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2020 was a year of unprecedented crisis. Evident in the way age, gender, income, occupation, and disability are leaving vulnerable individuals and groups disproportionately affected, the COVID-19 pandemic and the policies enforced to contain it, both exacerbate and feed from pervasive inequalities within and among sectors of society. Taken together, it illustrates some of the trends that experts have been warning us: not only that so many could die but that the elderly would die in larger numbers; that certain professions, from doctors to supermarket workers and other frontline workers, were more vulnerable; and that the socioeconomic disparities that plague our country under the best of times would be amplified.

To learn from what went right, we must look at what went wrong. More than a health crisis, the COVID-19 pandemic is also an economic and social crisis pushing those already suffering even further behind—hitting the vulnerable and marginalized individuals, families, and communities the hardest. It is highlighting deep economic and social inequalities and inadequate health and social protection systems that require urgent attention as part of the public health response.

To borrow the words of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet: *“This is a test of societies, of governments, of communities and of individuals. How we respond to this crisis now will undoubtedly shape those efforts for decades to come.”* Whilst the tragedy is far from over, it is difficult to comprehend its scale, and even harder to anticipate what may come next. But as we all try to find our footing in the post-pandemic world, one thing remains certain: we will need more empowerment, not less.

This Report highlights the relevance of our work and how human rights can help shape better policy responses. Respect for basic human rights and dignity and the protection of affected people during a pandemic are key in re-establishing trust between the people and the government. After all, human rights are standards to which we can determine the content as well as the limits of what the people—as rights-holders—can demand but also of what can be demanded from them in terms of obligations, thus providing a legal framework within which the government—as the primary duty-bearer—should act are in conformity with international standards. At the same time, the human rights agenda recognizes the fact that not all rights can be realized for all people at once, especially during a pandemic outbreak. As this Annual Report details, a human rights-based approach shifts the focus on the realization of the rights of the excluded and marginalized groups and those whose rights are at risk of being violated, building on the human rights principle of universality as a core principle of good governance.

In reflecting and assessing if we are making real progress in the name of justice and human rights, the question that we should be asking is not who is leading, who is at the front, who is progressing; but rather, who is being left behind?



a year's overview

WHERE WE ARE NOW

The 2020 fiscal year has been a challenging period.

It will not be an exaggeration to say that it is impossible to reflect on this period without focusing on the tragic circumstances that have beset the Philippines and the world since December 2019 – namely, the eruption of Taal Volcano, the devastating typhoons Rolly and Ulysses that hit several provinces including the National Capital Region, and the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic, with its widespread community lockdowns. The resulting loss of lives, disruption to livelihood, and destruction to property continue to heavily impact the Philippine economy and society as a whole, but more especially on the most vulnerable sectors in our communities. It has been during these most trying times that we have seen the worst and the best of mankind.

This is the backdrop against which we see the display of commitment of the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) to stand firm on its mandate to protect and promote human rights. Despite the limitations presented by the quarantine restrictions combined with budget reduction, the CHR did not waiver in working for the achievement of its 2020

commitments in its Promotion and Policy Advisory outputs.

In **Protection**, the Commission resolved 1,693 cases. Of these, 429 were resolved for filing of cases in the proper judicial and executive agencies; 1,047 were either closed, terminated, or dismissed; and 16 were resolved through alternative dispute resolution (ADR).

Despite the prohibition of physical jail visitations as part of the pandemic measures, the **Prevention** work continued through the *e-Dalaw*, the online jail visitation program. Through this platform, 849 places of detention were checked and 1,982 persons deprived of liberty (PDL) were provided with legal assistance.

To ensure that the public is kept informed of their human rights during these critical times, the conduct of webinars, posting of information materials on various social media platforms, and -- notwithstanding logistical challenges posed by the quarantine restrictions -- the conduct of human rights celebratory events via live streaming or a blend of physical and live streaming. The CHR **Promotion** accomplishments proudly consist of 240 training sessions conducted face-to-face

and online, 379 human rights celebratory events, and 109 education materials produced.

In terms of **Policy Advisory**, a total of 76 issuances were issued of which 27.63% were adopted by the relevant and concerned agencies and local government units. The **Gender Ombud Report** prepared by the CHR Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights was featured in the Regional report on Gender-Related Violence in the time of COVID-19.

To support the Commission's commitment to ensure the unhampered delivery of services to the public, Alternative Work Arrangements based on the guidelines issued by the Civil Service Commission were observed. All 844 employees continued to perform their responsibilities, whether they may be physically reporting to their respective workplaces or working from home. In 2020, the CHR had, in its employee roster, 380 employees at the Central Office and 462 in the Regional Offices. Of this number, 29 represent the Indigenous Peoples of Ifugao, Maranaw, Kalinga Apayao.

With support from the European Union and the Spanish government through the GOJUST Human Rights Project, which was concluded as of the end of September 2020, major strides in institutional strengthening and civil society engagement were achieved. The Project paved the way for the following in 2020: full construction and inauguration of regional offices of CARAGA and Region I; set up of various

hubs for legal, e-lawyering services, sanctuaries as well as health and wellness for victims and human rights defenders; finalization of the competency development framework for the CHR's human resources; publication of various knowledge products on human and gender rights; procurement and installation of ICT equipment to improve the physical facilities at the CHR as well as to support the work-from-home arrangements; development of online systems and processes for investigation, data gathering and monitoring through the Investigation Reporting Application (IRA) and the Human Rights Observatory; development of handbook and training manuals on paralegal services to help decongest jails and competency-based (ladderized) investigation, respectively; and production of IEC materials on various human rights issues and concerns, such as on death penalty, gender-based violence, and migrant workers, among others. The GOJUST Human Rights Project boosted the provision of human rights protection, prevention, promotion, and policy advisory services of the CHR. It likewise contributed to the institutional strengthening efforts of the Commission through the enhancements in the administrative, finance, procurement, and other support to operations.

The COVID-19 pandemic practically forced the world to grind to a halt, but the CHR continued to deliver on its commitment to provide prompt, accessible, responsive and excellent service despite the limitations and quarantine restrictions.

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION SERVICES

As an independent national human rights institution (NHRI) in the country, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) exists as the premiere instrumentality of the State to ensure, at all times, the protection of the Human Rights of the people in the country, as well as Filipinos residing abroad. It undertakes a two-pronged mission: (1) to investigate human rights violations involving civil and political rights, as well as to pursue the investigation and monitoring of incidents and situations pertaining to economic, social, and cultural rights; and (2) to facilitate the establishment of programs and mechanisms for the advancement of human rights and resolution of cases of human rights violations.

All figures presented are sourced from the CHR's Investigation and Case Monitoring System (ICMS) and 2020 CHR Central and Regional Accomplishment Reports.

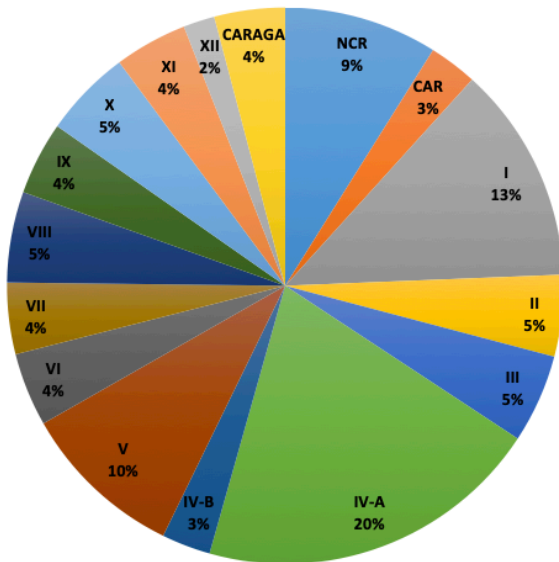
Request for Protection Services

The table below shows the number of complaints/ requests received by the Commission from January to December with a total of 4,889. Of these numbers, 2,988 were sourced out from Legal Assistance, 1,072 complaints and 829 are Motu Proprio cases.

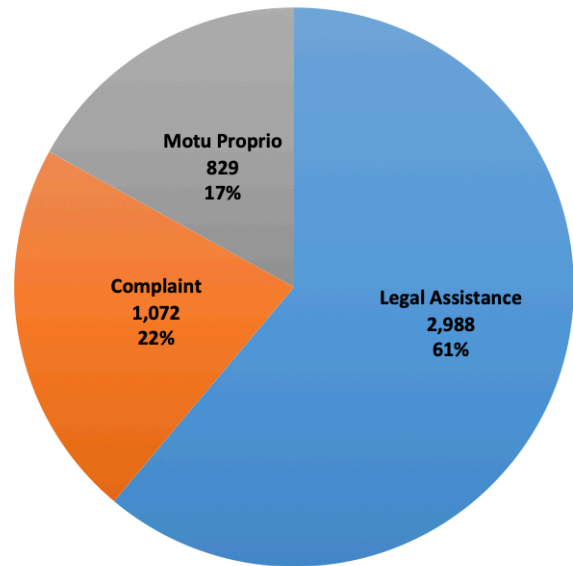
TABLE 1.1
Breakdown of Requests for Protection Services
(by Region and by Source)

| Region | Legal Assistance | Complaint | Motu Proprio | Total |
|---------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| NCR | 386 | 29 | 21 | 436 |
| CAR | 98 | 27 | 12 | 137 |
| I | 569 | 37 | 12 | 618 |
| II | 143 | 73 | 16 | 232 |
| III | 35 | 138 | 79 | 252 |
| IV-A | 331 | 291 | 362 | 984 |
| IV-B | 98 | 33 | 8 | 139 |
| V | 400 | 44 | 22 | 466 |
| VI | 102 | 38 | 69 | 209 |
| VII | 103 | 73 | 27 | 203 |
| VIII | 211 | 22 | 25 | 258 |
| IX | 38 | 157 | 13 | 208 |
| X | 168 | 66 | 16 | 250 |
| XI | 155 | 23 | 29 | 207 |
| XII | 14 | 12 | 63 | 89 |
| CARAGA | 137 | 9 | 55 | 201 |
| Total | 2,988 | 1,072 | 829 | 4,889 |

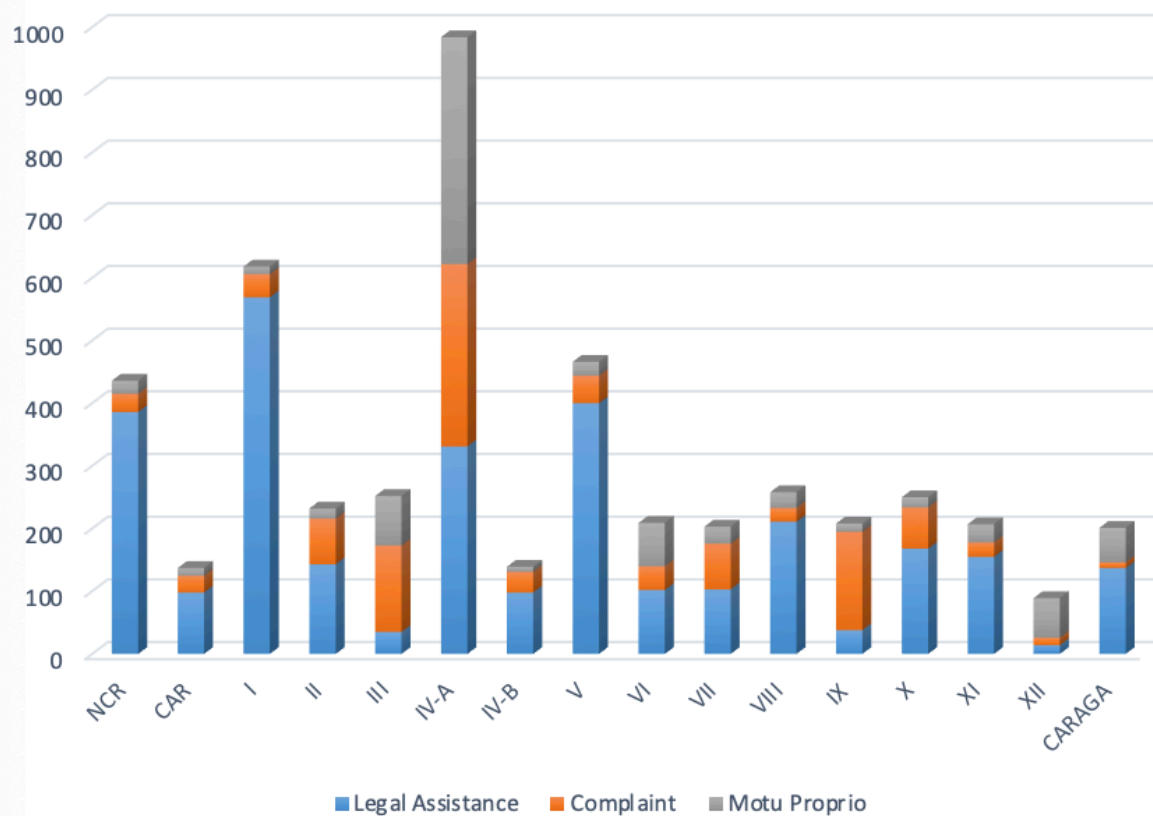
Protection Services by Region



Protection Services by Source



Protection Services by Region by Source



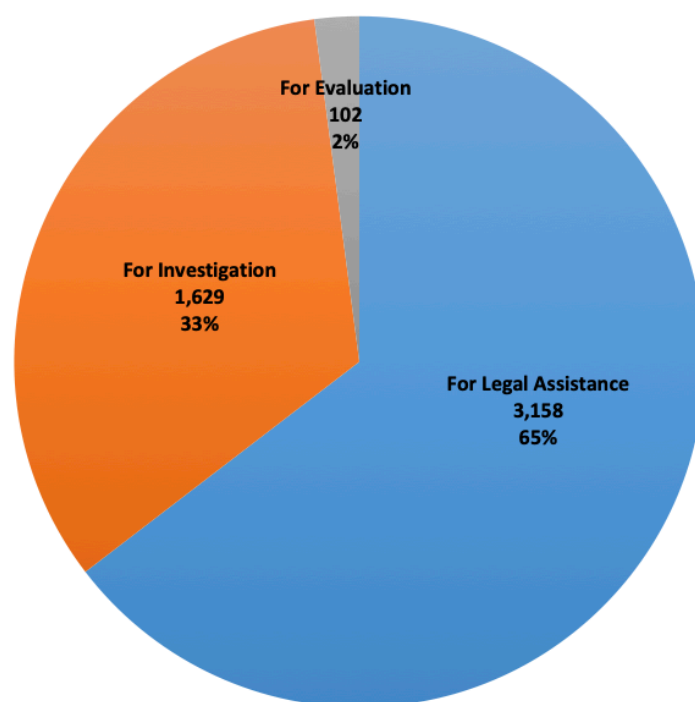
Evaluation of Complaints and Requests

The 4,889 requests for protection services are categorized into 3,158 Legal Assistance, 1,629 for Investigation and 102 for Evaluation. Region I rendered the greatest number of Legal Assistance with 564 or 17.86% of the total while region IV-A garnered the highest cases for Investigation with 636 or 39 % of the said total. Above half of the said total were rendered for Legal Assistance.

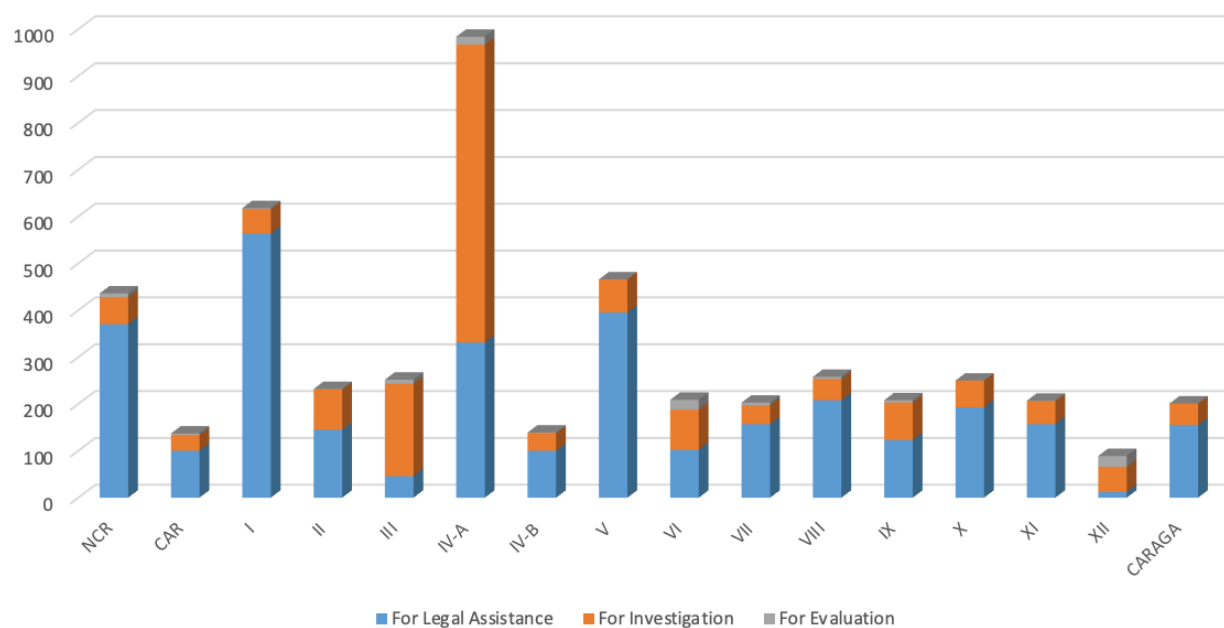
TABLE 1.2
Breakdown of Evaluation of Complaints and Requests
(By Region and by Results of Evaluation)

| Region | For Legal Assistance | For Investigation | For Evaluation | Total |
|--------------|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------|
| NCR | 370 | 58 | 8 | 436 |
| CAR | 100 | 34 | 3 | 137 |
| I | 564 | 52 | 2 | 618 |
| II | 145 | 86 | 1 | 232 |
| III | 46 | 197 | 9 | 252 |
| IV-A | 331 | 636 | 17 | 984 |
| IV-B | 100 | 38 | 1 | 139 |
| V | 395 | 71 | 0 | 466 |
| VI | 102 | 86 | 21 | 209 |
| VII | 157 | 40 | 6 | 203 |
| VIII | 208 | 45 | 5 | 258 |
| IX | 123 | 80 | 5 | 208 |
| X | 193 | 57 | 0 | 250 |
| XI | 157 | 49 | 1 | 207 |
| XII | 12 | 54 | 23 | 89 |
| CARAGA | 155 | 46 | 0 | 201 |
| Total | 3,158 | 1,629 | 102 | 4,889 |

Complaints and Requests by Results of Evaluation



Complaints and Requests by Region by Result of Evaluation



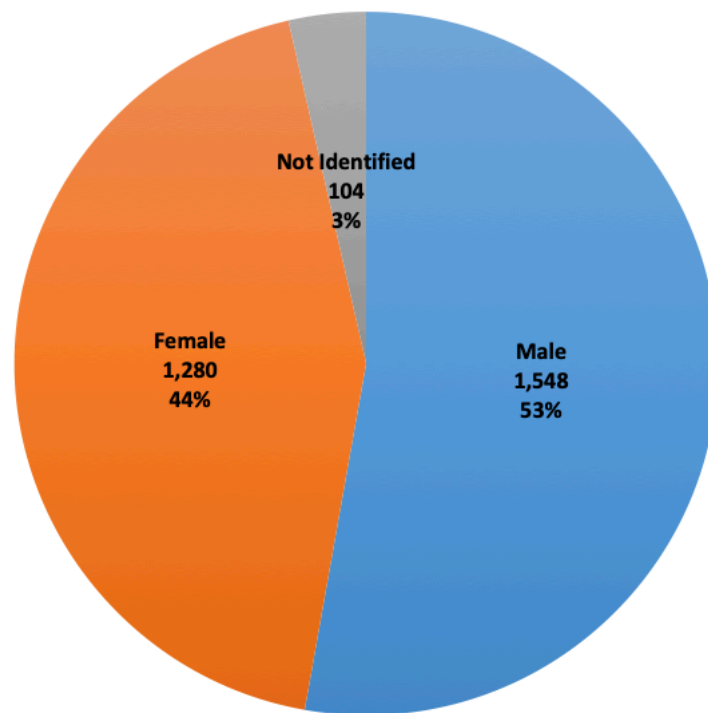
Disaggregation of Alleged Victims and Complainants for Investigation

Out of the 1,631 cases for investigation, a total of 2,932 victims were identified. A sizeable influx of 1,548 are identified as male, 1,280 female, and 104 are not identified or ***no record of victim found in the complaint***. It is worthy to mention that female victims who are more susceptible by human rights violations almost equates the number of male victims. This signifies that women are more empowered and likely aware of their human rights.

