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DAWN-PEACE BOAT EXCHANGE 2023

by Masako Ono



Participants, staff and guests during the DAWN-PEACE BOAT Exchange activity on April 15, 2023 at TUP-Manila.

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN), in partnership with PEACE BOAT, conducted its Exchange Activity on April 15, 2023 at the Technological University of the Philippines – Manila and the DAWN Office.

This marks DAWN and PEACE BOAT's partnership for 27 years.

Due to the pandemic, it was PEACE BOAT's first voyage in three years. DAWN is very grateful that PEACE BOAT held its first port call in the Philippines for its 114th Global Voyage.

DAWN had the opportunity to share with the PEACE BOAT participants its programs and advocacies in empowering migrant women returnees, survivors of gender-based violence & trafficking, and members of their families.

DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui, Mr. Lance Velasco, and DAWN members Ms. Jocelyn Ise, Ms. Pretzie Joguilon and Mr. Kevin Kimura welcomed the PEACE BOAT participants at the Cruise Terminal, Port Gate 1 of the Manila South Harbor.

Other DAWN members with the TUP-Manila faculty and students welcomed the PEACE BOAT participants at TUP-Manila.

Ms. Nuqui of DAWN welcomed the participants. She shared DAWN and PEACE BOAT's collaborative history through DAWN's participation to PEACE BOAT's voyages, numerous visits of DAWN at PEACE BOAT's office in Japan, as well as organized several study tours/programs for the PEACE BOAT participants.



DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui welcoming the participants at the DAWN-PEACE BOAT Exchange Activity.

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Engr. Reynaldo P. Ramos, PhD., EnP., President of TUP-Manila, also gave his heartwarming message to the participants of the event. DAWN energized the participants by inviting them to sing its welcome song, “Kumusta ka? / Ogenki desu ka?”

Mr. Nohira Shinsaku of PEACE BOAT, gave an overview of PEACE BOAT’s work and advocacies towards promoting the UN Sustainable Development Goals.



Engr. Reynaldo Ramos, PhD., EnP., President of TUP-Manila, and Mr. Nohira Shinsaku of PEACE BOAT.

Both DAWN and PEACEBOAT facilitated ice breaker games for participants to socialize and introduce themselves in the activity. DAWN’s Ms. Crezol Mar L. Navarro, RSW facitiated the *Bahay, Tao, Bagyo* Game.



The participants enjoying the interactive *Bahay, Tao, Bagyo* ice breaker activity.

Ms. Mary Joy E. Barcelona of DAWN facilitated the theater workshop, where the participants learned the basics of theater arts and presented their PEACE BOAT experiences through skits.



Left: Participants presenting their PEACE BOAT journey. Right: DAWN’s Teatro Akebono presentation of their life as migrant returnees

DAWN’s Teatro Akebono presented a play that shares their experiences as women migrant returnees and the challenges they faced here and abroad. The participants of the exchange also had a walkthrough of the DAWN-TUP Training Center, where some of DAWN’s sewing, weaving and special machines were housed.



PEACE BOAT participants visiting the DAWN-TUP Training Center

The PEACE BOAT participants also visited the DAWN office and participated in various activities: hands-on sewing & handloom weaving, interactive session about DAWN’s history & advocacy and post-event evaluation. All of the participants had a *salu-salo* of a Philippine *merienda* consisting of rice cakes and mangoes.



PEACE BOAT participants engaging at various interactive activities with the DAWN women and staff during their visit at the DAWN Office.

To cap the day’s activities, the DAWN team also sent off the PEACE BOAT participants at the Cruise Terminal, Port Gate 1, Manila South Harbor.



DAWN women and staff sending off the PEACE BOAT participants at the Cruise Terminal of the Manila South Harbor.

DAWN at King Charles III Coronation Reception

by Mary Joy E. Barcelona



British Ambassador Laure Beaufigl welcoming DAWN Executive Director Carmelita G. Nuqui at the Coronation Reception of King Charles III and the Queen Consort on 3 May 2023 at the Manila Polo Club.

