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**ACCOMPLISHMENT REPORT**  
**PNP HUMAN RIGHTS AFFAIRS OFFICE**  
**HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED POLICING PROGRAMS**  
**(January to June 15, 2017)**

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## **I. OVERVIEW**

The PNP Human Rights Development Program was launched in 2007 to address various human rights issues and concerns faced by the police organization. The program has four components, namely: Institutional and Policy Development, Capability Building, Prevention and Control of Human Rights Violations, and Multi-Sector Cooperation.

**A. Institutional Policy Development** – To review and formulate police operational policies attuned to the evolving issues of human rights protection.

**B. Capability Building** - To develop the capacity of police officers on human rights consciousness and their adoption to embracing in their career the HR philosophy and principles—not just a recipient of change, but a prime-mover for human resource development on human rights.

**C. Prevention of Human Rights Violations** – To reduce the incidence of human rights violations by establishing a system of integrity recognition to deserving members of the PNP who have exemplified themselves to the cause of human rights and to institute legal measures to address violations committed by State actors and non-State actors.

**D. Multi-Sectoral Cooperation** – To enhance stronger cooperation between the PNP and relevant partners from the government, NGOs, and other sectoral groups, as well as international bodies, in pursuit of the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights principles in the country.

## **II. SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

This report contains the accomplishments of the PNP in the promotion of human rights through the Human Rights Affairs Office, covering the period January 1, 2017 to June 15, 2017.

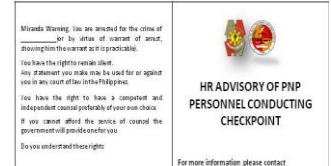
# SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

## A. Institutional Policy Development

### 1. Formulation of Human Rights Policies and Advisories. As part of

our program thrust to fully institutionalize the respect for human rights as a way of life in the PNP, this Office has come up with various Human Rights Advisories to be translated into pocket cards that will serve as a guide to all PNP personnel in their underlying duty to uphold human rights and the rule of law, at all times. It will also help improve the safety awareness through community-oriented and human rights-based policing of the PNP. HR Policies and Advisories which are undergoing review and approval by the higher authorities include the following:

- a. Human Rights Advisory for Officers Implementing Warrant of Arrest;
- b. Human Rights Advisory for PNP Personnel Conducting Civil Disturbance Management;
- c. Human Rights Advisory for Police Officers Implementing Search Warrant;
- d. Human Rights Advisory for PNP Personnel Manning Custodial/Detention Facilities;
- e. Human rights Advisory for Police Officers Conducting Custodial Investigation;
- f. Human Rights Advisory for PNP Personnel Conducting Checkpoints;
- g. Human Rights Desk Basic Procedure in Receiving Complaint;
- h. Human Rights Advisory on PNP Deployment to Polling Precincts & Performance of other Election-Related Duties;
- i. Human Rights Advisory in dealing with Muslims;
- j. Reiteration on the Strict Observance of Human Rights-Based Policing & Police Operational Procedures during the Conduct of PNP Anti-Illegal Drugs Campaign;
- k. Policy on the Prohibition of unauthorized release of information to the public/media pertaining to AO 35 cases;
- l. Policy on the Reporting of Human Rights Violation thru Text, Spot Report and Monthly Report to HRAO;
- m. Policy on the Coordination with All Government Agencies in the conduct of Human Rights and IHL Dialogues, meetings, and similar activities;
- n. Policy on the Coordination with CSOs/NGO in the Conduct of HR and IHL Trainings; and
- o. Policy on the Strict Adherence to the Prohibition on the Blind-Folding of Suspects under Police Custody and Non-Presentation of Suspect/s to the Media



## B. Capability Building

**1. Conducted 1<sup>st</sup> Leg of the 2017 PNP-ICRC Workshop/Training on HR and IHL.** The PNP through the Human Rights Affairs Office, with the support of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), conducted the series of training/workshop dubbed as **“PNP-ICRC Workshop/Training on Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law”**.



The workshop/training had the objectives to: a) Enhance the understanding of PNP officers on IHL and provide opportunity to discuss IHL issues relevant to the PNP SAF, RPSB, PPSC and CPSC; b) Increase the awareness about the mandate and activities of the ICRC and the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; c) Increase the networking of the ICRC and understanding of the situation in the areas of operational importance to the ICRC; and d) Raise awareness of international policing standards as relevant to the work of ICRC.

Title	Date	Venue	Participants
PNP- ICRC Workshop Training on HR and IHL	May 30-31, 2017	Microtel Inn & Suites, Upper Session Road, Baguio City, Philippines	29
<b>Total</b>			<b>29</b>

**2. Series of Human Rights Refresher Training for Investigators and Custodial Officers.** The series of Human Rights Refresher Training for Investigators and Custodial Officers had the objective to reorient our police investigators and custodial officers of the fundamentals of human rights, investigative procedures based on Philippine Laws and our Police Operational Procedures.

