

# HUMAN RIGHTS CHECKLIST



## LENI ROBREDO



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| Accountability on the War on Drugs | SAGOT ✓ |
| Prevention of further HR abuses    | SAGOT ✓ |
| Access to public healthcare        | SAGOT ✓ |
| Labor and Security                 | SAGOT ✓ |
| Education for All                  | SAGOT ✓ |
| Press Freedom                      | SAGOT ✓ |
| Freedom of Expression              | SAGOT ✓ |
| Crackdown on Corruption            | SAGOT ✓ |

## **\*CANDIDATE'S ECONOMIC PLATFORM: HANAPBUHAY PARA SA LAHAT**

### **1. Government Accountability on the War on Drugs**

- Robredo vows justice for killings in drug war | ABS-CBN News
  - "Hihingi pa din ako sa inyo ng paumanhin dahil ako Pangalawang Pangulo, pero hindi ko... hindi ko nahinto iyong patayan na nangyari. Kasalanan din iyon ng lahat ng nasa pamahalaan na nangyari siya—na nangyari siya habang kami ay nanunungkulan," she said.
  - The Office of the Vice President has partnered with civil society groups in providing various interventions for families who lost their loved ones to EJKs.
- Robredo: Anti-drug program must focus on prevention, rehab | Philstar.com
  - "My first recommendation after I stepped down as ICAD co-chair was to change the entire system... (that) contributes to the focus on enforcement," she said, noting that it is chaired by the Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency (PDEA).
  - "The mandate of PDEA is more on the enforcement side. So for me, my first recommendation is to make the DDB – the Dangerous Drugs Board – as ICAD chair," she added.
  - "My belief is that if the DDB will sit as the chair, the plan is not just 'kill, kill, kill.' The plan will be comprehensive – heavy on prevention, heavy on rehabilitation," she added.
- Robredo to allow ICC probe on Duterte's 'drug war' | Philstar.com
  - "I will allow it. It will be very open, very transparent. If there is nothing to hide, there is nothing to fear," Robredo said in Filipino in an interview with entertainment host Boy Abunda that premiered on Wednesday.
  - "I will propose that we restore our membership with the ICC because this is very important to keep government in check," she said.
  - In a previous interview with GMA News anchor Jessica Soho, Robredo said she is not in the position to say whether Duterte should be prosecuted for crimes against humanity by the ICC.

## 2. Facilitating COVID-19 Recovery and Strengthening Healthcare System and Services

- Robredo's pandemic response plan: Freedom from COVID-19, hunger, lack of education (rappler.com)
  - Robredo detailed how she plans to address the pandemic, focusing on three key aspects – “freedom” from the fear of getting sick, freedom from hunger, and freedom from the lack of education.
  - To be “liberated” from the fear of getting sick, Robredo said that a “mahusay at matinong” (competent and sensible) leader should be focusing on the COVID-19 response strategy. This, she said, would end corruption – a clear swipe at the alleged anomalous pandemic contracts.
  - If elected president, Robredo would also push for “sufficient” wages and benefits that are immediately released to health workers, along with sufficient financial support for hospitals.
  - Robredo said she would also ensure that healthcare will be “free and accessible.” In a bid to do this, Robredo said that within three months, Filipinos should be enrolled in the newly-created National Health Insurance Program as envisioned in the Universal Health Care Act.
    - Free COVID-19 testing
    - Sufficient vaccines for Filipinos by making sure there are funds for it
    - Increasing the capacity of hospitals
    - A nurse of each barangay
    - Implementation of a telemedicine system – similar to the Office of the Vice President’s free teleconsultation service E-Konsulta
  - P216 billion for cash aid and making use of the National ID system in the immediate distribution of aid.
- 'Gobyernong Tapat': A look at Robredo's platform and the people around her | Philstar.com
  - Robredo also promised that healthcare workers will get hazard pay, paid COVID-19 leaves on top of existing sick leaves, medical insurance and allowance for food and transportation.
- Robredo bares more on COVID plan: Tackle corruption, pick skillful DOH chief, fix PhilHealth | Inquirer News
  - “Tigil ang korupsiyon, tigil ang anomalya. Magtatalaga tayo ng mahusay na Secretary of Health. Pipili tayo ng may pananagutan, kayang pasunurin ang buong bukrasya, nauunawaan ang mga proseso, may kaalamang teknikal, at may malasakit sa taumbayan. Patitibayin natin ang sistemang pangkalusugan,” Robredo said in a speech.
  - “Ayusin ang PhilHealth. Tatanggalin ang mga buhol para bumilis ang proseso. Babayaran ng PhilHealth ang mga utang sa mga ospital— perang magagamit ng mga ospital para maalagaan tayo,” she added.