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) attends the Coronation Reception of King Charles III and the Queen Consort, hosted by the British Embassy Manila on May 3, 2023 at the Manila Polo Club.



(From left) Ms. Camille Parpan, Human Rights Advisor, and Ms. Kristine Borja, Senior Political Advisor of BEM, with Ms. Carmelita Nuqui and Mr. Lance Velasco of DAWN.

Among those who attended were guests from government agencies, members of the diplomatic corps, the academe and prominent business & social personalities.



Australian Ambassador HK Yu with DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui at the Coronation Reception of King Charles III and the Queen Consort



Guests from the diplomatic corps, government, academe and private sector gather as they prepare to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III with a toast.

The event started with a welcome message from British Ambassador Laure Beaufigl. She thanked the guests for gracing this historic event and commended the continuing partnership of the Philippines and the UK with the coronation of its new king. This was followed by a message from the Department of Foreign Affairs delivered by Undersecretary Ma. Theresa Lazaro.

After the messages, a special video presentation highlighting the life of King Charles III, including his visit to the Philippines in 1997, was shown. This was followed by the toast with the Realm Ambassadors: Australia, Canada, New Zealand and Papua New Guinea.

The guests were also entertained by vibrant performances, showcasing the cultural songs and dances from the Philippines and the Commonwealth Realms of Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, Australia, Scotland and Canada. The reception continued with the guests joining at the Grand Waltz.

The guests also enjoyed the special dinner composed of the favorite dishes of King Charles III: roasted organic lamb chops, scottish salmon and Scotch Whisky. The reception was indeed a special occasion for the Philippines and the UK, and DAWN was privileged to be part of this historic event.



Mr. Iain Cox, Political Counsellor of BEM, with Ms. Carmelita Nuqui and Mr. Lance Velasco of DAWN

IOM Delegates Visit DAWN

by May Joy E. Barcelona



The DAWN women and staff with IOM representatives from the Philippines and Washington DC on May 23, 2023 at the DAWN Office.

Officials of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) visited DAWN on May 23, 2023.

by different stakeholders in the Philippines on reintegration and protection for survivors of human trafficking.

The delegates of IOM Washington DC conducted a monitoring visit in the Philippines as part of the “Return, Reintegration and Family Reunification Program of Trafficking in the United States (US TIP Program).” DAWN was among the non-government organizations visited to share the best practices employed

DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui and Mr. Lance Velasco discussed DAWN’s programs and services to women migrant returnees, survivors of gender-based violence & trafficking and members of their families through the holistic approach to reintegration of providing psychosocial and economic interventions.

Standing from left: Ms. Zorina Tabien, Ms. Anita Manabat and Ms. Helen Datol, DAWN trainees; Ms. Carolina Bazan and Ms. Aida Zecevic of IOM Washington DC; Ms. Carmelita Nuqui and Mr. Lance Velasco of DAWN; Ms. Yuko Tomita of IOM Philippines; Ms. Crezol Mar Navarro of DAWN and Ms. Marilyn Sese, DAWN trainee.

Sitting from left: Ms. Masako Ono of DAWN; Ms. Karla Araullo of IOM Philippines; and Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona of DAWN.

Ms. Masako Ono, DAWN Research and Advocacy Officer, also shared to the IOM delegates her experience as a Japanese-Filipino Child (JFC) and how DAWN helped her to become an advocate for the concerns of her fellow JFCs.

DAWN Alternative Livelihood Coordinator Mary Joy Barcelona presented SIKHAY, DAWN’s Alternative Livelihood Program. She also showcased the SIKHAY sewn and handloom woven items produced by the DAWN women.

DAWN Completes CBTM Activities

by Masako Ono



Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona of DAWN with fellow participants during the TESDA – CBTM Course on April 17, 2023 via Zoom.

Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, Alternative Livelihood Program Coordinator of DAWN, attended the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) – Community-Based Trainers Methodology (CBTM) Course from March 27 – April 18, 2023 via Zoom.

