

HLAF 2019 Annual Report

Our Accomplishments



Vision

The Foundation aspires to help create a world order founded on the universal respect for human rights and freedom against arbitrary and unjust imprisonment, in all forms.





Mission and Core Values

The Foundation seeks to put an end to the phenomenon of unjust and inhumane detention, especially of women and children, wherever it is found, through direct legal action and policy advocacy.

1. Loving Kindness and Non-Injury; 2. Generosity and Non-Stealing; 3. Honesty and Non-Lying; 4. Moderation and Non-Excessiveness; 5. Constancy of Aim and Effort (One Pointedness) and Non-Laziness



Our Competitive Advantages

- We are a lean organization composed of staff coming from diverse backgrounds with different expertise.
- Our beneficiaries had been showcased by different groups and organizations including media organizations.
- Our foundation is the only organization that works for the reintegration of ex-detainees into their families and their communities.
- Our staff are experts and are in-demand resource persons in the fields of Juvenile Justice, Restorative Justice, Case Management, Reintegration, Community Organizing, Criminal Justice Reform, and Criminal Law.

Our Philosophy

- No person shall be deprived of liberty without due process of law.
- To work for the freedom of every person who is arbitrarily and unjustly deprived of liberty.
- To empower and capacitate the duty-bearers, and the community especially the local government units to know the law and to know how to implement the law to ensure the liberty of persons.
- To reintegrate former PDLs, who suffered the negative effects of incarceration.
- To institutionalize and replicate its projects.

Jail Decongestion

- HLAf's flagship program
- It has run since HLAf's establishment and has since evolved from a traditional lawyering project into an alternative lawyering program
- aimed to decongest jails by focusing on the perspective, attitudes and knowledge of duty-bearers and the community.

**964 cases followed
up**



330 PDLs released



Establishment of Task Force Katarungan at Kalayaan

- **TFKK (Task Force Katarungan at Kalayaan)** – A panel that assures that PDLs receives the right to a speedy trial.
 - **PASIG** - The TFKK in Pasig encouraged the Judges, Prosecutors and LGU officials to visit the jails and personally see the plight of the PDLs.
 - **MALABON** – The establishment of TFKK in Malabon resulted in the decrease of the PDL population from 1257 to 1117 the Malabon City Jail Male Dormitory despite the influx of newly committed PDLs.



Partnership with different Schools to decongest jails

- Ateneo Law School
- San Beda College of Law
- University of the Philippines College of Law.

- The helped HLAF follow up cases, conduct trainings in jails, and facilitate the release of PDLs.



HLAF Welfare Missions in Jails

- Supported by MCKS Charitable Foundation
- **Two hundred ninety-nine (299) PDLs (Person/s Deprived of Liberty) received free medical services with free medicines.**
- 54 fans distributed in different jails to help in the ventilation of the facilities.
- Countless toiletries provided to PDLs.



Past Projects

- Simplified Inmates Records System (SIRS)
- Detainee's Notebook
- BJMP Paralegal Manual

