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The BEGINNING

All started from series of discussions among friends who are advocating agrarian reform, right to food, security sector reform, industry, labor, right to work and armed conflict violation. The result from the reflections and evaluation are the needs to concentrate intellectual works (studies) in advancing thoughts and implementation of democracy, human rights, and people organizing (to promote public participation and to encourage victims to be human rights defender). These reflections and evaluations are also demanding for a consolidation of advocates (lawyers) in defending victims and in pursuing legal reform.

Realizing the importance of a presence of an organization that able to do research and campaign on social justice issues and able to practice legal defense, therefore in the middle of July 2007 Indonesian Human Rights Committee for Social Justice (IHCS) was founded with the values of people-ness,



peace, human rights, humanity based solidarity, democracy, social justice and gender equality. IHCS is also non sectarian and non partisan organization.

IHCS believes that the fulfillment of economic, social and cultural rights, and conflict resolution will only be achieved through democracy and reforms in legal and security sector.

In form of association, this organization takes role in promoting and defending human rights and upholding social justice by consolidating components which working in structural legal aid, and advancing and defending human rights, whether they are groups or individuals. Because of this, IHCS were founded not only by those who come from legal works, but were also by delegations from labor and peasant organizations, woman and youth activists, and others who reside across regions, from Jakarta to Papua.

VISION

Organization vision is to build a democratic world, and a state that respecting, fulfilling and protecting human rights and affirming social justice for its citizens.

MISSION

Organization mission is to create a state system that is democratic and respecting, fulfilling and protecting human rights, through advocating public policy, advocating human rights violation through litigation and non litigation advocacy, facilitating human rights victims to be human rights defender, and initiating resolution for armed conflict violations.

The WORKS

In the present, IHCS is legal representative for several peasant organizations, namely Serikat Petani Indonesia, Aliansi Petani Indonesia, Yayasan Bina Desa and Konsorsium Pembaruan Agraria; labor, Federasi Serikat Pekerja Pertamina Bersatu and Serikat Buruh Indonesia; and fisherfolks, Serikat Nelayan Indonesia. IHCS also acts as attorney for political prisoner Aceh and people from three villages of the Amungme tribe in Papua. Meanwhile, in the right to food issue, IHCS builds its capacity as National Rapporteur on the Rights to Food.

In several occasions, IHCS and National Human Rights Institution had worked together in studying and monitoring of the right to food, IHCS also sent delegation in the National Council Special Working Force for Food Security.

In the context of legal reform, IHCS is pushing reform for several Laws, initiating new Laws and doing judicial review in Constitutional Court. In promoting human rights, IHCS with international peasant organization (La via Campesina) is striving for an acknowledgement of peasant rights, from people declaration to be international convention through UN mechanism.



Some ACTIVITIES

Legal Reform

- Formulating the draft of peasant rights and striving for its acknowledgment as international convention in the UN with La via Campesina and FIAN International.
- Legal drafting national policy on human rights based disaster management
- Legal drafting alteration of Law number 7 year 1996 on Food and Law number 31 year 2004 on Fisheries. These Laws are considered not having human rights perspective by ignoring vulnerable groups, especially small and traditional producers. The Laws weights food and fish merely as commodities. In particular with Fishery Law, this Law is allowing foreign ships to exploit national waters. This permission will enlarge the current sea conflicts that frequently happened.
- Legal drafting national policy on Agrarian Reform Implementation
- Judicial Review on Law number 25 year 2007 on Capital Investment
- Judicial Review on Law number 27 year 2007 on Coastal and Isle Management, meanwhile IHCS has drafted alteration for the Law



Litigation Advocacy

- Attorney for Amungme tribe, Papuan indigenous people against Freeport McMoran Indonesia Inc, regarding the profit share that the company has promised to Amungmes.
- Attorney for Antonius Wamang in pleading for review for Papua Mile 62-63 Shooting Case
- Attorney for Tengku Ismuhadi regarding the transfer of the GAM (Aceh Liberation Movement) political prisoner.
- Attorney for peasants in Ujungkulon, Pandeglang regarding the criminalization of peasants by Ujung Kulon National Park Authority; for peasants in Rengas, Ogan Ilir Palembang regarding the criminalization of peasants by State Plantation Company; for peasants in Kediri regarding criminalization of peasants by Bisi Inc., a Charoen Phokphan subsidiary seed company.

Education and Training

IHCS has held paralegal and human rights training for peasants in Bohotkong (Sulawesi Tengah), Batang (Central Java), Cianjur and Sumedang (West Java), Langkat (North Sumatera), Batang Hari (Jambi).

In the training, the peasants and the activists gets information regarding basic of paralegal, legal aid and human rights, basic understanding on right over land, agrarian conflict, land reform, various Laws regarding agrarian resources, peasants right, investigation, monitoring, documentation and reporting, legal and political act, and simulation.

The trainings are meant to equip peasants and activists the proper knowledge on legal process and aspect, and their rights as human, especially because Indonesia has ratified covenant on civil politics and economic, social and cultural rights.



Publication

In order to make knowledge, skill and experiences be learned by others in different places, publishing is a must. Therefore IHCS had published several books and policy paper regarding its works. Printed books are Panduan Pendidikan Paralegal untuk Perjuangan Kaum Tani (Paralegal Education Guidance for Peasant Struggle. In Indonesian), Kekerasan Tak Kunjung Usai; Laporan Pemantaun Konflik Agraria (Neverending violence; Agrarian Conflict Monitoring Report. In Indonesian), Meruntuhkan Tembok Imperialisme; Bunga Rampai Penolakan Undang-Undang Penanaman Modal (Demolishing Imperialism Wall; Chronology of the Investment Law Refusal.

While some unprinted publication are policy papers regarding natural resources which are, on Agrarian Conflict, National Agrarian Reform Program, Plantation, Forestry, Water Resources, Fisheries and Sea; policy paper on the fulfillment of the right to food in Indonesia; policy paper on labor in Indonesia; policy paper on plants breeding system; policy papers regarding corporation which are on corporation responsibility towards human rights, and on Freeport and Mining in Indonesia; and policy paper regarding security sector reform.



Organization STRUCTURE

All the works are handle by respective directorates which are Lawyer Committee for Human Rights and Institute for Social Justice (ISOJU). However, most works are done by coordination of both.

NETWORKINGS

In doing legal aid assistance, monitoring and other activities in achieving its vision mission, IHCS works with other organizations and become part of other networks. At national level, IHCS works closely with labor, peasant and fisherfolk organizations such as Serikat Buruh Indonesia (SBI), Serikat Petani Indonesia (SPI), Aliansi Petani Indonesia (API), Serikat Nelayan Indonesia (SNI), with CSOs such as Asosiasi Ekonomi Politik Indonesia (AEPI), with NGOs such as Yayasan Bina Desa Sadajiwa, Koalisi Rakyat untuk Kedaulatan Pangan (KRKP), Konsorsium Pembaruan Agraria (KPA), and within coalition such as Gerakan Rakyat Lawan Neokolonialisme dan Imperialisme (Gerak Lawan). IHCS also works with state institution, such as Food Security Council (Dewan Ketahanan Pangan – DKP), Land National Agency (Badan Pertanahan Nasional - BPN), and National Human Rights Institution

At South East regional level, IHCS is member of The Southeast Asian Council for Food and Fair Trade (SEACON), while at international level IHCS is part of Peasant Rights Working Group, together with La via Campesina, FoodFirst Information and Action Network (FIAN) International, and Centre Europe – Tiers Monde (Cetim).