### 3. Upholding Social Security and Labor Rights

- Robredo: Vow of stopping 'endo' will not be just lip service | Inquirer News
  - “Malinaw kasi sa Labor Code of the Philippines kung ano ‘yong puwede, ano ‘yong hindi. Puwede ‘yong job contracting, pero bawal ‘yung labor-only contracting. So sisiguraduhin natin na malinaw na sinusunod ito,” she said.
  - “Kasi ‘yung– ‘yung labor-only contracting kaya siya bawal kasi ‘di ba ‘yung labor-only contracting, nagre-recruit ka lang mga empleyado, nagre-recruit ka lang ng mga empleyado wala ka ngang kapital para asikasuhin sila, parang ahente ka lang, so hindi nagiging malinaw ‘yung employer-employee relationship,” she explained.
- 'Hanapbuhay para sa lahat': Robredo bares ₱192-B jobs plan (cnnphilippines.com)
  - "Bubuwagin natin ang mga sindikatong ginawa nang negosyo ang gobyerno. Gagawin nating patas ang merkado at sisiguruhing may isang salita ang pamahalaan (We will dismantle syndicates who have turned the government into their business. We will ensure a fair market and that the government will be true to its word)," Robredo said a press conference Friday.
  - Under her leadership, four industries will be prioritized: maritime, climate, technology, and manufacturing.
  - The presidential aspirant wants to invest heavily in green business - covering e-transport, climate-smart agricultural infrastructure, and clean energy.
  - There's a need to implement the Anti-Age Discrimination Act, she said, but would still push for a comprehensive anti-discrimination bill.
  - Passing the National Food Security bill, Robredo explained, will allow government to buy from small farmers and fisherfolk for feeding programs; promised to link businesses to wider markets, especially in agriculture and tourism.
  - Robredo plans to introduce quality retraining and skills-matching program; create a Public Employment Program that would guarantee jobs to around two million Filipinos. At the same time, there must be an Unemployment Insurance Program that will be ready to help displaced workers.
- Robredo to increase monthly stipend for senior citizens to P1,000 if elected president (rappler.com)
  - In a statement on Monday, February 21, Robredo said that her government would also prioritize the expansion of the stipend program to cover all elderly Filipinos to better accommodate their daily basic needs
  - To do this, Robredo plans to review the non-essential expenses on travel, seminars, vehicle acquisition, and representation allowances allocated for officials.
  - The lone female presidential candidate said she would prioritize giving financial assistance for more than five million elderly Filipinos rather than for the hiring of government consultants.

- Robredo to continue Duterte's Build, Build, Build program; emphasis on PPP over ODA – Manila Bulletin (mb.com.ph)
  - Presidential aspirant Vice President Leni Robredo said she would continue the Build, Build, Build, infrastructure program of the Duterte administration but will put more emphasis on public-private partnerships (PPPs) instead of loans.
  - “Pero for PPP to succeed, kailangan pong isiguro natin na inayos natin ang pamahalaan para mas maraming investors ang tumiwala na mag-invest sa atin (But for PPP to succeed, we have to ensure that the government is decent so investors will trust and invest on us),” she added.
  - Four areas of focus: rural development by building farm-to-market roads and post-harvest facilities to help farmers and more ports to stimulate the maritime industry.
  - Robredo added that she would address mass transportation woes, noting that in Metro Manila, only 12 percent of the population have their own vehicles.
  - Vice President Robredo likewise highlighted the importance of water resource management since the Philippines is running out of potable water.

#### **4. Accessible, Quality, and Responsive Education**

- 'Gobyernong Tapat': A look at Robredo's platform and the people around her | Philstar.com
  - Robredo promises to earmark P68 billion for educational aid amounting to P300 every month that there are classes to each student for mobile credits and printing of modules.
  - She is also batting for the safe reopening of schools based on a risk assessment map which would show which areas have low or high prevalence of COVID-19.
  - For students in areas with a high number of COVID-19 cases, Robredo said they will each receive a gadget loaded with worksheets, modules and other study materials that can be used even without an internet connection.
  - Robredo added that she wants to partner with internet service providers and telecommunications companies so more students will be able to access educational websites and online resources for free.

## 5. Protection of Journalists, Human Rights Defenders, and Freedom of Expression

- Robredo hopes other concerns with Anti-Terror Law are addressed too | Inquirer News
  - In a statement on Thursday, Robredo said that any anti-terrorism law should target terroristic acts, and not be a weapon against free speech and legitimate dissent.
  - “We remain steadfast in our position: Any Anti-Terrorism legislation must truly address the root causes of terrorism, and should not be used as a pretext to stifle freedom of expression or legitimate dissent,” she added.
- Robredo supports NTF-ELCAC mandate, but task force in bad light due to ‘careless statements’ (cnnphilippines.com)
  - Despite previously calling for the abolition of the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed Conflict (NTF-ELCAC), Robredo—who is vying for the presidency—clarified that she is “all for the mandate and functions of ELCAC”.
  - “I’ve been on the receiving end of unfair accusations. I’ve been red tagged and the red tagging has been baseless. Kaisa nyo ako sa pagsubok na masugpo ito (I’m with you in putting an end to this insurgency) by addressing the core of these problems, and the peripheral issues surrounding it,” she said.
- Robredo eyes localized peace talks, an old proposal rejected by NDF (rappler.com)
  - “Tingin ko kailangan may localized na paguusap. Mas maa-attain ang kapayapaan kung ang pinaka-root ng problema ma address (The way I see it, there is a need for localized peace talks. We can attain peace if we address the roots of the problem),” Robredo said.
  - Robredo told reporters in Cagayan de Oro that the proposed localized peace talks form part of her road-to-peace program.
- ‘Democracy cannot survive, much less flourish, without a free press’ – Robredo (rappler.com)
  - The Vice President said leaders and governments everywhere, not just the Philippines, remain tasked to uphold press freedom and “to extend every protection to the women and men who must risk their lives, freedom, and reputations to bring to public awareness the truth behind events.”
- VP Robredo says 'supportive' of ABS-CBN franchise bills | ABS-CBN News
  - “Supportive ako, at tingin ko iyon iyong tamang paraan, iyong paghain ni Senator Tito Sotto saka ni Congresswoman Vilma Santos-Recto ng pag-approve ng panibagong franchise para sa ABS-CBN,” Robredo said in her weekly radio show.
  - “Kung mayroong kasalanan o mayroong pagkukulang ang ABS, panagutin. Pero kung wala naman, huwag naman sana. Ito, Ka Ely, hindi kasi ito parusa lang sa ABS, eh. Parusa ito sa lahat na umaasa sa ABS-CBN.”
  - Robredo also called for “fair” proceedings.