NOMINATION FORM
Embassy Tulip 2026

INSTRUCTIONS

The Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in the Philippines is pleased to open nominations for the Embassy Tulip Award 2026. The award will recognise and celebrate the courage, commitment and impact of human rights defenders or civil society organisations working to promote and protect human rights in the Philippines.

The award is part of the wider Human Rights Tulip program of the Government of the Netherlands, which includes Embassy Tulip Awards organised by 26 Dutch embassies around the world, as well as the Central Human Rights Tulip Award: a flagship international award awarded in The Hague during the Human Rights Day celebration in December.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED?

Nominations are open to:

- Human rights defenders, informal groups, networks, movements, and civil society organisations that demonstrate a strong commitment to human rights through work that is locally rooted and relevant.
- Their work is preferably linked to one of the six human rights priorities of the Netherlands, being freedom of expression and internet, freedom of religion and belief, equal rights for LGBTI-persons, human rights defenders and civic space, tackling impunity for serious crimes, equal rights for women and girls (including SRHR).
- Nominees must be a Filipino citizen and carry out their activities in anywhere within the Philippines.
- Multiple nominations for the same nominee will not give the nominee an advantage; each nominee will be considered once.
- No self-nomination. Nominees must be recommended by other organizations or individuals.

Those eligible are human rights defenders who:

- Accept the **universality of human rights** as defined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)
- **Defend a human right** as defined in the UDHR
- Work to defend human rights in a **nonviolent** manner

Please note that no human rights defender will be considered who are deceased or inactive at the time of nomination.

Nominations can be submitted by filling in the nomination form below, as completely as possible, and sending it to MAN-PCZ@minbuza.nl.

All nominations must be submitted on or before 24 July 2026

Please provide two (2) references (known/respected persons or organisations) in support of your nomination whom we could contact for additional information (question 15 below).

Only shortlisted nominees will be contacted. The winner of the Embassy Tulip will be invited to participate in several public events, including the award ceremony in hosted by the Dutch Ambassador towards the end of the year, unless they are chosen to win the main Tulip Award of the Ministry. The winner is determined by the Dutch embassy with finality after consultation with independent evaluators.

Please be aware that the process of selecting the winner of the Human Rights Tulip involves public visibility. This may, in certain cases, increase the risks the nominee faces. We therefore strongly urge you to take account of potential adverse impacts on the nominee's safety and to discuss these potential impacts with the nominee.

The Dutch Embassy and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will process personal data in accordance with the provisions of the General Data Protection Regulation. The data provided will only be used for the nomination and selection procedure of the Embassy Tulip. All the data provided will be deleted within 12 weeks after the Embassy Tulip has been awarded.

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1. Is the nominee an organisation registered and operating in the Philippines?

☐ Yes

☐ No (please explain)

2. Has the nominated organisation given explicit, full consent to the nomination? (please note that nominations without full consent, will not be taken into consideration)

☐Yes

☐No

3. Contact details of the nominee (for an organisation, please provide the contact details of a representative):

Last name (surname) as in passport:

First name (given name) as in passport:

Name of organisation:

Country of residence of representative:

Gender (select all that apply): ☐Female ☐Male ☐Nonbinary ☐Other (specify):

Email address of the nominee:

Telephone number of the nominee:

Languages spoken and understood by the nominee:

4. Areas of work of the nominee (select maximum of three):

☐ Civil and political rights	☐ Economic, social and cultural rights
☐ Right to freedom of expression and opinion	☐ Labour rights
☐ Equal rights of LGBTI people	☐ Sexual and reproductive health rights
☐ Digital rights and privacy	☐ Environmental rights
☐ Right to freedom of religion or belief	☐ Business and human rights
☐ Women's rights and gender equality	☐ Children's rights
☐ Supporting the multilateral human rights system	☐ Refugees and victims of armed conflict
☐ Fight against impunity and accountability for international crimes	☐ Rights of indigenous peoples
☐ Enforced disappearance and missing persons	☐ Humanitarian assistance and development
☐ Conflict resolution and peace building	☐ Other: (indicate here)
☐ Detention and slavery	

5. Description

Briefly describe the nominee's human rights work and the methods and activities that this work entails. (maximum 250 words)

6. Political and sociocultural background

Briefly describe the sociocultural and political situation in which the nominee is working and the relationship of the nominee's work to this background. (maximum 250 words)

7. Risks and resistance faced by the nominee

Is the nominee facing risks, problems or resistance because of their human rights work? Who or what is complicating or hindering the nominee's work? How does this affect the nominee's life and working conditions? Has the nominee taken any steps or measures to address these challenges? (maximum 250 words)

8. Innovation

Briefly explain what aspects of the nominee's work can be regarded as creative, cutting-edge and successful and why. Please give specific examples of the nominee's innovative approach and successes achieved. (maximum 150 words)

9. Impact

Who benefits from the nominee's work? Briefly describe the impact of this work on beneficiaries and/or rights holders. (maximum 150 words)

10. Partner organisations

Does the nominee work actively with other partner organisations and/or communities at national and/or international level? How are these partners involved in developing and carrying out the work? (maximum 150 words)

11. Sustainability and scalability of the work

How does the nominee make their work sustainable, and what is needed to ensure this? Is there potential for this work to be scaled up? What would be needed to do so, in terms of human and financial resources, organisational capacity, external support, etc.? How might others potentially benefit from this work in the future? (maximum 250 words)

12. Benefit of the award

How could the Human Rights Tulip award benefit the nominee and their work? (maximum 100 words)

13. Recognition

Has the nominee's work received any public recognition? If so, what awards, expressions of appreciation or other forms of recognition have been received, and from whom?

14. Information on the person submitting the nomination (nominator):

Last name (surname):

First name (given name):

Name of organisation
(if applicable):

Country of residence:

Email address:

Telephone number:

15. Please provide the names of two references in support this nomination:

Reference 1
Last name:
First name:
Country of residence:
Organisation (if applicable):
Email address:
Telephone number:

Reference 2
Last name:
First name:
Country of residence:
Organisation (if applicable):
Email address:
Telephone number:

16. Supporting documents

If you like, you may share additional information about the work of the nominee, such as links to their website, reports, publications, media coverage, videos or any other online information referring to the nominee's work. You may also send published videos by WeTransfer (to MAN-PCZ@minbuza.nl). Please limit this additional information to a maximum of five links and/or files. Please note that this is not mandatory to be considered.