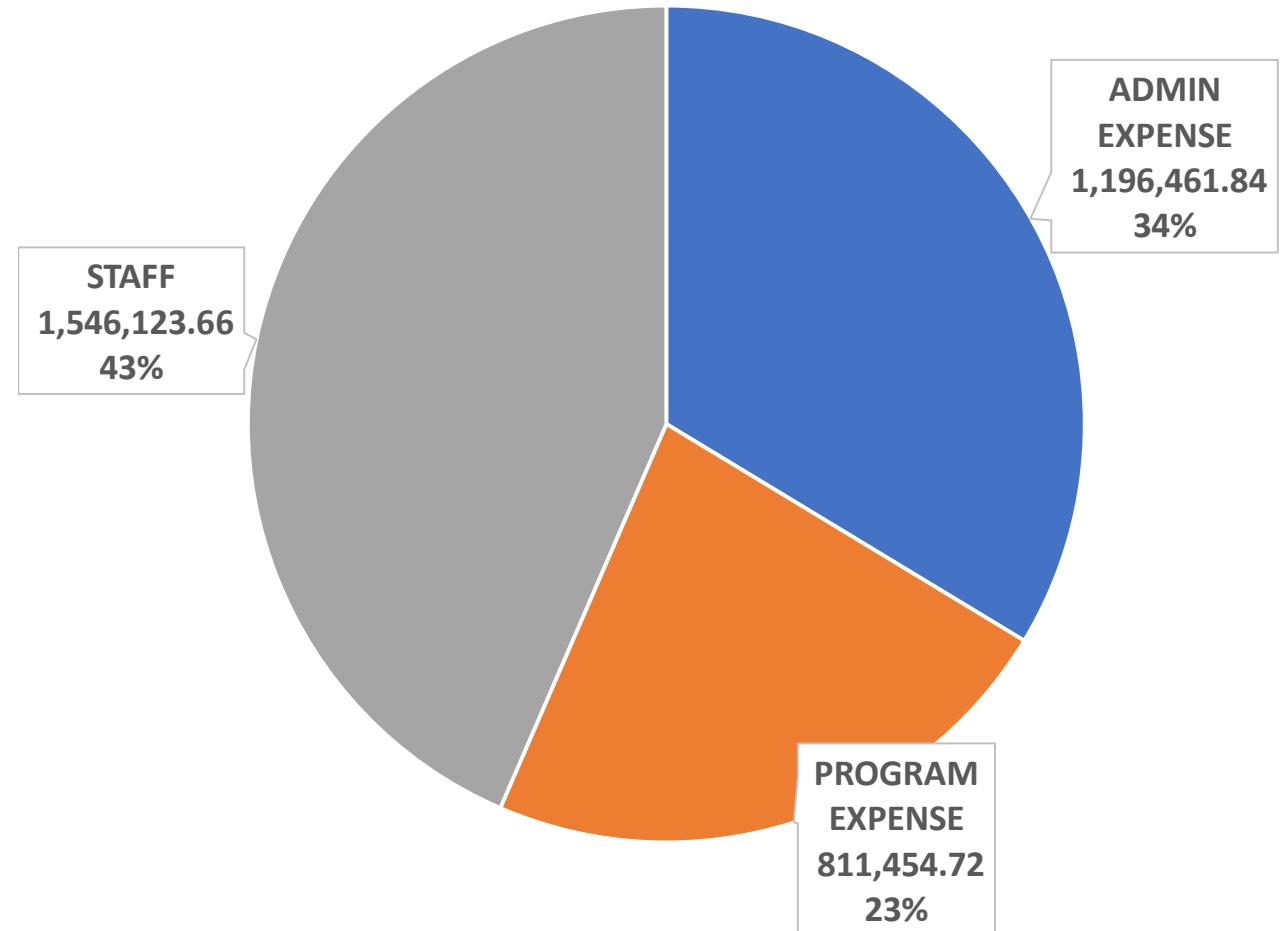


JD EXPENSES

Php 10,770 per Prisoner Released (with direct intervention)

