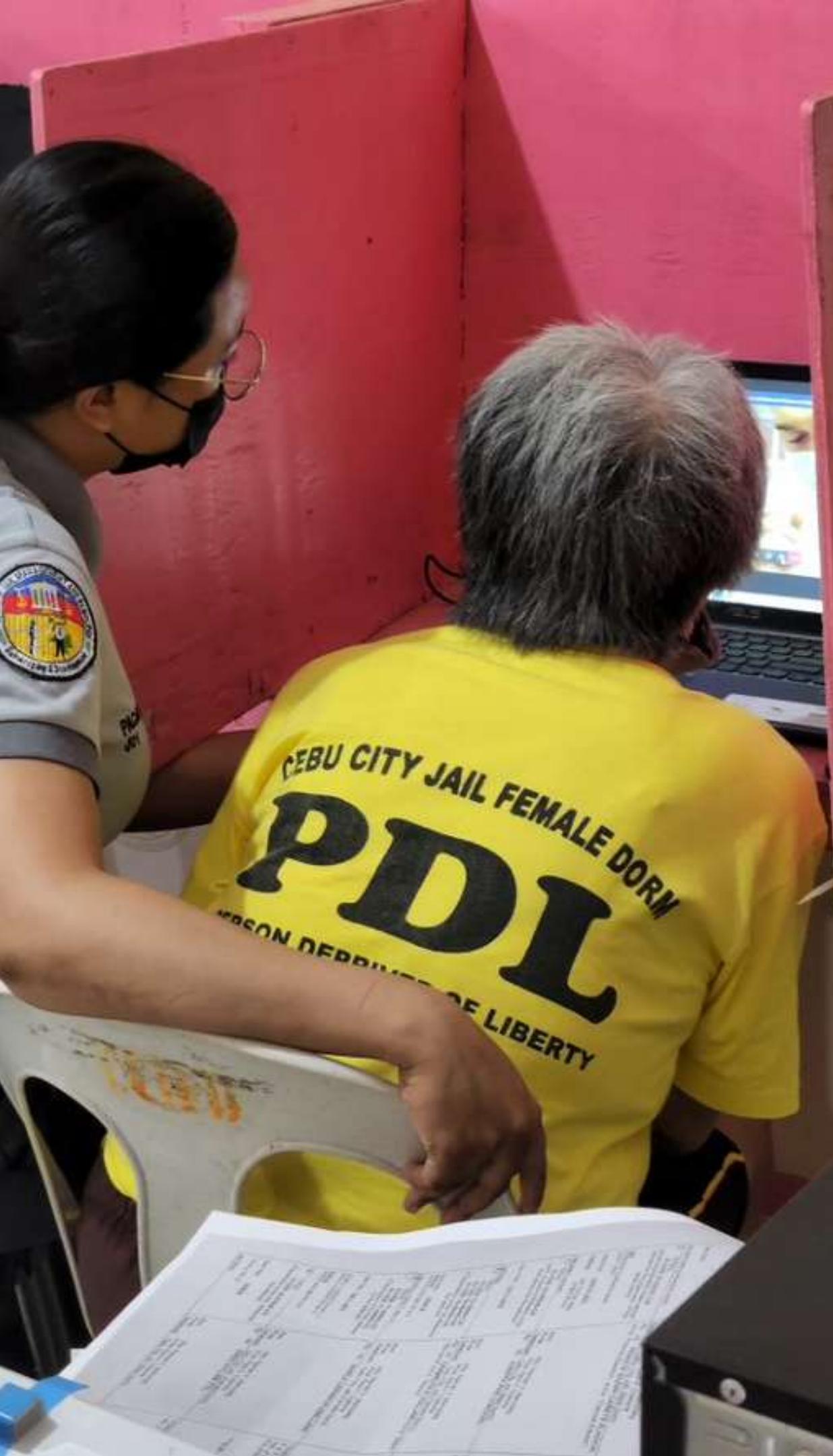
OUR PROGRAMS



JAIL DECONGESTION

The program strengthened the access to justice of persons behind bars through jail decongestion, capacity building, coordination, and knowledge sharing by promoting their right to liberty, health, and reformation.

