

September 2016

Guidance Document

Global Week of Action from 10th October



Guidance for Global Campaign Week against Extrajudicial Killings in the Philippines, beginning October 10th, 2016.

Since 30th June 2016, when Duterte took the Philippines presidency, thousands of people who use drugs have been killed in the Philippines. President Duterte has encouraged Filipino police and vigilante groups to kill people who use drugs; his ‘war on drugs’ has given a ‘license to kill’ without fear of accountability.

Global Week of Action: 10th October

The Asian Network of People who Use Drugs (ANPUD) and the International Network of People who Use Drugs (INPUD), through our national network allies and colleagues, are leading a global week of action against the extrajudicial killings of people who use drugs in the Philippines. ***The global week of action will take place in the week beginning October 10th 2016.*** The week will focus **actions at embassies** and consulates of the Philippines around the world. You are encouraged to take the lead in identifying an appropriate date in the week for a peaceful demonstration at embassies and consulates.

We encourage national drug user networks to actively promote the dates to drug user groups and other agencies involved in civil liberties and human rights – and to the public and media – to join embassy actions and other activities during the week. We welcome collaboration from any supportive organisations and/or interested individuals to join with coordination efforts.

Resources

- A [poster in English](#) and [Tagalog](#) and
- [statement](#) for the week, as well as
- [a draft email/letter](#) to send to President Duterte via your local embassy, can all be downloaded from our [website here](#):

Demonstration guidance:

To coordinate actions, please post details (date and time) of your event (if safe for your organisation to do so) onto our [Global Week of Action Facebook Event page](#).

We encourage you to use our [English](#) and [Tagalog posters designed for this week of action](#), in order to maximise focused messaging around the world. Silent demonstrations with ‘die ins’ – where people lie on the ground with cardboard signs in solidarity with those who have been killed – are one suggested protest concept. Carrying a coffin with your demonstration, for example, this can also be potent. Please **document your actions** and email photos back to us [here](#), and we will collate and promote your actions.

Sustained actions:

ANPUD and INPUD also invite you to email or telephone your local Philippines consulate or national embassy. This can be done during the global week of action, and may also be considered as part of a sustained response. Contact information can be found at [here](#).

Emailing and/or Writing:

Once you have found the email address or postage address for your closest embassy or consulate, this [email/letter](#) – or your own version – can be sent.

Telephoning:

If telephoning, ask to be put through to their political section (if they have one) or to the consular section. Be polite – remember you are not trying to convince the person you are speaking with (who may agree with you

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anyway) – you are ringing to register a statement of concern. Any hint of lecture, admonishment, or reprimand, will, at the very least, be ignored.

We suggest something along these lines:

“I would like to register a (personal/organisational) statement of concern about the extrajudicial killing of people who use or sell drugs in the Philippines. I would like to emphasise that people who use drugs are human beings. I/We fear for the safety of people who use drugs in the Philippines, for their families and communities, and I am gravely concerned about the impact of such violence on the society of the Philippines as a whole. Please ask the President to call an end to the killings and to use evidence-based approaches and to focus on health and wellbeing. Thank you.”

Social media:

To keep the momentum going on social media, please find some suggested tweets below. Please tweet and retweet these, as well as your own social media messages throughout the global week of action. It would be very much appreciated if members can upload any photos of the protests and actions you attend and/or organise in your cities *under our Global Week of Action’s campaign hashtag #NOKillingPHields*

@INPUD @WE_ARE_ANPUD demand a stop to the killings of our people in the #Philippines #NOKillingPHields @PresidentialCom <http://bit.ly/2dz2gNN>

People who use drugs are not collateral damage, but humans deserving of life & dignity #NOKillingPHields @PresidentialCom

@PresidentialCom Peace and order will not come from extrajudicial killing of people who use drugs #NOKillingPHields <http://bit.ly/2dz2gNN>

@PresidentialCom Engage civil society in response to drugs #Philippines. We are partners for change, not targets <http://bit.ly/2dz2gNN>

If protests and demonstrations are illegal or hard to conduct in our country...

Your safety is paramount. If forming groups and protesting seems risky, then you should not proceed. But there are other ways you can still contribute:

- You can contribute individually or organisationally as suggested above.
- Check if it is possible to submit the [letter](#) to the Philippines embassy in your country or a neighbouring country.

Thank you very much for support, and good luck with your actions!