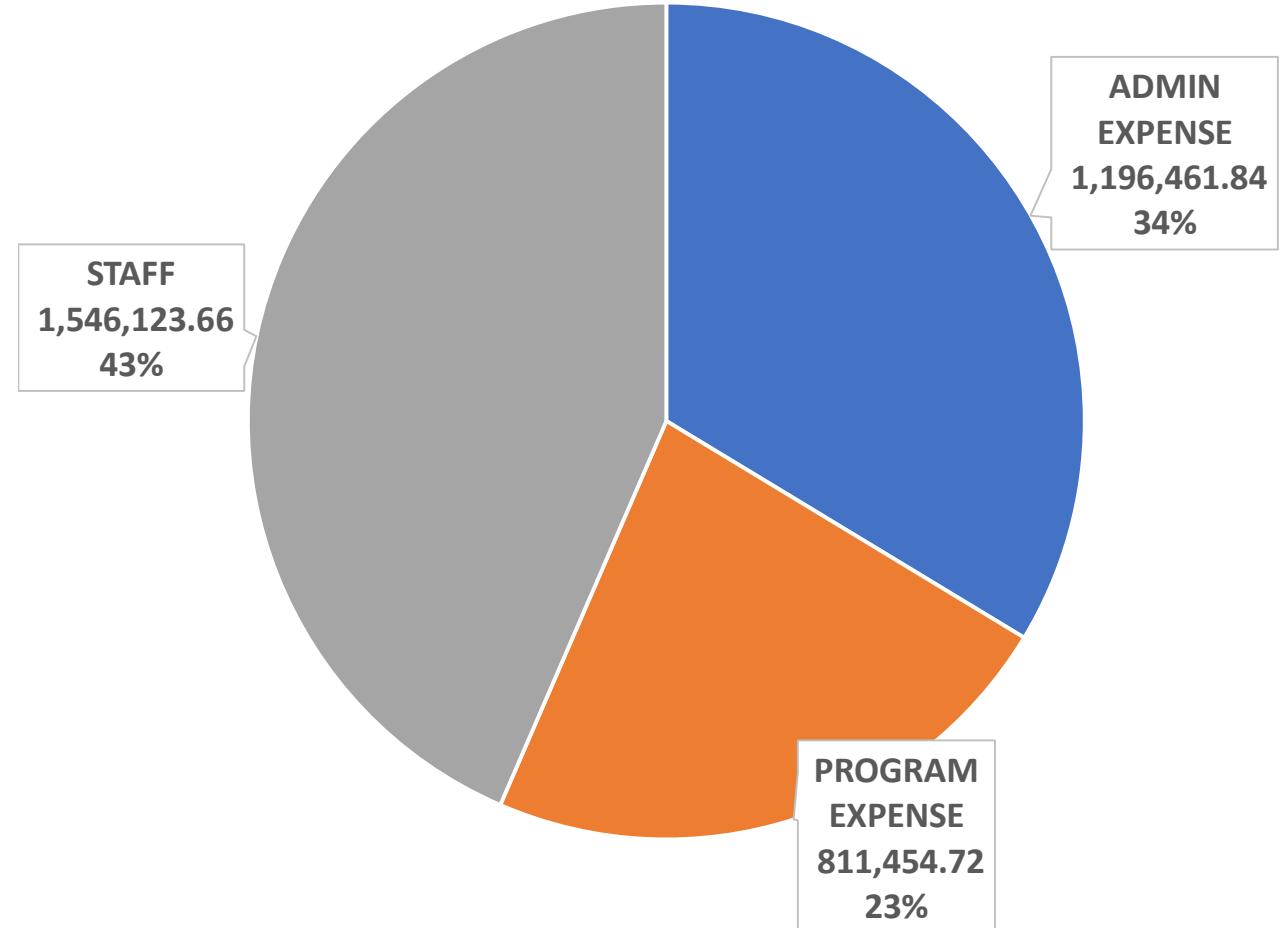
Php 3,687 per case followed up (with direct intervention)

Countless prisoners released and countless cases followed up due to indirect intervention like training jail guards, training inmate paralegals and facilitating coordination meetings



JD EXPENSES

- **Staff and Admin expenses are way above program expenses**
 - because we pay technical persons (who accept payments way below their ideal salaries)
 - We try to look for the most efficient way of releasing prisoners (following up cases instead of representing them in court)



CENTER FOR RESTORATIVE ACTION

- HLAf's cutting edge program
- It was developed to address the lack of training centers and trainers on restorative justice and juvenile justice
- To empower communities to live out Restorative Justice, Values of Accountability, Peace, Dignity, Respect, and healing in their conflict management program

Training of Child Protection Mentors

- Benguet, Bulacan, Camarines Norte, Tacloban
- The project was supported by **UNICEF, DILG, DSWD, CWC, and JJWC**.
- As a result, the mentors trained were able to assist **21 barangays** to have a functional Barangay Council for the Welfare of Children with a physical office. They now cater to the needs of children especially those who are in conflict with the law (CICL) and those who are at risk of being a CICL (CAR).





