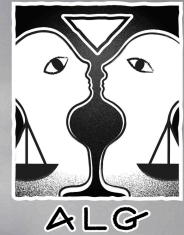


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THE ALTERNATIVE LAW GROUPS'
2023-2024 REPORT

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About the cover photo

The Alternative Law Groups marked its 35th anniversary with a heartfelt gathering of generations of grassroots justice and legal empowerment advocates—honoring a shared legacy of service, solidarity, and commitment to access to justice.

MESSAGE FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

As we present the 2023–2024 Annual Report of the Alternative Law Groups (ALG), we reflect on a time marked by resilience, advocacy, and unwavering commitment to justice. I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and reaffirm our commitment to the mission of the ALG. These past years have been pivotal for us, as we navigated numerous challenges and embraced significant opportunities to strengthen our impact on social justice.

Despite the challenges posed by a complex legal landscape, ALG remains steadfast in its mission. We continue to confront systemic injustices, advocate for policy reforms, and provide legal support to those who need it most. Our work is a testament to the power of collective action and the belief that a just society is within reach. Throughout the past two years, we have successfully launched a range of initiatives aimed at improving access to legal resources and support. From community legal education programs to partnerships with local organizations, our focus has been on equipping individuals with the knowledge they need to uphold their rights and assert their dignity.

Looking ahead, we are poised to build on this momentum. We recognize that the road ahead may be challenging, but our dedication to empowering communities and championing the rule of law remains unwavering. Together, we will continue to push boundaries, innovate our approaches, and advocate for those who need it most. We are inspired by the resilience of the communities we serve and remain dedicated to advancing human rights and social justice across the Philippines.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to each member of the ALG network and its Secretariat for your hard work, passion, and resilience. Your commitment is the foundation of our success, and I am excited about what we can achieve together in the coming year.

Together, let us forge a path toward justice and equality for all.

Rainbow Rights Philippines
Council Chairperson
Alternative Law Groups



MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL COORDINATOR

As we reflect on the achievements of 2023–2024, we take this moment to acknowledge the collective journey of our member organizations, partner communities, paralegals, and fellow justice defenders. Each step they take in advancing access to justice for marginalized sectors and identities contributes to a broader movement toward equity, empowerment, and systemic change.

This year, we witnessed how every strategic litigation effort became a cornerstone in advancing justice reforms—strengthening legal institutions and amplifying the voices of communities often left behind.

One of our major achievements is the launch of our Legal Empowerment Fellowship Program. Designed to create meaningful spaces for volunteer lawyers to engage in alternative lawyering, this initiative also aims to build a strong foundation in developmental law.

Through this, we are not only supporting grassroots legal work but also nurturing a new generation of lawyers grounded in the principles of justice, solidarity, and community empowerment.

Sheila Grace Formento
National Coordinator
Alternative Law Groups

We also marked a significant milestone with our critical contribution to the drafting of proposed rules for the sustainability of Developmental and Social Change (DSC) Lawyering in the Philippines. This effort has paved the way to mainstream DSC lawyering as a vital and complementary practice within the legal system.

ALG has also recognized the importance of public engagement in justice work, and we have made strides in strengthening the communication capacities of the network and our partner communities. By embracing evolving digital tools and social media strategies, we continue to raise awareness, shape public discourse, and broaden the reach of our advocacy.

Finally, we have deepened our regional connections, forging partnerships across Southeast Asia to foster peer-to-peer learning, mutual support, and collaborative action among legal empowerment groups. These cross-border engagements enrich our shared work and amplify the impact of our collective efforts.

As we celebrate this year's achievements, we also renew our commitment to the path ahead—one guided by solidarity and an unwavering pursuit of greater access to justice for the poor and marginalized.

**35 Years of Legal Empowerment: Upholding
Access to Justice, Learning With Grassroots
Communities, and Inspiring Change**





35 YEARS OF EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES

For more than three decades, the Alternative Law Groups has remained steadfast in its dual work of empowering the poor and marginalized sectors and effecting justice system reforms.

We empower basic sectors and other disadvantaged sectors such as women, farmers, persons deprived of liberty, workers, fisherfolk, peasants, indigenous people, children, and victims of human rights violations. We strive for a favorable policy environment that promotes and protects the rights of these sectors.

