

2025 YEAR-END REPORT

International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines

Review of the Campaigns and Activities of ICHRP in 2025.



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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this review of the campaigns and activities of the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines in 2025.

ICHRP was established at a conference in Quezon City, Philippines, in 2013, in order to strengthen longstanding solidarity networks and campaigns, such as Stop the Killings, which date back to the 1970s. ICHRP demonstrates more clearly to governments that people around the world support the Filipino people's very just demands for respect for their basic rights as human beings and as Filipinos.

The Filipino people have every right to a just and peaceful society.



ICHRP actively supported the Filipino people at high points through 2025 – the sensational arrest of former President Rodrigo Duterte in March; the intensity of the May mid-term elections which were once again deeply flawed; the protests against the massive US Balikatan military rehearsal for war with China; the September explosion of protest over the enormous flood mitigation project corruption scandal; and by supporting the high-profile International Solidarity Mission during Peasant Month in October.

The Philippine struggle for democratic rights and deep political change became stronger in 2025 and ICHRP stretched itself to march with the people, defying the abuse and repression coming from state security forces, especially the absurdly-named National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC).

In 2025 ICHRP hosted learning tours to the Philippines; organized an international ecumenical conference in Rome; disseminated widespread information and education; and fundraised to support peasants, workers, and others impacted by state violence.

As the human rights crisis continues to worsen in the Philippines and around the world, our international solidarity, and the work of ICHRP, is more important than ever. As you review our report, we invite you to help us to build on our work in 2025 and to join or support ICHRP.



ICHRP member cities around the world

GROWTH OF ICHRP

The International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines is a global network of organizations, concerned about the human rights situation in the Philippines, and committed to campaign for just and lasting peace in the country.

In 2025, the membership of ICHRP expanded significantly. Overall, the coalition grew from 66 member organizations to 81, and now operates in 15 countries around the globe. These member organizations represent a wide range of sectors such as faith, labor, peace advocacy, climate justice, and grassroots Philippine solidarity. Regional ICHRP chapters help to coordinate local campaigns in Canada, the United States, and in the Asia-Pacific region. Local ICHRP chapters are also being built in a number of cities around the world, to bring together multiple member organizations in conducting local campaigns and activities.

CAMPAIGNS & ACTIVITIES



SUPPORT FOR FILIPINOS IMPACTED BY MILITARIZATION AND WAR CRIMES

Under Philippine President Marcos Jr., the year 2025 saw the continuation of brutal government repression of rights activists and government critics via US-designed counter-insurgency (COIN) operations. The heaviest impacts of these COIN operations are in the Philippine countryside. As the armed conflict continues in the countryside, thousands of victims from the rural communities—farmers, peasants, and indigenous peoples—have come forward with their stories of state terror.

A major goal of ICHRP in 2025 was to expose the international community to the realities of COIN and state terror in the Philippines, and to generate support for the most affected communities. We released dozens of urgent alerts and press statements to expose the human rights violations and war crimes of the Marcos Jr. regime to the international community. We also partnered with human rights and peasant organizations on the ground to build support for particular communities, and raised funds to contribute to the important campaigns and activities of peasant organizers.

OPPOSITION TO US-LED MILITARY BUILDUP IN THE PHILIPPINES

In the global context of intensifying economic and military conflict between the US and its allies on one hand, and China and its allies on the other, Marcos Jr. has dutifully submitted himself to US interests by opening up the Philippines to US investments and new US military bases, making the Filipino people potential cannon fodder in US war efforts and provocations.

ICHRP staunchly opposed the military escalation of the US and its allies in the Philippines and the greater region of Southeast Asia in 2025. Through the development and release of our short primer, Not Your War Game Zone, we provided a comprehensive analysis and source of information on the various military ties between the Philippines and foreign powers.

In response to the heightened militarization and aggressive war games like the Balikatan exercises, ICHRP members around the world mobilized to oppose their own government's complicity.

Not Your War Game Zone Primer Cover Image





INTERFAITH CONFERENCE FOR JUST PEACE IN THE PHILIPPINES

ICHRP played a key role in uniting people of faith around the world in calling for a just and lasting peace in the Philippines. This network-building culminated in the Pagtatanim interfaith conference in Rome, Italy, which brought together people of faith, members of the clergy, and human rights activists from 13 countries. Delegates heard from Filipino faith and community leaders about widespread human rights violations, war crimes, and corruption, and discussed the real path to a just peace in the country - resolving the socioeconomic roots of armed conflict.

