Introduction:

“*To achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and for fundamental freedoms for all without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion.”* - United Nations Charter

The Philippines is a co-signer of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights created by the United Nations on 1948. The Philippines protects the Human Rights of every people in its border. The concept of “human rights” in the Philippines is based on the [1987 Constitution of the Republic of the Philippines - Article XIII](http://www.officialgazette.gov.ph/constitutions/1987-constitution/). (Link for the 1987 act of human rights)

Our interviewees was from the barangay of Imelda Marcos located at Marcos Highway, Baguio City. There were no violation recorded about human rights. The barangay had some seminars regarding women’s rights. We interviewed citizens from barangay Imelda. They all emphasize the word “Respect”. For them, “respect” is the most important thing because every individual is different from each other so we need to respect each and everyone.

(With pics of the interviewee)  
Kagawad Charito Rivera sees Human Rights as a unity and discipline of members in the barangay, this also includes respecting other people inside or outside from their barangay. She also believes that each of us must have equal Human Rights. She was also very much aware of what was happening in president Duterte’s war on drugs and believes that second chances must be given to those drug abusers, but when the chances were not taken, punishment must be given. Overall, she is aware of what is Human Rights, also she confirmed and said that there were no cases of any abuse of Human Rights in their barangay.

According to Jeny, Human Rights is a freedom of choice of being who you are or choosing who you want to be. She was also aware of what are the regulations of Women’s Rights in the barangay, though she has doubts on the feasibility of those regulations because there are still cases of rape, abuse, and etc. although she said that it was decreasing unlike the past years. She also strongly believes that Human Rights is respecting each other’s being.

Lucia Dolteo an elderly citizen of Imelda Marcos Barangay believes that Human Rights is the right to live his/her own way of life. She believes that the importance of Human Rights is a way of understanding other people, she also believes that Human Rights depends on where we grew up. She was also aware of Women’s Rights in their barangay because she mentioned to us that there were seminars being held in their barangay about Women’s Rights.

We gathered information from a kagawad, an elder, and a youth to see the difference on how they see Human Rights. The Barangay Kagawad sees Human Right as a harmony and solidarity of each human being while others sees Human Right as an opportunity and privilege to live and own your way of living.