

U.S. Government Projects in the Philippines: Human Rights, Democracy and Labor

(As of March 16, 2010)

Current Grants

A. Human rights and women empowerment

Grantee	Title	Description	Amount & Duration	Funding Source
The Asia Foundation	Strengthening Human Rights in "the Philippines"	Aims to promote greater respect for human rights; protect potential victims through improved monitoring and witness protection; and improve prosecution of cases of extrajudicial killings	\$1,547,533 (Sep 2007 - Sep 2010)	USAID
<i>Various human rights & democracy small grants under the Public Affairs Section's supervision</i>				

TOTAL current USG Projects on human rights and women empowerment = USD 1.547 million

B. Labor

Grantee	Title	Description	Amount & Duration	Funding Source
International Labor Organization's International Program on the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)	Towards a Child Labour-Free Philippines: Supporting the 'Philippine Program Against Child Labour' in Building on Past Gains and Addressing Challenges	The project targets 6,000 children for withdrawal and 2,500 children for prevention from agriculture, mining, fishing, and child domestic labor, including children trafficked for commercial sexual exploitation and forced labor. This will be implemented in the provinces of Quezon, Masbate, Northern Samar and Bukidnon.	\$4.75 M Sept 30, 2009 - Sept 20, 2013	DOL/ILAB
World Vision Development Foundation, in association with Christian Children's Fund, and the Education Research and Development Assistance Foundation	"Combating Child Labor through Education in the Philippines: The ABK Initiative Phase II"	The project's objective is to remove children from work in the sugarcane plantations, other commercial agriculture, domestic work, commercial sexual exploitation, mining/quarrying, garbage scavenging, and pyrotechnics; provide them access to quality and relevant education; and increase the capacity of families to access community resources to improve their economic status.	\$ 5.7 M Oct 2007- Sep 2011	DOL/ILAB

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Verite, Inc.	Research on Forced Labor in the Production of Goods in Selected Countries: A Verite Multistakeholder Initiative (a global program which includes the Philippines)	The project seeks to expand the body of research on forced labor in the supply chains of selected goods in eight countries, leading to viable policy recommendations and improvements in the capacity of the U.S. Department of Labor to monitor and combat forced labor.	\$1,249,715 (Sep 2008 – Sep 2011)	DOL/ILAB
Verite, Inc.	Improving Respect for Freedom of Association in Philippines Special Economic Zones: A Verite Multi-Stakeholder Initiative	This project seeks to increase respect for freedom of association in the Philippine SEZs, improving working conditions and labor stability, and enhancing the environment for investment.	\$557,228 (April 2009 – Sep 2011)	DRL

TOTAL current USG Projects on Labor = USD 12.01 million

Completed Grants, 2002-2009

A. Human rights and women empowerment

Grantee	Title	Description	Amount & Duration	Funding Source
American Bar Association	"Curbing Extrajudicial Killings and Forced Disappearances in the Republic of the Philippines"	The project seeks to support the reduction of EJKs and forced disappearances by increasing the cooperation between, and capacity of, agencies and organizations responsible for detecting and prosecuting extrajudicial killings and forced disappearances and heightening public awareness of the Writ of Amparo and other remedies the judiciary can provide in cases of EJK and forced disappearances. The project conducts forensics training seminars and multisectoral conferences on EJKs.	\$395,000 (Apr 21, 2008 – Oct 2, 2009)	State (DRL)
American Bar Association	"Judicial Reform Activities"	Seeks to improve judicial capacity, reduce existing backlogged dockets, streamline procedures for litigation, and enhance the overall efficiency of the court to conduct speedy and continuous trials, particularly on cases of extrajudicial killings	\$595,000 (Sep 2007 – Sep 2009)	USAID

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Institute for War and Peace Reporting	"Philippine Human Rights Reporting Project"	Seeks to increase media coverage and reportage of human rights in the Philippines; help the media reduce their sensationalist and divisive coverage of society through specialized trainings; and, focus on the human cost and consequences of ongoing political, corporate and violent conflict.	\$162,469 (Jun 2007 - Jun 2009)	State (DRL)
Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women (TW-MAE-W)	"Project for the Economic Empowerment of Marginalized Women"	Promotes economic independence of sexually exploited women served by the organization's two Bethany Transition Homes through livelihood projects on organic farming and bag- and candle-making.	\$104,673 2 years (Sep 2006 – Sep 2008)	State (EAP FY2006 Women's Issues Fund [WIF])
The Asia Foundation	"Martus Phase 2: Systematically Advancing Human Rights in the Philippines: Increased Protection in Muslim Mindanao"	<p>Seeks to develop an information system for reporting and documenting human rights. Under this project, the Martus (Greek for "witness") Human Rights Bulletin System was developed, enabling civil society organizations to record and transmit information about human right abuses to the CHR. A second grant from the Department of State in 2006, <i>Systematically Advancing Human Rights in the Philippines: Increased Protection in Muslim Mindanao</i>, enabled TAF to work with CHR to expand the network of Martus users to more civil society organizations in Mindanao and begin the process of integrating Martus with CHR's own internal database system.</p> <p>Continuing that process of integration, USAID funds in 2007 supported a TAF project to help the CHR improve and refine a shared CHR-civil society data system that is now referred to as the Martus-based Executive Information System (MAREIS). Through MAREIS, CHR officers as well as civil society organizations can document, report, and monitor human rights violations via the internet, enabling the CHR to immediately investigate and act on such cases.</p>	\$267,532 2 years (Mar 2006 – Mar 2008)	State (DRL Human Rights and Democracy Fund for the Muslim World [HRDF])

