We, as Human Have Human Rights

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Every person has human rights. Without it, there will be a lot of discriminations here in the Philippines. Human rights are the privileges that a person have. Having these rights, we can express ourselves.

Examples of human rights are freedom of speech and press, right of citizens to change their government, right to live, migrant's rights, indigenous people's rights, children's rights, right to choose their own religion, etc,

Even though we have these rights, we still have problems such as violence against women and abuse of children, child prostitution, trafficking in persons, child labor, and ineffective enforcement of worker rights. I think, everyone knows that child prostitution is illegal and being prohibited but there are still parents who sends their child into prostitution just because of poverty.

We have our freedom of speech and press but there are people who discriminates our press like the "Maguindanao massacre". There were a lot of press who were killed and those killings were against our human rights.

Much of the human rights discourse in the Philippines reflects on understanding of human rights as advocacy and solely as individual political rights. Therefore, when one scans the writings on human rights, the vast majority cover the abuse of civil and political rights-torture, disappearances, arbitrary arrests and executions –under past authoritarian regimes.

We have a lot of human rights but the problem is some are just ignoring it and just neglecting those rights.