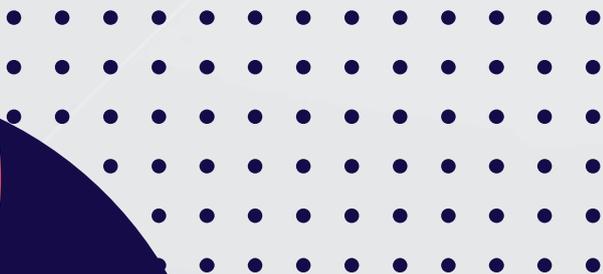
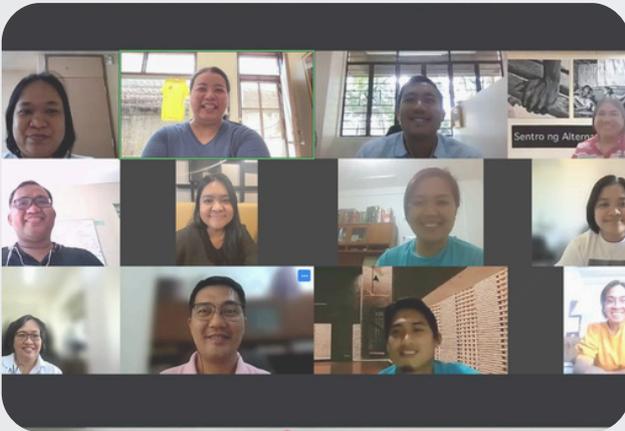




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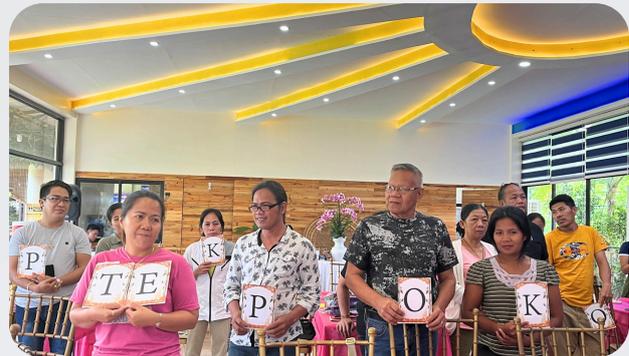


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SALIGAN completed several projects in 2024: the “Legal Empowerment and Assistance Program for the Marginalized and Disadvantaged Groups in the Philippines” with Misereor, the “Strengthening Children’s Participation in Local Governance” in Malabon City with Save the Children Philippines, the “Strengthened Barangay Responses on Gender-Based Violence Thru Participatory Governance” in the municipality of Mobo in Masbate, and the “Enhancing Local Government Capacities in Delivering Justice Services to Children at Risk and Children in Conflict with the Law (CAR-CICL)” in the cities of Naga, Balanga, Baguio, and Zamboanga, both under the Governance in Justice (GOJUST) Programme of the European Union and facilitated by the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) in partnership with Department of the Interior and Local Government-National Barangay Operations Office (DILG-NBOO). Two projects will continue until 2025: the “Implementation of Safe, Fair-Environment and Responsive Barangays for Women (SAFER Women)” in the cities of Quezon, Calamba, Balanga, Baguio, and Zamboanga, and expanding to cover all regional offices of the DILG, also under the GOJUST Programme, and the “Strengthening Civil Society Participation in Local Governance” in Mindanao, with DKA Austria and Integrated Pastoral Development, Inc. Through these projects, SALIGAN expanded its reach and networks throughout the Philippines in 2024.

PARALEGAL FORMATION



73 individuals (68% women) completed 4 paralegal formation programs and participated in regular legal clinics, namely:

1. 13 women workers in the Greater Metro Manila Area (GMMA), who are engaged in the manufacturing, construction, business process outsourcing, and service industries;
2. 21 workers (7 women) from the transport and tuna manufacturing industries in SOCCSKSARGEN Region in Mindanao;
3. 15 representatives (11 women) of civil society organizations in the Bicol region working on the issues of housing, farmers, indigenous peoples, the environment, women, children, and gender equality; and
4. 24 barangay officials and service providers (17 women) from Mobo in Masbate working on responses to gender-based violence.