- The program facilitated the passage of the Office of the Court Administrator (OCA) Circular 201-2022 which allowed jail facilities to release prisoners who have served their sentence without requiring them to ask the courts for release orders.
- In just a few months of the passage and usage of the OCA Circular 201-2022, thousands of persons behind bars (more than 7,000) across the country benefitted from this effort and allowed them the opportunity to return home and begin their process of integration with their friends, families, and respective communities.
- The program opened more partnerships with Philippine Provincial Jails to provide better quality access to justice, as well as deliver programs and services to promote persons behind bars rights since there is only a little help provided to provincial jails in the past years.
- The program also became well known among the judges and justices in the country as evidenced by the special mention and acknowledgment of the HLAFAF and their activities during Justice Zone meetings.



Jail Decongestion

HLAF Reach

Mandaluyong City Jail Male Dorm
Pasig City Jail Male and Female Dorm
Valenzuela City Jail Male and Female Dorm
Quezon City Jail Female Dorm
Caloocan City Jail
Angeles District Jail – Male Dormitory
Angeles District Jail – Female Dormitory
Balagtas District Jail
Balanga City Jail
Bataan District Jail- Male Dormitory
Bataan District Jail- Female Dormitory
BJMP Arayat
Bocaue Municipal Jail
Bulacan Provincial Jail
Baliuag Municipal Jail
Cabanatuan District Jail – Male Dormitory
Cabanatuan District Jail – Female Dormitory
Camiling Municipal Jail
Dinalupihan Municipal Jail
Guagua District Jail – Male Dormitory
Guagua District Jail – Female Dormitory
Guimba District Jail –
Olongapo District Jail- Male Dormitory
Olongapo District Jail- Female Dormitory
Paniqui Municipal Jail
Plaridel Municipal Jail- Male Dormitory
Plaridel Municipal Jail- Female Dormitory
Pampanga Angeles District Jail
Pulilan Municipal Jail
Mariveles Municipal Jail
Malolos City Jail
Marilao Municipal Jail
Meycauayan City Jail
San Fernando District Jail- Male Dormitory
San Fernando District Jail- Female Dormitory
San Jose Del Monte Bulacan City Jail- Male Dormitory
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Sta. Maria Municipal Jail
Talavera Municipal Jail
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Tarlac City Jail – Female Dormitory
Tarlac Provincial Jail
Camarines Sur Provincial Jail
Naga City District Jail Male & Female Dorm
Albay Provincial Jail
Sorsogon City District Jail
Gubat District jail
Irosin District Jail
Ligao City Jail
Legazpi City Jail
Pióduran Municipal Jail
Tabaco City District Jail
Zamboanga City Jail Male Dorm
Benguet Provincial Jail
Bukidnon Provincial Jail
Bulacan Provincial Jail
Cavite Provincial Jail
Davao Oriental – Mati Provincial Jail
Ilocos Norte Provincial Jail
Ilocos Sur Provincial Jail
La Union Provincial Jail
Laguna Provincial Jail
Lanao del Sur Provincial Jail
Marinduque Provincial Jail
Nueva Vizcaya Provincial Jail
Palawan Provincial Jail
Samar Provincial Jail
Zambales Provincial Jail
Provincial Jail Wardens Association of the Philippines (PJWAP)
Bureau of Jail Management and Penology National Headquarters (BJMP NHQ)
Caritas Manila
Ateneo de Manila University School of Law
Clinical Legal Education (CLED)
CBCP- Episcopal Commission on Prison Pastoral Care
Volunteers in Prison Service (VIPs)
of the Diocese of Antipolo
Ateneo de Naga University
Ateneo de Naga University
Ignatian Legal Apostolate Office (ILAO)
University of Sto. Tomas – Legazpi
Ateneo de Zamboanga University
Ateneo Center for Legal Services
Angeles University Foundation - School of Law
University of San Carlos School of Law (USC) Clinical Legal Education (CLED)
Jose Maria College Foundation, Inc College of Law (MCFI-COL)





CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE ACTION

The program provided local government units, law enforcement officers, social workers, legal practitioners, children's rights workers, volunteers and other stakeholders with strengthened, innovative, and leading methodologies in handling Children at Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL) cases

- The program continued to be among the most sought-after teams with regard to the handling of barangay-level CAR and CICL cases. There were continuous requests for training and expertise as the activities of the organization continue to expand for the rights and welfare of the children.
- Mentorship has brought substantial changes in the localities where the activities were implemented. Our partner localities boast that through the efforts of the program, they were able to be nominated for local and national awards that protect and promote children's rights.
- The networks generated by local communities through the guidance of the program have led to improved performances by duty-bearers. When before they acted as independent bodies in the performance of their duties, beneficiaries report that they recognize and acknowledge the value of an interdependent and multi-disciplinary approach to their cases and have begun implementing them within their localities.

Center for Restorative Action

HLAF Reach

Barangay Pineda	Bahay Pag asa Marikina	Municipalities' Social and Development Offices
Baras, Catanduanes	Bahay Pag asa Pasay	Navotas Barangay Council for the Protection of Children
Batangas State University	Bahay Pagasa Laoag	Northern and Western Samar Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office
Bato, Catanduanes	Davao City Barangays	Philippine National Police
Catanduanes	De la Salle College of St. Benilde	Provincial Social Welfare and Development Offices
Catarman, Samar	Las Pinas Barangay Council for the protection of children	Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Valenzuela
Gigmoto, Catanduanes	Las Pinas City Social Welfare and Development Department	Provincial Social Welfare and Development Offices
Las Pinas, NCR	Las Pinas Department of Interior and Local Government	
Manila, NCR	Malabon Bahay Pag-asa	
Naga City, Bicol	Malabon City Council for the Protection of Children	
Northern Samar	Malabon City Social Welfare and Development	
San Fernando		
Pampanga		
Virac, Catanduanes		
Western Samar		
Consuelo Foundation		
UNICEF		
University of Manila		
Bahay Pag asa		
Dasmariñas		



FOCUSED REINTEGRATION OF EX-DETAINEES

The program continued to take steps toward coordinating with local government units to help them realize the opportunities for former persons deprived of liberty (PDLs) to contribute to their families and communities. Despite their past, HLAf recognizes the PDL's potential for change and their desire to pursue productive employment for their benefit as well as for those they care about.

- The program improved their initiative to involve the community and family members to help their loved ones better adapt and reintegrate after their incarceration. This initiative made former PDLs get their lives on track by participating in values formation and life-skills activities.
- Many of those who participated in the programs and activities were moved to act and created their own initiatives to help former PDLs through donations, training, and simply by acknowledging them and lending a listening ear, upholding their human dignity.
- The program is also becoming well-known as an expert on PDL aftercare and mental health. National Agencies and Civil Society Organizations sought for the program's expertise on PDL care and reintegration of former PDLs.



Focused Reintegration of Ex-Detainees

HLAF Reach

Malabon City
Dasmariñas City
Lucena City
Quezon City
Malabon City Social Welfare and Development Division
Public Employment Service Office
City of Malabon Anti-Drug Abuse Council
Bureau of jail Management and Penology
Diocese of Caloocan
De La Salle University - Masters in Business Administration
University of the Philippines
National Taiwan University



Our Partners

Since 2022



Consuelo Zobel
Alger
Foundation

3,343,985.65

The Asia
Foundation

189,126.50

American Bar
Association

5,275,454.57

UNICEF

2,608,429.15

HLAF Finance

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Jail
Decongestion

Center for
Restorative Action

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Reintegration of
Ex- Detainees

Communications

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P 1,263,429.17

P 697,369.75

P 971,151.16