The culmination of the conference was a 15-point declaration meant to guide the interfaith community in their solidarity with the Filipino people.



CALL FOR JUSTICE & ACCOUNTABILITY FOR DUTERTE

For many years, ICHRP has campaigned and called for justice for the victims of former President Rodrigo Duterte’s so-called “war on drugs”. As soon as the news broke of Duterte’s arrest by the International Criminal Court in March, ICHRP led a rapid response to international media to highlight the central role of the victims and the entire people’s movement in the Philippines that led to this next step toward justice.

Member organizations of ICHRP, especially those based in Europe, rallied and amplified the calls of the victims and Filipino advocates that Duterte must be held fully accountable for his crimes against humanity. ICHRP members supported the Duterte Panagutin Network throughout its campaign in 2025, including by sending members to support mobilizations outside the ICC in The Hague in September.



SUPPORT FOR DEFENSE OF FILIPINO MIGRANTS

In the US, many OFWs (including permanent residents) from across the country were detained and held in Detention Centers as a result of the Trump administration’s increased attacks on migrant workers. In response, ICHRP-US members in the Northwest US took up lively campaigns alongside the Tanggol Migrante Movement to free multiple Filipino detainees including Lewelyn Dixon, Max Londonio, and eventually Greggory Sorio.

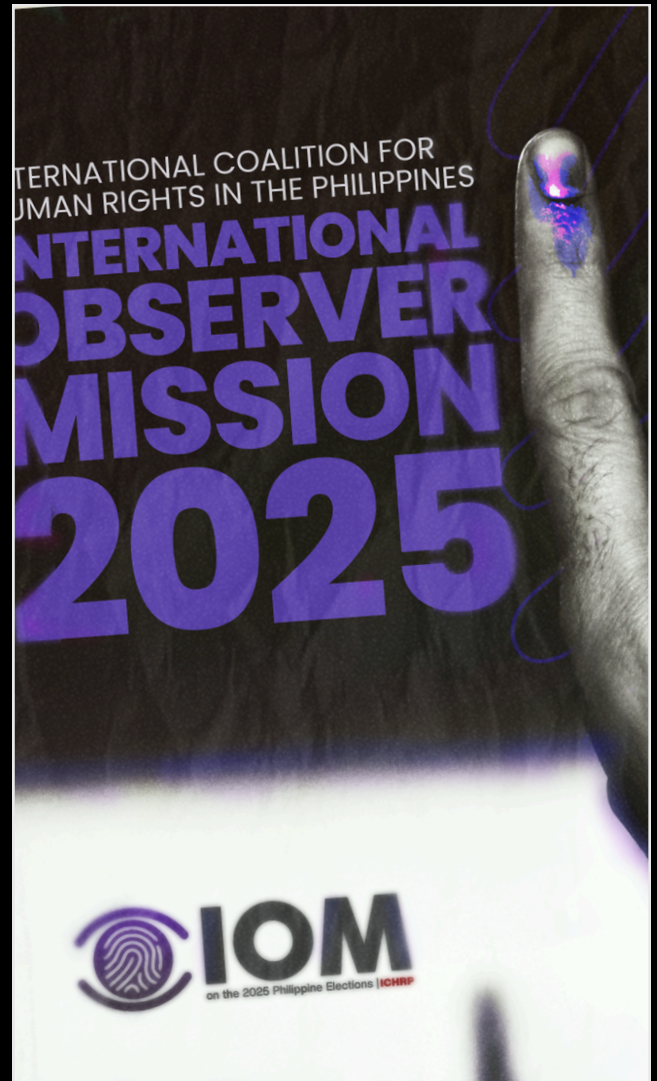
Greggy’s particular campaign against medical violence experienced in detention was taken up across the US including legislative support and promotion from ICHRP members in Washington D.C. and Maryland. In the Midwest and Eastern US, ICHRP-US members also campaigned against the detention of Tita Rebeca and for 200 Filipino seafarers who faced unjust deportation. Throughout these campaigns, ICHRP-US members organized solidarity support from lawyers, trade unions and other sectors while linking and raising the issue of detained migrants to the human rights crisis in the Philippines and the overall neglect of OFWs by the Philippine government.