- From **January to June 2017**, a total of **fifteen (15)** Human Rights Refresher Training for Investigators and Custodial Officers were conducted with a total of **740** PNP Participants:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Participants</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Custodial Investigation	January 28-29, 2017	PNP Media Center, Camp Crame, QC	52
2 <sup>nd</sup> Leg HR Refresher Seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	January 31-February 1, 2017	<b>PRO 8</b> , Camp Ruperto K Kangleon, Palo, Leyte	55
3 <sup>rd</sup> HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	February 7-8, 2017	<b>PRO 4A</b> , Camp Vicente Lim, Calamba City, Laguna	52
3 <sup>rd</sup> HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	February 23, 2017	<b>NCRPO</b> , SPD Headquarters	56
4 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	February 28, 2017	<b>PRO 2</b> , Camp Adduru, Alimanao, Tuguegarao City	64
5 <sup>th</sup> Leg Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	March 7-8, 2017	<b>NCRPO</b> , MPD Headquarters	61
6 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	March 9, 2017	<b>NCRPO</b> , SPD Headquarters	44
7 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	March 14-15, 2017	<b>NCRPO</b> , EPD Headquarters, Caruncho Ave., Pasig City	43
8 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	March 20-21, 2017	<b>PRO 7</b> , Camp Sergio Osmena, Cebu City	46
9 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police Intervention/Custodial Investigation	April 25-26, 2017	<b>PRO 9</b> , Camp Col. Romeo A Abendan, Mercedez, Zamboanga City	50
10 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police	May 11, 2017	<b>NCRPO</b> , MPD Headquarters	62
11 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police	May 24, 2017	HRAO Conference Room, Camp Crame, Quezon City	18
12 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police	May 26, 2017	NCRPO, SPD Headquarters	55
13 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police	May 30-31, 2017	PROCOR, Log Cabin, Camp Bado Dangwa, La	50

		Trinidad, Benguet	
14 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police	June 7, 2017	HRAO Conference Room, Camp Crame , Quezon City	17
15 <sup>th</sup> Leg HR Refresher seminar on Police	June 8, 2017	HRAO Conference Room, Camp Crame , Quezon City	15
<b>Total</b>			<b>740</b>

**3. Conducted Top Level Forum & Workshop on International Law Enforcement Standards for Senior Police Officers in partnership with the International Committee of the Red Cross for 27 Senior Police Commissioned Officers with the ranks of PCSUPT and PSSUPT from selected Directorates/PROs/Units from March 14 to 16, 2017 at Henann Resort Alona Beach, Alona Beach Road, Panglao Island, Bohol. The Forum aimed to:**



- a. Provide a venue for discussing actionable issues and policy recommendations on the following:
  1. Congestion of PNP Custodial Facilities due to the intensified implementation of Project Double Barrel 1 and 2;
  2. Force Protection and Use of Non-Lethal Weapons; and
  3. Updates and filing of Human Rights Violation cases involving Death under Investigation.
- b. Assess, evaluate, and come up with holistic solutions that must be adopted to address the said issues;
- c. Mainstream human rights-based approaches in policing; and
- d. Deepen the understanding of police officers on human rights and International Humanitarian Law to attain higher professional standards and be made as a way of life in law enforcement.

## C. Human Rights Promotion

### 1. Inspection of custodial facilities. This is a regular activity of the 18



PROs and HSS to ensure that persons under custody are treated in a humane and dignified manner and to uphold their individual rights pursuant to human rights standards and existing laws. The inspection is also being conducted to monitor observance of established procedures and guidelines in detention management and to

improve the living conditions of detainees.

From **January 1, 2017 to June 15, 2017**, a total of **3,602 Police Stations** from the **18 Police Regional Offices** submitted inspection reports. A total of **1,970 custodial facilities inspections** were conducted, with a total of **10, 222** persons under custody (**9,004** males and **1,217** females) monitored.

### 2. Findings of the Inspections

- Congested male custodial facility
- Unsanitary conditions of custodial facilities
- LGBT (Gay) under custody inside male cell
- Poor custodial facilities conditions (lack of sanitation, medicine, ventilation, beds, beddings, clothing, & inadequate space)
- No regular medical examination of person under custody
- Failure to provide basic necessities such as food, water, and other basic needs that must be met during their custody
- Insufficient MOOE of Police Stations and other offices handling persons under custodial investigation
- Lack of training in the proper handling of persons under custody
- Spread of contagious diseases
- No clear, specific and uniform policy providing for the system of accounting persons under custody

### 3. Overcrowded Custodial Facilities

(CY 2017 January to June 15, 2017)

UNIT/OFFICE	NO. OF CUSTODIAL FACILITIES	NO. OF CONGESTED CUSTODIAL FACILITIES	VARIANCE	PERCENTAGE
NCRPO	70	26	44	37.14%
PRO 1	135	4	131	2.96%
PRO 3	157	47	110	29.94%
PRO 4A	138	77	61	55.79%
PRO 4B	72	4	68	5.56%
PRO 5	118	6	112	5.08%
PRO 6	107	1	106	1%
PRO 7	79	32	47	40.51%
PRO 9	84	6	78	7.14%
PRO 10	73	1	72	1.36%
PRO 11	70	6	64	8.57%
PRO 12	60	6	54	10%
PRO 13	107	5	102	4.67%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>1,049</b>	<b>17.40%</b>

