

About Social Watch

Social Watch is an international network of citizens' organizations struggling to eradicate poverty and the causes of poverty, to ensure an equitable distribution of wealth and the realization of human rights. It is committed to social, economic, and gender justice. Social Watch holds governments, the UN system, and international organizations accountable for the fulfillment of national, regional, and international commitments to eradicate poverty. Network partners proactively monitor the progress and delivery of social commitments forged by the government and influence the outcomes of policy decisions through participation, engagement, dialogue and, when necessary, criticism. Social Watch promotes people-centered sustainable development.

In early 1997, Social Watch Philippines (SWP) was organized and convened by Action for Economic Reforms (ACTION), Accessing Support Services and Entrepreneurial Technology Inc. (ASSET) and the Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM), with Prof. Leonor Briones, coordinator of Social Watch-Asia, as the Lead Convenor.

Since it was set up, SWP has annually put forward a strategy of advocacy, awareness-building, monitoring, organizational development, and networking. A national consultation is regularly convened for the purpose. SWP has likewise faithfully submitted an annual Philippine country report to the Global Social Watch Report, which, in turn, is submitted to the United Nations Social Development Commission. The Social Watch global report is essentially a progress report on the accomplishments, or the lack of them, of different countries in the implementation of their social development commitments.

Social Watch Philippines is run by set of convenors composed of organizations and individuals, namely: Action for Economic Reforms (AER), Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM) Leonor M. Briones, Jessica Reyes-Cantos, Ma. Victoria Raquiza, Rene Raya and Isagani Serrano. Its secretariat is anchored by Janet Carandang.

Social Watch Philippines Network

Civil Society Organizations & Individuals as of December 2001

Victims of Disaster and Calamities Womanhealth Philippines Inc.

Workers in the Formal Labor

Women Initiative for Food and Environment

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Accessing Support Services & Entrepreneurial Technology Inc. • ASSET Inc.
       Alternative Community-Centered Organization for Rural Development • ACCORD
                             Acupuncture Therapeutic & Research Center Inc. • ATRC
                                               Alliance of Concerned Teachers • ACT
                                                             ALAGAD-Mindanao Inc.
                   Association for Non-Traditional Education in the Philippines • ANTEP
                                                                   Bantay Katilingban
                     Bisaya Alliance Growth and Sustainable Sugar Estate • BAGASSE
                                                                            BAPAKA
                        Bohol Alliance of Non-Governmental Organizations • BANGON
                                                                        Cielo Magno
                                                   Conference Against Poverty • CAP
                                                                        CODE-NGO
                                                                       Convergence
                                    DAWN-Southeast Asia / Women & Gender Institute
                             Federation of Senior Citizens Association of the Philippines
                                                  Freedom from Debt Coalition • FDC
                                                Focus on the Global South, Philippines
                             Harnessing Self-Reliant Initiatives and Knowledge • HASIK
                                                                  Helen N. Mendoza
                                              Initiatives for International Dialogue • IID
                                        Integral Development Services Phil. • IDS-Phil
                                                Institute for Popular Democracy • IPD
                                                Kitanglad Integrated NGOs Inc. • KIN
                                                                          LRC-KSK
                                                    Mindanao Land Foundation • MLF
                                                                         Multiversity
                                                      Muslim Youth & Student Alliance
                                    National Anti-Poverty Commission—Basic Sectors
                                       National Council of Social Development • NCSD
                                                                         NATRIPAL
                                National Council of Churches in the Philippines • NCCP
                Negros Oriental Center for People's Empowerment Inc. • NOCFED Inc.
                                                                 Oxfam Great Britain
Panaghugpong sa Gagmayang Bayanihang Grupo sa Oriental Negros • PAGBAG-O Inc.
                                                                    Phil-Net Visayas
                               Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates • PAHRA
                                                  Philippine Human Rights Info Center
              Philippine Legislators Committee on Population and Development • PLCPD
                   Philippine Network of Rural Development Institutes Inc. • PhilNet-RDI
  Philippine Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Areas-Davao
                                                      Philippne Peasant Institute • PPI
                     Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement-Bataan • PRRM-Bataan
                 Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement-Cotabato • PRRM-Cotabato
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