LEARNING TOURS

2025 INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER MISSION

From April to mid-May of 2025, ICHRP carried out an International Observation Mission (IOM) on the Philippine midterm elections. More than 50 international human rights advocates from around the world dispersed across the Philippines to monitor violations of human rights, international humanitarian law, and electoral integrity. Through field interviews with election staff, civil society, and prospective voters, the IOM observers found extremely widespread voting interference. [The 2025 IOM findings](#) echoed that of the 2022 IOM - the Philippine elections failed to meet the international standards of a free and fair election.

[The final report](#) was publicized across popular Philippine media outlets like Inquirer, Rappler, GMA, and ABS-CBN. The findings of the mission were also presented to audiences across the world in organized reportbacks, building solidarity with Filipinos' struggle for fair elections and just peace in their communities.





INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY MISSION

In October, more than 40 delegates from ICHRP organizations participated in an international learning and solidarity mission (ILSM) organized by the Peoples’ Rising for Climate Justice. Teams went on a five-day visit to four provinces, with the objective of integrating with peasant communities and learning about local conditions and human rights violations. The mission documented land grabbing, forced displacement, and environmental destruction allegedly tied to both government projects and private corporations. This included human rights violations tied to expanding agricultural and energy projects in rural communities. Delegates faced multiple cases of harassment and intimidation by local police and military during their visits.

HKCAHRPP LEARNING TOUR

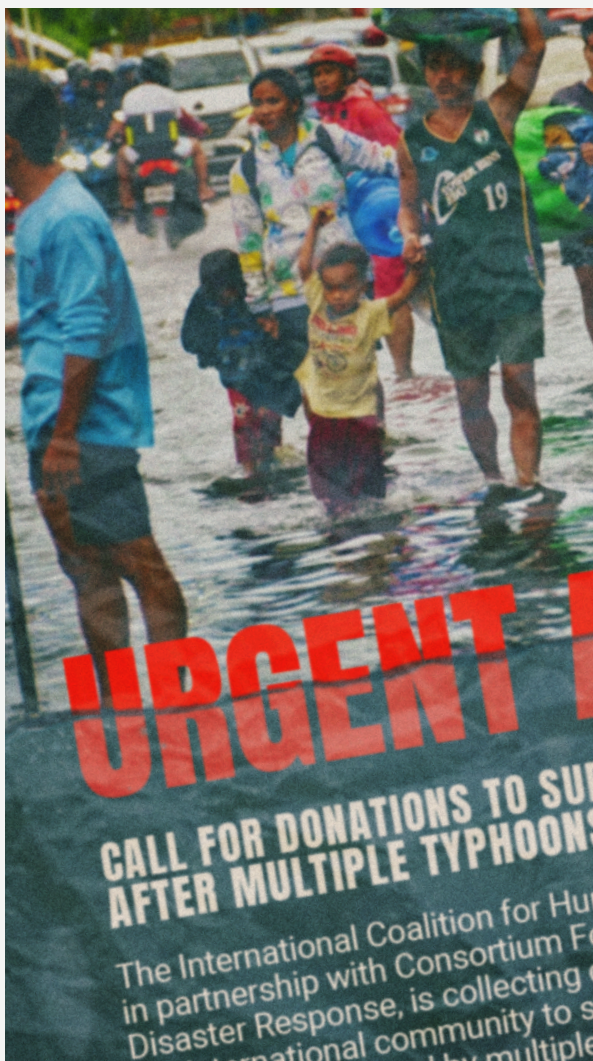
Six delegates from the Hong Kong Campaign for Human Rights and Peace in the Philippines (HKCAHRPP), a local chapter of ICHRP in Hong Kong, went on a learning tour in the Philippines from August 10 to 13, 2025. The delegates were split into two teams that went to peasant communities in Central Luzon and Southern Tagalog. Delegates integrated with the locals, interviewed, and documented various cases of human rights and IHL violations in the areas visited. They learned about the ways farmers assert their right to land amid relentless attacks by armed goons and state forces, and how they have campaigned for much needed disaster relief from the government.



