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WHAT WE ARE

Established in 2010, Urban Poor Resource Center of the Philippines, Incorporated (UPRCP) is a non-stock, non-profit resource institution for the Filipino urban poor. It seeks to help shape public discourse and policy in favor of urban poor interests and aspirations through its programs, in the pursuit of realizing genuine national development and ending poverty.

UPRCP aims to develop a critical, scientific and pro-poor analysis of socio-economic issues. It engages with, and seeks the support of key sectors and institutions within society- the academe, mass media, artists, church workers, civic and professional associations, national and transnational development agencies -- for the advancement of pro-poor discourse with the view of influencing Philippine policy-making.

Vision:

UPRCP envisions a Philippine society that follows the path of genuine national development and defends its national sovereignty in pursuit of freedom and democracy for the Filipino people.

It is a society where there is no urban poor as basic industries provide jobs for its people and there is equitable and sustainable access to land and resources. It is a society in which there is social justice and human rights are promoted and upheld.

Mission:

UPRCP is a resource institution that assists urban poor struggles for human rights and development justice through research, education and cultural development and facilitation of projects and services.

GOALS

1. **Help generate and support evidence-based and pro-poor programs and policies in the framework of development justice.**

Objectives:

- To engage in development justice research focusing on the urban poor;
- To develop a library and public information system of resources on urban poor issues and struggles;
- To advance the advocacy of the urban poor sector and other marginalized sectors in society through campaigns, dialogues with government agencies and other stakeholders, legislative work and community actions;
- To work for the participation of the urban poor in equitable and sustainable urban planning.

2. **Help strengthen urban poor social movements in achieving food sovereignty, full and humane jobs, and access to adequate housing and universal social protection.**

Objectives:

- To develop and strengthen organizational, socio-economic, legal and political capacities of the urban poor through a sustained education program;
- To develop and strengthen local and international linkages with the urban poor, people's organizations, development agencies, civil society organizations, academe, religious, media, lawyers, artists, and other professionals;
- To facilitate the urban poor's access to services;
- To put particular emphasis on capacity-building and full participation of women and children and other marginalized groups within the urban poor.

3. **Help enable the urban poor to promote a patriotic, empowering and productive culture.**

Objectives:

- To develop capacities of urban poor on art and cultural work;
- To advance urban poor struggles and campaigns through initiatives in culture and the arts.

PROGRAMS

Research

UPRCP conducts researches on key urban poor issues and concerns and presents this information from a critical, scientific and pro-poor perspective, in order to raise awareness of the realities of urban poverty and to guide public discussion in this regard.



Education and Cultural Development

UPRCP supports urban poor communities in their efforts to foster a culture that is progressive, nationalist, scientific and pro-genuine national development.



UPRCP explores different alternative forms and avenues of education and advocacy. Among these alternative education and advocacy activities are forums, symposiums and projects such as *CineMaralita*, a touring film festival about the Philippine urban poor and

"Nanay Mameng, isang dula" a theater production that highlights the everyday struggle of the urban poor and is inspired by the life and times of the iconic urban poor leader Carmen Deunida.

UPRCP also facilitates capacity-building, art and culture education and art productions in urban poor communities and with network individuals, organizations and art and cultural associations.



Projects and Services

UPRCP's conception has its roots in the relief and rehabilitation efforts that followed Typhoon Ondoy (Ketsana) in 2009. Today, it continues to deliver services to poor communities such as disaster preparedness training, feeding program and alternative learning system among others.



UPRCP also launches projects with urban poor organizations as its beneficiaries. As a resource center, UPRCP seeks to continuously facilitate capacity-building and socio-economic projects that will contribute in empowering the urban poor.