YOUTH ADVOCATES FOR CLIMATE ACTION PHILIPPINES



2021 YEAR-END REPORT



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National Coordinator's Note



Despite the continued COVID-19 pandemic lockdown, YACAP has grown and remained strong this 2021. Our nationwide network continues to reach more and more people, and we must continue to take on the challenge of organizing young individuals and youth formations in the country around the global call for climate justice, in the context of our current political climate.

2022 presents a potential turning point in Philippine politics, with the upcoming national elections in May. As the climate crisis worsens, we call for a green new leadership. Alliances like YACAP must maximize its capacity and position to enact meaningful change, both in the electoral setting and, ultimately, for the communities and peoples most impacted by the climate crisis.

With that said, the struggle continues. More power to YACAP and to climate activists in the country and around the world!

For people and planet,

Jon Bonifacio

National Coordinator



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About



Youth Advocates for Climate Action Philippines (YACAP), convened in 2019, is a nationwide alliance of youth organizations, individuals, and student councils that advocates for immediate global climate action led by the youth. We believe the youth, alongside the most impacted sectors of society, should now lead the ongoing global struggle against climate crisis for the survival of our planet. YACAP is the counterpart of Fridays for Future in the Philippines.

Our Five Points of Unity

- 1 Climate justice
- 2 Urgency of climate action
- 3 Defend our environmental defenders
- 4 Youth-led collective action
- 5 System change, not climate change



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About

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Social Media

The National Campaign Committee led several online initiatives to amplify our campaigns around our five points of unity. We were able to release several statements and infographics (such as in our TGIF or Think Green, It's Friday infographic series) over the course of the year on various topics, and utilize our social media reach with our posts.

	TOTAL FOLLOWERS	TOTAL REACH / IMPRESSIONS, 2021	
f	13.8K	289.2K (R)	
	8,778	14.4M (I)	
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Reach (R) only counts unique accounts reached per post, while Impressions (I) counts the number of times a post is encountered on social media timelines.



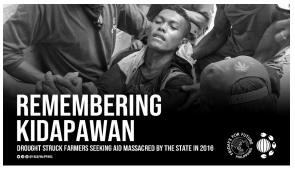
Social Media

Statement Graphics







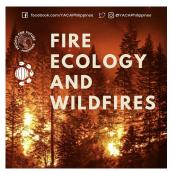






Infographics









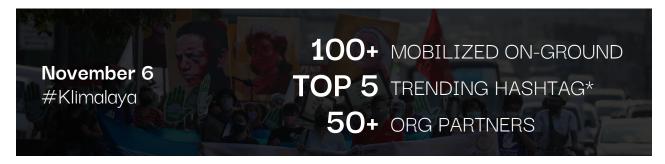


Strikes

YACAP coordinated several nationwide protest actions this 2021, including two Global Climate Strike actions. In total, we were able to mobilize hundreds of youth on-ground (in addition to youth mobilized online) in the context of ongoing lockdown restrictions due to the COVID-19 pandemic.









^{*}Twitter, Philippines trending topics.

Strikes











Our March 19 #NoMoreEmptyPromises strike called on Standard Chartered Bank to divest from fossil fuels and environmentally-destructive projects in the country.

Photos: YACAP, 350.org/Leo Sabangan, Anakbayan Pangasinan



Strikes











Our September 24 #UprootTheSystem strike focused on the call for people- and planet-centered adaptation policies and local community issues that exacerbate the climate crisis.

Photos: YACAP, 350.org/AC Dimatatac





National Issues

Throughout 2021, we were also able to participate in other protest actions regarding national issues. Some of the ones we were able to attend:



January 22 34th Anniversary of Mendiola Massacre



July 26
President Duterte's Final
State of the Nation Address



September 21
Marcos Martial Law
Commemoration





Internal Education

This year, YACAP was able to develop, finalize, and implement its internal member curriculum, which aims to equip its membership with fundamental knowledge of the climate crisis and the centrality of the collective struggle in resolving climate issues.

ED 0 YACAP Orientation

ED 1 Five Points of Unity

ED 2 Climate Science







External Education

YACAP was able to organize and conduct its own webinars, as well as speak at various events of other organizations, throughout 2021.





The Education Committee also launched the #SpotlightSeries initiative, where its members would research and write about various topics related to climate change. These articles were published on YACAP's website.

8,000+

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REACHED VIA SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

8

SPOTLIGHT SERIES ARTICLES PUBLISHED FROM MAY 2021





External Education

YACAP was also able to explore other media such as podcasts this 2021, with the launch of its three-episode Klimalaman: The Podcast series in September. In this series, we were able to engage with both local and international speakers on topics related to climate issues.





Check us out on Anchor!





Community Education

YACAP was also able to extend its education initiatives to the frontline community setting.

In January 2021, we were able to conduct an educational discussion with members of a community in Marikina, Metro Manila to discuss climate change in light of the devastating impacts of typhoons the previous year.

In October 2021, we were able to collaborate and implement an educational curriculum on climate change alongside small farmers from Lupang Ramos, Dasmariñas, Cavite.









Membership



Individuals

YACAP continued to grow despite the challenges imposed by the pandemic situation. On top of onboarding hundreds of new members, we were finally able to establish our regional chapters this year.