Until we achieve a Philippine society where justice is accessible to all and the rule of law governs the land, the Alternative Law Groups will continue to stand with the marginalized communities in their fight for their rights!



Alternative Law Groups

EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1989

The Alternative Law Groups is a coalition of 20 legal resource non-governmental organizations that cover key urban and rural locations in the Philippines. ALG has a presence in all three major island groups of the country (Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao), ensuring geographic diversity and inclusiveness.



New member since 2023 | IPG is a civil society organization working for the furtherance of local autonomy and governance in the Philippines. Their work revolves around the fields of sustainable development, good governance, and progressive public policymaking at the local level. The organization seeks to enable and synergize stakeholders in pursuing progressive reforms through fair, law-based, and participatory decision-making.



COMMUNITY LEGAL HELP & PUBLIC INTEREST CENTRE, INC.

New member since 2024 | Founded in 2017, Community Legal Help and Public Interest Centre (C-HELP) assists grassroots communities and marginalized sectors for the protection of human rights and the environment through free consultations, representation, research, referral, and contribution to policymaking and development.

OUR PROJECTS

ALG participates, collectively and through its member organizations, in efforts for the promotion and protection of human rights through public education, strategic litigation, and policy reform, engaging all three branches of government, at the national, regional, and local levels.

CBD: COMMUNITY-BASED DIALOGUE SESSIONS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

This initiative fosters dialogue among the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP), Philippine National Police (PNP), local communities, and civil society to strengthen collaboration in protecting both civil-political and economic-social-cultural rights.

E4J.PH: ENGAGING COMMUNITIES FOR JUSTICE - PHILIPPINES

E4J.PH builds the capacity of civil society organizations to help local communities address access to justice gaps through litigation support, development of legal fellows, research, and advocacy. This is a consortium project with the Ateneo Human Rights Center (AHRC) and the Kaisahan Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Kanayunan at Repormang Pansakahan (KAISAHAN).



PHOTO: Members of the Grassroots Justice Network – Southeast Asia convened in Cebu City, Philippines in December 2023. The regional convening revolved around the theme “Amplifying Grassroots Voices through Legal Empowerment” — focused on legal empowerment research and communications.

GRASSROOTS JUSTICE NETWORK-SOUTHEAST ASIA (GJN-SEA) REGIONAL ANCHOR

As the Southeast Asia regional anchor for Grassroots Justice Network, ALG convenes and connects justice defenders across the region to share practices and strengthen collaboration.

HUMAN RIGHTS ECOLOGY UNDER DUTERTE

This scoping study assesses the landscape of civil society organizations during the Duterte administration. It aims to understand their needs, share strategies for sustaining human rights work, and reflect on effective approaches.

OUR PROJECTS

JURIS: ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON SECURITY

JURIS evaluates security risks within ALG and its members, conducting audits and developing security plans to improve risk management and protection for human rights defenders.

JUST ENERGY TRANSITION

ALG supports an inclusive, rights-based approach to energy transition by engaging grassroots communities, developing accessible legal resources, and integrating justice frameworks into advocacy for a just energy transition (JET).

STORIES FROM THE FIELD: OVERCOMING ACCESS TO JUSTICE BARRIERS THROUGH GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES' PARTICIPATION AND GRASSROOTS ACTION

This research project explores how strategic litigation, paralegal development, and policy reform contribute to empowering grassroots communities and bridging access to justice gaps.

SUPPORT FOR REMEDIAL ACTION

The overall goal of the project is to provide legal education, paralegal training, and accessible legal assistance to vulnerable communities facing human rights violations, particularly those affected by the war on drugs, red-tagging, and SLAPP suits.

TRANSFORM – INITIATIVES FOR ADVANCING COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Transform promotes human rights through digital campaigns and behavioral interventions, encouraging rights-claiming, rights-affirming, and rights-seeking actions among the public.



PHOTO: ALG's Strategic Communications Committee, created from the Transform – Initiatives for Advancing Community Transformation project, during their workshop for the creation of the coalition's strategic communications plan.

STRATEGIC LITIGATION

While ALG primarily engages in non-traditional lawyering, strategic litigation remains a vital tool for driving change, especially when marginalized communities are at the forefront of legal action.