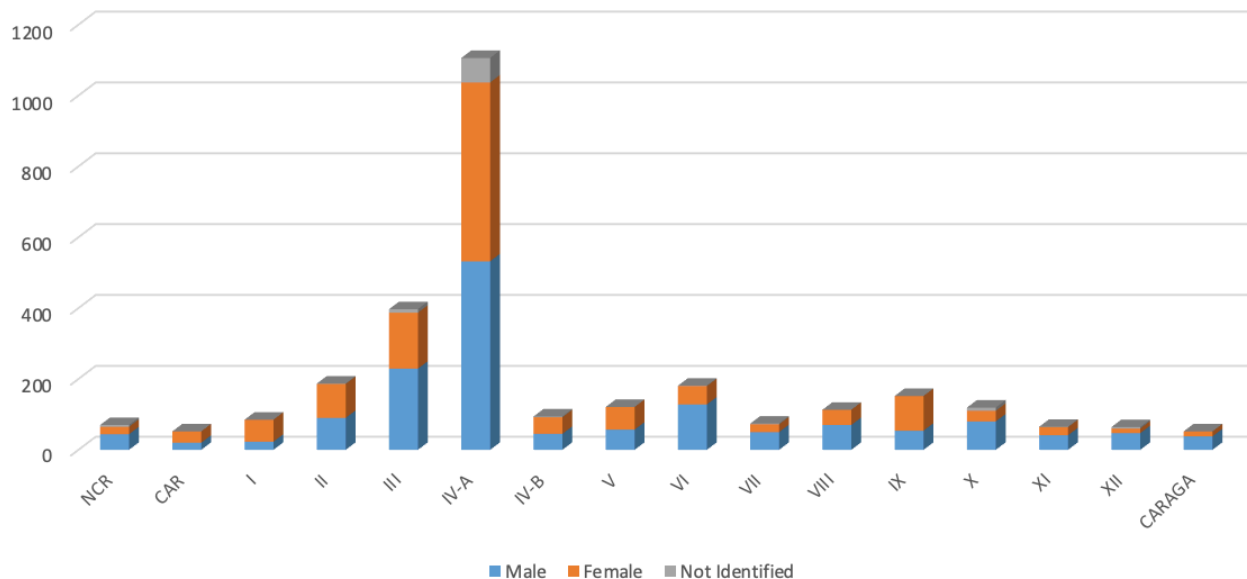
TABLE 2
Breakdown of Disaggregation of Alleged Victims and
Complainants for Investigation
(by Region)

| Regional Office | Male | Female | Not Identified | Total |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| NCR | 44 | 21 | 5 | 70 |
| CAR | 20 | 32 | 0 | 52 |
| I | 23 | 62 | 0 | 85 |
| II | 90 | 96 | 1 | 187 |
| III | 229 | 158 | 10 | 397 |
| IV-A | 532 | 505 | 69 | 1,106 |
| IV-B | 45 | 47 | 2 | 94 |
| V | 57 | 64 | 0 | 121 |
| VI | 128 | 52 | 1 | 181 |
| VII | 50 | 22 | 2 | 74 |
| VIII | 70 | 43 | 0 | 113 |
| IX | 54 | 98 | 0 | 152 |
| X | 80 | 30 | 9 | 119 |
| XI | 41 | 23 | 1 | 65 |
| XII | 47 | 13 | 4 | 64 |
| CARAGA | 38 | 14 | 0 | 52 |
| Total | 1,548 | 1,280 | 104 | 2,932 |

Sex Disaggregation of Alleged Victims and Complainants for Investigation



Sex Disaggregation of Alleged Victims and Complainants for Investigation by Region



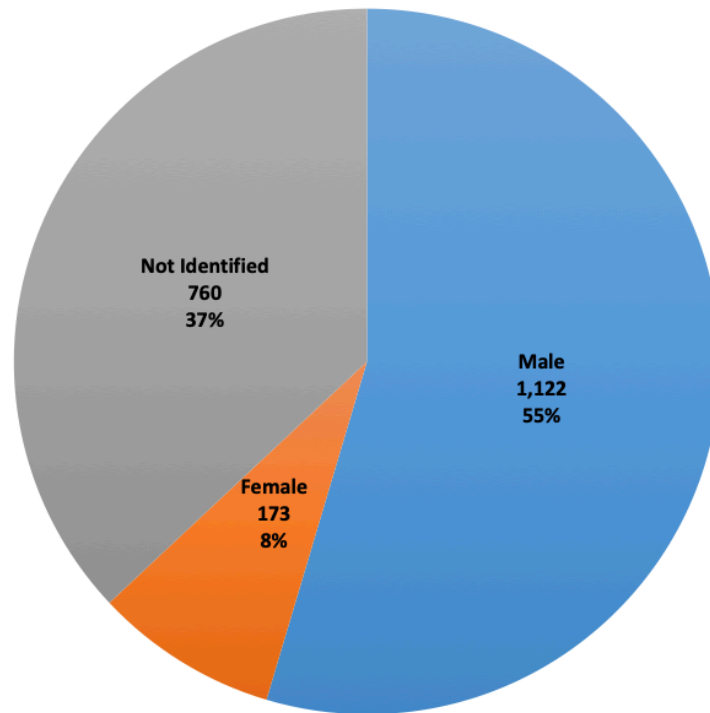
Sex Disaggregation of Alleged Respondents for Investigation

A combined number of 2,055 cases were recorded for alleged respondents for investigation. Out of the entire total, 1,122 were identified as male, 173 were female, and 760 were “not identified” or no record of respondents found in the complaint.

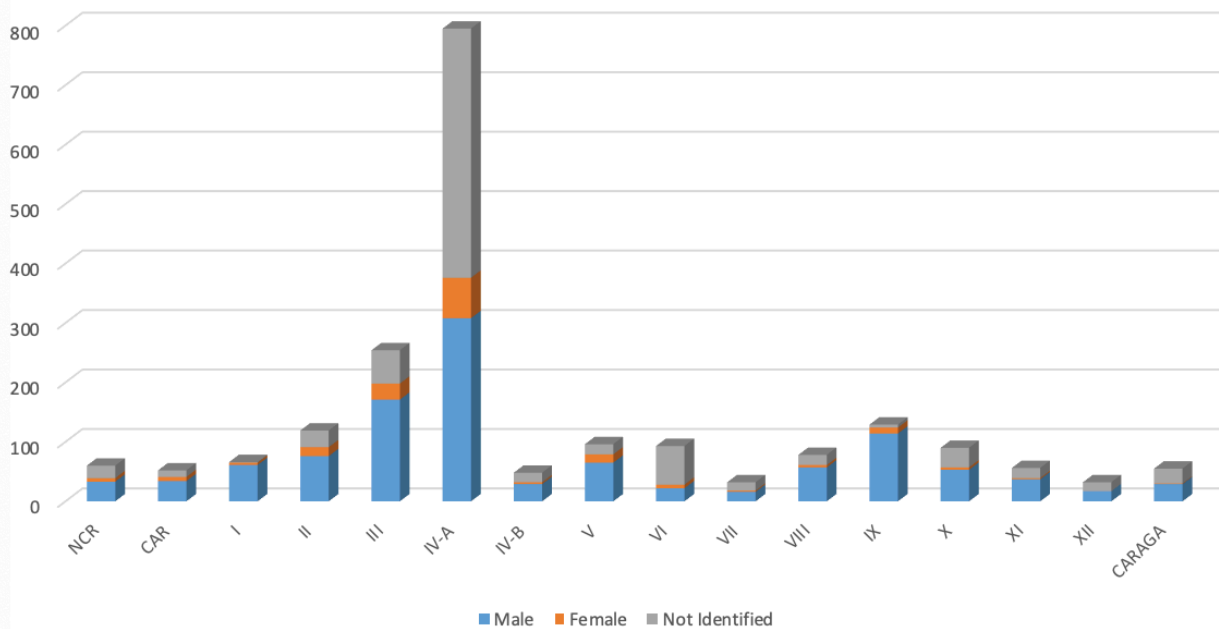
TABLE 3
Breakdown of Sex Disaggregation of Alleged Respondents for Investigation
(by Region)

| Regional Office | Male | Female | Not Identified | Total |
|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------------|--------------|
| NCR | 33 | 6 | 21 | 60 |
| CAR | 34 | 7 | 11 | 52 |
| I | 61 | 4 | 1 | 66 |
| II | 76 | 15 | 28 | 119 |
| III | 171 | 27 | 56 | 254 |
| IV-A | 308 | 68 | 419 | 795 |
| IV-B | 29 | 3 | 16 | 48 |
| V | 65 | 14 | 17 | 96 |
| VI | 22 | 6 | 65 | 93 |
| VII | 16 | 2 | 14 | 32 |
| VIII | 57 | 4 | 17 | 78 |
| IX | 114 | 10 | 5 | 129 |
| X | 53 | 4 | 33 | 90 |
| XI | 37 | 2 | 17 | 56 |
| XII | 17 | 0 | 15 | 32 |
| CARAGA | 29 | 1 | 25 | 55 |
| Total | 1,122 | 173 | 760 | 2,055 |

Sex Disaggregation of Alleged Respondents for Investigation



Sex Disaggregation of Alleged Respondents for Investigation by Region

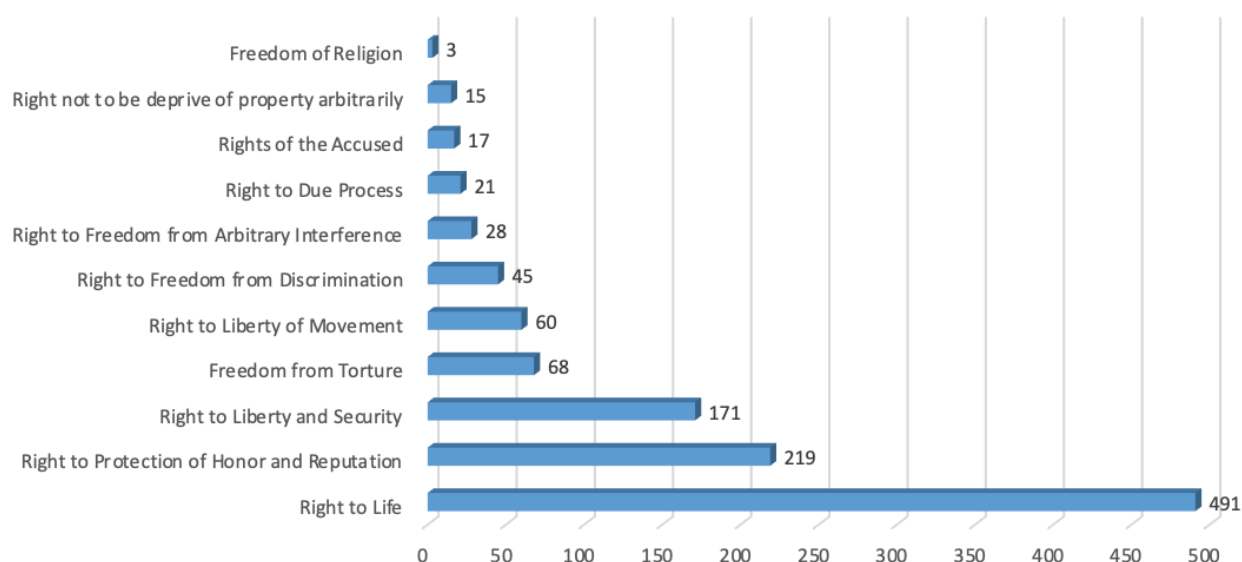


Complaints Evaluated for Investigation by Rights

A. Violation of Civil Rights

The Commission's constant effort to protect the civil rights of the Filipino people is in consonance with our agreement to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR). A total of 1,138 specific civil rights were violated and were assisted by the Commission during January- December 2020. The table below shows that the most violated civil right was the **Right to Life** comprising 43.15% of the total violations.

Number of Violations of Civil Rights

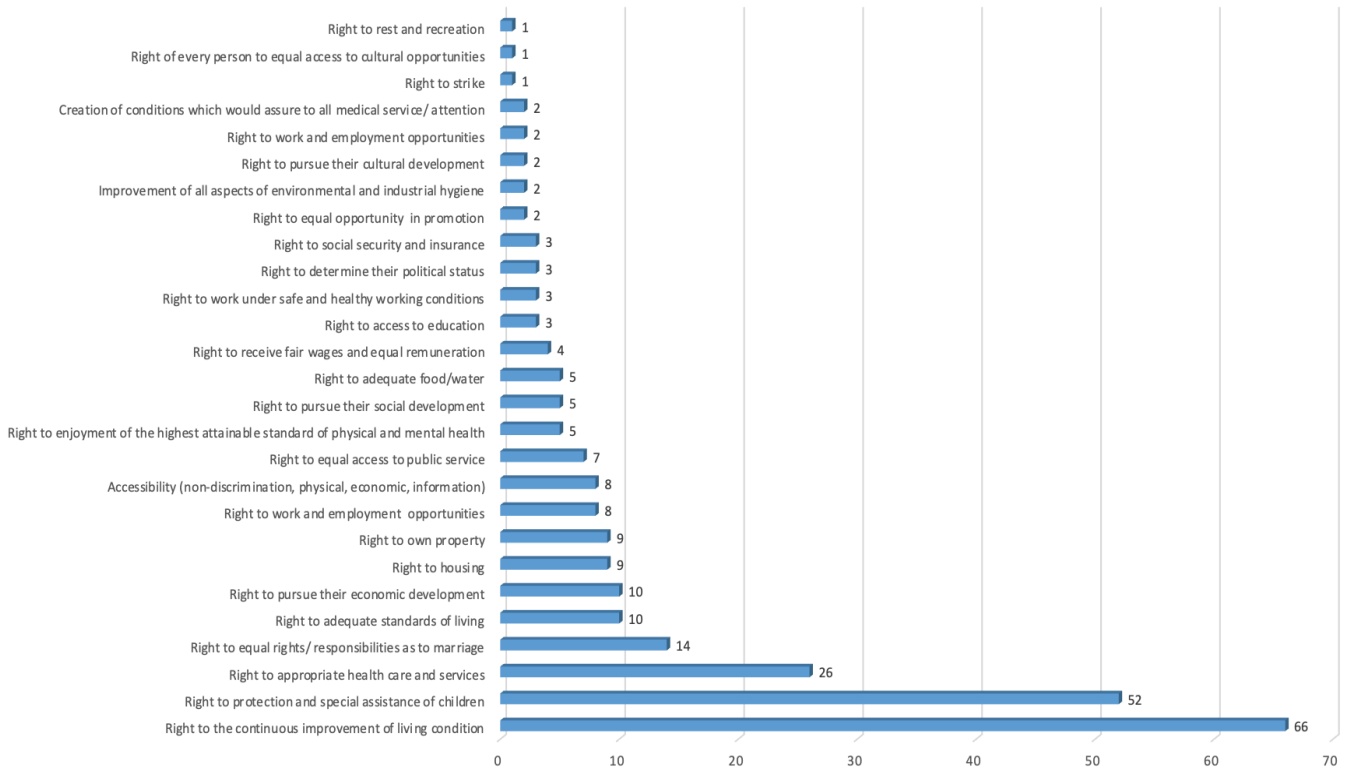


Note: There can be multiple Civil/ESC/Political Right Violations in one case.

B. Violation of Economic-Socio- Cultural Rights

With the commitment to the Convention on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights (CESCR), the Commission provided a total of 263 legal assistance concerning ESCR, 25.09% of which pertain to the **Right to the continuous improvement of living condition**.

Number of Violations of ESCR

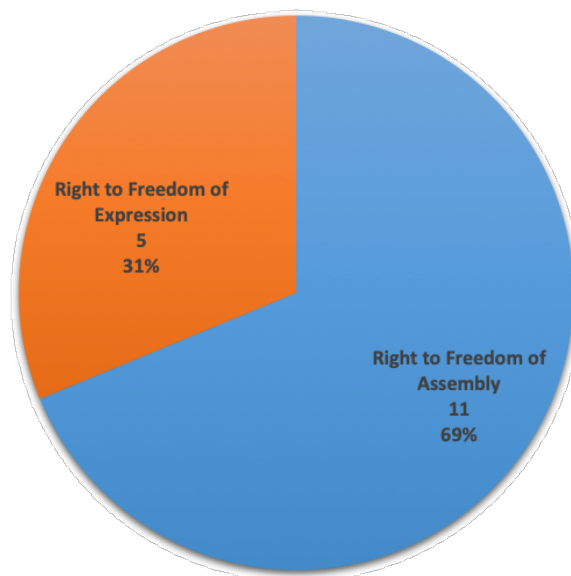


Note: There can be multiple Civil/ESCR/Political Right Violations in one case.

C. Violation of Political Rights

The Commission aided 16 clients related to the violation of political rights. 11 or 69% of the said total were related to the violation of rights to **Freedom of Expression** and the rest were violations of **Right to Freedom of Assembly**.

Figure 1.3
Number of Violations on Political Rights



Extra-Judicial Killings, Enforced Disappearances, and Torture

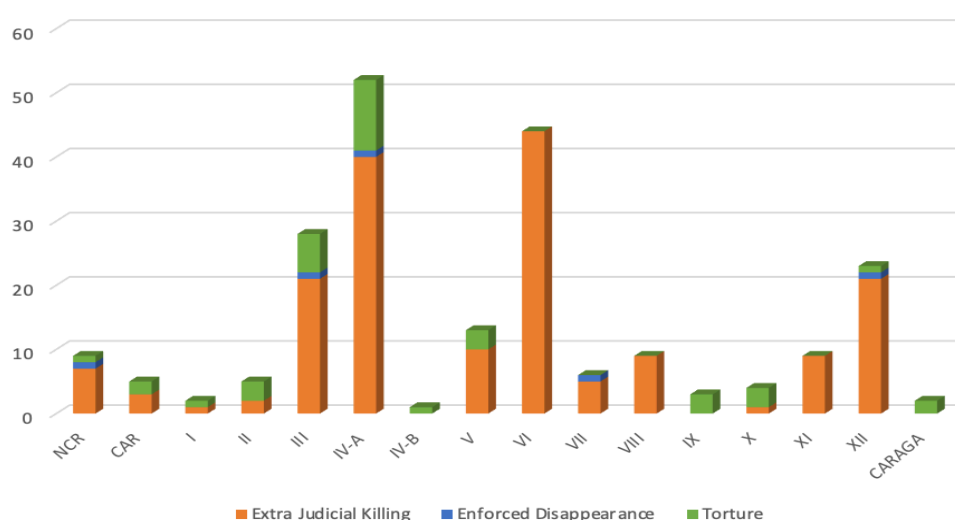
In the Philippines, one of the most recent problem relating to extrajudicial killing has been the controversy concerning the ethical standing of targeted killing. Extra-Judicial Killings also known as EJK, together with Enforced Disappearances (ED), and torture are no longer foreign. It is the CHR's utmost duty to address this problem by bringing all EJK cases to court and ensuring all violators are made accountable and justice.

