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Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. (HLAF)

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Accomplishments

As of June 2025

44

persons deprived of liberty released

which represented the culmination of legal advocacy, human rights, and justice for individuals who may have been unlawfully detained, unjustly convicted, or improperly held due to their vulnerabilities

322

cases of persons deprived of liberty

assisted to ensure their continued access to justice, uphold rights and dignity, as well as monitor their well-being throughout their detention or reintegration process inside jail facilities in the Philippines.

23

jails all over the Philippines

visited the conditions of detention, ensured the universal respect for human rights, and fostered a sense of dignity and support among the incarcerated individuals.

362

trained persons deprived of liberty

empowered with fundamental legal knowledge and advocacy skills, enabling them to better understand and assert their rights, as well as serve as peer educators and support systems within detention facilities.

361+

community members and duty bearers

capacitated on human rights, criminal justice, juvenile justice, restorative justice, and reintegration, which enhanced their ability to apply human rights-based approaches, and ensure fair treatment.

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volunteers and interns

brought diverse skills, fresh perspectives, and enthusiasm, which allowed us to reach more communities, deepen our outreach, and amplify our human rights messages.

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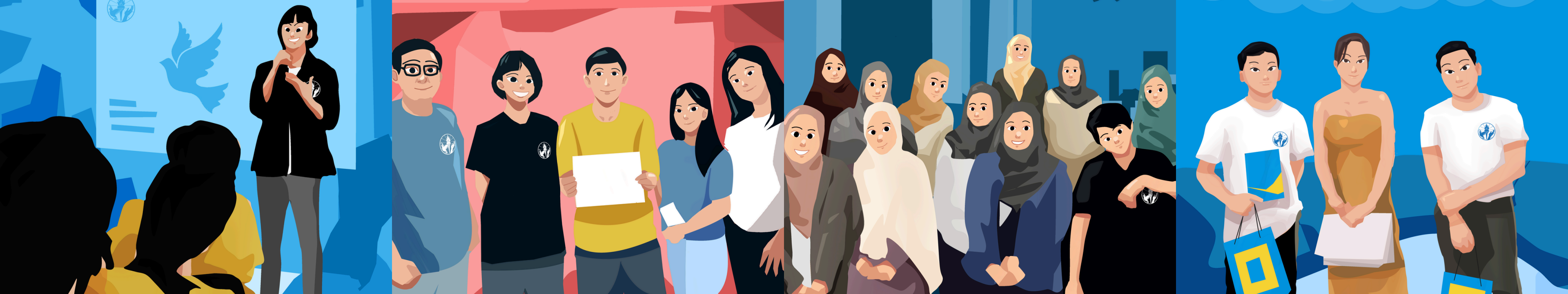
family members of persons deprived of liberty

capacitated, engaged, and mobilized to actively monitor their case updates, legal conditions, advocate for their rights, and ensure that legal processes are being upheld inside jail facilities.

30+

civil society and local government partners

collaborated toward the promotion of human rights advocacy, legal aid, and social justice, which leveraged shared resources, expertise, and networks among the human rights community.



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i. Our Accomplishments

Facilitating the immediate release of vulnerable and eligible persons deprived of liberty

For us, facilitating the immediate release of vulnerable and eligible persons deprived of liberty is a core activity rooted in the fundamental principles of justice, human dignity, and human rights.

It helps ensure that individuals who are unlawfully detained, unjustly held, or suffering from health conditions are quickly restored to their freedom and dignity.

These activities also address systemic issues of over-incarceration and jail congestion, which can exacerbate human rights and impede reintegration.

We promoted fairness within the justice system, reduced harm faced by vulnerable populations, and reinforced our commitment to safeguarding the rights and well-being of persons deprived of liberty, ultimately contributing to a more just and humane society.



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i. Our Accomplishments

Empowering community members and duty bearers on human rights

For us, empowering and mobilizing community members and duty bearers on human rights, including criminal justice, juvenile justice, restorative justice, and community reintegration, is essential as it fosters a culture of respect, accountability, and active participation in promoting justice and social change.

We believe that when community members are knowledgeable about their rights and responsibilities, they can advocate for themselves and others, challenge narratives, and affirm better services and protections.

Similarly, empowering duty bearers such as local officials and service providers ensures they understand their roles in upholding human rights and are committed to implementing fair and humane practices.

Together, this empowerment has created a grassroots movement for dignity, equality, and justice, leading to stronger communities, systemic reform, and a more protective environment for vulnerable populations.



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i. Our Accomplishments

Reintegrating formerly incarcerated individuals back into their families and communities

For us, reintegrating formerly incarcerated individuals back into their families and communities is vital as it supports their successful transition to society, promotes social inclusion, and helps prevent reoffending.

Our reintegration activities foster a sense of belonging, restore relationships, and provide access to support services such as employment, livelihood, and counseling, which are essential for stability and self-sufficiency.

Additionally, we believe reintegration upholds human rights by recognizing the dignity and potential of individuals to contribute positively to society.

We have equipped formerly incarcerated persons with life skills and the necessary support and community acceptance.

We help build safer and more cohesive communities, ultimately reducing recidivism and promoting long-term social justice.



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i. Our Accomplishments

Celebrating advocacy efforts with successfully reintegrated individuals

For us, this celebration highlights the positive impact of our jail decongestion and reintegration programs and demonstrates that justice and successful reintegration are achievable.

These celebrations serve as inspiring stories that motivate other vulnerable populations and communities, such as formerly incarcerated individuals who are stigmatized and discriminated against, to pursue similar paths toward reintegration and social inclusion.

Recognizing and honoring these successes also reinforces the value of community support, holistic interventions, and our commitment to upholding human rights and dignity. Ultimately, such celebrations help build hope, raise awareness, and encourage sustained efforts in promoting justice, rehabilitation, and social cohesion.



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i. Our Accomplishments

Mobilizing students, interns, and volunteers to forward human rights and social change

For us, mobilizing students, interns, and volunteers to advance human rights and social change is crucial because it harnesses the energy, diverse perspectives, and innovative ideas of young advocates and dedicated supporters.

Their involvement helped expand the reach of our programs, raise awareness across different audiences, and foster a culture of active citizenship.

Engaging these groups also built future leaders and human rights champions who sustain and deepen advocacy efforts over the long term.

They have amplified our impact, fostered community ownership of human rights issues, and contributed to the collective effort needed to create a more just, inclusive, and compassionate society.



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Gratitude

As we reflect on the happenings this six (6) months, we at the Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation, Inc. would like to take this opportunity to express our deepest gratitude for your unwavering support and dedication. Your compassion, hard work, and generosity have been the cornerstone of our efforts to uphold human rights and provide legal aid to marginalized communities.

To our donors and partners, thank you for sharing your time and talents. Your commitment inspires hope and brings positive change to those we serve. Your tangible support fuels our programs and enables us to reach more individuals in need of legal assistance.

While we celebrate these achievements, we also recognize that there is still much to be done. We humbly seek your continued support, whether through donations, volunteer work, partnerships, or spreading awareness, as we strive to expand our reach and deepen our impact.

Together, let us continue to champion human rights, rebuild lives, and foster a more just and compassionate society.