12 **KEY CASES**
SUPPORTED

From 2023 to 2024, ALG **supported 12 key cases** demonstrating how strategic litigation can drive justice at the grassroots level, including cases involving **human rights defenders and communities affected by the energy transition.**

These efforts included **direct litigation activities** (e.g., legal representation, document preparation, court appearances), **related non-direct activities** (e.g., legal clinics, evidence gathering, community consultations), and **support activities** (e.g., forums, press conferences, mobilizations). Litigation support covered legal fees, case development, strategic litigation, and emergency legal responses.

POLICY REFORM

ALG's policy reform work focuses on shaping laws and policies that advance social justice and protect human rights. By working closely with communities, civil society, and policymakers, the coalition pushes for inclusive, rights-based reforms.

JUST ENERGY TRANSITION X THE GREEN BILLS

In its initial phase, ALG's JET initiative reviewed the Green Bills through the lens of the Just Energy Transition (JET) Framework. These proposed laws already contain essential just transition elements—such as environmental impact assessments, stakeholder participation, and ancestral domain protections.

Workshops with coalition partners underscored the importance of advancing these bills collectively as a unified policy package to promote a just and inclusive energy transition aligned with global climate commitments.

THE GREEN BILLS ROADSHOW

To broaden public awareness and grassroots engagement, JET Fellows conducted **Green Bills Roadshows across Luzon, Visayas, and Mindanao**. These events targeted diverse sectors, such as women's groups, students and academic institutions, and civil society organizations, promoting informed discourse and action toward a just energy transition.

THE GREEN BILLS



**NATIONAL LAND
USE ACT**



**SUSTAINABLE FOREST
MANAGEMENT ACT**



**INDIGENOUS
COMMUNITIES CONSERVED
TERRITORIES & AREAS BILL**



**ALTERNATIVE MINERALS
MANAGEMENT BILL**

PARALEGAL DEVELOPMENT

NATIONAL PARALEGAL EXCHANGE

ALG convened a National Paralegal Exchange, **uniting community paralegals from across the Philippines** to share experiences and address common challenges.

Discussions centered on security, recognition, sustainability, and capacity-building. Participants also engaged in focused sessions on digital security and the strategic use of social media. The exchange concluded with the formulation of a National Agenda for Community Paralegals—a shared roadmap to strengthen grassroots legal empowerment across the country.



PHOTO: The delegates of the different Southeast Asian countries to the regional paralegal exchange wearing their cultural attires during the solidarity night.

REGIONAL PARALEGAL EXCHANGE

The first-ever Southeast Asia Regional Paralegal Exchange gathered over 60 grassroots justice defenders, including 32 community-based paralegals from the region. Drawing from insights of in-country exchanges, participants tackled key themes such as paralegal recognition, security, capacity-building, and regional solidarity. The exchange provided a vital platform for cross-border collaboration and collective reflection on advancing access to justice in increasingly restrictive civic spaces.

"THE WORK OF COMMUNITY PARALEGALS IS CRUCIAL TO ACHIEVING GREATER ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. THERE IS AN URGENT NEED TO SUPPORT THEM WITH THE NECESSARY TOOLS AND SKILLS, ESPECIALLY IN ENVIRONMENTS THAT ARE REPRESSIVE AND THREATEN THEIR SECURITY AND VOICE."

Read the full article: [Community paralegals are building power amid shrinking civic spaces in Southeast Asia](#) ✨



DEVELOPING SECOND-LINERS

Through fellowship programs and internship opportunities, ALG continues to invest in the next generation of alternative lawyers and legal advocates, developing "second-liners" who are committed to community-based justice work.

21 **LEGAL FELLOWS**
05 **LAW STUDENT INTERNS**

JET FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

ALG trained and mentored **nine (9) new fellows** from Luzon/NCR, Visayas, and Mindanao to strengthen legal capacity on energy-related issues. These fellows, composed of young and volunteer lawyers, were equipped with the tools to engage in strategic litigation and legal empowerment efforts in the energy sector.



“LAWYERING IS MORE THAN JUST LITIGATION AND NEGOTIATION; IT CAN ALSO EMPOWER COMMUNITIES. THE FELLOWSHIP MADE ME REALIZE THAT META-LEGAL STRATEGIES SUCH AS ORGANIZING COMMUNITIES CAN PAVE THE WAY IN RAISING AWARENESS AND AT THE SAME TIME BUILDING A CASE RELATED TO JET.”