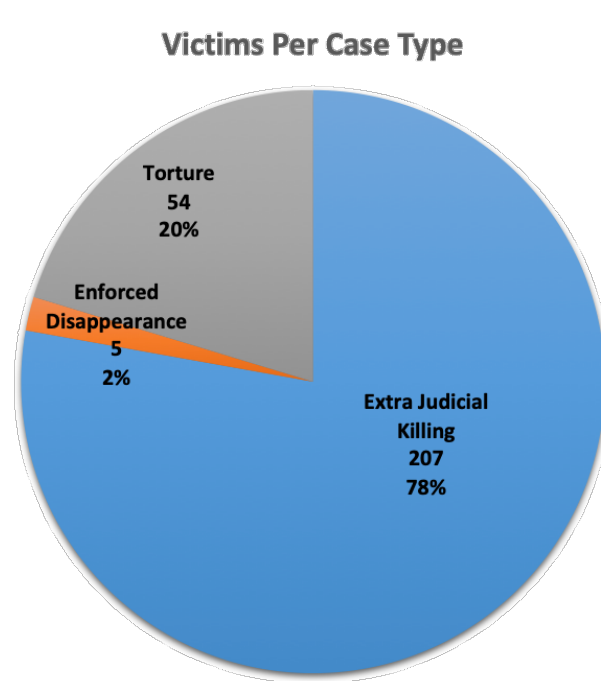
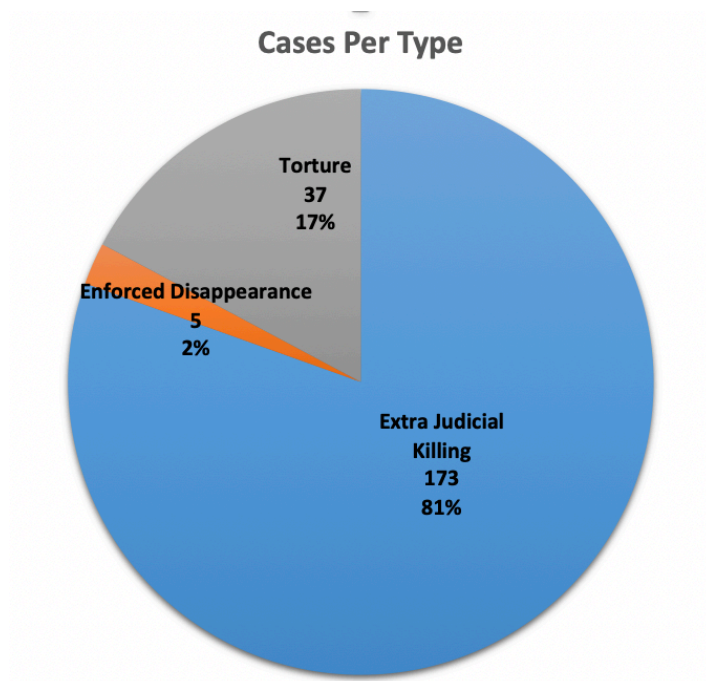
From January to December 2020, the CHR tallied a total number of 173 EJK cases with 207 victims; 5 cases of EDs with five (5) victims; and 37 cases of torture with 54 victims.

TABLE 4
Number of Alleged EJK, ED, and Torture Cases and Victims by Region

| Region | EJK | | ED | | Torture | |
|--------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| | Cases | Victims | Cases | Victims | Cases | Victims |
| NCR | 7 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CAR | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| I | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| II | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 |
| III | 21 | 26 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 15 |
| IV-A | 40 | 48 | 1 | 1 | 11 | 11 |
| IV-B | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| V | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| VI | 44 | 63 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| VII | 5 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| VIII | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| IX | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 7 |
| X | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| XI | 9 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| XII | 21 | 21 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| CARAGA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 173 | 207 | 5 | 5 | 37 | 54 |

Number of Alleged Extra Judicial Killing, Enforced Disappearance and Torture Cases by Region





EJK Drug-Related Cases

With the present administration, Extra-Judicial Killings continue to be rampant since 2016. As such, the CHR initiated an imminent measure to cease the senseless killings by establishing an EJK Task Force dedicated on drug-related issues on May 2016 until present. As of December 31, 2020, a total of **3,273** cases were resolved by the Commission. Though it's still far from the ideal, the said total created a major impact which pushes the administration to suspend the "Operation Tokhang" which denies many innocents lives.

A vast portion of the said total came out from Region IV-A with 701 cases or 21.42%. This is because CALABARZON had the greatest number of EJK cases received.

97.27% (3,737) of the total victims were identified as male, while the rest are female. With regard to the mode of killings, there are 1,893 victims killed in Law Enforcement Operations and 1,379 killed by Unidentified Assailants.

TABLE 4.1
Breakdown of Drug-Related EJK Cases
 (May 10,2016- December 31,2020)

| CHR Office | No. of Cases | No. of Victims | Male Victims | Female Victims | Mode of Killing | |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | | Killed in Law Enforcement Operations | Killed by Unidentified Assailants |
| Investigation Office | 211 | 253 | 236 | 17 | 89 | 122 |
| NCR | 476 | 599 | 583 | 16 | 239 | 237 |
| CAR | 54 | 56 | 54 | 2 | 12 | 42 |
| I | 202 | 208 | 197 | 11 | 27 | 174 |
| II | 85 | 96 | 94 | 2 | 20 | 65 |
| III | 432 | 496 | 495 | 1 | 326 | 106 |
| IV-A | 701 | 802 | 787 | 15 | 592 | 109 |
| IV-B | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 | 7 | 4 |
| V | 91 | 99 | 95 | 4 | 61 | 30 |
| VI | 150 | 172 | 169 | 3 | 60 | 90 |
| VII | 260 | 314 | 302 | 12 | 137 | 123 |
| VIII | 75 | 96 | 91 | 5 | 50 | 25 |
| IX | 57 | 63 | 61 | 2 | 29 | 28 |
| X | 109 | 140 | 137 | 3 | 52 | 57 |
| XI | 136 | 155 | 150 | 5 | 99 | 37 |
| XII | 132 | 180 | 177 | 3 | 62 | 70 |
| CARAGA | 91 | 102 | 98 | 4 | 31 | 60 |
| Total | 3,273 | 3,842 | 3,737 | 105 | 1,893 | 1,379 |

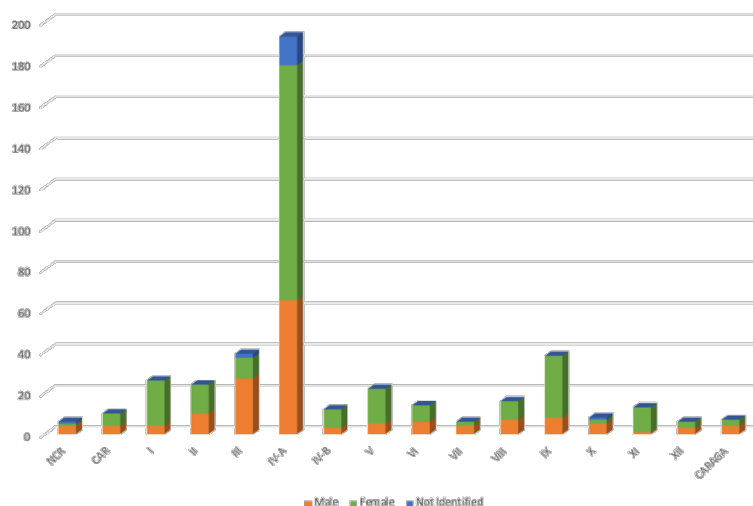
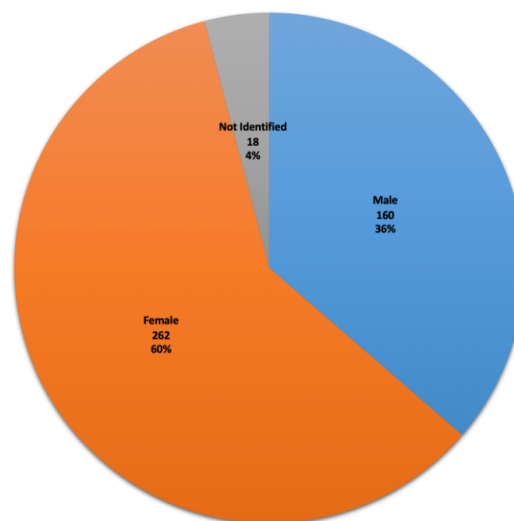
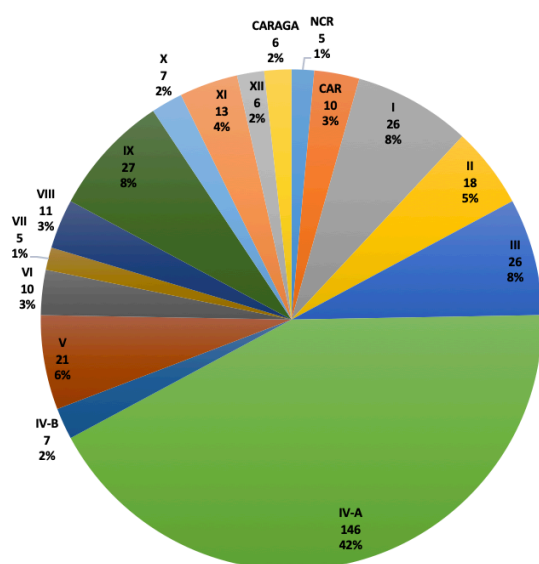
Complaints/ Cases involving Children

Rights of the Child is one of the thematic sectors that the CHR is focusing on. Several protocols are being observed to ensure that the rights of the child are protected, respected, and fulfilled. For January-December 2020, a total of 344 request for Protection Services involving children were received. Of the said number, 160 were male, 262 were female and 18 are not identified which gives a total of 440 victims.

TABLE 5
Breakdown of the Number of Complaints/ Cases Involving Children as Victims by Gender and by Region

| Regional Office | Total RPS* | Number of Child Victims | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|----|-----|-------|
| | | M | F | NI* | Total |
| NCR | 5 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| CAR | 10 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 10 |
| I | 26 | 4 | 22 | 0 | 26 |

| Regional Office | Total RPS* | Number of Child Victims | | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| | | M | F | NI* | Total |
| II | 18 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 24 |
| III | 26 | 27 | 10 | 2 | 39 |
| IV-A | 146 | 65 | 114 | 14 | 193 |
| IV-B | 7 | 3 | 9 | 0 | 12 |
| V | 21 | 5 | 17 | 0 | 22 |
| VI | 10 | 6 | 8 | 0 | 14 |
| VII | 5 | 4 | 2 | 0 | 6 |
| VIII | 11 | 7 | 9 | 0 | 16 |
| IX | 27 | 8 | 30 | 0 | 38 |
| X | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 8 |
| XI | 13 | 1 | 12 | 0 | 13 |
| XII | 6 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| CARAGA | 6 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| Total | 344 | 160 | 262 | 18 | 440 |



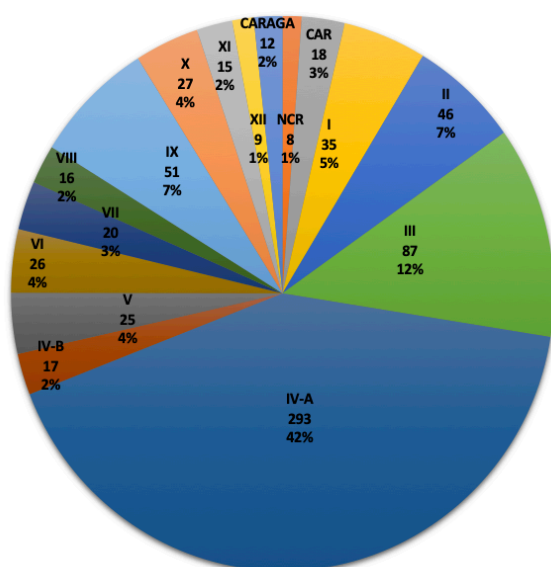
Gender Related Complaints/Cases

As the Gender Ombud of the country, it is the mandate of the CHR to promote Gender Equality and Women Empowerment. In relation to that, a total number of 705 requests for protection services were recognized and accommodated by the CHR with 856 victims. Of the entire victims, eight (10) were male and 846 were female or 98.83% of the said total.

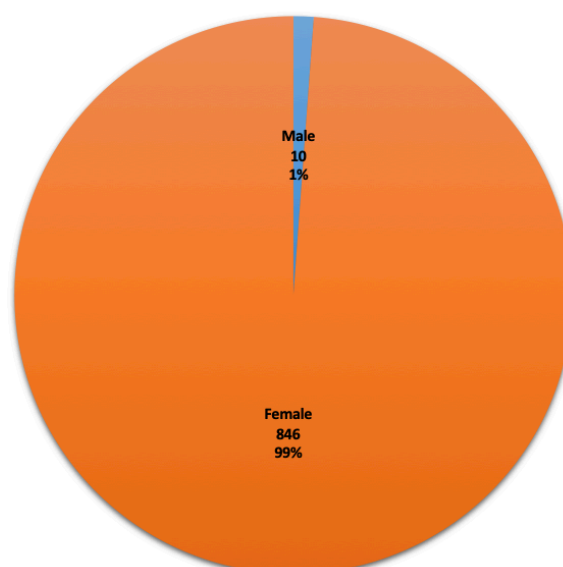
TABLE 6
Regional Breakdown of the Number of Victims of
Gender-Related Complaints/Cases Filed with CHR

| Regional Office | Total RPS | Number of Victims | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------------------|------------|------------|
| | | M | F | Total |
| NC | 8 | 0 | 8 | 8 |
| CAR | 18 | 0 | 19 | 19 |
| I | 35 | 0 | 35 | 35 |
| II | 46 | 0 | 58 | 58 |
| III | 87 | 5 | 93 | 98 |
| IV-A | 293 | 3 | 348 | 351 |
| IV-B | 17 | 0 | 30 | 30 |
| V | 25 | 0 | 26 | 26 |
| VI | 26 | 1 | 45 | 46 |
| VII | 20 | 1 | 20 | 21 |
| VIII | 16 | 0 | 29 | 29 |
| IX | 51 | 0 | 68 | 68 |
| X | 27 | 0 | 29 | 29 |
| XI | 15 | 0 | 15 | 15 |
| XII | 9 | 0 | 10 | 10 |
| CARAGA | 12 | 0 | 13 | 13 |
| Total | 705 | 10 | 846 | 856 |

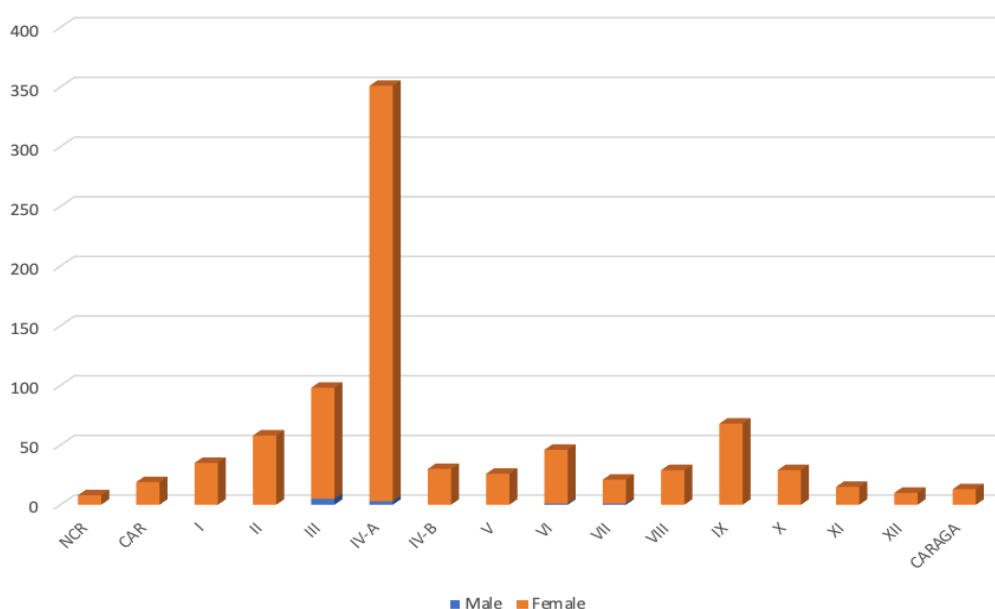
Gender Related Complaints/Cases
Filed with CHR by Region



Number of Victims of Gender Related Complaints/Cases
Filed with CHR by Gender



**Number of Victims of Gender Related Complaints/Cases
Filed with CHR by Region by Gender**



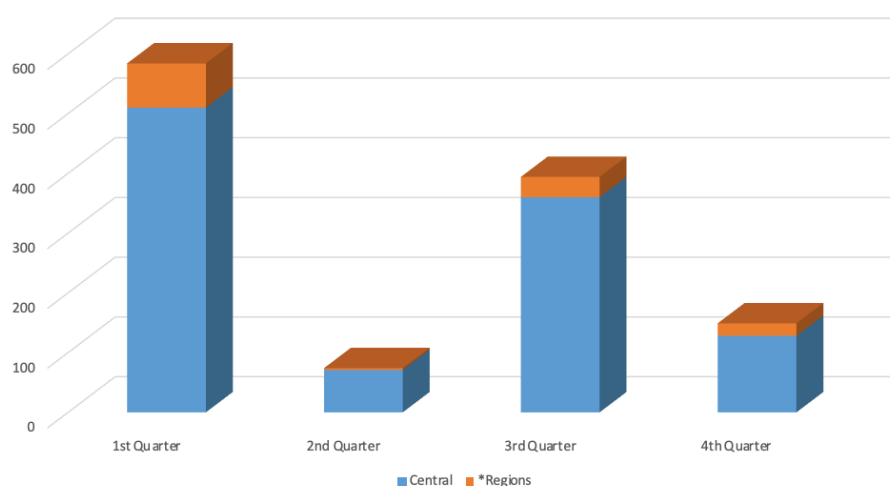
Clearance and Certifications

The CHR issued 1,201 clearances in 2020. 89% percent of these were issued from the Central office and the rest were issued from the regional offices. Close to half (48.3%) of the clearances issued were released in the first quarter.

