



## Shared Service Facilities Launching 2022

by Mary Joy Barcelona and Masako Ono

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) in partnership with the Department of Trade and Industry's National Capital Region Office (DTI-NCRO), launched its Shared Service Facilities (SSF) and Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) Signing on Weaving and Sewing for Sikap-Buhay (SIKHAY) Project on August 31, 2022 at the DAWN Office.

Before the launching and the MOA signing event, DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, gave her welcome remarks and discussed how the sewing and handloom weaving machines and equipment will help DAWN's mission to provide training to women migrant returnees and members of their families.

This was followed by the sharing of congratulatory messages by the following partners of DAWN and DTI-NCRO: Regional Director Marcelina S. Alcantara, CESO IV, DTI-NCRO; Prof. Aurora Javate - De Dios, President of the DAWN Board of Trustees; Director Dindi Tan of the



Partners and guests of DAWN and DTI posed for a group photo during the SSF Launching and MOA Signing on August 31, 2022 at DAWN's Office. (DTI-NCRO Photo)

National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO); Director Levi Facundo of Manila's Bureau of Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO); and Assistant Director Emma C. Asusano of DTI's Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (BSMED).

Use. Blesila A. Lantayona of DTI's Regional Operations Group (ROG) extended her regards through a video message.

After the messages was the MOA signing by the following: DTI-NCRO Regional Director Marcelina S. Alcantara; DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui; BSMED Asst. Dir. Emma

C. Asusano; Rev. Leonardo Morada, Secretary/Treasurer of DAWN's Board of Trustees and Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, DAWN Alternative Livelihood Coordinator.

A ceremonial ribbon cutting commenced to officially launch the SSF.

The new weaving and sewing machines donated to DAWN's SIKHAY Project were shown to the invited guests of the event, followed by a luncheon fellowship.

The SSF launch was hosted by Ms. Olive O. Rivera, Division Chief of DTI-NCRO.

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*Shared Service Facilities...*



*Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui giving her opening remarks at the launch and MOA signing of the Shared Service Facilities (SSF) on Weaving and Sewing for SIKHAY Project. (DTI-NCRO Photo)*



*DAWN Board of Trustees' President, Aurora Javate - De Dios, giving her message during DAWN's SSF launch on August 31, 2022.*



*DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, (left) and DTI-NCR Regional Director Marcelina S. Alcantara (right) during the launch and MOA signing of Shared Service Facilities on Weaving and Sewing of SIKHAY Project.*



*Asst. Dir. Emma C. Asusano, OIC-Director, Bureau of Small and Medium Enterprise Development (BSMED) giving her congratulatory messages to DAWN members and the attendees of the launch and MOA Signing of DAWN's SSF.*



*Dir. Levi Facundo of Manila's Bureau of Permits and Licensing Office (BPLO).*



*Dir. Dindi Tan of the National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) .*



*Usec. Blesila A. Lantayona, Regional Operations Group (ROG) gave a video message during the launch of DAWN and DTI-NCRO SSF launching.*



*From left: Asst. Dir. Emma Asusano, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Regional Director Marcelina S. Alcantara, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, Rev. Fr. Leonardo Morada, DAWN BOT Secretary/Treasurer, MOA signing of DAWN and DTI-NCRO SSF.*



SSF signatories of the MOA with Dir. Levi Facundo, Prof. Aurora Javate-De Dios, Dir. Dindi Tan, and Mr. Lance Velasco. (DTI-NCRO Photo)



DAWN presents the SIKHAY Training Center to the attendees of the DAWN & DTI-NCRO SSF launching on August 31, 2022. (DTI-NCRO Photo)



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From left: DTI-NCRO's Regional Director Alcantara, BPLO's Dir. Facundo & DAWN Executive Director, Ms. Nuqui, discuss possible collaborations.



