

## Healing Intervention Leading to Optimum Management (PAGHILOM) for Victims of Torture and Enforced Disappearance and Their Families

### Frequently Asked Questions

<p><b><i>What is the PagHILOM Program?</i></b></p>	<p>Healing Intervention Leading to Optimum Management (PagHILOM) for Victims of Torture and Enforced Disappearances and their Families responds to the rehabilitation needs of all victims and families of torture and enforced disappearances. Derived from the Tagalog word, paghilom, which means the process of healing, the program aims to contribute to the rebuilding of lives of VicTors and FRIEnDs. The program promotes holistic healing social and economic reintegration and is implemented in coordination with the CHR, DOH, DOI and concerned NGO partners through partnership and collaboration efforts.</p> <p>The PagHILOM program is a model of intervention envisioned to contribute to the healing, rebuilding of lives, reparation and access to justice of victim-survivors of torture and ED by engaging a committed and functional rehabilitation team of service providers (SPs) and support groups (SGs) at the local and national levels. The SPs and SGs are “co-journeymers” who are aware of the physical pain, anxiety and trauma of torture victim-survivors and the traumatic loss and unresolved grief or “complicated mourning” (where trauma and grief coincide) of family members/relatives of victims of ED.</p>
<p><b><i>What services does the program provide?</i></b></p>	<p>Individual and family therapy session modules are being developed for the use of project implementers to help in the healing of the victims and their families. Said modules are targeted for finalization by March 2020.</p> <p>A referral network has also been established in cooperation with other government agencies and non-government organizations such as:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Commission on Human Rights</li> <li>2. Department of Justice</li> <li>3. Department of Health</li> <li>4. Department of Education</li> <li>5. Department of Interior and Local Governance</li> <li>6. BALAY Rehabilitation Center</li> <li>7. Families of Enforced and Involuntary Disappearance (FIND), Inc.</li> </ol> <p>Services from said agencies may be availed by victims and their families through referral.</p>
<p><b><i>Where are the pilot areas of PagHILOM?</i></b></p>	<p>The pilot regions of PagHILOM are:  Region IX: Zamboanga City, Zamboanga del Sur  Region XI: Davao Oriental</p>
<p><b><i>Why did DSWD develop the</i></b></p>	<p>Republic Act No. 9745 otherwise known as Anti-Torture Act of 2009 and the RA No. 10353 or the Anti-Enforced or Involuntary Disappearance Act</p>

<p><b><i>PagHILOM program?</i></b></p>	<p>of 2012 mandated DSWD to create a comprehensive rehabilitation program for the victims of torture and ED and their families.</p>
<p><b><i>What is the definition of torture?</i></b></p>	<p>RA 9745 definition:  "Torture" refers to an act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person for such purposes as obtaining from him/her or a third person information or a confession; punishing him/her for an act he/she or a third person has committed or is suspected of having committed; or intimidating or coercing him/her or a third person; or for any reason based on discrimination of any kind, when such pain or suffering is inflicted by or at the instigation of or with the consent or acquiescence of a person in authority or agent of a person in authority. It does not include pain or suffering arising only from, inherent in or incidental to lawful sanctions.</p>
<p><b><i>What is the definition of enforced disappearance?</i></b></p>	<p>RA 10353 definition:  (b) Enforced or involuntary disappearance refers to the arrest, detention, abduction or any other form of deprivation of liberty committed by agents of the State or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support or acquiescence of the State, followed by a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or by concealment of the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person, which places such person outside the protection of the law.</p>
<p><b><i>What are the next steps for the project?</i></b></p>	<p>The pilot implementation of the project is still ongoing focusing on the testing of the session modules. After which, the project will be evaluated whether it is responsive, efficient, effective and sustainable.</p>