**TABLE 7.1
Number of CHR Clearance Issued by Quarter**

| CHR Office | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Central | 510 | 71 | 360 | 128 | 1,069 |
| *Regions | 74 | 3 | 34 | 21 | 132 |
| TOTAL | 584 | 74 | 394 | 149 | 1,201 |

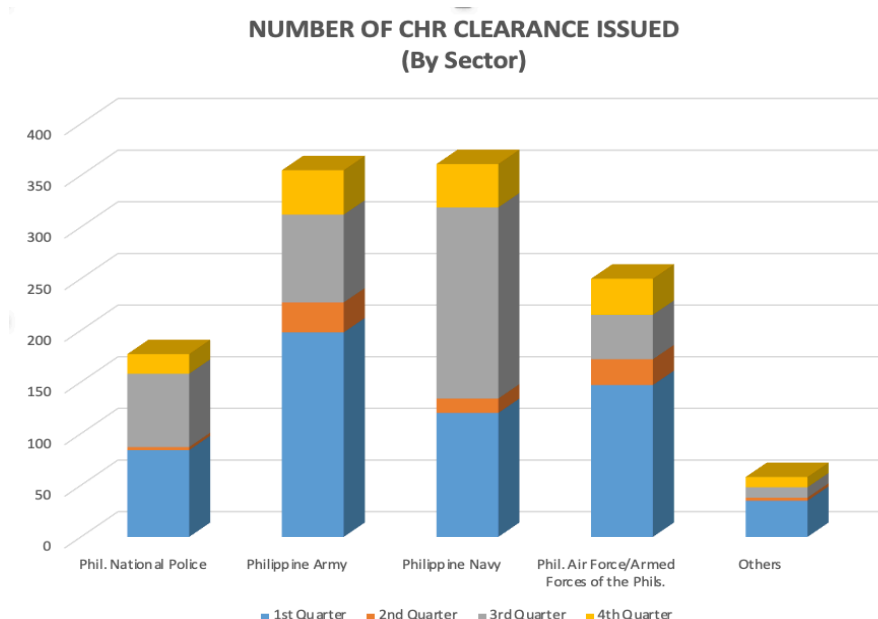
**CHR CLEARANCE ISSUED BY THE CHR (CY 2020)
(By Quarter)**



Of the 1,201 clearances, 29.5% were issued to the Philippine Army, 30% for the Philippine Navy, 20.8% for the Philippine Air Force, 14.7% to the Philippine National Police, and the rest were for other sectors or agencies.

TABLE 7.2
Number of CHR Clearance Issued by Sector

| Sector | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Phil. National Police | 84 | 3 | 71 | 19 | 177 |
| Philippine Army | 198 | 29 | 85 | 43 | 355 |
| Philippine Navy | 120 | 14 | 185 | 42 | 361 |
| Phil. Air Force/Armed Forces of the Phils. | 147 | 25 | 43 | 35 | 250 |
| Others | 35 | 3 | 10 | 10 | 58 |
| TOTAL | 584 | 74 | 394 | 149 | 1,201 |



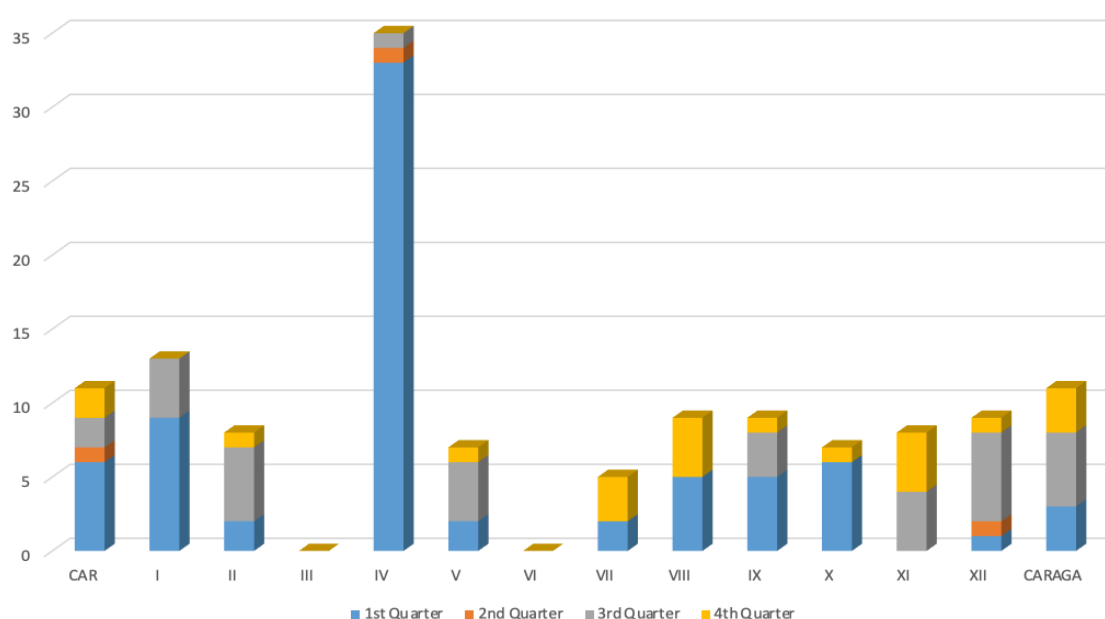
The graph and table below provide the breakdown of Clearances issued from the Regional Offices. 132 Clearances were issued by the Commission from the 16 Regional Offices or 11% of the 1,201 total Clearances issued for 2020.

TABLE 7.3
Number of CHR Clearance Issued Applied Through Regional Offices

| Regional Offices | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| CAR | 6 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 11 |
| I | 9 | - | 4 | - | 13 |
| II | 2 | - | 5 | 1 | 8 |
| III | - | - | - | - | - |

| Regional Offices | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| IV | 33 | 1 | 1 | - | 35 |
| V | 2 | - | 4 | 1 | 7 |
| VI | - | - | - | - | - |
| VII | 2 | - | - | 3 | 5 |
| VIII | 5 | - | - | 4 | 9 |
| IX | 5 | - | 3 | 1 | 9 |
| X | 6 | - | - | 1 | 7 |
| XI | - | - | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| XII | 1 | 1 | 6 | 1 | 9 |
| CARAGA | 3 | - | 5 | 3 | 11 |
| TOTAL | 74 | 3 | 34 | 21 | 132 |

**CHR CLEARANCES ISSUED
APPLIED THROUGH REGIONAL OFFICES**



Records show that the highest request for clearance was for the purpose of Confirmation of Appointment comprising 26.48% of the total.

**TABLE 7.4
Number of CHR Clearance Issued as to Purpose**

| Purpose | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| UN Mission | 30 | 3 | 186 | 67 | 286 |
| Schooling Abroad | 91 | 20 | 28 | 17 | 156 |
| Schooling | 66 | 10 | 69 | 23 | 168 |
| Promotion | 31 | 5 | 73 | 20 | 129 |
| Confirmation | 240 | 34 | 30 | 14 | 318 |
| Nomination | 74 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 80 |
| Optional Retirement | - | - | - | - | - |

| Purpose | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Compulsory Retirement | - | - | - | 1 | 1 |
| Travel Abroad | 35 | - | 1 | - | 36 |
| Others | 17 | - | 5 | 5 | 27 |
| TOTAL | 584 | 74 | 394 | 149 | 1,201 |

NUMBER OF CLEARANCE ISSUED AND ITS PURPOSE

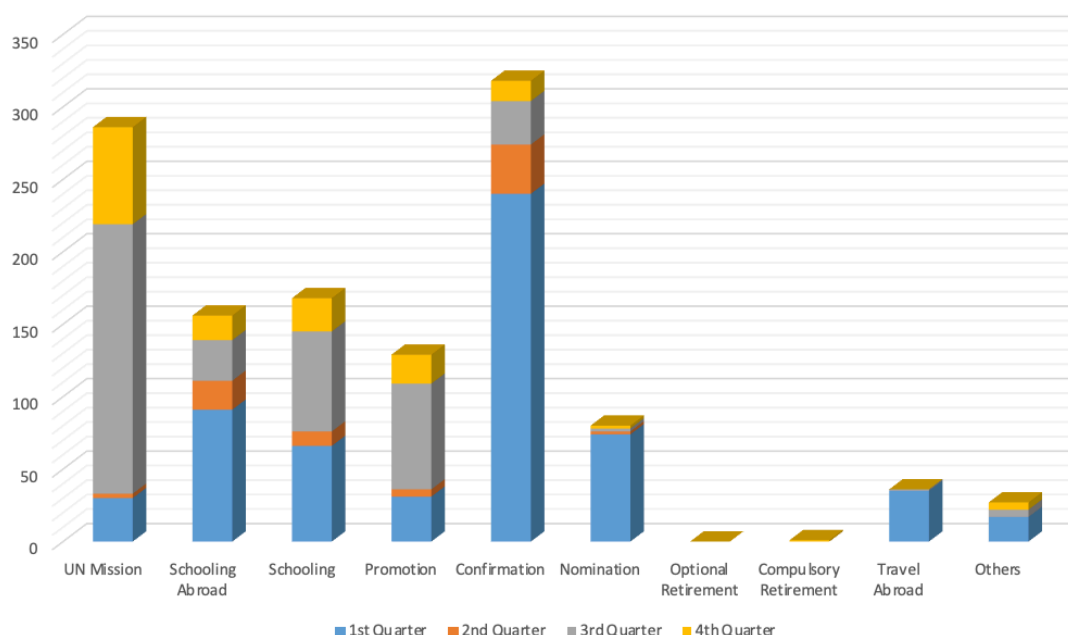
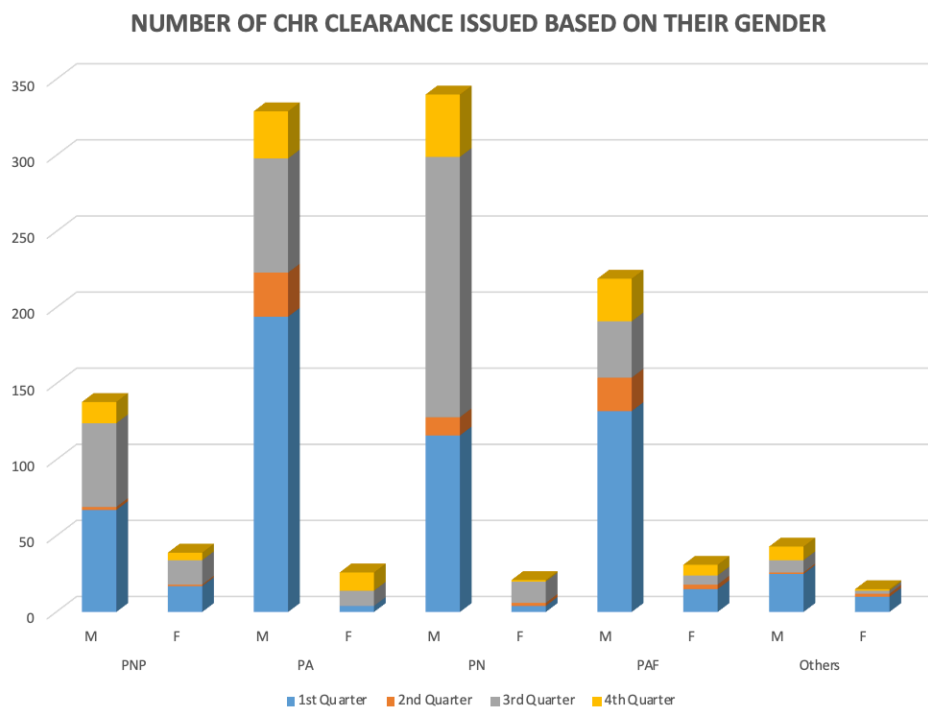


TABLE 7.5
Number of CHR Clearance Issued Based on Gender

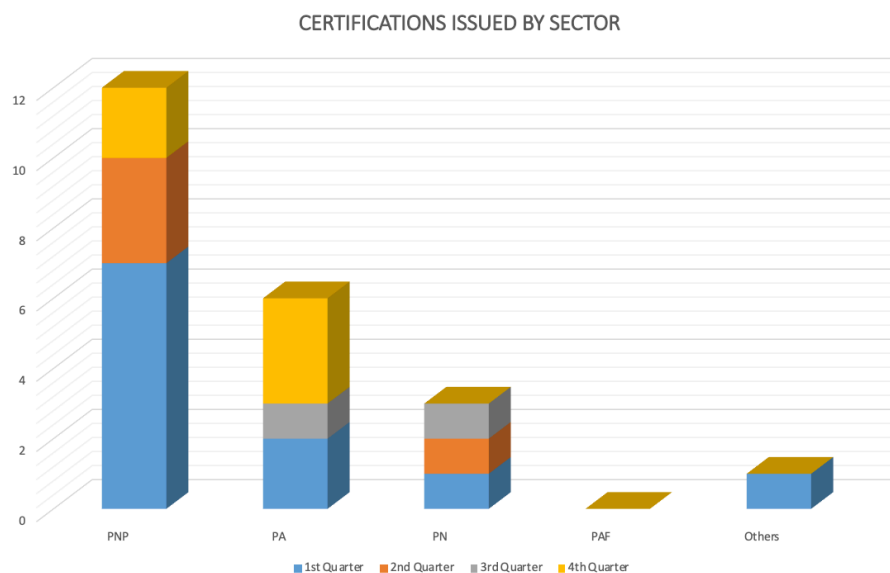
| Sector | | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| PNP | M | 67 | 2 | 55 | 14 | 124 |
| | F | 17 | 1 | 16 | 5 | 34 |
| PA | M | 194 | 29 | 75 | 31 | 298 |
| | F | 4 | - | 10 | 12 | 14 |
| PN | M | 116 | 12 | 171 | 41 | 299 |
| | F | 4 | 2 | 14 | 1 | 20 |
| PAF | M | 132 | 22 | 37 | 28 | 191 |
| | F | 15 | 3 | 6 | 7 | 24 |
| Others | M | 25 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 34 |
| | F | 10 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 14 |
| Total | M | 534 | 66 | 346 | 123 | 946 |
| | F | 50 | 8 | 48 | 26 | 106 |
| Over-all Total | | 584 | 74 | 394 | 149 | 1,052 |



For the year 2020, the Commission issued 22 certifications, half of which were issued to the Philippine National Police (PNP).

TABLE 8.1
Certifications Issued by Sector

| Sector | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| PNP | 7 | 3 | - | 2 | 12 |
| PA | 2 | - | 1 | 3 | 6 |
| PN | 1 | 1 | 1 | - | 3 |
| PAF | - | - | - | - | - |
| Others | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 22 |



The same with the clearances issued, the highest number of requests for certification was for the purpose of Confirmation of Appointment.

TABLE 8.2
Number of Certifications Issued as to Purpose

| Purpose | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| UN Mission | - | - | - | - | - |
| Schooling Abroad | 2 | - | - | - | 2 |
| Schooling | 2 | - | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Promotion | 2 | 1 | - | 2 | 5 |
| Confirmation | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 7 |
| Nomination | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Optional Retirement | - | - | - | - | - |
| Compulsory Retirement | - | - | - | - | - |
| Travel Abroad | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Others | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 22 |

NUMBER OF CERTIFICATIONS ISSUED AND ITS PURPOSE

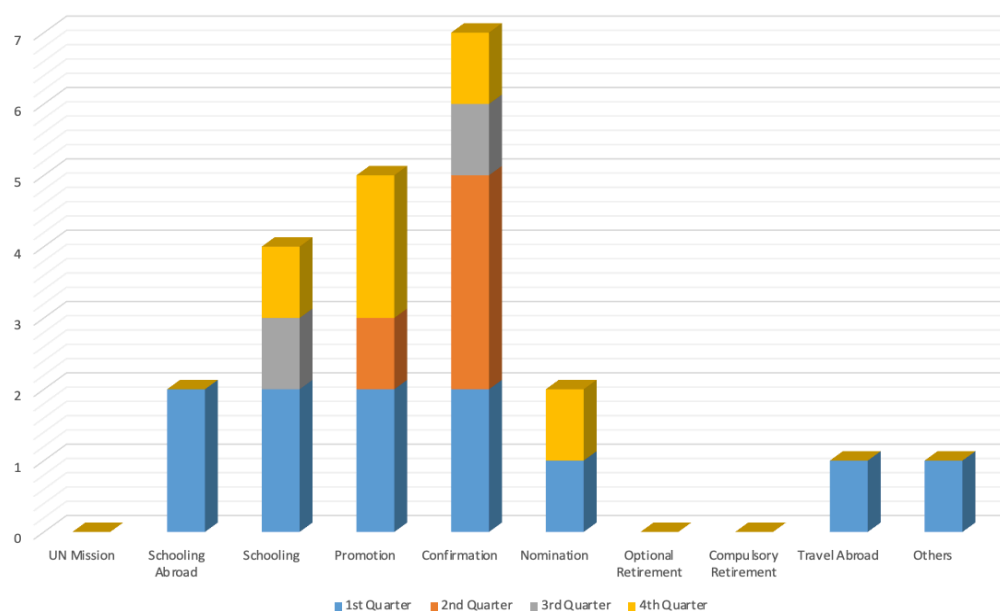


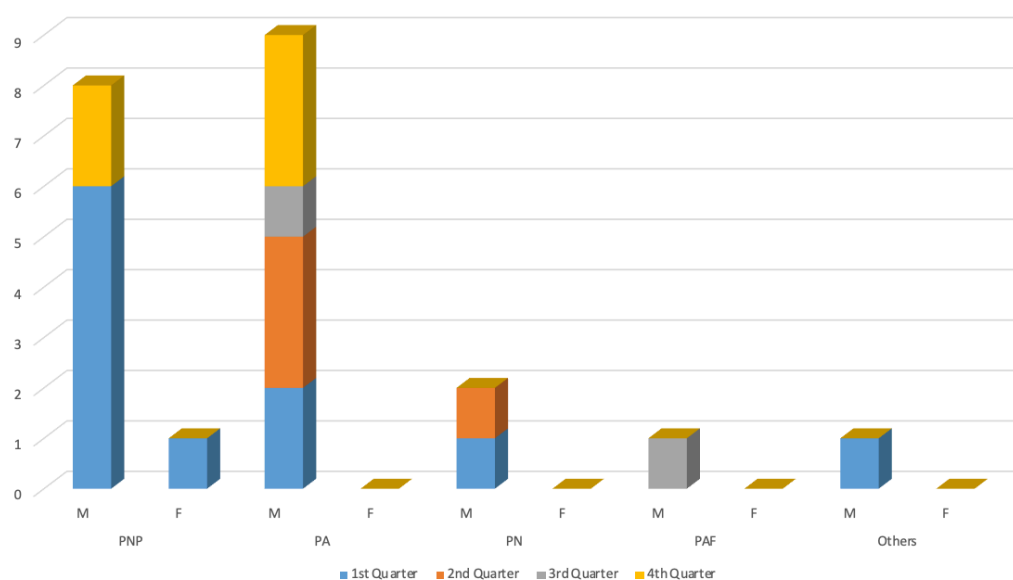
TABLE 8.3
Number of Certifications Issued based on Gender

21 or 95.45% of the Certifications issued were requested by males.

| Sector/Gender | | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|---------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| PNP | M | 6 | - | - | 2 | 8 |
| | F | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| PA | M | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 9 |

| Sector/Gender | | 1st Quarter | 2nd Quarter | 3rd Quarter | 4th Quarter | TOTAL |
|----------------|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------|
| PN | F | - | - | - | - | - |
| | M | 1 | 1 | - | - | 2 |
| | F | - | - | - | - | - |
| PAF | M | - | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| | F | - | - | - | - | - |
| Others | M | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| | F | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | M | 10 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 21 |
| | F | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| Over-all Total | | 11 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 22 |

NUMBER OF CHR CLEARANCE ISSUED BASED ON THEIR GENDER



Resolved Cases

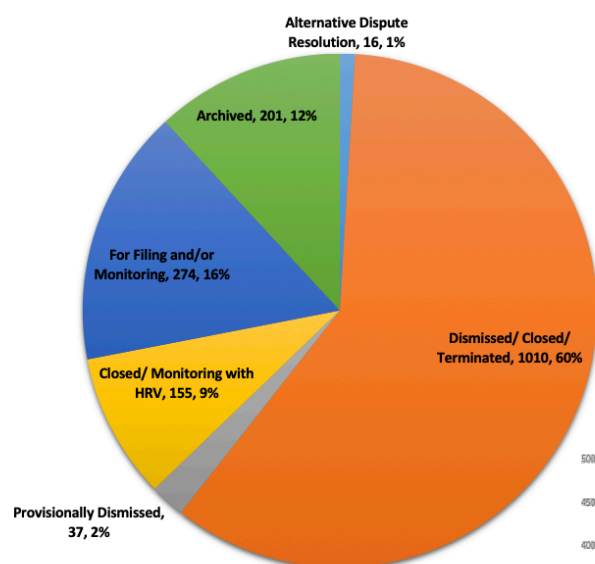
For 2020, the Commission resolved a total of 1,465 cases. Of these 919 or 62.73%, which is a fairly large portion of the total, were dismissed/closed/terminated.