FUNDRAISING

Over the last twelve months ICHRP supporters have been very generous. When we've reached out and asked for financial help the response has been remarkable. Every dollar donated makes a difference.

These are some of our successful fundraising campaigns in 2025:



TYPHOON RELIEF

The Philippines suffered from multiple typhoons in 2025. Many lives were lost, flooding was extensive, homes were destroyed, and communities were upended. The devastating effects of the typhoons were aggravated by the Marcos Jr. regime, due to the theft of funds meant for flood control and other infrastructure. The regime has also failed to limit environmentally destructive industries such as mining and logging.

**FUNDS RAISED FOR THE
TYPHOON RELIEF EFFORT:**

\$2,240 CAD / ₱97,290 PHP



SEPTEMBER 21 ANTI-CORRUPTION PROTESTERS

September 21st was the 53rd anniversary of the declaration of martial law by Marcos Sr. In Mendiola, at the entrance to the president's palace, hundreds of mainly young and urban poor people, protesting against government corruption, were brutally attacked by the police. KARAPATAN reported that up to 216 people were either injured, or arrested and detained, including at least 82 minors.



PEASANT COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND FACT-FINDING MISSIONS

The majority of the population are peasant farmers subsisting mainly on agriculture. On the front line in the struggle for land reform and self-determination they bear the brunt of state violence. ICHRP is campaigning alongside peasants for “land, not bombs”. We asked for donations to help fund humanitarian fact-finding missions so that the crimes of the state are noted and publicised.



SUPPORT FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

Shamefully some 700 political prisoners continue to languish in Filipino jails. ICHRP continues to campaign to free the political prisoners and support them and their families.

FUNDS RAISED FOR THE SEPTEMBER 21 PROTESTERS :

\$2,240 CAD / ₱97,290 PHP

FUNDS RAISED FOR THE PEASANT FARMERS & FACT-FINDING MISSION :

\$460 CAD / ₱19,980 PHP

FUNDS RAISED FOR POLITICAL PRISONERS & THEIR FAMILIES :

\$590 CAD / ₱25,620 PHP

We send our deepest gratitude to all our donors.
Every dollar donated is an act of solidarity.



GET INVOLVED IN ICHRP

HOW CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE?

ICHRP is built upon genuine, people-to-people solidarity. That means our work is based on the shared interest of peoples of the world and the Filipino people for human rights, justice and peace. Our campaigns and activities are driven by volunteer members who want to support the Filipino people's struggle as a contribution to a global movement for freedom, democracy and justice.

There are many ways that you can contribute to the work of ICHRP as an individual or organization: individuals can join mobilizations and campaigns, and can contribute skills like research, writing, fundraising, social media, media communications, event planning, and many others. Organizations can contribute even further by launching their own campaigns and activities, and building solidarity relationships with our partner organizations in the Philippines.

HOW CAN YOU JOIN ICHRP?



ICHRP IS A COALITION OPEN TO ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ORGANIZATION WHICH AGREES WITH ITS BASIC OBJECTIVES.

Member organizations can be local, national, or global in scope, and include trade unions, churches, grassroots solidarity organizations, or other forms of organization. If your organization is interested in taking on one of our campaigns or joining the Philippine solidarity movement, we encourage you to join ICHRP.

If you are an individual, we encourage you to join an already existing member organization or start a new one in your locale.

In some cities and countries, multiple ICHRP member organizations have formed larger ICHRP chapters which collaborate on local campaigns and activities. If your organization is located within the scope of one of these chapters, we will make sure to connect you with other nearby members.

We are here to support you. For questions and support, please contact the nearest ICHRP member organization near you or the ICHRP global secretariat via ichrp.net/contact.

HOW TO DONATE?

Our ICHRP sustainers donate on a monthly basis to support the operations and campaigns of ICHRP. Sustainer donations particularly support the basic operating costs of the ICHRP Secretariat, which enables coordination with grassroots organisations, standing alongside those impacted most by human rights violations.

This enables the Secretariat to continue to organise for human rights in the Philippines.

Donating is an act of solidarity. Please consider making a regular donation.

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