BCPC Congress 2019

Supported by UNICEF.

HLAF hosted a BCPC Congress, where **300 BCPC members from all over the country** were present. BCPCs exchanged ideas, good practices, and discuss challenges.



Protecting Children Affected by the Campaign Against Illegal Drugs

The project aims to functionalize the **Malabon Anti-Drug Abuse Office (MADAO)**, **Malabon City Council for the Protection of Children (MCCPC)**, **Barangay Council for the Protection of Children (BCPCs)**, and **Barangay Anti-Drug Abuse Council (BADACs)** so that children will be protected.

Providing much needed training to professionals

- CPD Council for Social Workers
- CPD Council for Criminologists
- In 2019 HLAFA trained (with CPD Units) 33 social workers and 8 criminologists. From all over the country.





Different LGUs from around the country sought our expertise

- Las Piñas City,
- Municipality of Rodriguez, Rizal, and
- San Fernando City, Pampanga

#ChildrenNotCriminals

- In partnership with the Children's Rights Network, HLAf successfully opposed the lowering of the minimum age of criminal responsibility.
- HLAf supported mobilizations, fairs and caravans all over the country engaging more than 2,500 children and youth.
- As a result children below 15 years old will not be brought to jail.

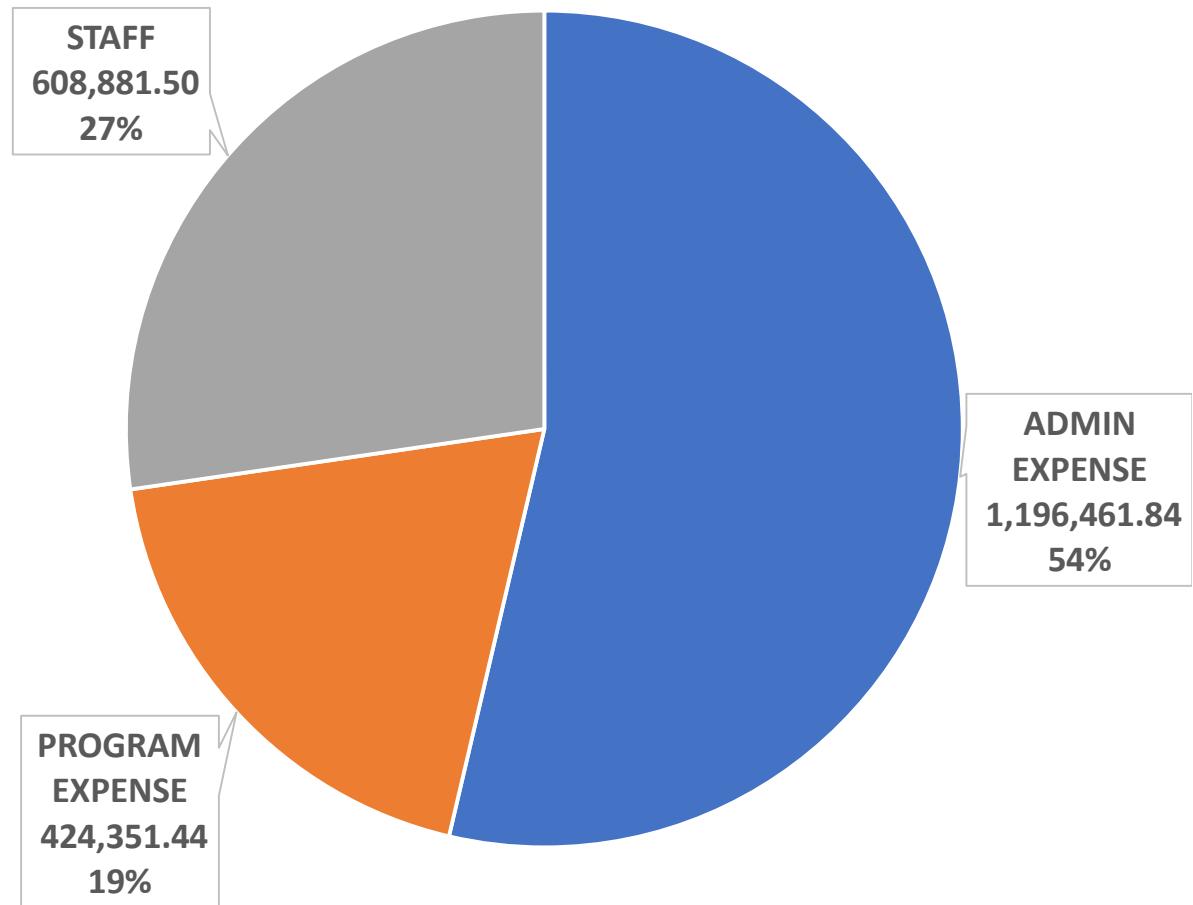


CRA EXPENSES

