



## PROGRAM PAGHILOM REPORT: 2019

### I. BACKGROUND

- + The Philippines is facing a serious human rights crisis situation with the current government's unrelenting Drug War that has killed since 2016 about 23,000 suspected drug addicts from the poor, depressed areas of Metro Manila.
- + These deaths are called "Homicide Cases Under Inquiry (HCUI)," the cause being suspects "fighting back" or in Filipino "nanlaban" which is said to force the police to kill said suspects. The President has emboldened the police with statements like "I have your back covered"; and "You will not spend a single day in court." Motorcycle-riding, masked men known as "vigilantes" have joined the killing spree. Known as extrajudicial killings (EJK), the government has strongly denied its part in this carnage although at one speech, Duterte admitted EJKs are his only sin.

### II. OUR RESPONSE: PROGRAM PAGHILOM

Program PagHILOM (Healing) is an integrated, holistic program that aims to help the widows and orphans of EJK victims rebuild and re-create their lives. As the extra-judicial killings (EJK) continue, PagHILOM reaches out to more victim survivors in partnership with other human rights groups to address the EJK victims' psycho-spiritual, legal, and economic needs.

The Five Developmental Stages of PagHILOM Intervention are as follows:

Phase 1: Food and Health Care

Phase 2: Twelve (12) Saturdays of Psycho-Spiritual Intervention\* plus the following:

2a) 3-Day Retreat in Tagaytay City

2b) 3-Day Theater Workshop and Showcase

2c) Active Non-Violence Workshop

Phase 3: Legal Assistance

Phase 4: Educational Assistance

Phase 5: Livelihood and Employment

PagHILOM is implemented by the AJ KALINGA Foundation Inc. (AJKF, Inc.). KALINGA Foundation was founded in 2016 (registered in March 8, 2017). It envisions a society that seeks to re-create and empower the lives of the marginalized and victims of violence and a pervading system evil plaguing our society today. It adheres to the sacred call that the dignity of a human person and of all people is respected and upheld.

Since 2016, we have provided food and health care, psycho-spiritual interventions, 3-day spiritual retreats, 3-day theater art workshops, legal assistance, and educational assistance directly to 151 survivor families left behind by the victims of the drug war campaign. We have also sent some of these families to livelihood trainings. This is only less than 1% of the 30,000 victims who have been killed as a result of government's unrelenting drug war. Most of our survivor families are women, whose average age is between 35 to 45.

Some of the issues the families left behind by EJK victims include: high cost of funeral services (the police normally calls on their selected funeral services and extorts from the family an average of P



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35,000/funeral service); destruction of unity in communities; and no source of family income due to the death of their main bread winner. They seek for the following: finding a sustainable source of livelihood or a long-term career or job; help for their children's education; help for obtaining the required documents from government and courts for assistance; and help in achieving justice for loved ones.

The major challenge to Program PagHILOM is the predictability of funds to support its various activities. To address this, efforts must be intensified to sustain our program for the orphans and widowed spouses of extrajudicial victims.

### III. ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN 2019

A. Program PagHILOM has successfully facilitated psycho-spiritual healing interventions (PSIs), 3-day spiritual retreats and 3-day theater art workshops:

- The set of 10 families (Batch 4) had their psycho-spiritual healing intervention sessions from November 2018 to February 2019; followed by a 3-day spiritual retreat in March 2019 and their April 2019 3-day theater art workshop.
- Another 30 families (Batch 5) benefitted from the psycho-spiritual healing intervention from March to May 2019; followed by their retreat and theatre art workshop in June 2019.
- Batch 6, consisting of 15 families, came from Plaridel, Bulacan. They had their PSI sessions from to July to September 2019; followed by their retreat and theatre art workshop in October 2019.
- Batch 7 (32 families) started their PSI sessions in August 2019 and were concluded in October 2019; they had their 3-day retreat last Nov. 8-10, 2019 and theatre art workshop on Nov. 21-23, 2019.
- Batch 8 (25 families) started their PSI sessions last November 16, 2019 and will be concluded on February 15, 2020.
- Actual theater showcases have been presented during the third day of their theater art workshops at various venues such as the Office of the Vice President of the Philippines, De La Salle Araneta, De La Salle Greenhills, Ateneo de Manila University Rizal Mini Theater, St. Scholastica College, Holy Angels Parish (Plaridel, Bulacan).
- The Teatro Paghilom has been invited to present their play at the following: RCAM Archdiocese of Manila Assembly of Catechists in Paco Catholic School in July 2019; Mission Festival of the RCAM on October 18, 2019; Theology Week of San Beda College Alabang in November 2019; and Outreach Activity of Assumption College Makati in December 2019.