One of the weaving machines that DAWN uses for its SIKHAY project in creating SIKHAY products. (DTI-NCRO Photo)



Ms. Rosalie Akase and Ms. Cecile Tribunal showing the use of the handloom weaving machines at SIKHAY Training Center. (DTI-NCRO Photo)



One of the sewing machines given by DTI-NCRO for the Sewing and Weaving of Sikap-Buhay (SIKHAY) Project of DAWN. (DTI-NCRO Photo)



The sewing machines and equipment given by DTI-NCRO for the Sewing and Weaving of Sikap-Buhay (SIKHAY) Project of DAWN. (DTI-NCRO Photo)

# DAWN Partners with Australian Volunteers International (AVI)

by Masako Ono

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) partners with Australian Volunteers International (AVI) in promoting and supporting its programs and advocacies to migrant workers and returnees.

With this partnership, AVI sends volunteers from Australia to support DAWN in its programs and activities for women. It also supports the organization through the help of the Impact Fund, a grant to support the vital work of the partner organization. Ms. Janelle Falconer, Resource Mobilization Advisor, who is a former Sustainable Livelihood Mentor; and Ms. Jude Berghan, Strategic Planning Officer, who is a former Organizational Development Officer, are the volunteers sent by AVI to assist in crafting projects that will enhance DAWN's programs and activities.

On July 27, 2022, DAWN joined Australian Volunteers Program's (AVP) Online Regional Reflection via Zoom to give a presentation about the organization's engagement in the program.

AVP invited a number of partner organizations in the Asia Archipelago region from Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and the Philippines to give a 3-minute talk about their engagement with the program over the past years.

DAWN presented the organizations' engagement with a video presentation that highlighted the significant and positive changes to DAWN's advocacy through AVP's influence and support in its various activities. DAWN also thanked the Australian volunteers, Ms. Janelle Falconer and Ms. Jude Berghan for their contribution in improving DAWN's programs and activities through sharing their knowledge and expertise in the field.

There were also various organizations from Indonesia and Timor-Leste who presented their engagement with AVP.



Ms. Janelle Falconer and Ms. Jude Berghan, Australian Volunteers of DAWN from Australian Volunteers International.



Participants of the AVP Online Regional Reflections 2022 on July 27, 2022 via Zoom.



DAWN Team's video presentation of its activities under the Impact Fund Grant during the Australian Volunteers Program (AVP) Online Regional Reflections.



Presentation of DAWN's video during the AVP Online Regional Reflections on July 27, 2022 via Zoom.

# DAWN Conducts Activities and Projects under AVI Impact Fund Round 5

by Mary Joy Barcelona and Masako Ono

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) was granted with the 5th Round of AVI's Impact Fund that will help DAWN improve its programs and services to its members from July 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

There were various activities and programs under the Impact Fund Round 5: Provide Capacity-Building and Empowerment Trainings, Development of the DAWN Strategic Plan (2023-2028); and Online Database Development and Maintenance Training.

Under Capacity Building and Empowerment Trainings, there were two (2) Life Skills (Self-Care - Health & Well-Being) sessions that were conducted and two (2) Computer Literacy Skills Trainings: Fundamental PC Skills and MS Word Training.

For the Life Skills, DAWN staff were given the chance to experience self-care health and well-being sessions in promoting mental health and well-being, creative thinking and the importance of work-life balance. Ms. Janelle Falconer, Australian Volunteer, also provided a well-being session such as Mindfulness Activities to the staff. DAWN staff were also provided with some trainings on the following: Fundamental PC Skills on September 10, 2020; and MS Word Training on September 24, 2022. There were all conducted via Zoom and facilitated by Ms. Janelle Falconer.

Ms. Jude Berghan, Australian Volunteer and Strategic Planning Officer, spearheaded DAWN's Strategic Plan (2023-2028). With her expertise, it will help DAWN in improving its programs and services to its clientele.

Meetings were conducted in preparation for DAWN's Online Database Development and Maintenance Training, that will help DAWN in creating its own database using MS Access. DAWN was able to tap Mr. Jhaun Paul Enriquez, Acting Director, of the ICET Center and Student Admissions from Santa Isabel College of Manila as its resource speaker.