TABLE 9
Number of Resolved Cases

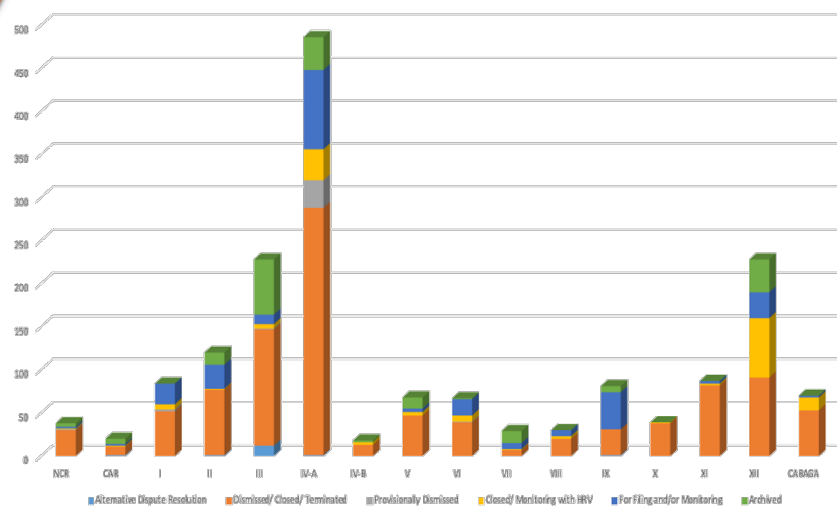
| Region | Alternative Dispute Resolution | Dismissed/ Closed/ Terminated | Provisionally Dismissed | Closed/ Monitoring with HRV | For Filing and/or Monitoring | Archived | Total |
|--------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------|
| NCR | 0 | 30 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 38 |
| CAR | 1 | 10 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 20 |
| I | 0 | 52 | 2 | 6 | 24 | 0 | 84 |
| II | 1 | 76 | 0 | 1 | 28 | 14 | 120 |

| Region | Alternative Dispute Resolution | Dismissed/ Closed/ Terminated | Provisionally Dismissed | Closed/ Monitoring with HRV | For Filing and/or Monitoring | Archived | Total |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|------------|--------------|
| III | 12 | 135 | 1 | 5 | 11 | 64 | 228 |
| IV-A | 1 | 287 | 32 | 36 | 92 | 38 | 486 |
| IV-B | 0 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 18 |
| V | 0 | 47 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 13 | 68 |
| VI | 0 | 39 | 1 | 7 | 19 | 1 | 67 |
| VII | 0 | 7 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 14 | 29 |
| VIII | 0 | 20 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 0 | 30 |
| IX | 1 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 43 | 7 | 81 |
| X | 0 | 38 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| XI | 0 | 82 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 87 |
| XII | 0 | 91 | 0 | 69 | 30 | 38 | 228 |
| CARAGA | 0 | 53 | 0 | 15 | 2 | 0 | 70 |
| Total | 16 | 1,010 | 37 | 155 | 274 | 201 | 1,693 |

RESOLVED CASES



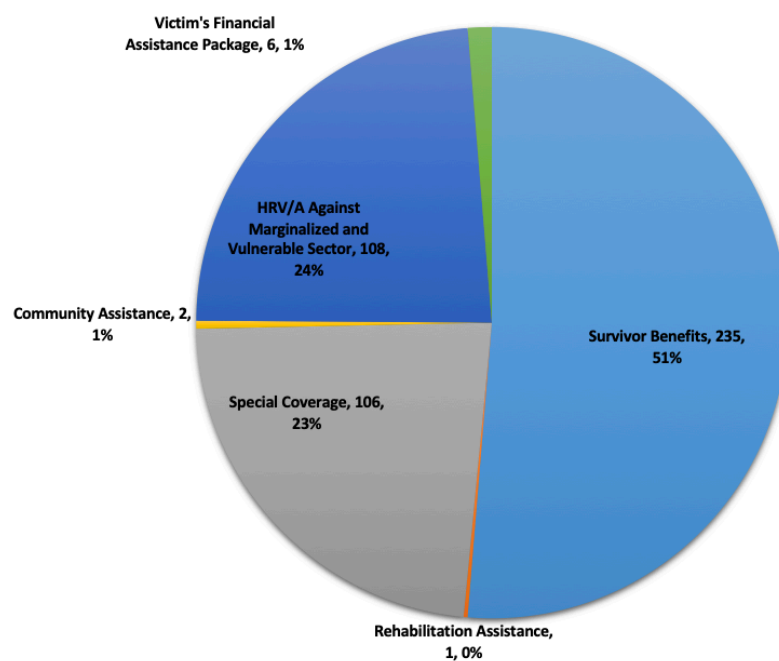
RESOLVED CASES BY REGION



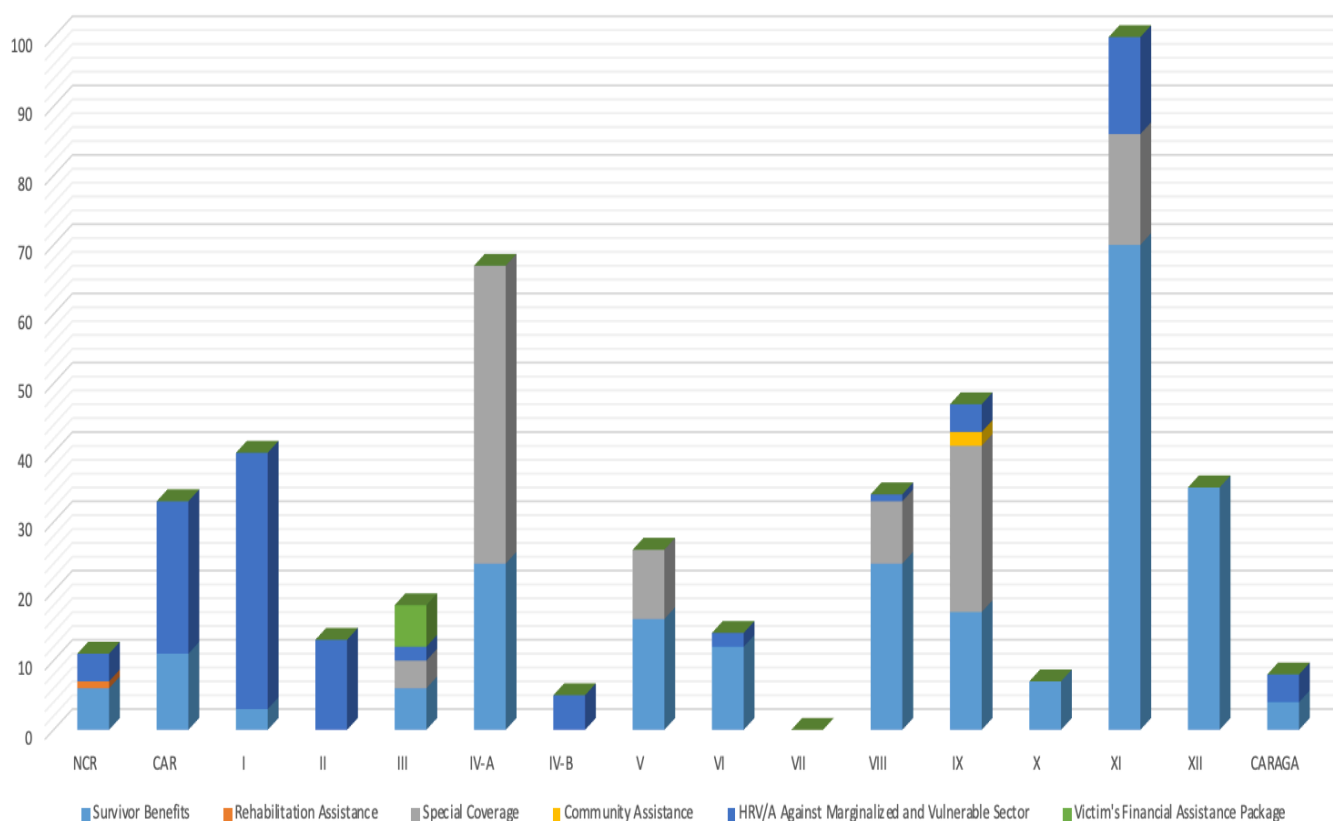
Financial Assistance

Financial Assistance (FA) was granted to 458 beneficiaries nationwide. Region XI provided assistance to the highest number of beneficiaries: 100. As to the type of assistance, 51% were for Survivor Benefits.

FA Beneficiaries



FA Beneficiaries By Regions



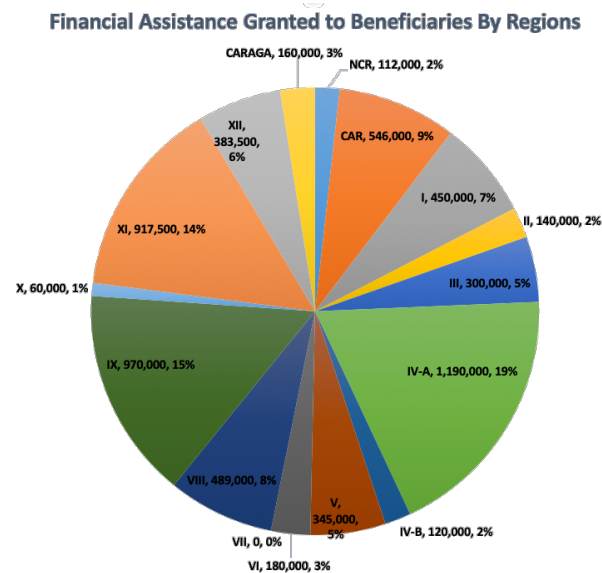
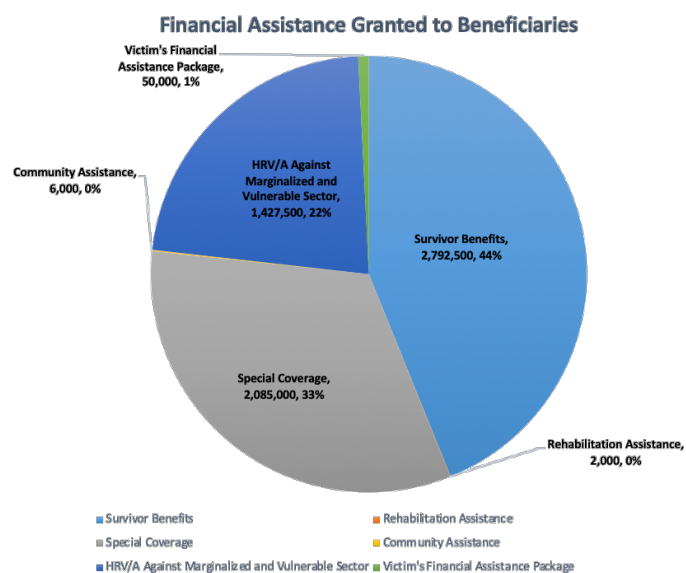
The total amount of FA granted reached PhP6,363,000. Of this amount, 43.9% went to Survivor Benefits.

TABLE 10.1
Number of FA Beneficiaries

| Region | Survivor Benefits | Rehabilitation Assistance | Special Coverage | Community Assistance | HRV/A Against Marginalized and Vulnerable Sector | Victim's Financial Assistance Package | Total |
|---------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------|
| NCR | 6 | 1 | - | - | 4 | - | 11 |
| CAR | 11 | - | - | - | 22 | - | 33 |
| I | 3 | - | - | - | 37 | - | 40 |
| II | - | - | - | - | 13 | - | 13 |
| III | 6 | - | 4 | - | 2 | 6 | 18 |
| IV-A | 24 | - | 43 | - | - | - | 67 |
| IV-B | - | - | - | - | 5 | - | 5 |
| V | 16 | - | 10 | - | - | - | 26 |
| VI | 12 | - | - | - | 2 | - | 14 |
| VII | - | - | - | - | - | - | 0 |
| VIII | 24 | - | 9 | - | 1 | - | 34 |
| IX | 17 | - | 24 | 2 | 4 | - | 47 |
| X | 7 | - | - | - | - | - | 7 |
| XI | 70 | - | 16 | - | 14 | - | 100 |
| XII | 35 | - | - | | - | - | 35 |
| CARAGA | 4 | - | - | - | 4 | - | 8 |
| Total | 235 | 1 | 106 | 2 | 108 | 6 | 458 |

TABLE 10.2
Amount of Financial Assistance Granted to Beneficiaries

| Region | Survivor Benefits | Rehabilitation Assistance | Special Coverage | Community Assistance | HRV/A Against Marginalized and Vulnerable Sector | Victim's Financial Assistance Package | Total |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| NCR | 70,000 | 2,000 | - | - | 40,000 | - | 112,000 |
| CAR | 180,000 | - | - | - | 366,000 | - | 546,000 |
| I | 60,000 | - | - | - | 390,000 | - | 450,000 |
| II | - | - | - | - | 140,000 | - | 140,000 |
| III | 100,000 | - | 120,000 | - | 30,000 | 50,000 | 300,000 |
| IV-A | 280,000 | - | 910,000 | - | - | - | 1,190,000 |
| IV-B | - | - | - | - | 120,000 | - | 120,000 |
| V | 200,000 | - | 145,000 | - | - | - | 345,000 |
| VI | 160,000 | - | - | - | 20,000 | - | 180,000 |
| VII | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| VIII | 349,000 | - | 130,000 | - | 10,000 | - | 489,000 |
| IX | 330,000 | - | 580,000 | 6,000 | 54,000 | - | 970,000 |
| X | 60,000 | - | - | - | - | - | 60,000 |
| XI | 560,000 | - | 200,000 | - | 157,500 | - | 917,500 |
| XII | 383,500 | - | - | - | -- | - | 383,500 |
| CARAGA | 60,000 | - | - | - | 100,000 | - | 160,000 |
| Total | 2,792,500 | 2,000 | 2,085,000 | 6,000 | 1,427,500 | 50,000 | 6,363,000 |



Forensic services

For 2020, a total of 29 Forensic Services were conducted by the Commission through the Forensic Division. Forensic Services consist of Medical Examinations, Exhumations, Autopsy Reports.

Tanggol Karapatan and Covid-Related PAPs

During the 2020 pandemic, it is worthy to mention that considering the environment, the task, the threat, resources available, such as personal protective equipment, and the feasibility of protective measures, the CHR never backed down to commit its mandate. The Tanggol Karapatan or E-lawyering initiative of the Commission covered the CHR Central's and Regional Offices, beginning March 2020 until present. 1,980 Covid-Related Complaints were assisted by the Commission of which Arrest/Detention being the top complaint with 228. Assistance rendered by the CHR were in the form of email correspondence, and hotline

| Case | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Total Case Per Month | 103 | 277 | 195 | 243 | 244 | 207 | 251 | 187 | 140 | 133 | 1980 |

| Case | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|--|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Provision of Government Assistance (Relief, DOLE and SAP) | 6 | 86 | 39 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 154 |
| Quarantine Pass, Gate Pass | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 6 |
| Stranded Persons | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| Violation to Privacy | - | - | | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Discrimination against Frontliners | 3 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 |

| Case | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Request for Financial Assistance/ Assistance Hospital Bill | 1 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 25 |
| Torture or Cruel, Inhuman, Degrading Treatment or Punishment | 17 | 86 | 35 | 17 | 10 | 5 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 186 |
| ABUSE OF AUTHORITY | - | -- | | 20 | 16 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 58 |
| Arrest/Detention | 11 | 37 | 29 | 30 | 36 | 15 | 26 | 30 | 6 | 8 | 228 |
| Threat Attack/Suppression of Freedom of Expression | 2 | 3 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 3 | 11 | 5 | 45 |
| MINOR VICTIM /CHILD PORNOGRAPHY/ Abuse/ PEDOPHILIA | - | - | 6 | 17 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 7 | 17 | 20 | 95 |
| DRUG related (DURING COVID) | - | - | 3 | 4 | 6 | 10 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 31 |
| RED TAGGING (DURING COVID) | - | - | 11 | 5 | 7 | 5 | 6 | 4 | 8 | 10 | 56 |
| PDL/INHUMANE TREATMENT/ DEATH OF PDL's in PRISON | - | - | | | 6 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 7 | 4 | 41 |
| Discrimination | - | 1 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 22 |
| KILLINGS/ Arbitrary Deprivation of Life | 19 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 18 | 28 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 114 |
| Legal Assistance/Advice/ Counselling | 0 | 2 | 8 | 33 | 25 | 11 | 23 | 11 | 10 | 13 | 136 |
| Minor victims | 3 | 12 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 15 |

| Case | March | April | May | June | July | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | Total |
|--|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| Harassment | - | 4 | 7 | 26 | 10 | 19 | 23 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 109 |
| RESOLUTION NO. 1 OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES SECTORAL COUNCIL | - | - | - | - | 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| HRVCB | - | - | - | - | - | 0 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 8 | 25 |
| Internal Memo/ Memo for compliance | - | - | - | - | - | 7 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 8 | 35 |
| FF up Memo | - | - | - | - | - | 32 | 24 | 26 | 14 | 9 | 105 |
| Others (Please indicate in remarks) | 27 | 22 | 31 | 49 | 56 | 47 | 52 | 40 | 22 | 22 | 368 |
| TOTAL | 103 | 277 | 195 | 243 | 244 | 207 | 251 | 187 | 140 | 133 | 1,980 |

E-Gender Ombud

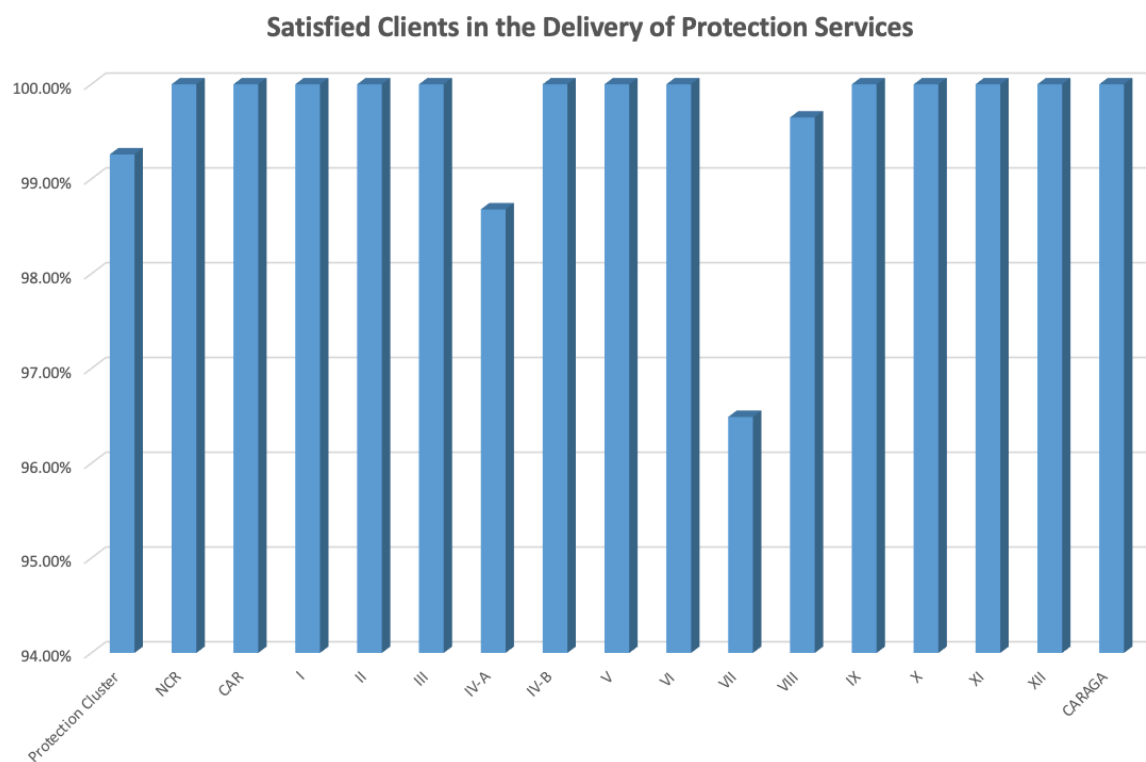
As the country's Gender Ombud, Gender-Based Violence (GBV) Portal were created to address GBV be it international, national or regional. Online Reporting can be found in <https://www.gbvcovid.report>. The report was well disaggregated from the number of "victims-survivors" sector and age group, as well as the accused/perpetrators sector, relationship to the victims, and violation committed. The GBV portal has recorded a total of **157** cases, both domestic and international.