Along with graduate-paralegals from past years, the paralegals engaged in various activities within their organizations and communities, including: facilitating learning sessions, drafting and lobbying for their respective advocacies, organizing legal jamming sessions, drafting pleadings, petitions, and position papers, engaging in collective bargaining with companies, and participating in governance processes and mechanisms, particularly at the local levels.

HIGHLIGHTS

Marivic Berame, who is part of the pioneer batch for paralegal formation program for women workers was appointed as the alternate women labor sector representative of SALIGAN to the Regional Tripartite Industrial Peace Council of the National Capital Region (RTIPC-NCR).



Rhoda Milo, who is also part of the pioneer batch, was among the representatives of the Philippines to the Regional Paralegal Exchange organized by the Grassroots Justice Network-Southeast Asia in Bangkok in August.



LEGAL LITERACY SESSIONS

23 legal literacy sessions were conducted reaching 767 individuals (495 are women) across the country, in partnership with government agencies, civil society organizations, and other stakeholders.



Safe, Fair-Environment and Responsive Barangays for Women (SAFER Women): Pilot training sessions among barangay officials in the cities of Balanga, Baguio, and Zamboanga were completed in 2024. The trainers who completed the training in 2023 facilitated these sessions. The program was extended to 2025 and a training of trainers among regional IACAT-VAWC focal persons will be conducted in partnership with DILG-NBOO and PCW.



Enhancing Local Government Capacities in Delivering Justice Services for Children at Risk (CAR) and Children in Conflict with the Law (CICL): Pilot training sessions among barangay officials in the cities of Balanga, Baguio, and Zamboanga were completed in 2024.



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National and local advocacy teams continued their strategizing sessions, while they engage with stakeholders towards their agenda. The national advocacy teams on housing, women, children, and gender equality, and labor, convened to discuss sectoral participation in governance.



AKBAYAN representative Percival Cendaña filed the Just and Humane Resettlement Act (JAHRA) with the House of Representatives after a meeting with the Housing Rights Advocacy Team (HRAT).

The Community-Based Advocacy and Monitoring Group (CBAMG) of Mobo, Masbate pushed for the adoption of barangay-level policies on responses to GBVs and women's participation.

CSO representatives in Mindanao crafted advocacy agenda on responses to GBV, children's rights, and environmental protection, among others.



LITIGATION, LEGAL CONSULTATIONS, AND LEGAL JAMMING SESSIONS

SALIGAN handled 82 cases in 2024. In addition, SALIGAN provided assistance to unions in their collective bargaining negotiations. SALIGAN continued to facilitate legal consultation sessions. 187 individuals were able to access legal advice through the 8 legal jamming sessions conducted, reaching GIDAs in BARMM and the Bicol region, among others. These sessions were organized by graduate-paralegals and partner organizations.



PUBLICATION

SALIGAN continued to grant open access to all its Manuals and Primers on its website. Developments in law, legal remedies, jurisprudence, and sectoral advocacy issues were regularly published through SALIGAN Batas.

INTERNSHIP



Four law students (all women) completed the 8-week summer internship program. The interns were assigned to SALIGAN's Bicol and Mindanao offices and were able to immerse in the work of SALIGAN's partner organizations. SALIGAN also conducted 5 alternative lawyering fora with law schools in Mindanao and the Bicol region.

PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

SALIGAN maintained its active membership with the Alternative Law Groups (ALG), the NGOs for Fisheries Reform (NFR), the Partnership Mission for Peoples Initiatives (PMPI), and the Partnership of Philippine Support Services, Inc. (PHILSSA). Development partners include Misereor, Save the Children Philippines (SCP), the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Philippines, and DKA Austria.

ORGANIZATIONAL STRENGTHENING

SALIGAN adopted the Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning Manual (MEAL Manual), which is not just an administrative or functional requirement, but pivotal to SALIGAN's development work and therefore weighs a valuable and significant process in the overall management system of SALIGAN. SALIGAN fully implemented its Performance Management and Development System (PMDS), and adopted a policy against fraud, bribery and corruption. As an organization which puts the welfare of its team as indispensable to achieve its goals, SALIGAN also adopted a childcare leave policy.

SALIGAN TEAM



2024 SALIGAN Team:

Hazel, Lani, Sol, JC, Lulu, Jaypee, Dave, Cel, Marc, Maya, Angela
Danica, Shyla, and Ariel (not in photo) were also part of the team in 2024.

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