

XXXIV. COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

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STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

- MANDATE** : Created under the 1987 Philippine Constitution, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) became officially organized on May 5, 1987 under Executive Order 163 issued by then President Corazon C. Aquino. The CHR derives its powers and authorities from national and international statutes. Its mandate is to promote the protection of, respect for, and enhancement of the people's civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. The powers and functions of the CHR as stipulated in the Constitution and reiterated in Executive Order No. 163, are as follows: 1. Investigate human rights violations involving civil and political rights; 2. Adopt its guidelines and rules of procedure and cite for contempt for violations thereof in accordance with the Rules of Court; 3. Provide appropriate legal measures for the protection of human rights of all persons within the Philippines as well as Filipinos abroad, and provide for preventive measures and legal services to the underprivileged whose human rights have been violated or need protection; 4. Exercise visitorial powers over jails, prisons, or detention facilities; 5. Establish a continuing program of research, education, and information to enhance respect for the primacy of human rights; 6. Recommend to Congress effective measures to promote human rights and to provide assistance or compensation to victims of violations of human rights or their families; 7. Monitor the Philippine Government's compliance with international treaty obligations on human rights; 8. Grant immunity from prosecution to any person whose testimony or whose possession of documents or other evidence necessary or convenient to determine the truth in any investigation conducted by it or under its authority; 9. Request the assistance of any department, bureau, office or agency in the performance of its functions, appoint its officers and employees in accordance with law; and, 10. Perform such other duties and functions as may be provided by law.
- VISION** : A Philippine society where human rights and fundamental freedoms are fully enjoyed by everyone, and are respected, protected and fulfilled by the state in accordance with universal human rights principles and standards, and in compliance with its obligations under the international human rights instruments.
- MISSION** : As an independent human rights institution, the Commission on Human Rights is committed to ensure the primacy of all human rights and to their protection, promotion and fulfillment, on the basis of equality and non-discrimination, in particular for those who are marginalized and vulnerable.
- SECTOR OUTCOME** : 1. People-centered, innovative, clean, efficient, effective and inclusive delivery of public goods and services
2. Swift and fair administration of justice ensured
- ORGANIZATIONAL OUTCOME** : 1. 00 : Violations of human rights effectively addressed and remedied
2. 00 : Human rights culture evolved and sustained
3. 00 : Human rights mechanism strengthened