Client Satisfaction on Protection Services

For the year 2020, the Commission assisted 3,529 clients who filled out the Customer Feedback Form (CFF). Of these clients, 99.74% rated the services they received from the CHR as Satisfactory. The CFF for protection services consists of feedback in Human Rights Violation, Legal Assistance, Jail Visitations and Issuance of Clearance.

TABLE 11
Number of Satisfied Clients in the Delivery of Protection Services

| Regional Offices | Total Number of CFFs for protection services | Total Number of satisfied clients in the delivery of protection services | % Accom. |
|--------------------|--|--|---------------|
| Protection Cluster | 270 | 268 | 99.26% |
| NCR | 142 | 142 | 100% |
| CAR | 143 | 143 | 100% |
| I | 131 | 131 | 100% |
| II | 319 | 319 | 100% |
| III | 147 | 147 | 100% |
| IV-A | 151 | 149 | 98.68% |
| IV-B | 181 | 181 | 100% |
| V | 183 | 183 | 100% |
| VI | 167 | 167 | 100% |
| VII | 114 | 110 | 96.49% |
| VIII | 284 | 283 | 99.65% |
| IX | 428 | 428 | 100% |
| X | 315 | 315 | 100% |
| XI | 260 | 260 | 100% |
| XII | 117 | 117 | 100% |
| CARAGA | 177 | 177 | 100% |
| Total | 3,529 | 3,520 | 99.74% |





ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS PREVENTION SERVICES

The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) explicitly provides that all persons deprived of liberty shall be treated with humanity and with respect for the inherent dignity of the human person. As such, under the 1987 Constitution, the Commission on Human Rights (CHR) is mandated to exercise visitorial powers over jails, prisons, or detention facilities¹ to monitor the human rights situation of PDLs.

The same visitorial powers are also found in the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act (RA) No. 9745, or the Anti-Torture Act of 2009, and RA No. 10353, or the Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act of 2012, as well as its IRR, which essentially states that the CHR, or any of its duly authorized representatives, can exercise such powers at any time, over jails, prisons, detention facilities, or any other place of detention (POD), in an unrestricted, independent, and unannounced manner.

Number of Jail Visitations

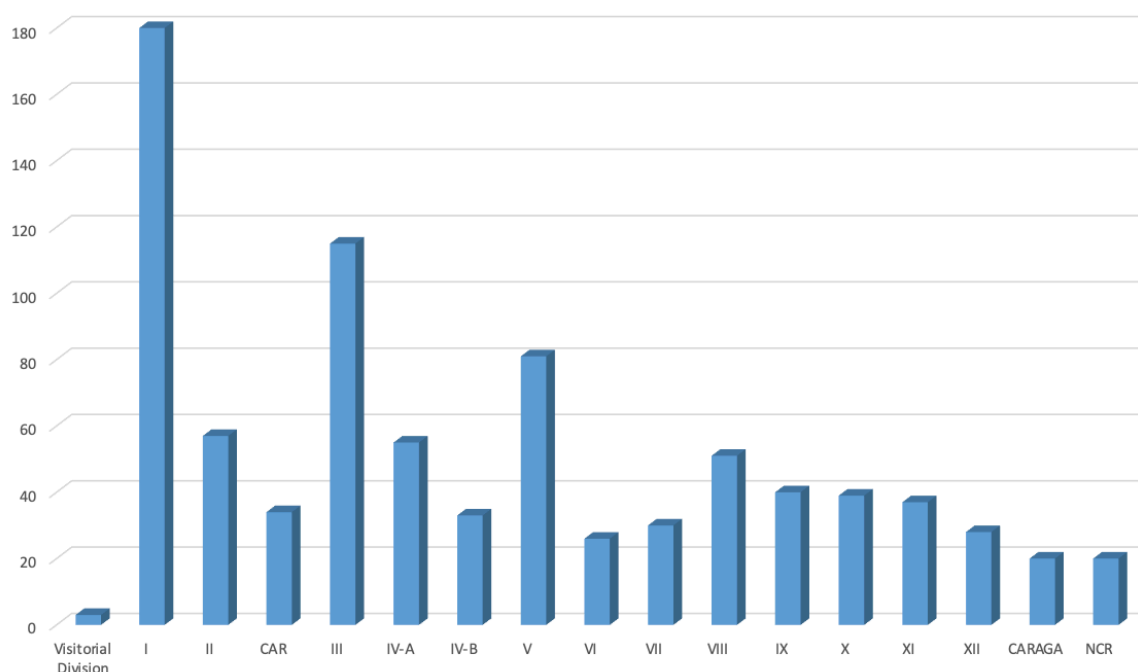
For 2020, the CHR conducted a total of 849 Jail Visitations. The visitations conducted were a combination of face-to-face visits, virtual visits (via Zoom, Facebook Messenger, Skype, etc.), mobile/landline phone conversations, and/or emailed responses from PODs.

TABLE 12
Breakdown of Number of Jails Visitation
(per Region)

| Regional Office | Number of Visits Conducted |
|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Visitorial Division | 3 |
| I | 180 |
| II | 57 |
| CAR | 34 |
| III | 115 |
| IV-A | 55 |
| IV-B | 33 |
| V | 81 |
| VI | 26 |
| VII | 30 |
| VIII | 51 |
| IX | 40 |
| X | 39 |
| XI | 37 |
| XII | 28 |
| CARAGA | 20 |
| NCR | 20 |
| Total | 849 |

¹ PHIL. CONST. art. XIII, § 18 (4).

Number of Visits Conducted By Region



Number of PDLs Assisted

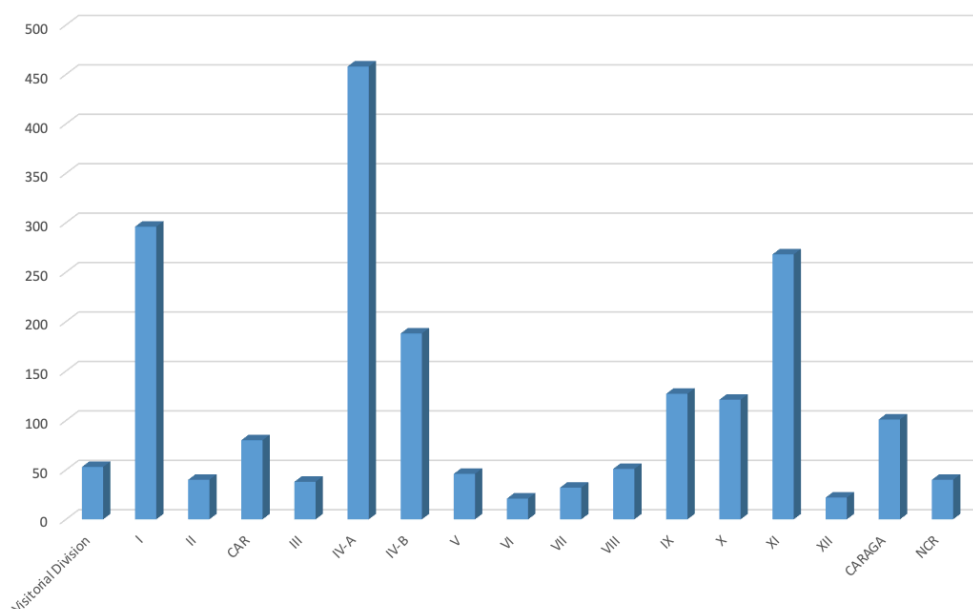
Assistance provided to persons deprived of liberty (PDL) consisted of legal advice, psycho-social services, case follow-ups, family communications, and correspondence with the concerned government agencies, among others. There was a total of 1,982 individuals assisted by the Commission for the year 2020. It is worthy to mention that Region IV-A provided assistance to the highest number of PDLs accounting for 23.11% of the said total.

TABLE 13
Regional Breakdown of Number of PDLs Assisted

| Regional Office | Number of PDLs Assisted |
|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Visitorial Division | 53 |
| I | 296 |
| II | 40 |
| CAR | 80 |
| III | 38 |
| IV-A | 458 |
| IV-B | 188 |
| V | 46 |
| VI | 21 |
| VII | 32 |
| VIII | 51 |
| IX | 127 |
| X | 121 |
| XI | 268 |

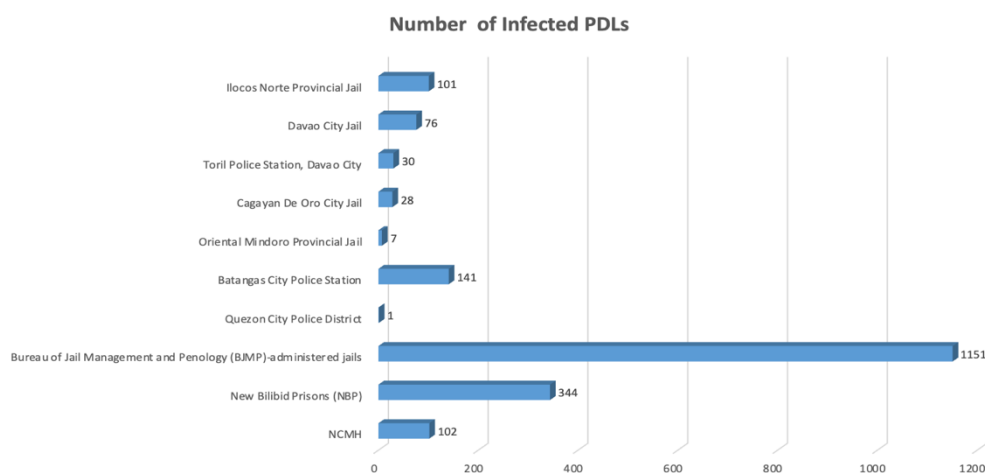
| Regional Office | Number of PDLs Assisted |
|-----------------|-------------------------|
| XII | 22 |
| CARAGA | 101 |
| NCR | 40 |
| Total | 1,982 |

Number of PDLs Assisted By Region



Monitoring of Infected PDLs

Aside from visiting PODs and Assistance of PDLs, the CHR has initiated the monitoring of PDLs infected with Covid 19. As of December 2020, 1,981 PDLs were tested positive of Covid -19 spread in different detention facilities in the country. 1,151 of the total positive cases or 58. 10% of the total came from the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP).



Data on NBP were according to Bureau of Corrections spokesperson Col. Chaclag.
Data on BJMP were according to BJMP Director Allan Iral.



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Number of Education and Training Activities

A total of 1,146 Education and Training Activities were conducted from January to December 2020. Despite and even through the quarantine, information and education activities continued, making full use of available technology.

Number of Participants

The Education and Training activities conducted were attended by 47,965 participants who officially registered through traditional and online methods. During the quarantine, the Commission hosted several webinars and other online activities to cope with the restrictions imposed. In regions where it was feasible, training workshops and the like were conducted face-to-face while observing health protocols; while online platforms were put to good use for areas under strict quarantine classification.

The Philippine Government mandated and recommended social distancing in regions affected by the outbreak. The wide spread of the Corona Virus greatly affected the Human Rights Education activities (HREs) of the CHR especially on the first semester of the year. From traditional face to face method, the Commission has considerably and instantly shifted into online means from July 2020 up to present using any available online platforms. The table below summarizes the HREs conducted by the Commission.

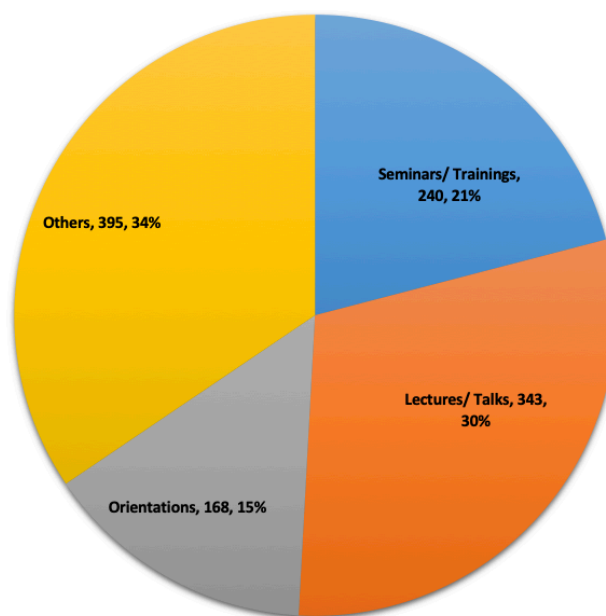
Source: 2020 HREPO Accomplishment Report

TABLE 14. 1
Regional Breakdown of Number of Educational and Training Activities

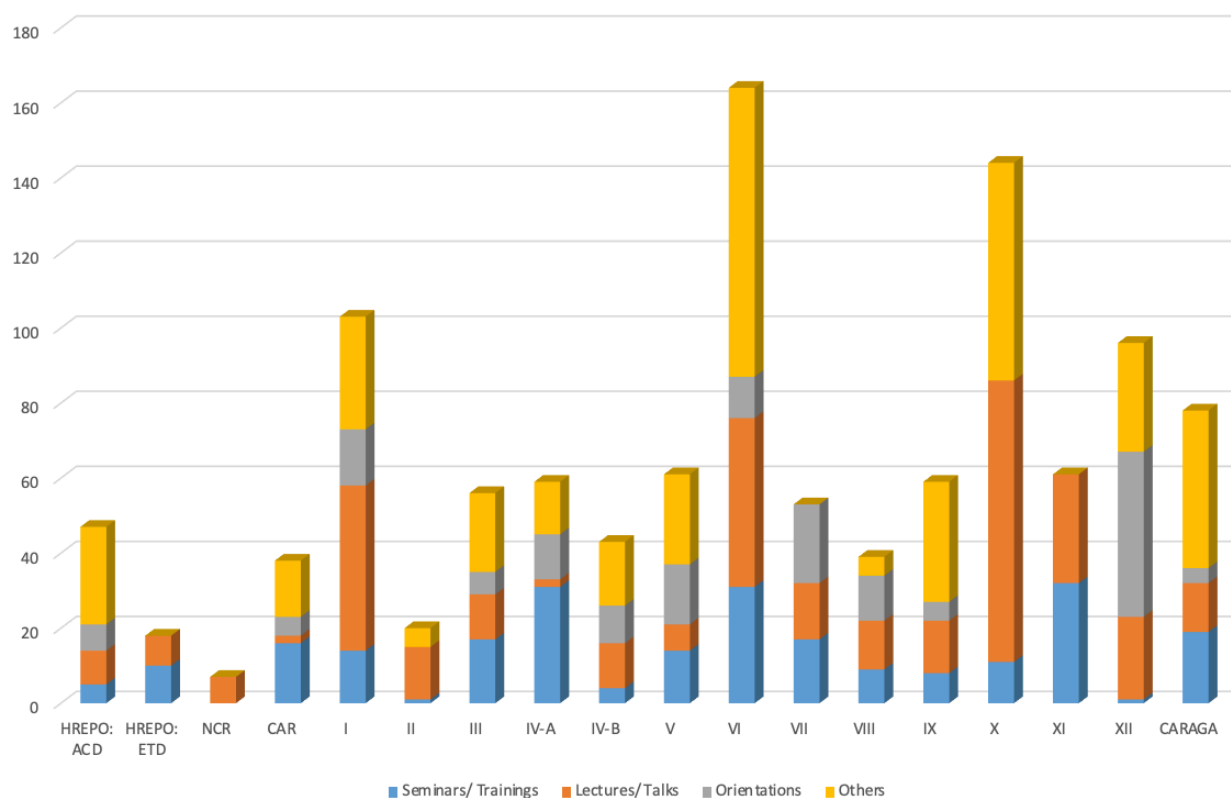
| Office | Seminars/ Trainings | Lectures/ Talks | Orientations | Others | Total Number of Participants |
|--------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| HREPO: | | | | | |
| ACD | 5 | 9 | 7 | 26 | 3,638 |
| ETD | 10 | 8 | - | - | 2,346 |
| NCR | - | 7 | - | - | 252 |
| CAR | 16 | 2 | 5 | 15 | 1,226 |
| I | 14 | 44 | 15 | 30 | 8,295 |
| II | 1 | 14 | - | 5 | 552 |
| III | 17 | 12 | 6 | 21 | 2,099 |
| IV-A | 31 | 2 | 12 | 14 | 2,531 |
| IV-B | 4 | 12 | 10 | 17 | 3,781 |
| V | 14 | 7 | 16 | 24 | 1,752 |
| VI | 31 | 45 | 11 | 77 | 4,681 |
| VII | 17 | 15 | 21 | - | 2,700 |
| VIII | 9 | 13 | 12 | 5 | 1,434 |
| IX | 8 | 14 | 5 | 32 | 1,122 |
| X | 11 | 75 | - | 58 | 5,470 |
| XI | 32 | 29 | - | - | 2,233 |
| XII | 1 | 22 | 44 | 29 | 1,829 |

| Office | Seminars/ Trainings | Lectures/ Talks | Orientations | Others | Total Number of Participants |
|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|------------------------------------|
| CARAGA | 19 | 13 | 4 | 42 | 2,024 |
| Total | 240 | 343 | 168 | 395 | 47,965 |