DAWN, together with TESDA – Manila, forge partnerships to provide skills training and productive livelihood endeavors for women migrant workers, survivors of gender-based violence & trafficking, and members of their families. Ms. Barcelona with other aspiring trainers, attended the 2-week CBTM Course of TESDA – Manila. The training consists of creating modules based on the needs of the community, teaching strategies to use during the course of training, creating practice application & assessments

and practical demonstration exercises on applying the course that they have learned in the session. The training was spearheaded by Senior TESD Vignette Navasero of TESDA – Manila.

At the end of the training, participants received their certification as official trainers of the TESDA – CBTM. This will help DAWN in providing more skills training, livelihood and employment opportunities to women migrant returnees, survivors of gender-based violence & trafficking, and members of their families.



Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona of DAWN receives her Certificate of Training in CBTM Course at the TESDA – Manila Training and Assessment Center.

DAWN Conducts First Aid & Disaster Mitigation Trainings

by Crezol Mar L. Navarro, RSW



DAWN staff and trainees undergoing First Aid Training on Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) by the BFP team.

DAWN conducted First Aid Training for its staff and trainees on May 30, 2023, in partnership with the Bureau of Fire Protection (BFP), and Disaster and Mitigation Management Seminar on June 14, 2023 with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) – National Capital Region (NCR) at the DAWN Office.

The BFP team discussed on the first half of the First Aid training about Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and proper chest compression. The team also demonstrated the proper methods in doing CPR and proper chest compression in various situation. The second half was the discussion on the kinds of wounds, types of burns, heat exhaustion, bone fractures and how to immediately respond to these.



BFP team demonstrating on how to properly bandage a specific injury/wound during the First Aid Training.

The BFP team conducted its practical application/demonstrated on how to properly bandage different kinds of injuries around the body.

On 14 June 2023, DAWN participated as well in the Disaster and Mitigation Management Seminar with Ms. Maria Ina Joy Abes, Training Specialist I of the Capacity – Building Section of DSWD-NCR as resource person. Ms. Abes shared her insights about how non-government organizations (NGOs) prepare for disaster response operations and to collaborate with LGUs and various government sectors in monitoring and providing immediate response to the needs of disaster-affected members of DAWN.



Ms. Maria Ina Joy Abes of DSWD-Manila discussing the Overview of the Disaster Mitigation and Management Seminar to DAWN staff and trainees.

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DAWN Joins the BRIDGE Fair

by Crezol Mar L. Navarro, RSW



Ms. Karen Davila of ABS-CBN facilitating the morning session of the BRIDGE Fair on June 16, 2023 at the Marco Polo Ortigas.

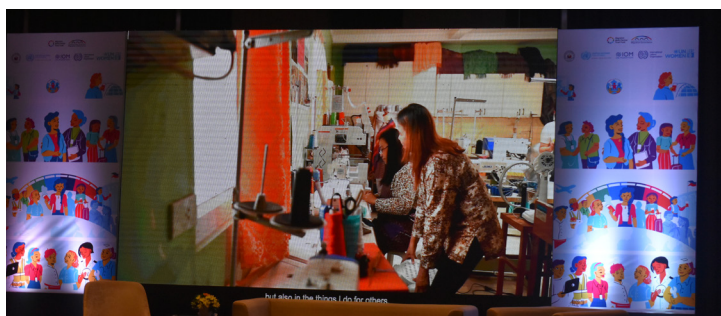
The team of the Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) attended the BRIDGE Fair on June 16, 2023 at the Marco Polo Ortigas. With the theme: “Beyond the BRIDGE: Insights and Next Steps in Strengthening Labour Migration Governance in the Philippines,” this was the BRIDGE Programme’s culminating activity.

The event opened with messages from Mr. Gustavo Gonzalez, Resident Coordinator of United Nations Philippines, and Usec. Eduardo Jose de Vega of the Department of Foreign Affairs.