Php 318,3527 per municipality/city directly trained

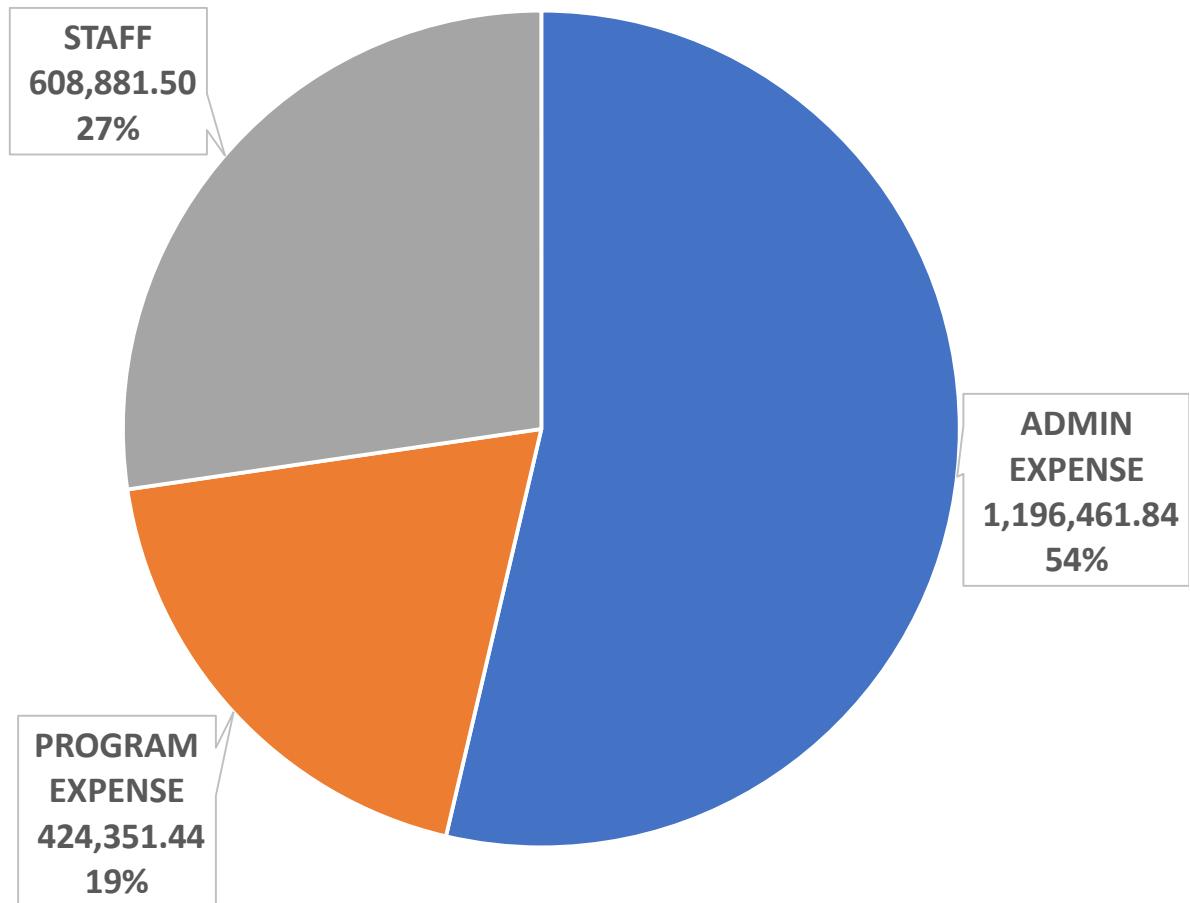
Php 30,543 per barangay trained

Countless children protected because of functional mechanisms established in these cities



CRA EXPENSES

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 - We successfully convinced Local Government Units to provide their own counterpart



Focused Reintegration of Ex-Detainees

- It was established to address the lack of a reintegration program for newly released PDLs.
- To heal the lives of PDLs in need of a second chance and be rightfully reintegrated in the communities and to serve as a safe space in reducing the stigma for PDLs.

Pre-release sessions

HLAF through debriefing sessions, values formation and life skills training prepared a total of **one hundred thirty-five (135)** PDLs in Malabon Male Dorm, Malabon City Jail, Quezon City Jail, Caloocan City Jail, Navotas City Jail.



Reintegration to the community

- HLAF helped **Oyo** in red sando (not his real name) a PDL who showed signs of declining mental health to be released and reunited with his family after 15 years in jail;
- HLAF likewise prepared his family to accept him.
- 5 other former PDLs were reintegrated to their families and communities.



Providing safe spaces for Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDLs) and former PDLs

