

## **RAMBO TALABONG**

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Rambo Talabong is an award-winning journalist hailing from the Philippines with seven years of experience in covering crime, politics, disinformation, and social movements. He is currently an online video journalist based in New York.

In the Philippines and Asia, he led the disinformation and the war on drugs coverage of leading independent news website Rappler. His reportage on the Philippine anti-drug campaign is repeatedly cited in the International Criminal Court investigation into former Philippine president Rodrigo Duterte.

Rambo has been awarded twice with the Jaime V. Ongpin Journalism Award – the Philippines’ version of the Pulitzer Prizes.

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Online Video Journalist – February 2023 to Present
  - Writes, shoots, delivers, and edits weekly 5-minute explainer videos cross-posted on social media, garnering a total of over 50 million views across platforms.
- Multimedia Journalist – Rappler — May 2017 to February 2023
  - Covered disinformation during the candidacy and presidency of Ferdinand Marcos Jr.
  - Covered the Philippine police and military under the presidency of strongman Rodrigo Duterte, leading coverage on conflict, disaster, and high-profile crime stories.
  - Produced investigative series and documentaries on the war on drugs and disinformation.
- Researcher – Rappler — 2016 to 2017
  - Researched for investigative stories on the Philippine war on drugs.

### **EDUCATION**

- Ateneo de Manila University — Bachelor in Communications, 2017 Graduated as the Editor-in-Chief of university publication Matanglawin

### **SKILLS**

Rambo produces investigative, in-depth, and breaking news stories through multimedia articles, digital video, podcasts, and short and nuanced explanation videos on YouTube, Facebook, and TikTok.

He professionally shoots videos and uses Adobe Premiere Pro, Final Cut Pro for editing.

### **AWARDS**

- 2021 Human Rights Press Award Merit Citation for Breaking News Story
- 2019 Global Investigative Journalism Network Global Shining Light Award
- 2019 Society of Publishers Asia Award for Human Rights Reporting
- 2019 Society of Publishers Asia Award for Investigative Reporting

### **FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2021 Fellowships at Auschwitz for the Study of Professional Ethics - Journalism Fellow
- 2021, 2019 Philippine Journalists Jaime V. Ongpin Fellow

### **LANGUAGES**

English (Native), Filipino (Native), Japanese (Conversational), Spanish (Conversational)