Educational and Training Activities with Participants



Educational and Training Activities with Participants By Regions

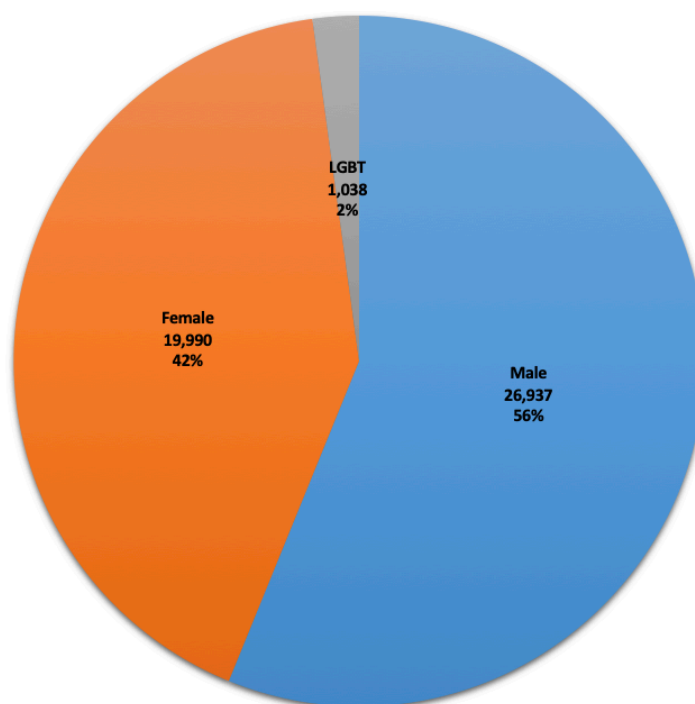


Number of Participants according to Gender

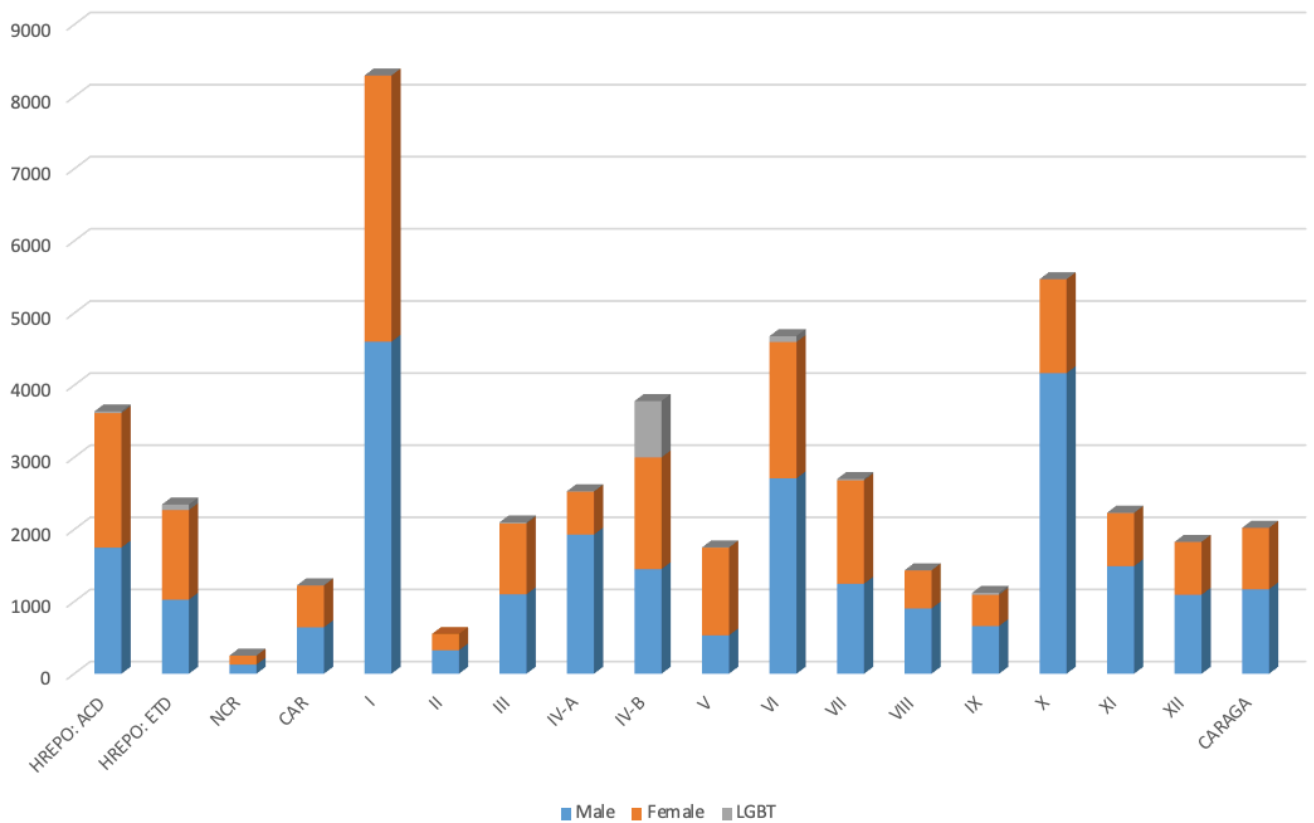
TABLE 14.2
Number of Participants according to Gender

| Office | Gender | | | Total Number of Participants |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| | Male | Female | LGBT | |
| HREPO: | | | | |
| ACD | 1,749 | 1,866 | 23 | 3,638 |
| ETD | 1027 | 1,242 | 77 | 2,346 |
| NCR | 127 | 125 | - | 252 |
| CAR | 644 | 580 | 2 | 1,226 |
| I | 4603 | 3,692 | - | 8,295 |
| II | 325 | 227 | | 552 |
| III | 1101 | 984 | 14 | 2,099 |
| IV-A | 1,930 | 595 | 6 | 2,531 |
| IV-B | 1450 | 1,549 | 782 | 3,781 |
| V | 532 | 1,217 | 3 | 1,752 |
| VI | 2709 | 1,890 | 82 | 4,681 |
| VII | 1248 | 1,434 | 18 | 2,700 |
| VIII | 904 | 529 | 1 | 1,434 |
| IX | 661 | 434 | 27 | 1,122 |
| X | 4,168 | 1,302 | - | 5,470 |
| XI | 1491 | 738 | 4 | 2,233 |
| XII | 1095 | 733 | 1 | 1,829 |
| CARAGA | 1171 | 853 | - | 2,024 |
| Total | 26,937 | 19,990 | 1,038 | 47,965 |

Participants according to Gender



Participants according to Gender By Regions



Number of Participants according to Age Group

Participants according to Age Group

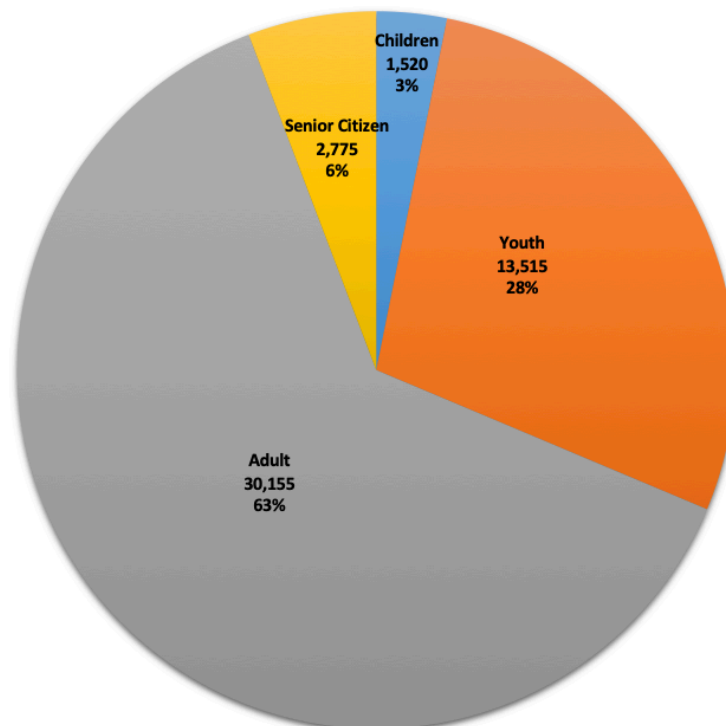
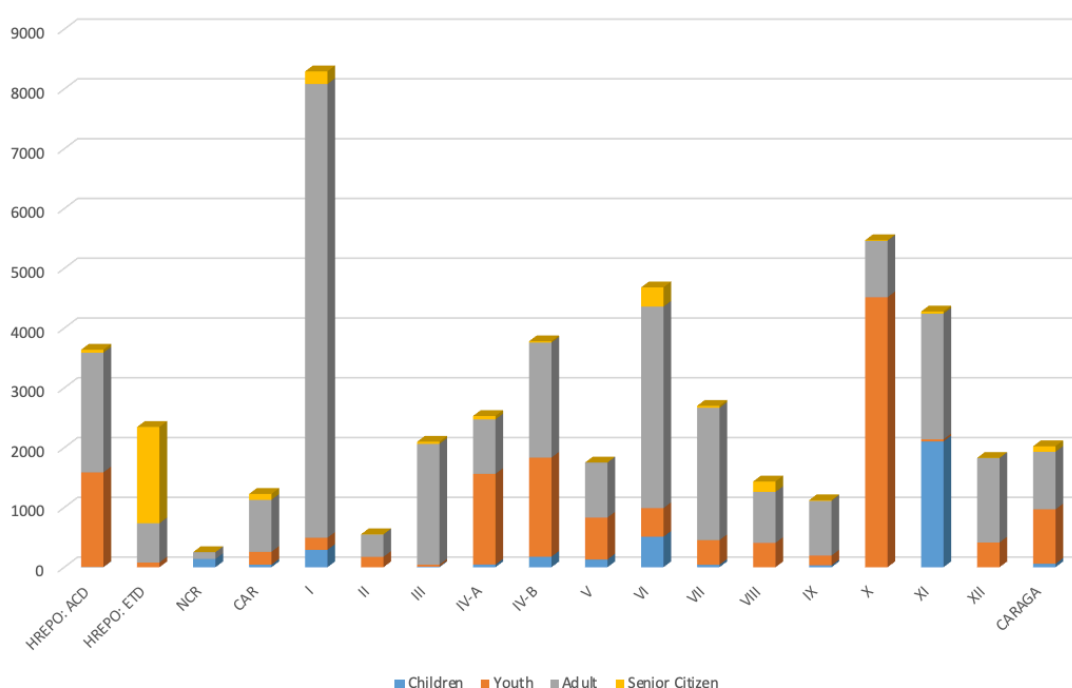


TABLE 14.3
Number of Participants according to Age Group

| Office | Age Group | | | | Total Number of Participants |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| | Children | Youth | Adult | Senior Citizen | |
| HREPO: | | | | | |
| ACD | 3 | 1,584 | 2,001 | 50 | 3,638 |
| ETD | - | 79 | 656 | 1611 | 2,346 |
| NCR | 138 | - | 114 | - | 252 |
| CAR | 43 | 215 | 868 | 100 | 1,226 |
| I | 291 | 202 | 7,590 | 212 | 8,295 |
| II | - | 174 | 375 | 3 | 552 |
| III | 10 | 33 | 2,020 | 36 | 2,099 |
| IV-A | 45 | 1,517 | 911 | 58 | 2,531 |
| IV-B | 176 | 1658 | 1923 | 24 | 3,781 |
| V | 130 | 701 | 921 | - | 1,752 |
| VI | 510 | 479 | 3370 | 322 | 4,681 |
| VII | 41 | 412 | 2213 | 34 | 2,700 |
| VIII | - | 407 | 852 | 175 | 1,434 |
| IX | 31 | 164 | 916 | 11 | 1,122 |
| X | - | 4,516 | 945 | 9 | 5,470 |
| XI | 2104 | 35 | 2104 | 35 | 2,233 |
| XII | - | 414 | 1413 | 2 | 1,829 |
| CARAGA | 58 | 910 | 963 | 93 | 2,024 |
| Total | 1,520 | 13,515 | 30,155 | 2,775 | 47,965 |

Participants according to Age Group By Regions



Number of Celebratory Events Conducted

In 2020, a total of 379 human rights celebratory/promotional events were held nationwide with a total of 5,924 face-to-face participants, and 270,952 people reached by online activities, such as activity posts shared on social media through central and regional Facebook and conducted through radio programs. These events were celebrated together with partners from NGAs, non-government organizations (NGOs), and Civil Society Organizations (CSOs). (Annex 1)

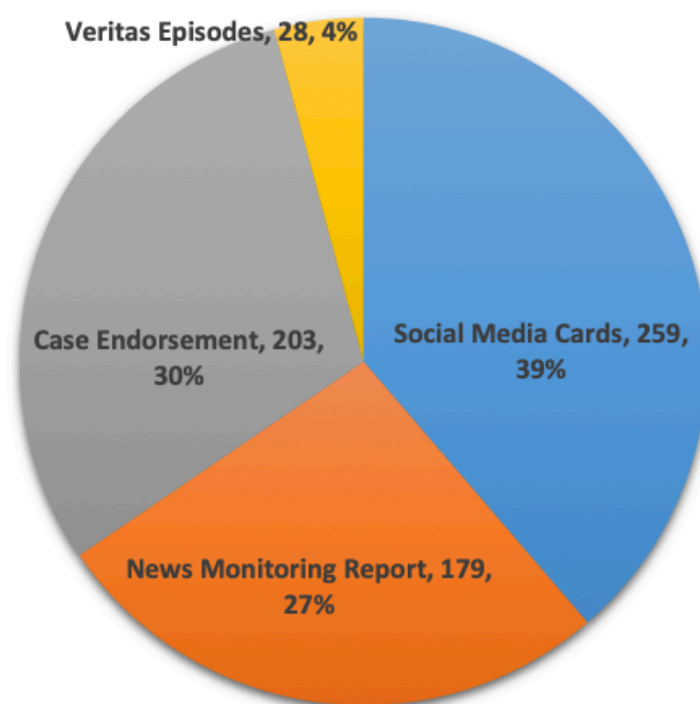
Programmed IEC Materials Developed and Disseminated

The Commission developed a total of 109 Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) Materials and disseminated them in different regional offices. These IEC materials are mainly composed of social media cards, videos, flyers, pins, notebooks, etc. (Annex 2)

Institutional Materials

In addition to the IECs developed and disseminated, the Commission released 259 Internal Social Media Cards, 106 CHR Management Advisories, 179 News Monitoring Reports, and 203 Case Endorsement. There were 28 Veritas Episodes composed mainly of Constitutional Rights, COVID-19 updates, etc.

Institutional Materials



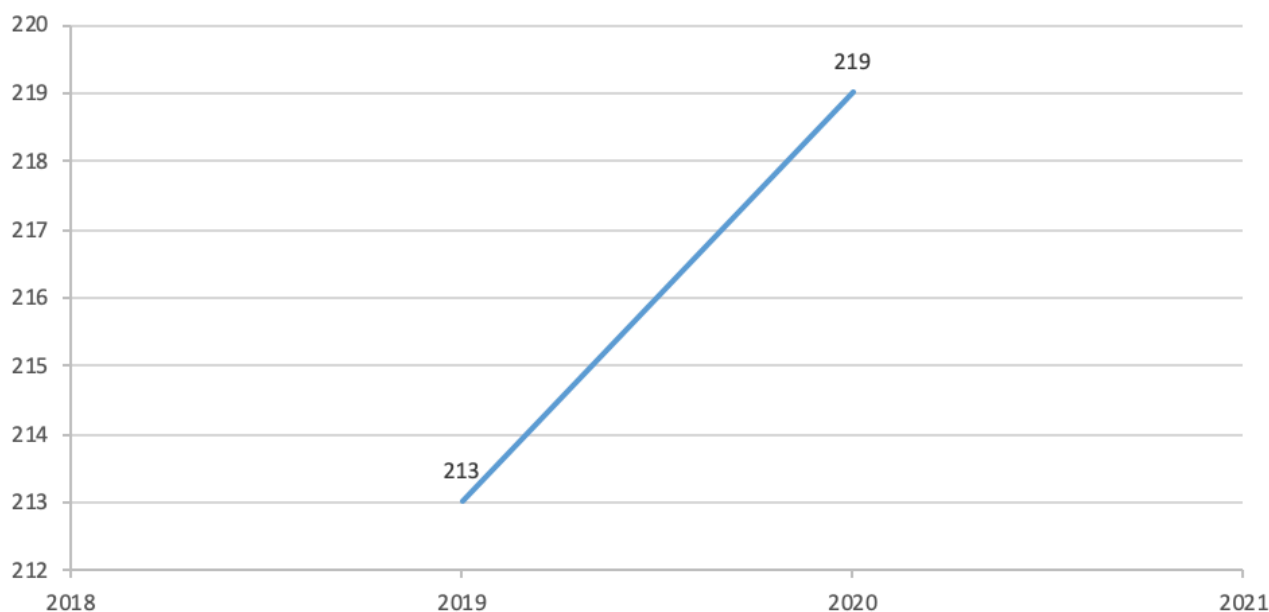
Demand-Driven IEC materials

There were a total of **1,995 social cards, infographics, and video materials** translating CHR press statements, human rights concepts and mechanisms, and investigation reports into digestible, visually appealing, and animated information materials. This is a 74.28% increase compared with the previous year's 1,122 social media content materials. The materials were also disseminated to CHR Regional Offices Information Officers through internal Viber and Facebook groups, and in high foot-traffic spots within the premises of the CHR Central Office².

Media and Public Relations

The Strategic Communication Division (SCD), consistent with its mandate to ensure engagement with internal and external CHR stakeholders, disseminated a total of **219 press statements and news releases** on pressing human rights issues as well as relevant human rights celebrations and observances for the entire year of 2020. This is a 2.8% increase from 2019's 213 press issuances. The press statements and releases garnered **508 online news pick-ups** (excluding TV, radio, and print pick-ups)³.

**Increase in the Number of Press Statements and Releases
from 2019 to 2020**



A total of **398 media interviews and data requests** for both media and academic purposes were coordinated by the SCD. This is a 7% increase from the previous year's figure. "Tanggol Karapatan", a radio show on Veritas radio station, is also produced by the SCD. For 2020, **35 episodes** were produced and co-hosted by SCD.

