

**Bringing the Local and Intimate to the National** and Institutional: **Using IT for Legislative Advocacy for** Reproductive Health Gender, Citizenship and IT Research Project in the **Philippines** 

# **Community Voices**



## Reproductive Health Bill

- 10 years in the Phils. Congress
- Supported by FP, WOMEN, Health NGOs, and community-based groups
- Policy frames: HR, Gender Equality, Promotion of Child rights and welfare, access to RH information and services, eradication of discrimination in exercise of SRR
- Maternal Health, FP, RH Education, Other RH entitlements (midwives, mobile HC, trainings, etc.)

# RH Situation of Women & Youth

- 3.4 M pregnancies, 1.8 M unintended
- 450,000 maternal complications, 4,700 maternal deaths per year
- 570,000 induced abortions, 1000 deaths per year
- 4M YP are sexually active, 80% are unprotected
- 5 people a day are infected of HIV

# RH Bill Supporters Experiences

- Queuing for Public Hearings
- Tight security for poor people supporting RH v.s Catholic anti-RH
- Long waiting vs Delaying Tactics
- Misinformation
- Excommunication







# Community Journalism how does it help?

- Provide venue to the women and young people to freely express their feelings and thoughts on the RH Bill
- Showing grassroots perspectives on gender and RH issues
- Real pictures of grassroots and women's SRHR situations
- Putting a "Face" on gender and RH issues
- Helps popularize Likhaan website

# Community Journalism where are we now?

- Training done...
  - 3-day training, 11 community journalists
- Community Journalists:
  - Community leaders
  - Adult and young people
  - "T.H.E." Segregation--- electives subject
- 17 Filipino articles/ 5 English translated









## **Articles: Stories**

- Updates on the RH Bill hearings, and other events
- Stories of women related to gender and RH,
- Gays and Young People's perspectives on the issue
- Personal RH and Gender-related accounts/ stories
- Letter to Congressmen/women
- Photo essays















## **Likhaan Website**

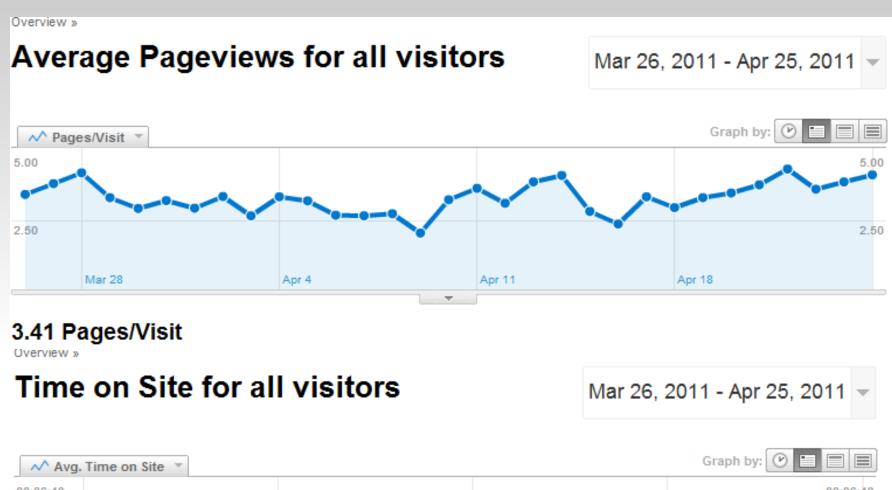
- Two languages: English and Filipino
- Community Voices Page





11,178 Visits

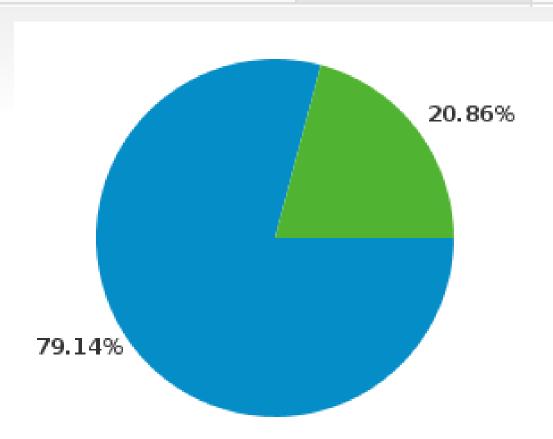
360.58 Visits / Day





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	Visitor Type None 🐸	Visits <b>▼</b> ↓	Visits
1.	New Visitor	8,846	79.14%
2.	Returning Visitor	2,332	20.86%





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#### Pages on this site were viewed a total of 38,092 times

**38,092** Pageviews

29,211 Unique Views

53.32% Bounce Rate

#### Navigation Analysis

Navigation Summary
How visitors found your content

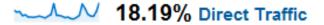
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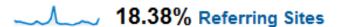
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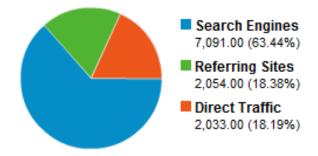
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#### All traffic sources sent a total of 11,178 visits







	Keyword    None	Visits ↓	Pages/Visit	Avg. Time on Site	% New Visits	Bounce Rate
1.	rh bill	963	3.77	00:04:18	89.20%	47.04%
2.	rh bill philippines	823	4.22	00:04:29	89.79%	44.59%
3.	rh bill philippines 2011	456	3.97	00:04:09	91.01%	42.32%
4.	likhaan	166	5.74	00:06:48	46.39%	24.70%
5.	rh bill 4244	127	5.29	00:06:06	67.72%	29.13%
6.	hb 4244	98	5.26	00:05:03	52.04%	30.61%
7.	house bill 4244	98	5.41	00:04:49	74.49%	37.76%
8.	rh bill 2011	95	2.26	00:02:34	62.11%	54.74%
9.	likhaan center for women's health	68	2.91	00:02:16	22.06%	67.65%
10.	likhaan.org	63	2.32	00:03:24	11.11%	73.02%

# Community Activists-Journalists Challenges

- Pending Draft Articles (24 drafts)
- Information-Technology Gap
  - "typewriter to computer"
- Gender-roles, family-responsibilities
  - Time, "tasks"
- Techno environment issues
  - Queuing in the internet shops, not conducive for doing the articles
  - Transport to the internet/ computer shop
  - Slow internet connection
- Article English Translation

## **Moving forward**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of Community Journalists/ Activists
   Training
- Recruitment of community journalists
- Currently talking with the developmental partners to sponsor netbooks for the community journalists
- Continuing computer and internet tutorials
- Recruit English Translator
- Try audio-video articles

# Pass the RH Bill Now na!!!

Salamat!

(thank you!)