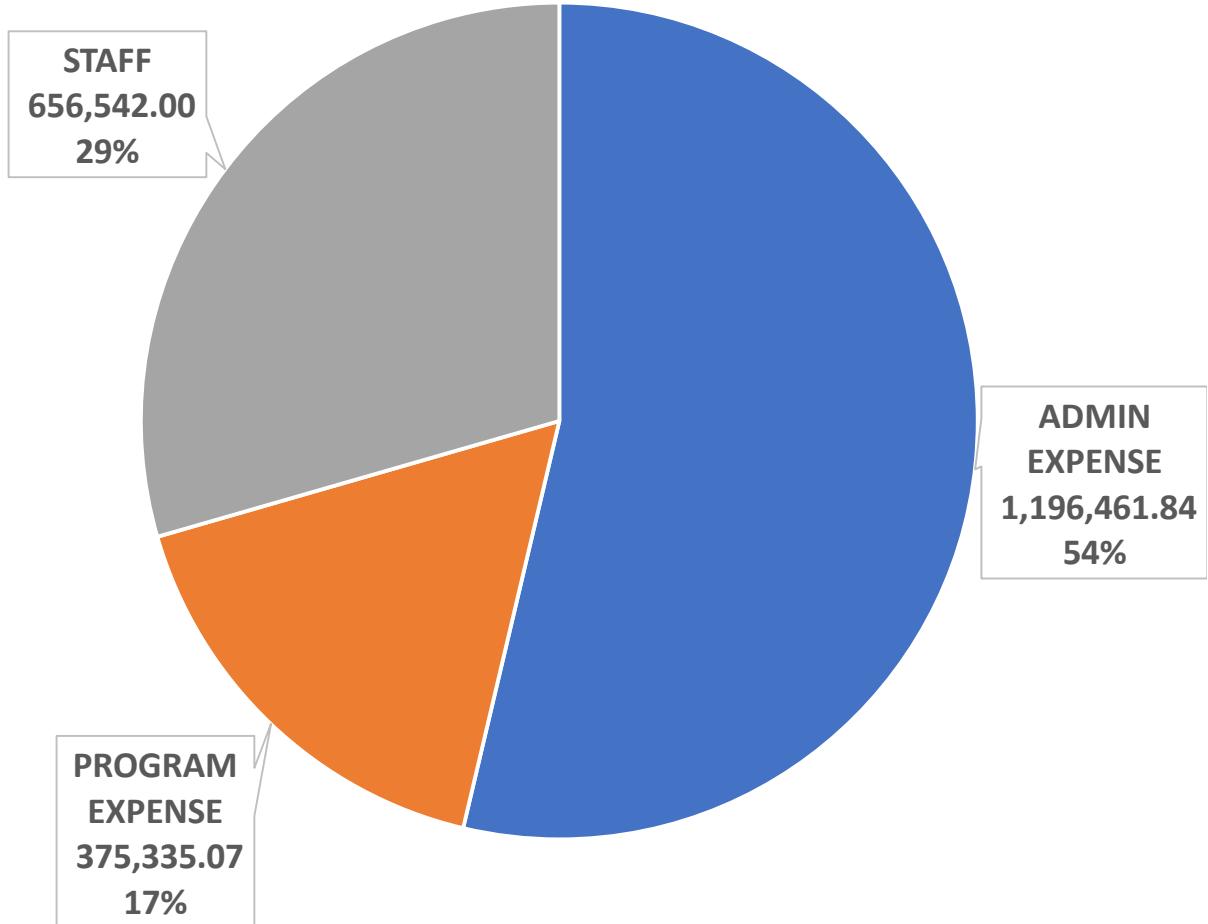


FRED's beneficiaries who have regained themselves are now being invited to different talks, seminars, and fora where they share their experiences inside jail as well as their experiences as a former PDL without being judged.

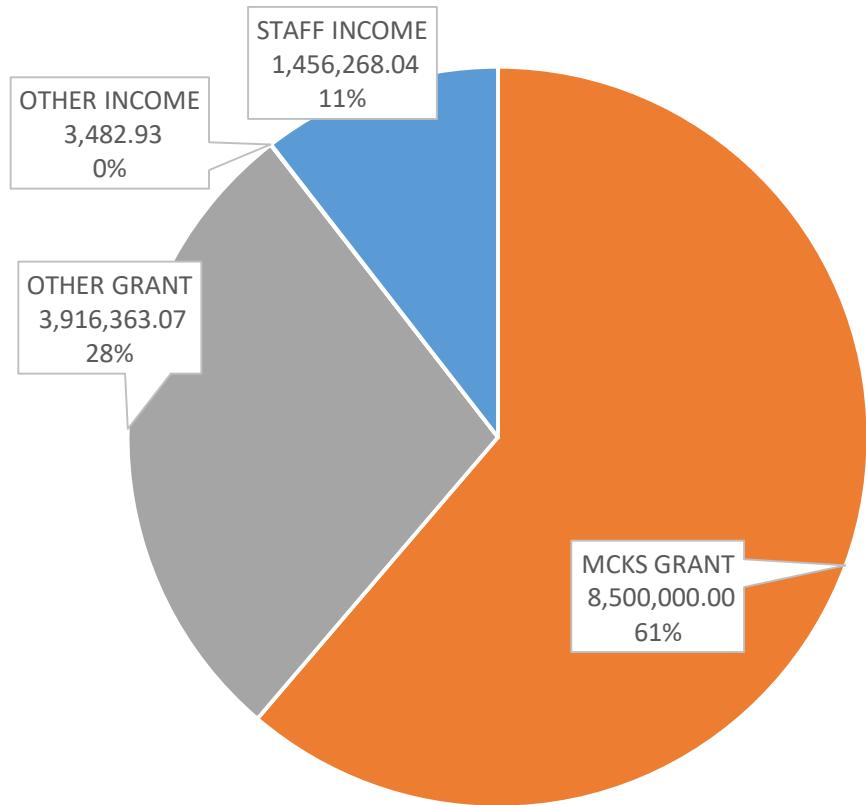
FRED EXPENSES

Php 15,917 per prisoner assisted to be reintegrated back to the community.

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2019 SOURCE OF FUNDS



- MCKS Grant – from MCKS Charitable Foundation
- Other Grants – from UNICEF, The Asia Foundation
- Staff Income – Staff salaries from grants, Income from trainings conducted by staff.
- Other Income – Interest income, etc.