DAWN staff participates in Ms. Janelle Falconer's Computer Literacy Skills Training on Fundamental PC Skills via Zoom on September 10, 2022 at DAWN Office.



Strategic Planning Meeting with Ms. Jude Berghan for DAWN's Strategic Plan 2023- 2028 via Zoom on September 14, 2022.



DAWN Life Skills (Self-Care - Health & Well-being) session on August 20, 2022 at Wensha Spa in Pasay City.

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# Austrian Embassy Initiatives with DAWN

by Mary Joy E. Barcelona

The Austrian Embassy invited DAWN to the opening reception of the photovoice exhibition, “We Stand as One: Glimpses of the Future” at Fort Santiago on July 28, 2022.

The event started with the opening remarks of Austrian Ambassador Bita Rasouljian. She shared that the event would lead to awareness of the exploitation of women and children here in the Philippines and its effects on the future of the victims.

The photovoice exhibition “Glimpses of the Future,” aims to raise awareness in trafficking and sexual exploitation of women and children. It also shows the plight of its victims in overcoming the obstacles they have faced. It also displays the collections of outputs from a creative workshop facilitated by Austrian artist, Alexandra Fruhstorfer, and Filipino artists, Ralph Eya and Reymart Cerin.

On August 16, 2022, Ms. Madeleine Mitchell Diolanda, Press and Cultural Officer of the Austrian Embassy, visited DAWN for exploratory discussions and collaboration regarding DAWN’s programs and services at the DAWN Office. Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, DAWN’s Executive Director, and Mr. Lance Velasco, Program Coordinator, presented DAWN’s work in helping women migrant returnees and members of their families to Ms. Diolanda. Both parties discussed possible collaborative initiatives between DAWN and the Austrian Embassy.

Both Ms. Nuqui and Mr. Velasco showed DAWN’s SIKHAY’s project in weaving and sewing that aims to help women migrant returnees and members of their families to have a livelihood of their own.



Ambassador Bita Rasouljian of the Austrian Embassy giving a heartfelt message at the opening exhibit of the “We Stand As One: Glimpses of the Future” at the Almacenes Reales, Plaza Moriones, Intramuros, Manila



From left: Ms. Mary Joy E. Barcelona, Ms. Ma. Cecilia Flores-Oebanda of Voice of the Free, Ambassador Bita Rasouljian, Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui & Ms. Masako Ono during the photovoice exhibit at Fort Santiago on July 28, 2022.



Ms. Carmelita Nuqui presents DAWN’s programs and services to Ms. Madeleine Mitchell Diolanda of Austrian Embassy.



DAWN team with Ms. Diolanda of Austrian Embassy Manila.



DAWN team with Ms. Diolanda of Austrian Embassy Manila.

# Places, People, Events



From left: Gilda Mosatalla, Cecilia Tribunal, Lance Velasco, Mary Joy Barcelona, Novi Avila and Martin Norman of the British Embassy Manila (BEM), Carmelita Nuqui, and Rosalie Akase at the DAWN Office on August 2, 2022.



DAWN Executive Director, Carmelita Nuqui, at the DFA Forum on "Strengthening Philippine Migration Policy Through Effective Partnerships" on August 4, 2022 at Bulwagang Apolinario Mabini, DFA Building, Pasay City.



From left: Mr. Lance Velasco, Ms. Olivia Macasaet, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, and Ms. Shiela Ferrer of GAD Manila during their visit on August 16, 2022 at the DAWN Office.



The DAWN team composed of Ms. Masako Ono, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, and Mr. Lance Velasco attends Ms. Karla Ruiz Cofiño's working Session about Digital Awareness on August 25, 2022 via Zoom.