ATTY. MAU, FELLOW FROM CEBU



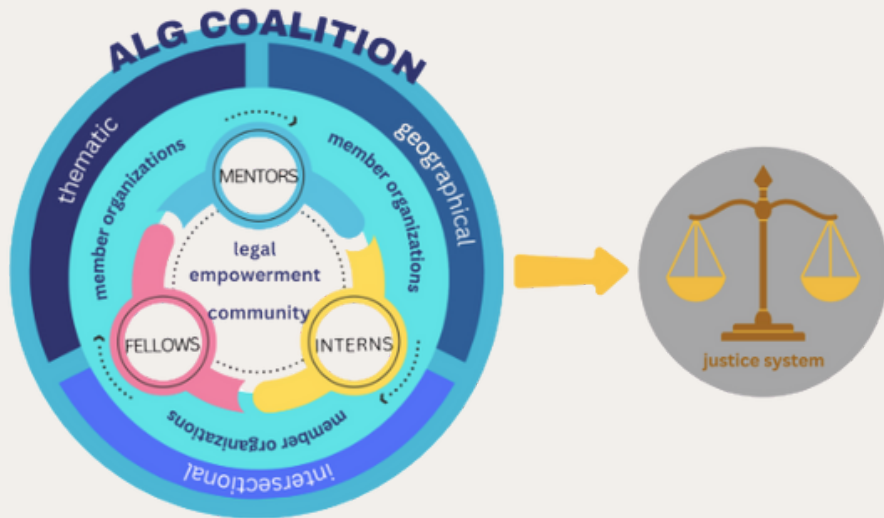
PHOTO: Fellows of the Legal Pathfinders Fellowship Program organized and facilitated a paralegal training for fisherfolk association members, barangay & municipal officials of San Remigio, Cebu

LEGAL PATHFINDERS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Led by AHRC, ALG further developed the skills of **twelve (12) fellows**, all licensed lawyers from across the country. Through focused training and mentorship, they deepened their understanding of alternative lawyering, human rights, and laws and policies affecting access to justice for marginalized groups.

INTERNSHIP

ALG engaged **five (5) law student interns** from Ateneo Law School and FEU Institute of Law. The interns participated in learning sessions on legal empowerment and alternative lawyering, and contributed to drafting policy statements and conducting legal research.



THE BIRTH OF ALG'S FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

This ongoing program encourages seasoned ALG lawyers to share their expertise, time, and commitment through community-based legal advocacy. Drawing inspiration from key initiatives such as Engaging Communities for Justice – Philippines (E4J.PH), Just Energy Transition (JET), and the Women Environmental Defenders program, the fellowship fosters a **dynamic exchange between fellows, interns, and mentors** to strengthen grassroots legal empowerment.



PHOTO: Fellows of the Legal Pathfinders Fellowship Program and JET Fellowship Program meet for the first time during ALG's 35th anniversary celebration.

MY INTERNSHIP JOURNEY AT ALG HAS CRYSTALLIZED MY PASSION FOR DEVELOPMENT WORK. IT HAS GIVEN ME A COMPLETE IDEA OF THE KIND OF LAWYER I WOULD LIKE TO BECOME IN THE NEAR FUTURE – I.E. A DEVELOPMENT / ALTERNATIVE LAWYER. HENCE, I WISH THAT THIS ASPECT OF LAWYERING COULD BE MAINSTREAMED IN LAW SCHOOLS, SO THAT MORE LAW STUDENTS WOULD BE ENTICED TO SERVE THE UNDERREPRESENTED GROUPS."

JERVIS BANGAN, LAW STUDENT INTERN

CRITICAL ENGAGEMENTS

ALG actively engages with key stakeholders—including government institutions, international bodies, and civil society organizations—to broaden the impact of its legal empowerment work. These engagements ensure that grassroots experiences inform policymaking, institutional reforms, and efforts to strengthen human rights protections.



PHOTO: Stakeholders in Baguio City gather for the launch of the Feedback and Referral System pilot initiative.

FEEDBACK AND REFERRAL SYSTEM

ALG developed a **Feedback and Referral System (FRS)** to **document and monitor human rights violations**. Piloted in several barangays in Baguio City, the system provides a secure platform for communities to report violations and share feedback. Through a partnership with local government and the CBD Project Steering Committee, barangay officials received training to implement the mechanism effectively.

