

NEED HELP?

DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT US. CALL OR VISIT ANY OF OUR OFFICES BELOW.

- SEEK LEGAL ADVICE & COUNSELING.
- FILE COMPLAINTS FOR VIOLATION OF RIGHTS AND FOR DISCRIMINATION.

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CENTER FOR GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS

The Center serves as the central point of coordination for the implementation of the CHR's role as Gender Ombud. As a specialized unit, the Center coordinates and facilitates all CHR functions, programs, and activities relating to women's rights and gender and development; lead in developing national programs and policies on critical issues and concerns on women and gender; formulate and coordinate the implementation of a research agenda on women's rights; establish rights-based monitoring, data base and reporting systems on the status of women in cooperation with partner agencies; monitor compliance of government on the implementation of the convention of the Convention on the elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) focusing on the obligations and responsibilities of the government as a state party of the convention.

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
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THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AS GENDER OMBUD

PROMOTING GENDER EQUALITY AND WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT
UNDER THE MCW (RA 9710) AND RELATED LAWS



THE ROLE OF CHR AS GENDER OMBUD¹

Advocate for gender equality and for the promotion and protection of women's human rights.

Strengthen human rights education for all.

Assist in the filing of cases against individuals, agencies, institutions, or establishments that violate the Magna Carta of Women (MCW).

Investigate violations including those committed by private institutions or by private individuals.

Monitor government compliance of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and the MCW.

Recommend appropriate measures /policies to agencies for effective implementation, and recommend sanctions under, administrative law, civil service, or other appropriate laws in cases of findings of violations of MCW or its Implementing Rules and Regulations.

WHO MAY SEEK ASSISTANCE OR FILE COMPLAINTS?

Any concerned individual/group, particularly the victim of violence and/or discrimination.

WHERE SHOULD I FILE?

CHR Regional Office with Area of Responsibility or CHR Central Office

WHAT MAY BE FILED?

- Violations/Non-Compliance with MCW
- HR Violations
- Acts of Discrimination

WHAT SHOULD I INCLUDE?

- Name and address of complainant
- Name and address of perpetrator
- Violation of law/acts of discrimination/discriminatory practices
- Actions undertaken by complainant with respect the violations in other bodies

DISCRIMINATION ON THE BASIS OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND GENDER IDENTITY (SOGI)

Discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity includes any distinction, exclusion, restriction or preference based on sexual orientation or gender identity or sex characteristics which has the purpose or effect of nullifying or impairing equality before the law or the equal protection of the law, or the recognition enjoyment or exercise, on an equal basis, of all human rights and fundamental freedoms. Discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity may be, and commonly is, compounded by discrimination on other grounds, including gender, race, age, religion, disability, health and economic status.²



WHAT

WHEN

HOW

PROCEDURE FOR SEEKING ASSISTANCE



VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (VAW)

Violence Against Women refers to any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or psychological harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion, or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life.

DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN

Discrimination Against Women refers to any gender-based distinction, exclusion, or restriction which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment, or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil, or any other field.

ANNUAL EVENTS

MARCH 8: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievement of women. It has been observed since in the early 1900's and had its roots with women campaigning for women's rights to work, vote, be trained, to hold public office and end discrimination.³

MAY 17: INTERNATIONAL DAY AGAINST HOMOPHOBIA

The International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia and Biphobia is observed every 17th of May. IDAHOT celebration commemorates the World Health Organization's decision in 1990 to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder.⁴

JUNE 28: PRIDE MARCH

Early on the morning of Saturday June 28, 1969, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning persons rioted following a police raid on the Stonewall Inn in the Greenwich Village neighborhood of New York City. Celebrating the success of the Stonewall riot, Pride Marches are usually held the 28th of June.⁵

NOVEMBER 25: INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

The date was chosen to commemorate the lives of the Mirabal sisters. It originally marked the day that the three Mirabal sisters from the Dominican Republic were violently assassinated in 1960 during the Trujillo dictatorship (Rafael Trujillo 1930-1961). The day was used to pay tribute to the Mirabal sisters, as well as global recognition of gender violence.⁶ November 25 to December 12 is also observed as the 18-day campaign to end VAW.