B. Families have participated in 3 separate STEP-UP hiking and climbing activities (Mt. Manabu on April 6, 2019; Mt. Manabu on June 9, 2019 and Mt. Banahaw Basecamp on October 26-27, 2019), organized for both the victim-survivors and interested volunteer hikers/climbers. The program incorporates the element of healing for the beneficiaries and awareness-raising for the volunteers,



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among many others. The wellness activity engages the families in a wholesome physical activity which is a healing intervention as well for them.

- C. Families have participated in Paghilom activities such as the following:
- Holy Week Recollection (April 2019)
  - Advent Recollection (December 2019)
  - Human Rights Workshops
  - Mobilizations and Solidarity Masses on Human Rights Issues and
  - Christmas Gatherings for the EJK families sponsored by the Office of the Vice President and the Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
  - A few have been invited to participate in the Security Trainings conducted by the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) (November 2019)
- D. We have initiated a first gathering of EJK orphans last December 8, 2019. To date, we have listed 46 children who have been orphaned due to Operation TOKHANG (EJK).
- E. Point Persons who have been elected by their batch members serve as coordinators for each of the Batches 1 to 8. They have actively assisted in implementing the Program Paghilom services for the families. To date, we have 18 point persons.
- F. Through our network of lawyer groups, our Paghilom families have completed their affidavits (“sinumpaang salaysay”) and have gathered important documents such as the police reports, death certificates, among others.
- G. To date, a total of 131 beneficiaries from Program Paghilom have been provided educational assistance in coordination with the De La Salle Brothers, Philippines. This number comprises around 56% (131 out of 232 students) of the total beneficiaries of EJK families that have been served by the De La Salle.
- H. Some of the Paghilom families have participated in the following livelihood seminars and trainings:
- Jewelry Making (Earring)
  - Ganda mo, Kabuhayan ko' (Sponsored by Hortaleza)
  - Financial Literacy (De La Salle)
  - Soap Making Seminar
  - Training on Basic Business Recording; Pricing & Costing (DTI NCR)
  - Custom-made Craft Livelihood (NTFP - Non Timber Forest Products)
  - Barista Training (ICE)
- I. We have extended the services of Program Paghilom in partnership with the following institutions:
- Paghilom Mandaluyong (through Ms. Lot Ortiz-Luis)
  - San Andres BEC, Pasay (through Sr. Nette Dano, RGS)
  - Cebu City partners (through Bp. Palma)



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### IV. LINKAGES

Program Paghilom brings together partner organizations working on human rights, gender equality and women's empowerment to provide the women and children with psychological and spiritual counseling, legal assistance, educational support, livelihood and employment, among others.

PAGHILOM's partners are the following:

1. For our Psycho-Spiritual Integration (PSI), retreat and theater art workshop logistical and funding requirements, we closely work with the RMT Center for Family Ministries (CEFAM) and Office of the Vice President of the Philippines (OVP)
2. For our two (2) Batches of PSI, retreat and theater art workshop, we are supported by the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Manila (RCAM) through the Quiapo Foundation
3. For educational and livelihood assistance, Paghilom works with De La Salle, Philippines – We closely coordinate with De La Salle's Project Paghilom who provides a referral system of the following services to address the needs of the families:
  - a) health (physical and mental);
  - b) relocation (especially for those who require to locate to safer communities);
  - c) legal justice (Those who are interested in filing are referred to a legal organization that can assist them.);
  - d) educational assistance (bags, school supplies, uniforms stipend, and a monthly allowance for transportation, food, and miscellaneous expenses); and
  - e) livelihood assistance
4. For Alternative Learning System: Paghilom works with the Arnold Janssen Mission Foundation
5. For vehicle use assistance, we are supported by the Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan (SLB)
6. For Legal Assistance, Paghilom is supported by legal and paralegal groups like LENTE, IDEALS, Center for International Law, Medical Action Group, and the government human rights body, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
7. For Paghilom "care center" project, this is supported by the GOJUST program of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR)

### V. NEXT CRITICAL STEPS

1. Deepen and provide special PSI for the Orphans and Teenagers victims of EJK.
2. Provide additional counseling services for EJK survivors with serious traumas.
3. Strengthen livelihood and employment opportunities for the EJK survivors.
4. Strengthen the formation of the "Batch Coordinators" enabling them to become more involved in assisting the healing, empowerment and organizing of their fellow survivors. Also, to harness their skills in empowering their own community.
5. Pursue a Batch 9 after the current Batch 8, to seek to re-create and empower the lives of the victims knowing that there are still more than 30,000 seeking for some ounce of hope and healing.