This FRS research became the basis for the [Commission on Human Rights' Mismo](#) – a webpage portal that digitalizes the process of filing complaints and requests.

UNITED NATIONS JOINT PROGRAMME

As a member of the technical working group on Improving Police Data under the UN Joint Programme, ALG contributed to the design of the Philippine National Police's **digital infrastructure for tracking human rights violations**. This collaboration seeks to enhance transparency and accountability in policing through improved data collection and reporting systems.

TOP-LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUES

On November 7, 2023, the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)-focused TLPD gathered over 180 participants from government, civil society, and international partners to **assess the Philippines' progress on UPR recommendations**. Discussions emphasized inclusive implementation, cross-sector collaboration, and the role of community-based dialogues in accountability.

On July 5, 2024, the TLPD on Human Rights Cities explored how LGUs can **promote rights-based governance**. Participants discussed global models, local duties under international conventions, and tools like HuRAIS. Baguio, Balanga, and San Fernando were named pilot cities, with key takeaways on institutionalization, grassroots capacity, and inclusive governance.

DEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE LAWYERING SUMMIT

In July 2024, ALG joined legal advocates, academics, and public interest groups at a Supreme Court-hosted summit in Iloilo City. The event focused on **crafting procedural rules for developmental and social change (DSC) lawyering**. ALG contributed to discussions on institutionalizing DSC lawyering, ensuring its sustainability, and enhancing legal support for marginalized communities.



PHOTO: Delegates from different countries around the world to the joint convening of the GJN-SEA and Global Learning Agenda Convening at Palawan, Philippines.

JOINT CONVENING: GJN-SEA AND GLOBAL LEARNING AGENDA

In partnership with Namati, ALG hosted a joint convening of the Grassroots Justice Network – Southeast Asia and the Global Learning Agenda. Delegates from Southeast Asia, Latin America, and Africa exchanged insights from participatory action research (PAR) initiatives, **emphasizing PAR's role as a transformative method for advancing legal empowerment across contexts**.



RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

Research is a cornerstone of ALG’s approach to legal empowerment. The network values collective learning, drawing from the diverse experiences of its members and grassroots partners to generate knowledge, shape strategies, and influence policy.

Through collaborative research and publication efforts, ALG aims to amplify community voices, deepen the impact of alternative lawyering, and contribute to the global discourse on access to justice.

STORIES FROM THE FIELD

A multi-country, multi-thematic research initiative **examining the impact of legal empowerment strategies—strategic litigation, paralegal development, and policy reform—on access to justice** in grassroots communities.



[Philippines: Pathways to Justice: Overcoming Access to Justice Barriers Through Grassroots Action \(ALG\)](#)



| Highlights the role of grassroots initiatives in closing justice gaps through community participation, advocacy, and legal support.



[Indonesia: The Role of Legal Empowerment by the Community in Strengthening Access to Justice for Women in Conflict with the Law in Indonesia \(IJRS\)](#)



| Examines how grassroots legal empowerment helps women overcome gender-based legal barriers and systemic exclusion.



[Malaysia: Stories from the field: Overcoming access to justice barriers through grassroots communities’ participation and collective action \(DHRRA\)](#)



| Focuses on community-driven legal aid for stateless persons and challenges in documenting grassroots legal empowerment work.