#### 4. Factors:

- Numerous arrests due to implementation of Lambat Sibat (buy-bust operations, saturation drive, checkpoint, etc);
- Slow or delayed issuance of commitment order;
- Slow disposition of cases or protracted trials;
- Inadequate space of custodial facilities;
- Inability to post bail by the detainees, often due to excessive amount of bail; and

- Lack of funds for the transfer of arrested suspects to the issuing court located outside their jurisdiction

### **Recommendations**

- Representation and collaboration with Supreme Court Administration re:
  - Immediate issuance of commitment order;
  - Speedy disposition of cases; and
  - Utilization of release & recognizance for petty offenses
- Redeployment of police investigators to assist in the immediate filling of cases resulting from one time-big time police operations
- Expand or build new custodial facilities
- Allocate funds for the transfer of persons under custody
- Conduct of training on proper handling of persons under custody
- Adopt UN standards for custodial facilities
- Segregation and confinement in appropriate hospital or medical facility of infected persons under custody
- Encourage LGUs & DILG to fulfill their commitment in ensuring respect for human rights by fast tracking the donation of lots and release of counterpart funds for the construction of custodial facilities
- Proactive partnership with LGUs & other pillars of the criminal justice system towards the decongestion of PNP custodial facilities by immediately transferring of persons under custody to BJMP detention facilities
- Formulation of uniform policy providing for the system of accounting of persons under custody
- Maintenance of official list of persons under custody

### **5. Human Rights Violation Cases Monitored (Source: DLOD DATA)**

#### **CY 2017 (January to April 2017)**

<b>Office</b>	<b>No. of HRV Cases</b>	<b>No. of PNP Personnel Involved</b>
PRO 1	14	44
PRO 3	2	10
PRO 4A	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>56</b>



## D. Multi-Sectoral Partnership and Cooperation

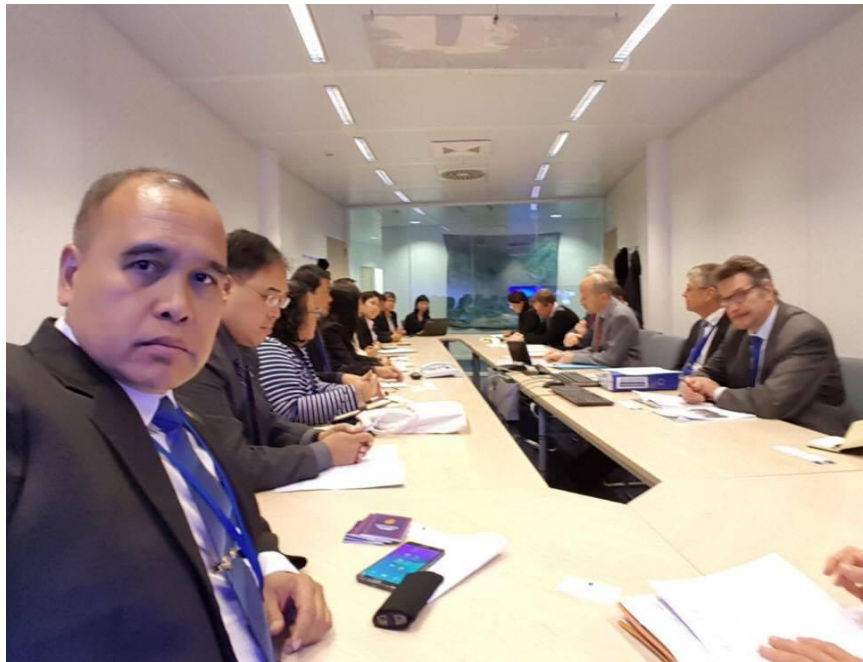
### 1. Universal Periodic Review (UPR) of the Philippines

Participated in the Third Cycle of the **Universal Periodic Review (UPR)** of the Philippines by the United Nations Human Rights Council in **Geneva, Switzerland** on May 5 to 12, 2017, again as the official and lone representative of the PNP in the 16-man **Philippine Delegation** led by Senator Alan Peter Cayetano and Senior Deputy Executive Secretary Menardo Guevarra, which presented the human rights-based development program of the country.



### 2. Meeting with the European Union (EU) together with some members

of the Philippine Delegation on **May 12, 2017 in Brussels, Belgium**. The meeting which paved way for PCSUPT SIERVO to gather support on behalf of the PNP in the capacity building/development of PNP Personnel on human rights. Further, it changed the wrong perception of the EU in the Anti-Illegal Drugs Campaign waged by the Philippine Government against drug syndicates/organized



drug group. The European Union also pledged to help in building half-way houses or temporary residence for rehabilitation of patients.

**3.** From January 1, 2017 to June 15, 2017, HRAO actively participated in **167** different trust-building activities, Congressional & Senate Hearings, and other multi-sectoral events related to the promotion and protection of human rights and international humanitarian law.