

# Intersex Human Rights and Movement in the Philippines

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*Legal  
recognition,  
including  
registration  
at birth*

## **THERE ARE BARRIERS IN:**

- 1. having births registered,**
- 2. changing sex or gender markers on official documents, and**
- 3. being forced into unwanted sex or gender categories.**

*Discrimination  
and  
stigmatization*

**INTERSEX PERSONS CAN BE SUBJECTED TO  
DISCRIMINATION AND ABUSE AS THEY ARE  
PERCEIVED “NOT TO CONFORM TO SEX AND  
GENDER NORMS”.**

# *Addressing human rights violations*

## Efforts should focus on:

- Lack of awareness
- Misconceptions
- Harmful social and religious attitudes
- Stigma and taboos that perpetuate human rights violations and prevent people from speaking out
- Lack of visibility
- Lack of access to information, peer support and legal services
- Legacy of concealment of medical practices from individuals and from society
- Lack of non-pathologizing information on intersex

# Historic Breakthrough (Philippines)

**January 12, 2005-** Regional Trial Court (RTC) granted the petition

**Sept. 12, 2008-** Supreme Court affirmed the decision of RTC Siniloan to grant change of name and sex marker to Jeff Cagandahan

**Sept. 18, 2019-** The Diocese of San Pablo granted Jeff to update his church records

**METAMORPHOSIS-** 1<sup>ST</sup> Intersex movie (2019)



# Intersex Philippines

**ESTABLISHED IN 2017 AS THE FIRST INTERSEX ORGANIZATION FOR INTERSEX PEOPLE IN THE PHILIPPINES.**

**IT WAS REGISTERED WITH THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION IN 2019.**

# 1st National Intersex Forum





# Team Building





# Youth Empowerment Training





# 1<sup>ST</sup> PRIDE March



## *Republic Act 9048*

Allows city or municipal civil registrar or the consul general to correct clerical or typographical errors in an entry, and/or change the first name or nickname in the civil register without a judicial order.

This law has not been tested by intersex people.

# Meeting with PSA Legal Team





# ***Lobbying for Law and Policy***

- Meeting with the different government agency to address intersex issues
- Use of UN Mechanism
  - \* Submitted a joint report with Intersex Asia on the Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC)
  - \*Submitted a joint report with Society of Trans Women of the Philippines (STRAP) and the International Women's Rights Action Watch Asia Pacific to the working group on violence against women and girls in the context of poverty and inequality.

“I” will not stand for  
invisible anymore

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You can't have PRIDE  
without the "I"

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**Thank you!!!**

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