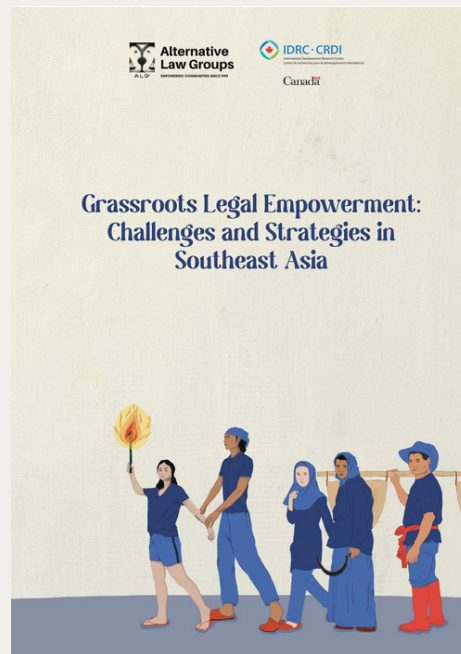
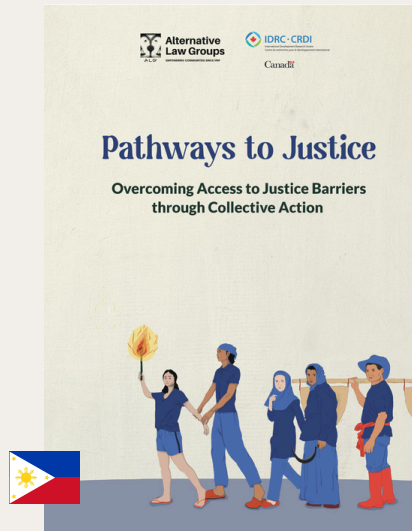


[Thailand: Legal Empowerment on Strategic Litigation, Paralegal Development and Public Policy \(CRC\)](#)



| Chronicles how communities have used legal tools to assert rights and defend natural resources from harmful development.

OUR WORK



Regional Study: Grassroots Legal Empowerment: Challenges and Strategies in Southeast Asia

Synthesizes country-level insights and identifies common challenges, strategies, and recommendations across the region.

HUMAN RIGHTS ECOLOGY UNDER DUTERTE

This research dissects the **multilayered threats** faced by **civil society** under former President Duterte's administration, ranging from physical and emotional intimidation to digital and conceptual attacks on human rights.

ACCESSING JUSTICE THROUGH STRONG SECTORAL REPRESENTATION IN LOCAL GOVERNANCE

A study **evaluating four People's Sectoral Councils (PSCs) and the Katarungang Pambarangay (Lupon)**, exploring their roles in promoting local access to justice and making recommendations for systemic reform. This research is led by KAISAHAN.

Quezon City PSC: Large, Powerful but Dysfunctional | The largest PSC in the country, facing operational and political challenges despite its strong organizing potential.

Naga City People's Council: A Model of Citizen Participation | A longstanding, well-supported model integrating citizen voices into local governance.

DEVELOPMENTAL AND SOCIAL CHANGE LAWYERING RESEARCH

In collaboration with other law groups, ALG examined the **sustainability of DSC lawyering**. The research underscores the critical role of DSC lawyers in advancing grassroots justice and outlines the sector's key challenges, particularly the decline in practitioner numbers.

COMMUNICATIONS INITIATIVES

ALG recognizes that effective communication is vital to advancing legal empowerment and human rights—especially in a climate where civil society is often demonized through disinformation and negative portrayals. By amplifying community voices, supporting digital advocacy, and fostering a culture of volunteerism, ALG leverages communications as both a tool for resistance and a platform for hope.

VOLUNTAO CAMPAIGN

Harnessing the power of social and behavior change communication (SBCC) and in partnership with AHA! Behavioral Design, ALG launched the VolunTAO campaign to **encourage volunteerism in the human rights sector**. The campaign recruits digital volunteers who support ALG member organizations in social media copywriting, content creation, and graphic design.

111 SIGN-UPS IN **THREE CYCLES** **24** VOLUNTEERS ONBOARDED



STORIES FROM THE GROUND

This initiative showcases **powerful narratives of grassroots advocates overcoming injustice**. Stories like that of Girlie in Negros Occidental and Tatay Gaing in Manicani Island highlight local struggles for land rights and environmental justice. These personal accounts illuminate how community legal support, paralegal development, and organizing drive long-term impact.



GIRLIE AND GLASS CEILINGS: BREAKING CYCLES AND BARRIERS FOR LAND RIGHTS



THE PROMISE OF A BETTER TOMORROW FOR THE PEOPLE OF MANICANI ISLAND



PARADISE IN PERIL

A documentary on the One Palawan Movement – one of the case studies of the Pathways to Justice: Overcoming Access to Justice Barriers Through Grassroots Action that features the legal empowerment work of ELAC Palawan.

DIGITAL CAMPAIGNS OF PARTNER COMMUNITIES

With AHA! Behavioral Design’s guidance, ALG worked with member organizations—**ERDA, ELAC EV, and BALAOD Mindanaw**—to **boost the digital advocacy skills of six community partners across the country.** These grassroots campaigns focus on disaster resilience, environmental protection, youth empowerment, and LGBTQIA+ rights.