Ms. Carmelita Nuqui and Mr. Lance Velasco attends the Unveiling of the Manila Tourism and Cultural Development Plan 2020 - 2025 and Tourism Stakeholders Meeting on September 6, 2022 at the Diamond Hotel, Manila.



Australian Volunteers Program (AVP) Regional Team visits DAWN on September 14, 2022 at DAWN's Office.

# Councilor Krystle Marie Bacani and Ms. Charisse Jordan of UN Women Safe and Fair Programme Visit DAWN

by Masako Ono

Councilor Krystle Marie Bacani of Manila and Ms. Charisse Jordan of UN Women Safe and Fair Programme visited DAWN for the drafting of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the LCAT-VAWC Ordinance at the DAWN Office on August 9, 2022.

The City Government of Manila passed Ordinance 8788 which creates the LCAT-VAWC on November 25, 2021. The LCAT-VAWC is tasked to institute policies and programs to protect women and children who are survivors of human trafficking and gender-based violence (GBV).

With the group's initiatives in helping women in combating gender-based violence and trafficking, Councilor Krystle Bacani, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, and Ms. Charisse Jordan discussed the plans in conducting a consultation forum with various community stakeholders to adhere to the issues against GBV and trafficking.

The DAWN Team also showed the SIKHAY Project to Hon. Councilor Krystle Bacani and her team, and Ms. Charisse Jordan, that aims to help repatriated women in creating their own livelihood through weaving and sewing.



Councilor Krystle Marie Bacani (left), DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, and UN Women Safe and Fair Programme Coordinator, Ms. Charisse Jordan discuss the possible collaboration of the City of Manila, DAWN, and UN Women Safe and Fair Programme for the drafting of the IRR of LCAT-VAWC.



From left: Ms. Rosalie Akase, Ms. Gilda Mosatalla, Ms. Cecilia Tribunal, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, Councilor Krystle Marie Bacani, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Mr. Lance Velasco and Ms. Charisse Jordan at the DAWN Office.

## SGV visits DAWN

by Mary Joy E. Barcelona



*DAWN and SGV (SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co.) Tax Team discuss for possible partnership on July 26, 2022.*

The SGV (SyCip Gorres Velayo & Co.) Tax Team visited DAWN on July 26, 2022.

The SGV Tax team, with their initiatives on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DE&I), discussed possible partnership and projects that aim to provide help and support OFWs, women migrants and their children.

Both groups also discussed a plan of providing possible employment opportunities to DAWN members, and conducting trainings, seminars and workshops regarding tax-related topics and financial management.

Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, DAWN's Alternative Livelihood Coordinator (SIKHAY) and Mr. Lance Velasco, DAWN's Program Coordinator, introduced the Sikap-Buhay (SIKHAY) Project to the SGV Tax Team, and its mission to help repatriated OFWs and their children to start anew.

On September 12, 2022, SGV Tax Team with Atty. James E. Gregorio, Senior Associate, Indirect Tax, Customs and Global Trade, visited DAWN to discuss further their collaboration and DE&I initiative.



*Atty. Alden Patrick C. Labaguis, Tax Senior Director, discusses the SGV Tax Team's DE&I project and possible collaborations with DAWN.*



*DAWN and SGV Tax Team discuss for possible partnership on SIKHAY products..*



SINAG (akebono or yoake in Japanese)  
means *dawn* or *daybreak*.

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# DAWN Meets NCRO Team

by Masako Ono



NCRO visit to DAWN on September 19, 2022. From left: Lance Velasco, Rosalie Akase, Jay-Ar Lita, Shiela Mae Malazzab, Elizabeth Zambarrano, Carmelita Nuqui, Mary Joy Barcelona, and Crezol Navarro.

National Reintegration Center for OFWs (NRCO) visited DAWN on September 19, 2022 at the DAWN Office for possible collaboration on reintegration.