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PAGHILOM ACTIVITIES 2017-2020: (Phase 1 & 2)					
ACTIVITY	Psycho-social healing intervention (12 Saturdays)	Spiritual Retreat	Theater Art Workshop	Date & Venue of "Pagtatanghal"	Active Non-Violence Workshop (ANV)
Batch 1 & 2 : 25 families (Tondo, Malabon, Navotas, Caloocan)	Various Sessions & Meetings in 2017	March 18-20, 2018 Antipolo	April 18-20, 2018 De La Salle, Greenhills	April 20, 2018 De La Salle, Greenhills	February 12,20,27 (6 members from batch 1&2)
Batch 3: 19 Families (Payatas, Navotas, Tondo, Caloocan)	June 30-September 15, 2018	September 24-26, 2018 Mendez, Cavite	Oct 14-16, 2018 De La Salle Araneta University	Oct 16, 2018 De La Salle Araneta University	February 12,20,27 (8 members from batch 3)
			December 16-17, 2018 CHR	December 17, 2018 CHR	
Batch 4: 10 families (Tondo)	November 10, 2018 - February 23, 2019	March 8-10, 2019 Mendez, Cavite	April 24-26, 2019 Ateneo, RMT	April 26, 2019 Ateneo, RMT	
Batch 5: 30 families (Brgy. Holy Spirit, Camarin, Payatas (SOW))	March 25 - May 6, 2019	May 31 - June 2, 2019 Mendez, Cavite	June 26 -28 , 2019 Ateneo, RMT	June 28 , 2019 Ateneo,RMT	
				July 6, 2019 (MAGPAS Assembly) Paco Catholic School	
Batch 6: 15 Families (Plaridel, Bulacan)	June 22 - July 27, 2019	August 23-25, 2019 Bukal ng Buhay Retreat House	October 23-25, 2019 Bukal ng Buhay Retreat House	October 25, 2019 Parokya ng Banal na Angel, (Plaridel,Bulacan)	
Batch 7: 32 Families (Navotas, Tondo, Bagong Silang)	August 10 - October 26,2019	November 7 - 9 ,2019 Bukal ng Buhay Retreat House	November 21-23 ,2019 Tayuman	November 23, 2019 OVP	
Batch 8: 20 families (Brgy. Holy Spirit, Marikina, Pureza, Navotas, Tondo and Pateros)	November 16 - February 15, 2020	February 21-23, 2020 Casa Mara, Tagaytay City	March 2-4, 2020 Tayuman	March 4, 2020 Don Bosco Technical Institute, Makati	

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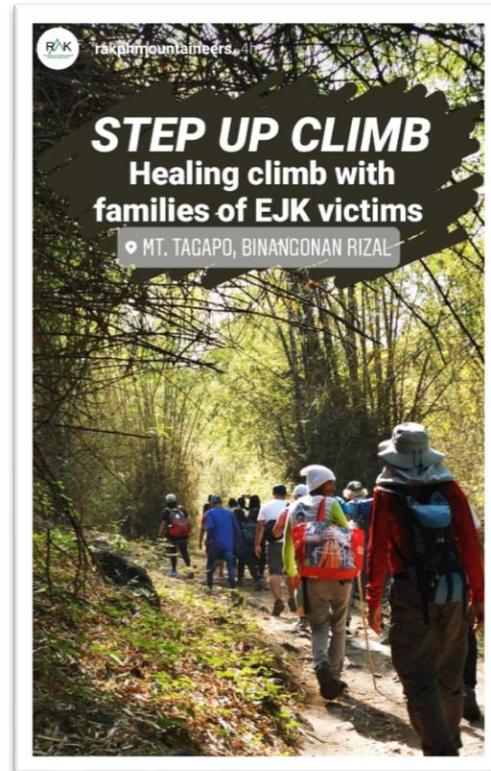
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12 Saturday Session (PSI)



3-Day Theater Art Workshop



3-Day Spiritual Retreat



**N.B.** For “security reasons”, we deliberately omitted photos that clearly show the faces of the surviving families.