CAMPAIGN HIGHLIGHT: THE SHIELD PROJECT



SKKIP empowered youth with knowledge on reproductive health, including contraceptive use, and helped reduce stigma through peer education and family dialogue. Parents engaged positively, some even encouraging their children to take part in discussions—an essential shift in a community grappling with rising teenage pregnancy.



ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Sustainability and internal coherence are key to ALG's long-term impact. In pursuit of this, the coalition continues to strengthen its internal systems, processes, and culture—ensuring that its mission is supported by effective strategies, digital tools, and collective leadership.

STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

To enhance public engagement and improve messaging across platforms, ALG's Strategic Communications Committee—composed of communication professionals from member organizations—**developed a Strategic Communications Plan.** This roadmap guides how ALG communicates with its audiences across various media, promoting clarity, consistency, and visibility for the coalition's advocacy work.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION SYSTEM

In 2024, ALG rolled out a **coalition-wide Monitoring and Evaluation System**, anchored in its strategic goals. The tools were refined through consultations and officially adopted during the General Assembly.

To improve efficiency, ALG digitized its M&E tools using Google Workspace, enabling streamlined data collection, analysis, and reporting. This digital approach ensures accessible, user-friendly, and responsive tracking of coalition outcomes.

SECURITY PROGRAM

Recognizing the growing risks faced by legal empowerment advocates, ALG launched a **comprehensive security initiative** with the guidance of a Security Experts Team.

Key activities included:

- Risk assessments and security audits
- Tailored security plans for five (5) member organizations and the coalition
- Policy enhancements and capacity-building workshops on digital and psychological security

These efforts reflect ALG's proactive stance in ensuring the safety and well-being of its members and communities.

#TataALG 35 YEARS OF LEGAL EMPOWERMENT

UPHOLDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE
LEARNING WITH GRASSROOTS COMMUNITIES
AND INSPIRING CHANGE

On November 22, 2024, ALG celebrated its 35th Anniversary, marking **over three decades of defending access to justice, working with grassroots communities, and inspiring progressive legal change.**



THE EVENT REUNITED PAST AND PRESENT MEMBERS AND HONORED LEADERS WHO SHAPED THE MOVEMENT.

OUR PARTNERS

ALG's milestones would not have been possible without the enduring support of our local, regional, and international partners. This report stands as a testament to the power of collective action and collaboration in advancing social justice in the Philippines.

LOCAL PARTNERS

- AHA! Behavioral Design
- AktivAsia
- AFP Center for Law of Armed Conflict (AFPCLOAC)
- Baguio City Barangay-Level Local Government Units
- Commission on Human Rights (CHR)
- Homonhon Environmental Advocates and Rights Defenders (HEARD)
- In Defense of Human Rights and Dignity Movement (iDEFEND)
- Initiatives and Movement for Gender Liberation Against Discrimination (IMGLAD)
- Katipunan ng mga Kumikilos na Kabataan ng Bayan (KKK)
- Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates (PAHRA)
- Philippine National Police Human Rights Affairs Office (PNP HRAO)
- Protect Manicani Island Society (PROMISI)
- Samahan ng mga Kabataan para sa Komunidad at Isyung Panlipunan (SKKIP)
- Tabang Sikad (TS)

REGIONAL PARTNERS

- Grassroots Justice Network-Southeast Asia
- Asylum Access Thailand (AAT)
- Community Resource Centre Foundation (CRC)
- DHRRA Malaysia
- Indonesia Judicial Research Society (IJRS)
- Indonesian Legal Aid Foundation (YLBHI)

FUNDING PARTNERS

- Asia Justice and Rights (AJAR)
- Freedom House
- Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF)
- International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
- Justice Sector Reform Programme: Governance in Justice (GOJUST)
- Namati
- Tara Foundation
- The Asia Foundation (TAF)
- World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT)

**WE DEEPLY VALUE THE RELATIONSHIPS WE HAVE BUILT WITH
COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS, LEGAL NETWORKS,
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS, AND FUNDING ALLIES, WHO
CONTINUE TO WALK WITH US IN THE PURSUIT OF
EMPOWERMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS FOR ALL.**