Annex 1: WHRDs In The Philippines - Victims Of Deaths, Detention And Harassment (2017-2018)

1. Mariam Uy Acob, a paralegal of Kawagib Moro Human Rights in Maguindanao, who consistently denounced the military’s aerial bombardment and encampment in Moro communities. On 23 September, 2018, she was gunned down by suspected military agents.

2. Elisa Badayos, a human rights defender of Karapatan, was ambushed and killed during a three-day fact-finding mission in Bayawan, Negros Oriental on November 2017 to investigate reports of human rights violations perpetrated by private armies of landlords.

3. Hedda Calderon, a consultant of the Gabriela Women’s Party and the President of the Board of Lila Pilipina, an organisation advocating for the rights and welfare of comfort women during the Japanese occupation. She was arrested on 15 October 2018 on false charges and is currently detained.

4. Rowena Rosales and her husband Oliver, both public sector union organizers of the government workers group COURAGE were illegally arrested on 11 August, 2018 in Bulacan on fabricated charges and currently detained.

5. Myles Albasin, a youth activist, was illegally arrested on 3 March, 2018, along with 5 other companions in Negros Oriental by soldiers of the 62nd Infantry Battalion - Philippine Army (IBPA), and slapped with trumped-up charges. She is currently detained.

6. Jolita Tolino, an indigenous volunteer teacher of the Center for Lumad Advocacy and Services, Inc. (CLANS), who was illegally arrested on 7 February, 2018, based on trumped up charges. She is currently detained.

7. Rita Espinoza was illegally arrested on 19 October, 2017 in Kabankalan, Negros City as she was having consultation with sugar workers. She is currently detained on trumped-up criminal charges.

8. Elisa Tita Lubi, National Chairperson of Karapatan, former Interim Regional Coordinator of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD) and founding Vice Chairperson of Gabriela Women’s Party, has been included in the Department of Justice petition to declare more than 600 individuals as terrorists, virtually making her a target of attacks by government security forces.

9. Atty. Katherine Panguban of the National Union of Peoples’ Lawyers who assisted in the fact finding mission on the massacre of nine farmers in Sagay City on October, 2018, and is now facing complaints of kidnapping and serious illegal detention for assisting a child witness of the massacre before the Sagay City prosecutor’s office.

10. Cristina Palabay, Karapatan Secretary General and Regional Council member of the Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law and Development (APWLD), is experiencing threats, harassment, surveillance and intimidation by military agents.

11. Clarizza Singson, a woman human rights defender and Karapatan National Council member, has been receiving threats through SMS/texts from a suspected military agent. Singson is among those villified by the military in a poster, which included the name and picture of the slain human rights lawyer Benjamin Ramos. She also led the fact finding mission on the massacre of nine farmers in Sagay City, Province of Negros Occidental.

12. Alma Sinumlag, an indigenous women human rights defender, who is being tagged as a supporter of the New People’s Army for facilitating a cultural integration and empowerment project of the indigenous peoples students from Shih Shin University of Taiwan on 12-17 August, 2018, in Tabuk City, Kalinga Province.