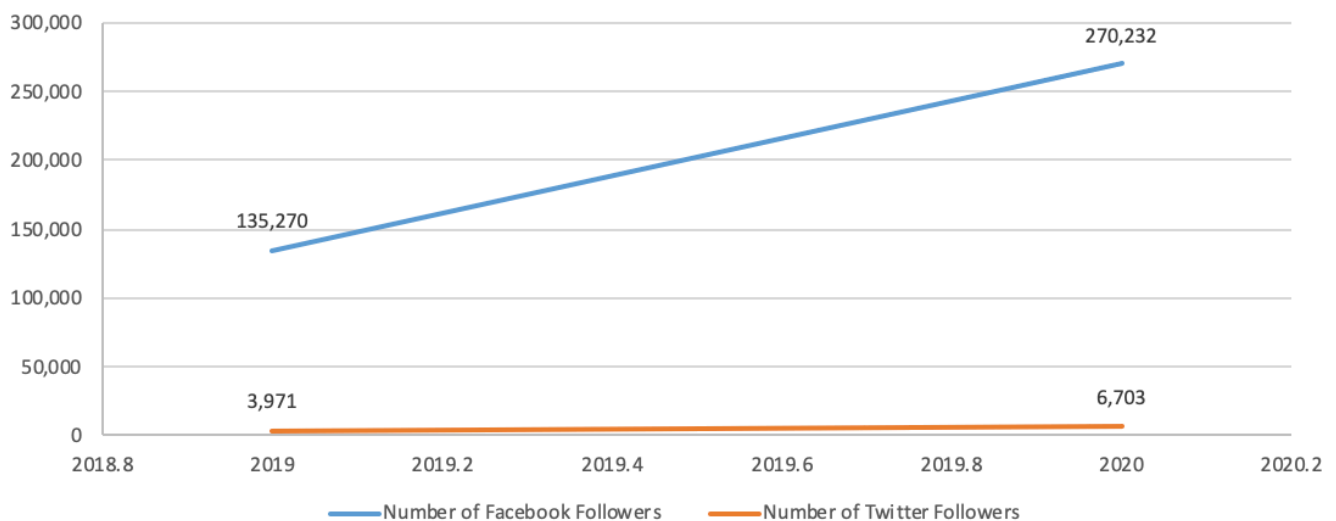
² 2020 SCD Acc. Report

³ 2020 SCD Acc. Report

Social Media and Campaigns

The social media presence of the CHR reached new heights in 2020 particularly on Facebook, which remains to be the number one social media platform in the country. The CHR official Facebook page now has a total of **270,232 followers** – a staggering 99.77% increase from the 2019 count, which was 135,270 followers. At **6,703 followers** by the end of 2020, the number of Twitter followers likewise increased, registering a 68.8% jump from 2019 figures.

**Increase in the Number of Facebook and Twitter Followers
From 2019 to 2020**



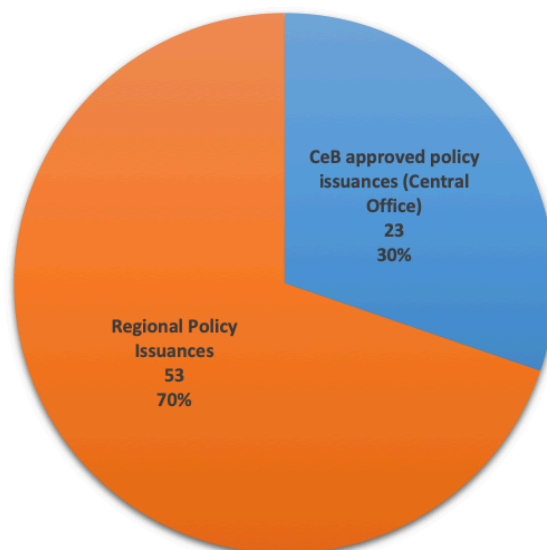


ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ADVISORY SERVICES

Policy Issuances

The Commission released a total of 76 Policy issuances composed of Advisories, Position Papers, HR Bulletins, Comments, and Statements. Of these numbers, 23 were approved by the Commission en Banc and/or released nationally and 53 issuances were released by the regions in their local stakeholders (Annex 3).

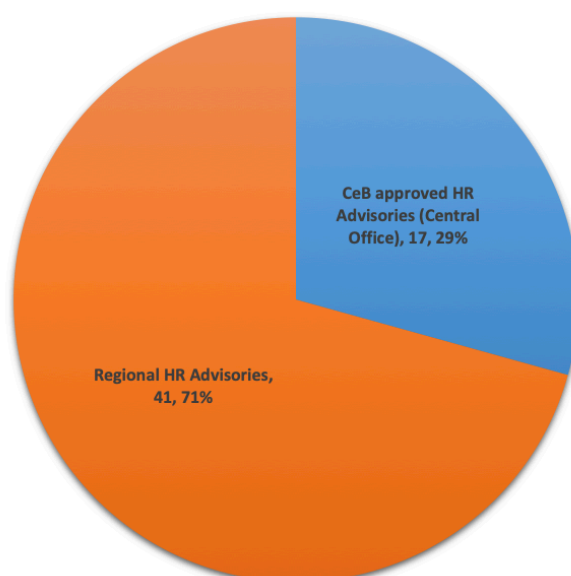
Number of Policy Issuances



A. Advisories

The active presence and participation of the CHR in the regions can be gleaned from the issuances and advisories released by the Regional Offices. (Annex 3).

Number of HR Advisories



B. Position Papers

Of the 76 issuances released according to target, 7 are position papers or stand on national as well as local issues which impact on human rights concerns. 6 out of the 7 position papers were approved by the Commission en Banc and released at the national level, while the remaining are regional policy issuance released to local stakeholders.

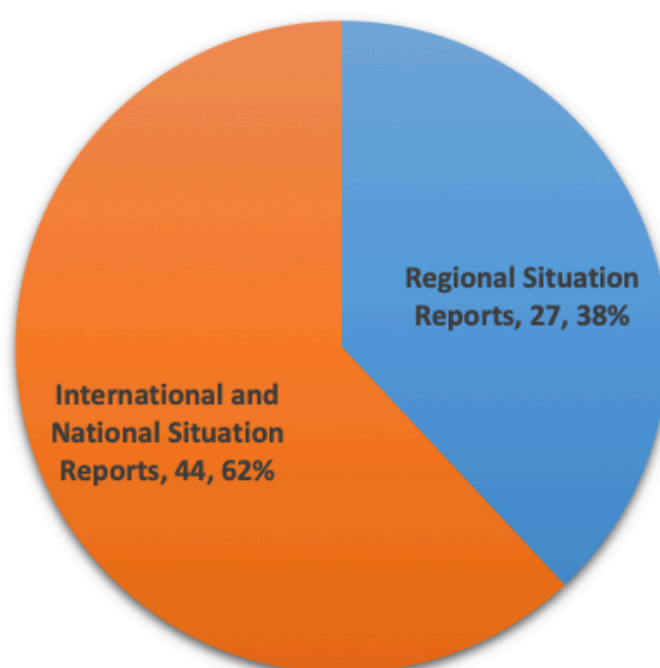
C. Other Policy Issuances

Other Policy Issuances are HR bulletins, comments, statements, and legal opinions that entail the Commission to evaluate and assess governmental policies, legislations, actions, reforms, and decisions that have human rights implications. The Commission released a total of four (4) comments, four (4) statements, and three (3) HR Bulletins in 2020.

Situation Reports/Treaty Reports

Situation Reports are research-based analyses of human rights conditions, be it geographic, thematic, or sectoral. On the other hand, Treaty Monitoring Reports, are the independent reports, submitted to the UN treaty bodies during the country reporting cycle. There is a combined total of 71 Situation/Treaty Reports that were released by the Commission, counting international, national, and regional stakeholders. Of these, 27 were regional situation reports while the remaining are international and national situation reports.

Number of Situation Reports



Accomplishments in Thematic Concerns

A. Older Persons

| Initiative/Issuance | Brief Detail |
|---|---|
| Oral Statement of the CHR to the Update of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on COVID-19 at the 45th Regular Session of the UN Human Rights Council | On 21 September 2020, the Commission held an interactive dialogue with the new Independent Expert on the enjoyment of all human rights by older persons, Claudia Mahler, addressing the data gap and older persons, and on the missions of her predecessor to China and New Zealand. |
| Inputs of the CHR to the Report to the General Assembly of the United Nations Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of All Human Rights by Older Persons | The Commission utilized its own documentation of independent monitoring activities and statements which were subjected to the internal deliberations of the CeB. This submission also took into consideration reports from the government, civil society, media, academe, international/non-governmental organizations, and other advocates for the human rights of older persons in the country. Also included were the responses from stakeholders (older persons' groups including the Coalition of Older Persons Association of the Philippines, non-governmental organizations such as the Coalition of Services of the Elderly, Inc., the academe, and government representatives) that were surfaced during the online consultation and dialogue organized by the Commission from 27 to 28 May 2020. |
| CHR Capacity Development Program for Ageing and Older Persons Rights | The CHR conducted this program to implement broader ageing mainstreaming strategies, and to contribute in the reduction or elimination of discrimination based on age. The program supported the CHR's vision on how to respond to the ageing issues, laws, policies, strategies, and its operational processes. Learning modules have been distributed covering the situation of older persons and ageism as well as a legal framework for older persons. |

| Initiative/Issuance | Brief Detail |
|--|--|
| <p>Advisory on the Human Rights of Older Filipinos Amid the Coronavirus Disease 2019</p> | <p>It is important to recognize and understand the particular risks that older people face in the current situation, to acknowledge the role that each stakeholder can play in the responses, and to apply a human rights-based approach in policy and implementation. The CHR recommended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure adequate and appropriate guidance to frontline workers are available; • Make available and accessible health care facilities, goods, and services in sufficient quantity; • Provide crisis intervention services for mental health and psychological including the use of ICT tools; • Continue the prioritization of older persons in testing; • Combat ageist policies and ensure health interventions are non-discriminatory; • Intensify information dissemination efforts targeted to older people; • Ensure adequate and appropriate food relief; • Ensure access to safe water, sanitation, and hygienic conditions (WASH); • Adopt policy measures to buffer the economic impacts of COVID 19 to older workers in the informal sector and other poor older persons; • Expedite the distribution of social pension through alternative modes; • Ensure inclusion of older persons in the Emergency Subsidy Program; • Avoid sweeping and overly broad restrictions on movement; • Role of civil society and non-governmental organizations; and • Promote inter-generational solidarity |

B. Persons with Disability

| Initiative/Issuance | Brief Detail |
|---|---|
| Advisory Series on Human Rights in the Time of COVID-19 in the Philippines in Pursuit of the Rights-Based Model of Disability Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic in the Philippines [CHR (V) A2020-009] | The advisory expounded on the standards for the protection and promotion of rights of PWDs taking into account the context of the COVID 19 pandemic in the Philippines. Per CHR (V) A2020-009, the CHR recognized the efforts of both the national and local governments (LGUs) in addressing the COVID 19 pandemic, and intended to further contribute to the policy direction of such efforts on the basis of the rights-based model of disability. The Commission implored the Government to consistently adopt the twin-track approach, and to maintain a gender and intersectional framework, with emphasis on reasonable accommodation of multiple vulnerabilities of all types of persons with disabilities. Active consultation with and inclusion of persons with disabilities and their representative organizations is critical. |
| Philippine Observatory on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (PhORPD) | The effort is propelled by the need for a more independent, efficient, inclusive, and responsive data-sharing system in the context of streamlining coordination for the common advocacy of fully realizing the rights of persons with disabilities. The PhORPD is a repository serving as the common electronic library of human rights data and analyses that stakeholders may refer to in the conduct of human rights situation reporting, policy advocacy, and program development. It is geared towards presenting and analyzing information that is useful to amplify collective aspirations in order to live a life with dignity ⁴ . |

⁴ ESCRC 2020 Accomplishment Report

| Initiative/Issuance | Brief Detail |
|---|--|
| CHR's Human Resource Complement with Disability | Out of the 844 personnel of the CHR, ten (10) are persons with disability. Seven (7) are from the regional offices, and three (3) from the central offices. Based on these figures, the Commission exceeded the one (1) percent requirement and assured compliance with the law. |

C. Mental Health

Within the ambit of the definition of disability under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995, mental illness means a 'disorder of the mind that results in partial or complete disturbance in the person's thinking, feeling and behavior which may also result in recurrent or persistent inability or reduced ability to carry out activities of daily living, self-care, education, employment and participation in social life⁵. The Commission managed to enhance awareness of and to encourage dialogue on disability issues, programs and services on mental health.

Table 15. Mental Health Activities

| Regions | Date Conducted | Activity/ies |
|---------|-------------------|---|
| CAR | October 10 | Celebration of World Mental Health Day. |
| CAR | October 07 | The CHR-CAR celebrates the National Mental Week by Sharing of the National Mental Health Weak post (CAR). |
| I | October 06 | Mental Health Month Posted @ CHR 1 FB Page/Account the official streamer. |
| X | October 14, 2020 | Celebration of Mental Health Day through discussion on the challenges and contemporary issues confronting human rights Implementation and Realization, Recommendations and Ways Forward |
| IX | August to October | Celebration of National Mental Health Week Shared on FB page |

⁵ <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2913573/>



ACCOMPLISHMENTS ON GENERAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT TO OPERATIONS SERVICES

Human Resource Complement

As of December 31, 2020, the Commission has a total of 844 total human resource complement comprising 380 from the Central Office and 462 from the Regional Offices. The table below shows that 319 of the total human resources complement from the central office were already filled-up and the rest remained vacant. With regard to the regional offices, 352 were already filled-up and 112 vacant positions were still available spread in 16 regions.

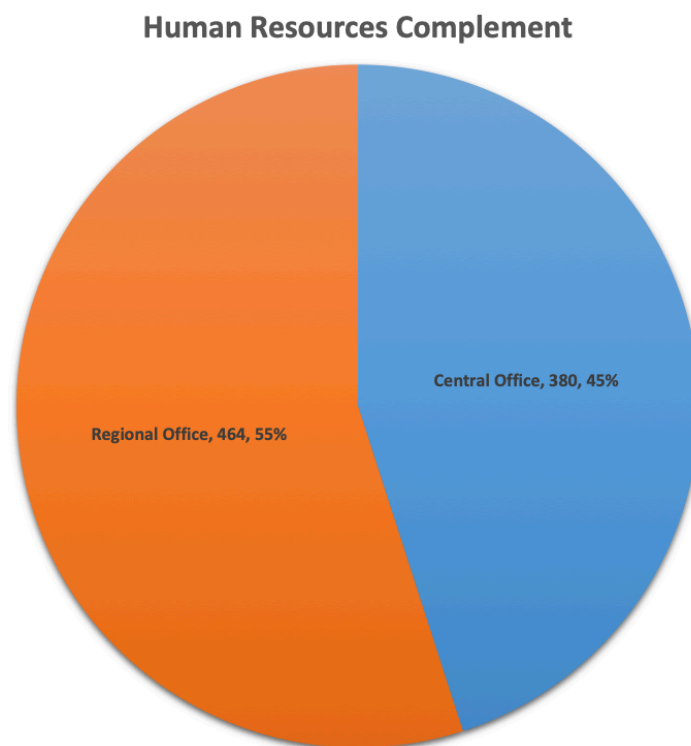


TABLE 16
Breakdown of Filled Up and Vacant Positions in the CHR

| | Filled Up | Vacant | Total Human Resource Complement |
|-----------------|------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| Central Office | 319 | 61 | 380 |
| Regional Office | 352 | 112 | 464 |
| Total | 671 | 173 | 844 |

A. Non-Plantilla positions

Among the non-plantilla positions, there are 41 coterminous positions identified with no vacant positions available. The said positions are in the Central Office.

B. Casual Employees

There are 10 casual employees in the CHR as of December 2020. The table below details the number of casual employees by gender and by workplace.

TABLE 17
Breakdown of Casual Employees in Central and Regional Office
(by Gender and by Office)

| | Central | Region | Total |
|--------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| Male | 4 | 0 | 5 |
| Female | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Total | 7 | 3 | 10 |

C. CHR Lawyers, Investigators, and Trainors/Education Officer

Lawyers and Investigators play an important role in the performance of the Commission's Protection work -- from investigation up to the resolution of cases. As of the end of 2020, 103 lawyer positions were filled up, while 42 of them are vacant. On the other hand, CHR's 151 investigators are widely spread across the country, while 52 positions remain vacant.

Trainors/Education Officers are responsible for increasing the public's awareness on Human Rights through training and information campaigns. Moreover, they are tasked to develop and disseminate IEC materials to promote knowledge.

TABLE 18
Breakdown of Number of Lawyers, Investigators, and Trainors/Education Officer
(per Office)

| | Central | | Region | | Total | |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| | Filled Up | Vacant | Filled Up | Vacant | Filled Up | Vacant |
| Lawyers | 33 | 5 | 70 | 37 | 103 | 42 |
| Investigators | 28 | 10 | 123 | 42 | 151 | 52 |
| Trainors/Education Officer | 36 | 12 | 41 | 13 | 77 | 25 |

D. Gender Balance

TABLE 19
Breakdown of Gender Balance (per office)

| | Central | | | | Region | | Total |
|--------|---------|-----|-----|-----|--------|-----|-------|
| | Level | | | | Level | | |
| | PA | 3rd | 2nd | 1st | 2nd | 1st | |
| Male | 2 | 0 | 88 | 41 | 128 | 42 | 301 |
| Female | 3 | 0 | 149 | 36 | 133 | 49 | 370 |
| Total | 5 | 0 | 237 | 77 | 261 | 91 | 671 |

PA-Presidential Appointee

E. Sector-Based

TABLE 20
Number of Indigenous People and Persons with Disabilities CHR Employees

The CHR employs qualified individuals without favoring any race, religion, ethnicity, etc. Furthermore, the Commission ensures that every employee has the right to work and employment opportunities and no discrimination will arise in the workplace. The Commission has in its roster 29 Indigenous People and six (6) Persons with Disabilities out of its 844-manpower complement.

| | Indigenous People | Persons with Disabilities | Total |
|--------------|-------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| Central | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Region | 23 | 3 | 29 |
| Total | 29 | 6 | 35 |

Internal Communications

The members of the Commission en Banc and CHR staff regularly receive a daily email containing online news links about the agency that are also being cascaded through the CHR internal Facebook group. SCD sent out a total of **233 news monitoring reports** for 2020.

A total of **433 internal social media materials** were produced for the wellness, welfare, information, and capacity-building of employees.

A total of **153 CHR Management Advisories, internal guidance, and institutional updates** were issued to ensure open communication, transparency, and dialogue between the CHR Management and employees.

Since the start of the quarantine in March, the internal communication platforms have been expanded and strengthened to be more responsive given the limitations in the context of the pandemic. The CHR Internal **Facebook Group** now has **473 members**; the **CHR Viber Community** has **153 members**; and, the internal mailing list is sent daily to **123 inboxes of CHR employees and officials**⁶.

Learning and Development

There are 801 CHR internal employees capacitated and equipped by the Commission through various seminars and trainings. Below is the list of Learning and Development (L and D) conducted by the Human Resource Division.

- Orientation of Newly Hired Employees
- Security Awareness Orientation

⁶ 2020 SCD Acc. Report

- Orientation on Data Privacy Act
- Security Awareness Orientation
- Service Excellence for Frontliners
- Kwentuhan Sa CHR
- Gender Development Training (Series)
- Mental Health Protocol
- Capacity Building on Legislative Process
- Work Attitude and Values Enhancement Program
- Training on Succeed in The Workplace
- Risk-Based Thinking in ISO 9001:2015 Standard (Batch 1 And Batch 2)
- Control of Documented Information (Batch 1 And Batch 2)
- Conducting QMS Audit Using ISO 9001:2015 Based on ISO 19011:2018
- Root Cause Analysis and Corrective Action (Batch 1 And) Batch 2
- Training on the Rights of the Older Person
- Other Government Training
- Public Procurement Specialist Course Level 1
- Seminar/ Workshop on Basic Accounting and Internal Control
- Virtual PHILGEPS Training for Phase I