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Mainstreaming Human Rights and Access to Justice to Cities thru the HRAC & RoL Approach

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Chairperson

Commission on Human Rights



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**Signing of the JMC
Dec. 16, 2014
at QC memorial Circle**



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Legal Bases

Article II, Section 11

The 1987 Philippine Constitution States that:

“ the state values the dignity of every human person and guarantees full Respect for human rights.”



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Legal Bases

- *Sec. 18 (f) (iv) IRR of RA 9208*
Anti-Trafficking in Persons Act of 2003
- *Sec. 61 (a) (6) IRR of RA 9262*
Anti-Violence on Women and their Children Act of 2004
- *Sec. 40 B IRR of RA 9710*
Magna Carta of Women of 2009
- *Sec. 18 IRR of RA 9745*
Anti-Torture Act of 2009
- *Sec. 12 (e) (iv) IRR of RA 9775*
Anti-Child Pornography Act of 2009



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THE HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION CENTER

is a unit that acts on human rights matters, including human rights promotion and complaints of human rights violations.

It is a mechanism that ensures the performance of LGUs of their mandated duties to respect, protect and fulfill human rights within their jurisdiction.



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Composition of Human Rights Action Team (HRAcTs)

The Human Rights Action Teams (HRAcTs) shall consists of local government functionaries in the Provincial, City & Municipal levels

- a. **Chairperson - Administrator**
- b. **Co-Chairperson - Local Legal Officer**



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The Members of the HRAct

- **Local Social Welfare and Development Officer;**
- **Local Planning and Development Coordinator;**
- **Local Health Worker;**
- **Local Environment and Natural Resources Officer;**
- **Local Information Officer;**
- **CSOs/NGOs/POs**



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HRAC & RoL Major Services

- **Human Rights Protection** (*case referral and monitoring*)
- **Human Rights Promotion** (*Information, Education and Communication campaign on human rights and access to justice*)
- **Human Rights Policy Recommendation** (*Writing of human rights situationer and make recommendations to policy makers*)
- **Human Rights-Based Approach to Local Governance** (*mainstreaming of human rights to the development and implementation of LGU's programs, projects and activities*)



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The Human Rights Committees

Book 1, Section 50 (b)(1)

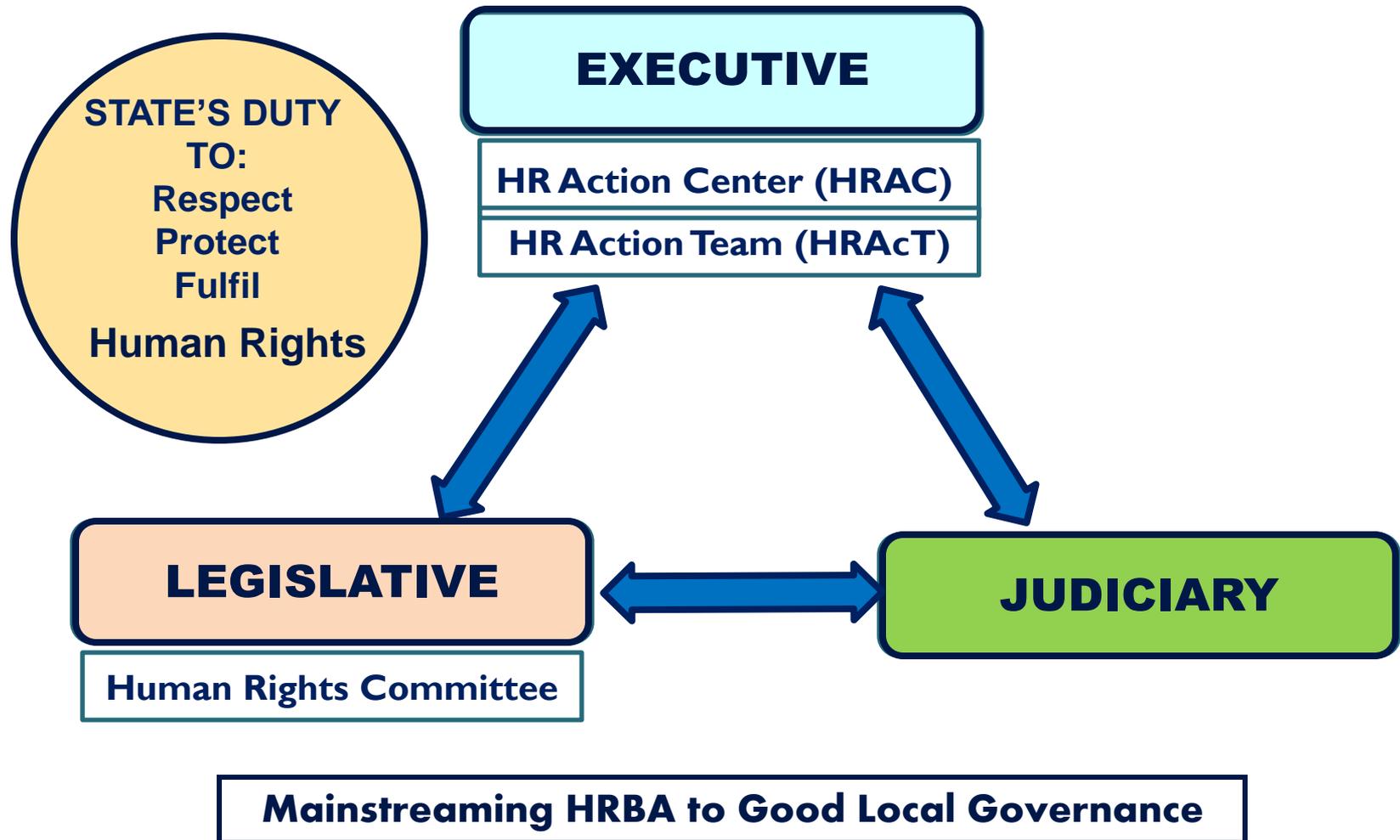
Local Government Code states that:

the local government units at the level of provinces, cities, municipalities and barangays are mandated to create a Human Rights Committee (HRC) as one of the standing committees of their respective Sanggunian.