This was followed by a panel session on “Project Impacts,” which showcased how government agencies, non-government organizations, and LGUs collaborate with UN Women in creating a safe space and providing innovative services to Filipino migrant workers, returnees and members of their families. Hon. Josefina “Joy” Belmonte, Mayor of Quezon City; Asec. Venecio Legaspi of the Department of Migrant Workers; and Ms. Diana Ople San Jose, Executive Director of the Blas F. Ople Policy Center and Training Institute, discussed on their collaborative projects with the BRIDGE Programme such as database management, close coordination with stakeholders and reintegration roadmaps.

This also provided highlights and key findings of the researches of partner organizations: Dr. Maruja Asis and Dr. Melissa Garabiles of the Scalabrini Migration Center; and consultants Ms. Nancy Parreno & Atty. Jeriel Domingo. These sessions were facilitated by Ms. Karen Davila, News Anchor of ABS-CBN Television Network.

BRIDGE also collaborated with organizations that provide capacity-building workshops. Ms. Estrella Mai Dizon – Anonuevo, Executive Director of Atikha Overseas Workers and Communities Initiative;



The BRIDGE Fair premiering the mini-documentary “Destination: Ginhawa.” This is a project of UN Women and DAWN through the BRIDGE Programme.



Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona of DAWN (second from right) sharing her insights as a migrant returnee at the “Empowering OFWs to find their ‘for good’” session.

Ms. Liezl Formilleza – Dunuan, Program Manager of Connected Women; and Engr. Arcio A. Casing Jr., OIC-Regional Director of NEDA – Western Visayas, shared their testimonies on how BRIDGE helped them in their respective causes and advocacies.

Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, Alternative Livelihood Program Coordinator of DAWN, was one of the panelists of the “Empowering OFWs to find their ‘for good’” session of the BRIDGE Programme culminating event. Ms. Barcelona narrated her reintegration story and how DAWN’s programs and services for women migrant returnees, survivors of gender-based violence & trafficking and members of their families align with the objectives of the BRIDGE Programme. Joining her in the panel were fellow women migrant returnees who shared their successful reintegration to their communities.

As part of the collaborative project of DAWN and UN Women, the BRIDGE Project also premiered “Destination: Ginhawa,” a mini-documentary about the migration and reintegration stories of women migrant returnees during the event. This featured DAWN as an advocate in promoting the holistic approach to reintegration by providing psychosocial and economic interventions.

The BRIDGE Culminating activity also launched “Finding for Good: Stories of migration and reintegration.” This online and printed publication features 20 women migrant workers and returnees who shared their stories of working overseas, plans and experiences of returning home. This is also a collaborative project of DAWN and UN Women as part of the BRIDGE Programme. The event ended with the closing remarks of Ms. Tristan Burnett, Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Philippines.



The DAWN women and staff at the BRIDGE Fair on June 16, 2023 at the Marco Polo Ortigas.

DAWN Participates in AICHR Activities

by Crezol Mar L. Navarro, RSW

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) was invited to various consultations and dialogues by the ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR). These activities focus on promoting and protecting the rights of various stakeholders such as women, children, migrants and others. DAWN is a civil society organization with Consultative Relationship with the AICHR.

May 24-25, 2023: AICHR Interface Meeting with CSOs with Consultative Relationship

DAWN Executive Director and PMRW President Carmelita Nuqui participated in a series of meetings conducted at The Stones Hotel in Bali, Indonesia. The first meeting was the gathering of CSOs with Special Consultative Relationship with the AICHR on May 24, 2023. In this meeting, CSOs discussed their common agenda on issues and concerns to be presented to the AICHR representatives. The next meeting was the interface meeting of AICHR representatives with CSOs on May 25, 2023. The meeting provided a venue for AICHR representatives and CSOs to discuss collaborative initiatives for promoting the rights of vulnerable sectors in the region.

June 1, 2023: AICHR Regional Dialogue: Sharing Good Practices on the Business and Human Rights in ASEAN

DAWN was also invited to be part of this online Regional Dialogue on sharing good practices on the business and human rights in ASEAN. Organized by AICHR Thailand, this provided insights on raising awareness on the implementation of the UN Guiding Principles (UNGPs) through exchange of views and practical ways of how various stakeholders in the ASEAN region support and realize the UNGPs. Among the issues discussed were on safe business practices for labor migrants, women and protection against child labor.