500+

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP*

210

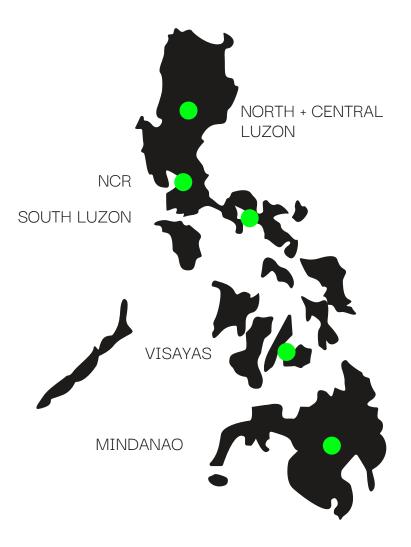
NEW MEMBERS (2021)

183

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

5

REGIONAL CHAPTERS



^{*}Not including individual members of member organizations **As of December 2021





Membership



Organizations

































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MEMBER ORGS*

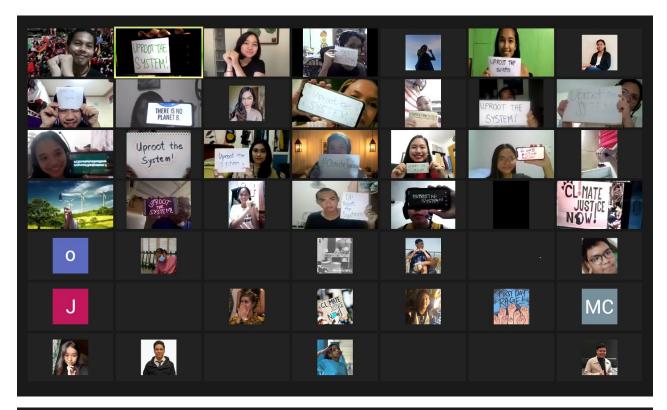
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NEW ORG MEMBERS (2021)*

*Including local chapters of national formations



Membership







YACAP member individuals and organizations meeting online in 2021.



Externals



Local/National

In 2021, YACAP was able to maintain its existing partnerships with established climate and environment NGOs in the country, as well as build new connections through partnership engagements with our various events and activities.











Some of our established allied organizations





50+

UNIQUE ORG PARTNERS IN OUR ACTIONS

EXCLUDING MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS



Externals



International

2021 also marked heightened involvement of YACAP in the international youth climate movement community. YACAP actively participates in the Fridays for Future (FFF) International and FFF Most Affected Peoples and Areas (MAPA) spaces.





30+

COUNTRIES AND REGIONS REPRESENTED IN FFF MAPA ALONE

YACAP has also been coordinating actively with other youth climate organizations in the Southeast Asian region, and is working with them in building a regional climate alliance, Southeast Asian Climate Alliance (SEACA).







Externals



International

YACAP was also able to send three delegates to the UN Climate Summit COP26 in Glasgow, Scotland, where they were able to engage with activists and organizations from around the world and amplify the situation of the Philippines to a broader audience.









Philstar.com ♥ @PhilstarNews · Nov 6, 2021

Jon Bonifacio (@bnfcio) speaks at Friday for Future protest here in Glasgow, says the Philippines is one of the most impacted nations when it comes to climate change. #COP26 | via @gaeacabico





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: (1) YACAP members participate in an Global Witness-led action about environmental defenders alongside other Filipino activists in front of the COP26 venue; (2) YACAP rep meets with UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres inside the COP26 venue; (3) YACAP facilitates a session at COP26 Coalition's People's Summit for Climate Justice in Glasgow; (4) YACAP speaks at in front of tens of thosands at the FFF youth strike on November 5, 2021; (5) YACAP participates in the November 6 World Climate March action in Glasgow.



Finance



Donation Drives

A significant portion of YACAP's financial work revolved around donation drives for typhoons, particularly the devastating Typhoon Odette that hit southern Philippines in December 2021. As of December 2021, YACAP was able to collect over PHP 700,000.00 for communities in Panay Island, Surigao, and Cebu.





Excess donations from our previous donation drive in 2020 also went to emergency response needs for frontline land and environment defenders.



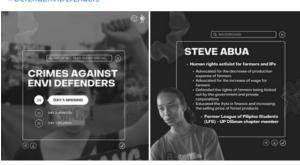
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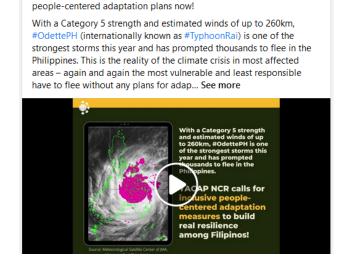




Seven weeks have passed, and yet, Steve Abua still has not been surfaced and brought back to his family. The Duterte administration continues to prove that the country is indeed a dangerous one for environmental defenders. For that, we stand stronger against all forms of attacks against environmental defenders, and we continue to fight for the rights of our people and the environment.

#SurfaceSteveAbuaNow #StoptheAttacks #DefendEnviDefenders





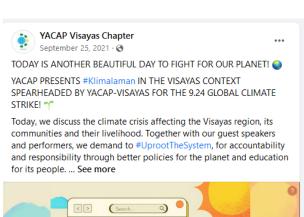
YACAP South Luzon

September 24, 2021 · 🚱

STRIKES ALL OVER SOUTH LUZON !?

Climate justice now! Drastic emission cuts from the Global North and

YACAP National Capital Region Chapter
December 16, 2021 at 9:07 PM ⋅ ③



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That's right! Look at our banner drops in Laguna, Rizal, Quezon,

Camsur, Sorsogon, Palawan for our Global Climate Strike





CLIMATE STRIKE

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Moving Forward

If you have any suggestions or insights into how YACAP can improve for 2022 and beyond, you may reach out via the following channels:

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Organization or individual interested in joining our alliance? Visit <u>yacap.org/join-us</u> to apply!

