

CANADA FUND PROJECT BRIEF

1. Project Title and Site : Strategic Intervention at CEDAW Review of the Philippines: Demanding Philippine Government Compliance to International Human Rights Standards on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights
2. Location : Metro Manila
3. Project Sector : Reproductive health care
4. Budget : Php 261,085.00
5. Implementing Organization : EnGendeRights, Inc.
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6. Duration : August 01, 2006 - December 31, 2006
7. Project Description :

The 36th session of CEDAW will review the Philippine government's compliance to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (Women's Convention). The Philippine Government is scheduled to report its combined 5th and 6th periodic reports outlining key gains, measures done, and challenges in the implementation.

In accordance with Article 18 of the Convention, States Parties undertake to submit a report for consideration of the committee on the legislative, judicial, administrative or other measures which they have adopted to give effect to the provisions of the present Convention and on the progress made in this respect.

EnGendeRights will attend the 36th session of CEDAW scheduled this August 2006 in New York City to present its Shadow Report to the Philippine Government's combined 5th and 6th report to the Committee. The schedule of NGOs to present information on the Philippines is on 14 August, from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon, while the schedule of the Philippine country report is on August 15.

The Committee's Concluding Observations will be used by EnGendeRights as advocacy points and benchmarks to push forward SRHR agenda in governance and development priorities of the government. A stakeholders' meeting will be organized to popularize the Committee's Concluding Observations on the Philippines and discuss ways and measures to engage with the

government to ensure an effective, gender-responsive, and rights-based intervention in holding the Philippine government accountable to its obligations under the Women's Convention. In this meeting, EnGendeRights will highlight its participation at the CEDAW session, the CEDAW processes and jurisprudence, and the importance of popularizing the Committee's Concluding Observations.

8. Beneficiaries : 25 SRHR organizations

9. Expected Results :

- Stronger recommendation on SRHR issues from the Committee;
- For the Committee to take into consideration all of the issues from the Shadow Report in its formulation of questions for the Philippine government;
- Increased awareness of the UN CEDAW Committee, international bodies and agencies, international non-government organizations and human rights group of the issues and realities of SRHR in the Philippines;
- Increased support to Philippine-based SRHR advocates from international human rights organizations and UN bodies;
- Lastly, we expect that subsequent policy and program changes be done by the government to fulfill their SRHR obligations.