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GABRIELA is a national alliance of more than 200 grassroots-based women's organizations based in the Philippines. It was established in 1984.

The alliance vigorously campaigns for women-specific issues such as women's human rights and women's liberation while actively engaging national political and economic policies as they affect women and children. GABRIELA likewise provides direct, actual services for marginalized women through its national, regional and provincial centers and member institutions. It likewise works with a network of lawyers and legal institutions for its programs against violence on women and children.

It has affiliates/solidarity chapters in the United States. Its Philippine membership includes peasant and indigenous women, urban poor, students, professionals and church women. GABRIELA was established in 1984. It is also part of several international women's alliances and people's networks.

GABRIELA has actively participated in various activities and international events of the United Nations, including the UN Beijing and consequent conferences on Women. The alliance was also a participant in the previous sessions of the UPR. Many of the analyses and data used in this report were culled from discussions in various events of the alliance involving its grass roots members and leaders.