With NRCO's initiative in helping Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs), Ms. Elizabeth Zambarrano, Officer-in-Charge of NRCO's Program Coordination and Monitoring Division, and her team discussed the Tulong PUSO Program (Tulong Pangkabuhayan sa Pag-Unlad ng Samahang OFWs) to DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui. The said program will help repatriated OFWs in rebuilding their livelihood here in the Philippines.

Ms. Carmelita Nuqui and DAWN's Alternative Livelihood Coordinator, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, also shared DAWN's projects for migrant workers.

Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona also showed the SIKHAY products made by DAWN members to the NRCO team.



Ms. Elizabeth Zambarrano with her team discusses the Tulong PUSO Program to Ms. Carmelita Nuqui of DAWN.



From left: Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, and Ms. Elizabeth Zambarrano at the DAWN SIKHAY Training Center.



The DAWN Team shows the various SIKHAY products made by DAWN Women to the NRCO Team.

# DAWN Goes to Cape Town for Vital Voices Fellowship

by Mary Joy E. Barcelona



Welcome reception with the fellows, staff and consultants of VAV on September 25, 2022 at the Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel, Cape Town, South Africa.

DAWN's Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui, and Alternative Livelihood Coordinator, Ms. Mary Joy E. Barcelona, participated in the Vital Voices Global Partnership's Voices Against Violence (VAV) Fellowship held from September 26 to 30, 2022 at the Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel in Cape Town, South Africa. This is the culminating event of the year-long online Gender-based Global Initiative 2021-2022 Cohort. Leaders and fellows from Chile, Mexico, Brazil, Thailand, Philippines, Cameroon, Kenya, USA and Romania attended this face-to-face gathering. Fellows from Honduras and Sierra Leone participated via Zoom

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*“Being part of the Fellowship, is a journey of learning and opportunity for self-development and inclusion in the global platform of networks and friends.”*

- Mary Joy E. Barcelona

The Vital Voices Global Partnership team, headed by Ms. Manira Alva (Vice President), Ms. Patricia Elisa Rivera (Senior Project Manager) and Ms. Tanya Stockdale-Morineau (Program Coordinator), organized this event.

Vital Voices CEO Alyse Nelson walked us through her Vital Voices Leadership Journey. Ms. Margaret Alva of India, Ms. Phumzile Van Damme and Ms. Lisa Vetten of South Africa shared their experiences. The conversations with them were inspiring as they shared their good practices, challenges in combating, assisting and empowering GBV survivors and the causes of women in the context of different leadership generations.

Workshops on Organizational Sustainability, facilitated by Ms. Caroline ‘Carol’ Nyawayya Mwazi of Kenya, were a refresher for the fellows to look into more innovative approaches aside from what is already available for a sustainable organization.

Ms. Elsa Maria Arroyo Hernandez of the Mujeres, Democracia Y Ciudadania A.C. in Mexico and Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui

of DAWN shared how alternative income generating projects help its members and organizations.



DAWN Executive Director, Ms. Carmelita Nuqui (left), sharing DAWN's programs at the Organizational Sustainability workshop with Ms. Elsa Hernandez (center) and facilitator, Ms. Carol Mwazi (right) on September 28, 2022 at the Southern Sun The Cullinan Hotel.



Mary Joy Barcelona sharing the challenges in proposal making.

Fellows had the opportunity to meet with Cape Town's communities and leaders sharing their good practices in combating, assisting and empowering GBV survivors. The experience of cooking Cape Malay food, stepping in the Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years, and learning the Gumboot Dance.

Cape Town's heritage, histories authentic food and nice people complement our interaction and honing our journey as leaders and a wider network to work with.

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*VAV participants during the exposure visit at Signal Hill, City Centre on September 27, 2022.*



*Vital Voices Fellows visit at Langa community and learned Gumboot Dancing on September 30, 2022.*



*VAV participants at Robben Island, where Nelson Mandela was incarcerated for 18 years, on September 29, 2022.*



*Closing ceremony with VAV fellows, staff, and consultants on September 30, 2022 at the Southern Sun The Cullinan, Cape Town, South Africa.*

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