

HUMANITARIAN LEGAL  
ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION, INC.



# 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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!

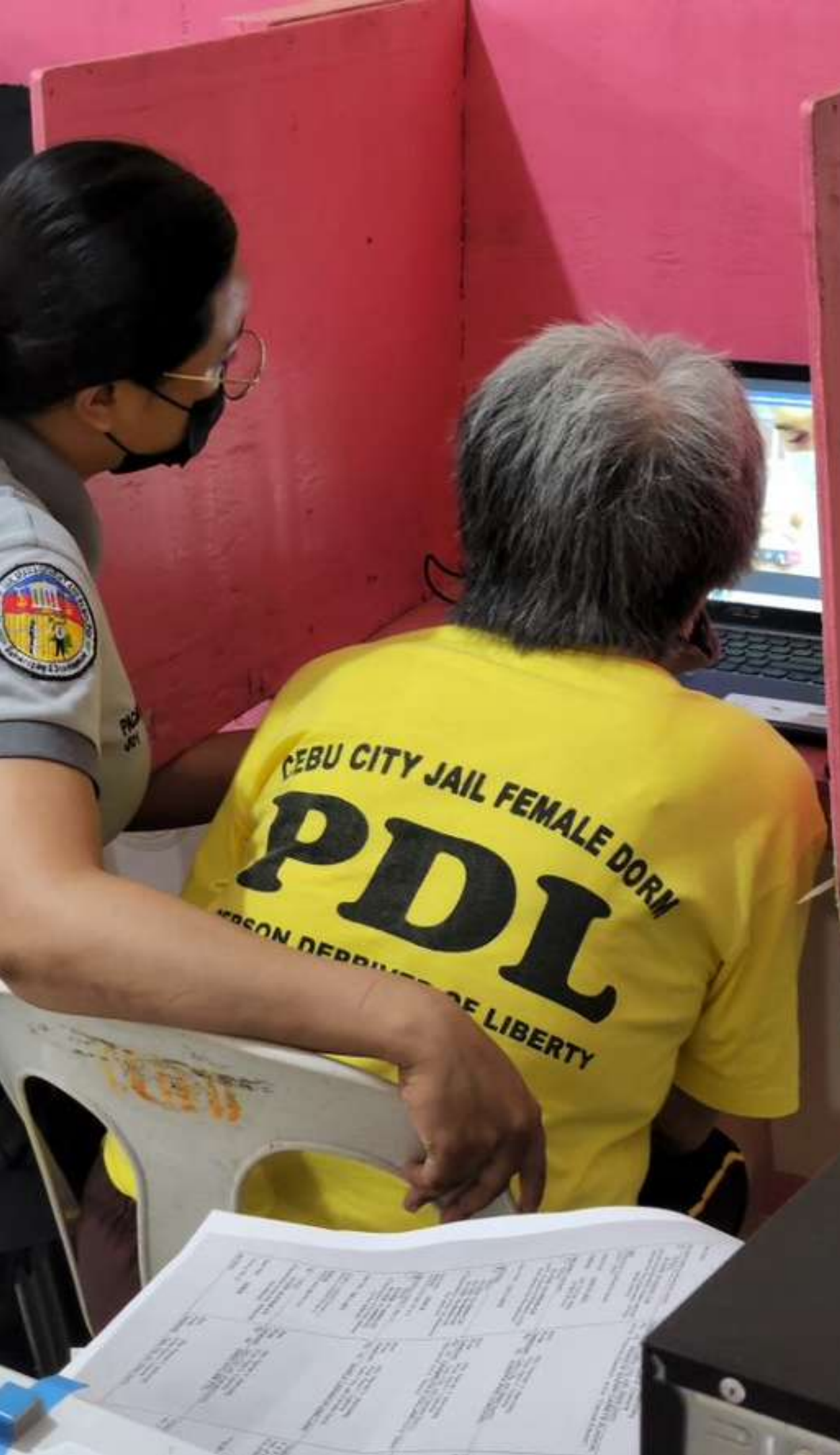




# OUR PROGRAMS







# 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 HLAF 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

San Jose Del Monte Bulacan City Jail- Female Dormitory  
Sta. Maria Municipal Jail  
Talavera Municipal Jail  
Tarlac City Jail – Male Dormitory  
Tarlac City Jail – Female Dormitory  
Tarlac Provincial Jail  
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  
San Jose Del Monte Bulacan City Jail- Female Dormitory  
Sta. Maria Municipal Jail  
Talavera Municipal Jail  
Tarlac City Jail – Male Dormitory  
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  
Pioduran 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  
Baras, Catanduanes  
Batangas State  
University  
Bato, Catanduanes  
Catanduanes  
Catarman, Samar  
Gigmoto, Catanduanes  
Las Pinas, NCR  
Manila, NCR  
Naga City, Bicol  
Northern Samar  
San Fernando  
Pampanga  
Virac, Catanduanes  
Western Samar  
Consuelo Foundation  
UNICEF  
University of Manila  
Bahay Pag asa  
Dasmaringas

Bahay Pag asa Marikina  
Bahay Pag asa Pasay  
Bahay Pagasa Laoag  
Davao City Barangays  
De la Salle College of St.  
Benilde  
Las Pinas Barangay Council  
for the protection of  
children  
Las Pinas City Social  
Welfare and Development  
Department  
Las Pinas Department of  
Interior and Local  
Government  
Malabon Bahay Pag-asa  
Malabon City Council for  
the Protection of Children  
Malabon City Social  
Welfare and Development

Municipalities' Social and  
Development Offices  
Navotas Barangay Council for  
the Protection of Children  
Northern and Western Samar  
Provincial Social Welfare and  
Development Office  
Northern Samar Provincial  
Department of Interior and  
Local Government  
Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng  
Valenzuela  
Philippine National Police  
Provincial Social Welfare and  
Development Offices







# 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

Dasmarinas 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	The Asia Foundation	American Bar Association	UNICEF
3,343,985.65	189,126.50	5,275,454.57	2,608,429.15



# HLAF Finance

Since 2022



Jail  
Decongestion

Center for  
Restorative Action

Focused  
Reintegration of  
Ex- Detainees

Communications

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**P 2,954,351.41**

**P 1,263,429.17**

**P 697,369.75**

**P 971,151.16**