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Human Rights Structures at the National & Local Levels

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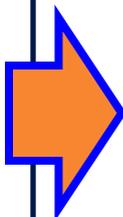
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LEVEL OF GOVERNANCE	CHIEF EXECUTIVES	HUMAN RIGHTS STRUCTURES	HEADS OF HRACs
National	President	Presidential Human Rights Committee (PHRC)	Chair –Exec. Secretary Vice-Chair -DOJ
Province	Governor	Provincial Human Rights Action Center (PHRAC)	Chair – Prov'l Administrator Co-Chair- Prov'l Legal Officer
City	City Mayor	City Human Rights Action Center (CHRAC)	Chair – City Administrator Co-Chair- City Legal Officer
Municipal	Municipal Mayor	Municipal Human Rights Action Center (MHRAC)	Chair – Mun. Administrator Co-Chair- Mun. Legal Officer
Barangay	Barangay Chairman	Barangay Human Rights Action Center (BHRAC)	Chair – BHRAO – HR Committee Co-Chair – incumbent elected BHRAO

Human Rights Committees at the National Level



Recommend effective measures to promote human rights to provide compensation to victims of violations of human rights or their families



SENATE

Committee on Justice & Human Rights

Chairperson: Koko Pimentel
Vice Chair: Lorena Legarda
Members: 9

CONGRESS

Committee on Human Rights

Chairperson : Romarate, Guillermo Jr. A.
District Representative
Surigao Del Norte 2nd District

Members : 35

Jurisdiction: Rule X, Section 13 (15)

All matters relating to the organization and administration of justice, civil courts, penitentiaries and reformatory schools; probation; impeachment proceedings against constitutional officers and other officers legally removable by impeachment; registration of land titles; immigration and naturalization; the implementation of the provisions of the Constitution on human rights; and all matters pertaining to the efficiency and reforms in the prosecution service.



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MOA signing with the Quezon City LGU



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Reference No. (2015-03-03)

MEMORANDUM

FOR : THE HONORABLE CITY MAYORS

FROM : HERBERT M. BAUTISTA, *National President* ^{BS}

RE : Joint Commission on Human Rights-Department of the Interior and Local Government Memorandum Circular on Human Rights Action Center and Access to Justice Network

DATE : 5 March 2015

The Commission on Human Rights and the Department of the Interior and Local Government recently signed a joint memorandum circular promoting equitable access to justice and its efficient enforcement for all citizens in general and the poor and disadvantaged people in particular. The memorandum strengthens the Barangay Human Rights Action Centers through the Human Rights Action Center and Rule of Law (HRAC & ROL) will empower the ordinary citizens to take the lead in the promotion and protection of human rights at the barangay level.

The League of Cities of the Philippines recently participated in the Joint CHR-DILG Writing Workshop on Human Rights Action Center and the Access to Justice Network last February 22-27, 2015. The standard operating procedures and working templates of the JMC and the implementing rules and regulations for the CHR-DILG JMC 2014-01 have been created. The workshop is part of the core components of the Second European Union-Philippines Justice Support (EPJUST II) Programme is Increasing Accessibility to Justice.

In this regard, we are encouraging our city mayors to support this memorandum by ensuring the inclusion of human rights, rule of law and access to justice in programs, projects and activities in their annual operations plans. These will include the capacity development programs, establishment and operations of the Human Rights Action Centers, creation of good practices and taking a legislative action and/or executive order response on human rights concerns and issues. Your office may also support the local Human Rights Action Team in organizing associations of Human Rights Action Officers in your city.

The copy of the JMC and the details its implementation can be accessed in your City Local Government Operations Office. Alternatively, you may contact the BHARC National Program Secretariat at chrp.hero@gmail.com and 02.925.3878. The League of the Cities of the Philippines will also publish those documents in our office website for your perusal. You may also contact Mr. Eduardo R. Soliman Jr, executive director and Mr. Alvidon F. Asis, program officer, at 02.470.6813 and email league.cities.philippines@gmail.com

Thank you very much.



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AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE QUEZON CITY HUMAN RIGHTS ACTION CENTER (QCHRAC) UNDER THE OFFICE OF THE HONORABLE CITY MAYOR AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS.

*Introduced by Councilor BAYANI V. HIPOL.
Co-Introduced by Councilors Jesus Manuel C. Suntay, Godofredo T. Liban II, Voltaire Godofredo L. Liban III, Dorothy A. Delarmente, Franz S. Pumaren, Eufemio C. Lagumbay, Anthony Peter D. Crisologo, Ricardo T. Belmonte, Jr., Victor V. Ferrer, Jr., Alexis R. Herrera, Roderick M. Paulate, Ranulfo Z. Ludovica, Allan Benedict S. Reyes, Gian Carlo G. Sotto, Jose Mario Don S. De Leon, Jaime F. Borres, Raquel S. Malañgen, Jose A. Visaya, Karl Edgar C. Castelo, Candy A. Medina, Marivic Co-Pilar, Rogelio "Roger" P. Juan, Donato C. Matias and Ricardo B. Corpuz.*

WHEREAS, Article 2, Section 11 of the 1987 Constitution, provides that the State values the dignity of every person and guarantees full respect for human rights;

WHEREAS, the Human Rights Committee (HRC) is mandated to develop local policies and legislations that will address issues on human rights, rule of law and access to justice;

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THANK YOU !