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Coalition Against Trafficking in Women – Asia Pacific (CATW-AP)	"Partnership with Prostitution Survivors' Group Towards Economic Independence"	Focuses on education and capacity-building activities for survivors of prostitution to enhance the survivors' awareness of women's issues and build their capacities as leaders and managers of livelihood projects.	\$19,300 1 year (Apr 2006-Apr 2007)	State (EAP FY2005 Women's Issues Fund [WIF])
Development Action for Women Network (DAWN)	"Comprehensive Program for the Empowerment of Filipino Women Entertainers in Japan and the Japanese-Filipino Children"	Addresses issues, needs, and concerns of women migrant workers in Japan and their Japanese-Filipino children.	\$36,000 1 year (Apr 2006-Apr 2007)	State (EAP FY2005 WIF)
Magbassa Kita Foundation, Inc. (MKFI)	"Women As Peace Advocates: Taking Action to Resolve Conflicts in Mindanao"	Focuses on conflict prevention in Sulu, Mindanao through skills training, workshops, networking, and economic empowerment in conflict prevention and peacebuilding.	\$24,600 1 year (Apr 2006-Apr 2007)	State (EAP FY2005 WIF)
Bangsamoro Women Foundation for Peace and Development, Inc. (BMWFPDI)	"Women Empowerment through Sustainable Economic Independence and Women's Participation in Community Building for Peace and Development"	Empowers women in the Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) and other conflict areas by providing training and technical assistance on livelihood, financial management and marketing skills as well as seed capital through a loan-grant for livelihood projects.	\$63,988 1 year (2006-2007)	State (EAP FY2006 WIF)
Third World Movement Against the Exploitation of Women (TW-MAE-W)	"Project for the Economic Empowerment of Marginalized Women"	Promotes economic independence of sexually exploited women served by the organization's two Bethany Transition Homes through livelihood projects on organic farming and bag- and candle-making.	\$104,673 2 years (2007-2008)	State (EAP FY2006 WIF)
The Asia Foundation	"Systematically Advancing Human Rights in the Philippines: Increased Protection in Muslim Mindanao"	Expansion and enhancement of the Martus project, particularly in Muslim Mindanao, strengthening the capacity of Philippine Commission on Human Rights and NGOs to respond to human rights violations through effective generation of human rights information in the Martus network.	\$267,532 2 years (2006-2008)	State (DRL Human Rights and Democracy Fund for the Muslim World [HRDF])

TOTAL completed USG Projects on human rights and women empowerment, 2006 - 2008 = USD 2.04 million

B. Labor

Grantee	Title	Description	Amount & Duration	Funding Source
International Labor Organization's Intl. Program for the Elimination of Child Labor (ILO-IPEC)	"Supporting the Time-Bound Program on the elimination of the worst forms of child labor in the Philippines"	The goal of this project is to combat the worst forms of child labor through promotion of effective legislation to protect children, strengthening national capacity to enforce existing laws, and increasing public awareness of the hazards of child labor. The target is to withdraw approximately 22,000 children from the WFCL and to prevent another 22,500 children from entering work.	\$5.2 M 4 years (Sep 2002 – Dec 2006)	DOL/ILAB
World Vision, Inc.	"Combating Child Labor through Education in the Philippines: The ABK Initiative"	The project's objective is to remove children from work, provide them access to quality and relevant education and offer families viable economic alternatives to child labor. This education initiative complements the ILO/IPEC Time-Bound program.	\$ 5.0 M (Aug 2003- Aug 2007)	DOL/ILAB
Winrock International	"Community Based Innovations to Combat Child Labor Through Education II (CIRCLE II)"	The project aims to provide education to victims of child labor through innovative, locally developed, and community-based pilot programs in 6 target regions with high child labor incidence.	\$500,000 4 years (Apr 2004 – Apr 2008)	DOL/ILAB

TOTAL completed USG Projects on child labor, 2002 - 2008 = USD 10.7 million