June 9-10, 2023: AICHR Consultation on Victims-Oriented Protection to Prevent and Counter Radicalism and Violent Extremism in ASEAN

Organized by AICHR Indonesia, DAWN participated in this online consultation where CSOs with consultative relationship with AICHR exchanged views and best practices on rights-based approaches on victims-oriented protection and prevention mechanisms to combat radicalism and violent extremism in the region. Among the topics discussed are on promoting the welfare of trafficking survivors and the importance of social media security to prevent radicalism and extremism.

June 22-23, 2023: ASEAN Dialogue on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child

DAWN was among the CSOs to be part of this two-day dialogue on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) at the Makati Diamond Residences. Organized by AICHR Philippines and Child Rights Coalition Asia, this is a follow-up activity



Ms. Carmelita Nuqui of DAWN/PMRW at the AICHR Interface Meeting with CSOs with Consultative Relationship on May 25, 2023 at The Stones Hotel in Bali, Indonesia.

which focused on gathering updates from ASEAN Member States on realizing and implementing the UNCRC. This also enumerated the pressing concerns among the welfare of children and how stakeholders address them through current practices and recommendations.

June 26-28, 2023: AICHR Consultation on Human Rights and Countering Trafficking in Persons

Organized by AICHR Indonesia, DAWN participated in this virtual consultation on referral systems for gender-based violence and survivors of human trafficking. Participants from ASEAN Member States, civil society organization and other stakeholders discussed and assessed good practices, challenges and possible collaborative initiatives on addressing issues of human trafficking, gender-based violence and others. This also provided a venue where all may engage into a multi-stakeholder referral system in the region.



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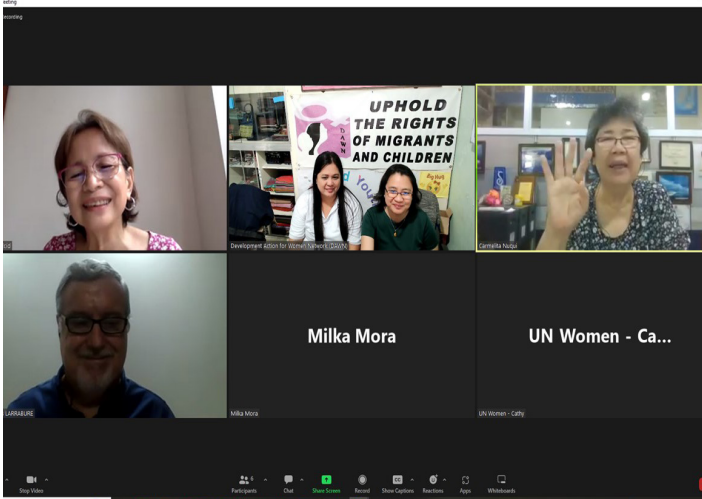
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People, Places and Events



DAWN Team (Ms. Erica Manabat, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, and Ms. Carmelita Nuqui) interviewed by the officials of UN Women BRIDGE for the online FGD on experiences of women migrant returnees on April 29, 2023 via Zoom.



Ms. Carmelita Nuqui & Mr. Lance Velasco of DAWN during IACAT's Consultation for the 2023 Revised Guidelines on Departure Formalities for International-Bound Filipino Passengers on May 29, 2023 at the Bayview Park Hotel Manila.



(From left) Director/First Secretary Shigehiro Matsuda of the Japan Information and Culture Center (Embassy of Japan), DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui & Director Ben Suzuki of the Japan Foundation Manila at the Gala Night of the YAMATO Drummers of Japan at The Theatre, Solaire Manila on June 10, 2023.



DAWN joins the Capacity – Building Activity of the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch (PMRW) with fellow PMRW member organizations on June 17 – 18, 2023 at Splash Oasis, Los Baños, Laguna.

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