



DAWN 2016 YEAR-END REPORT

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The year 2016 was a very significant year for DAWN because the organization celebrated its 20th Year Anniversary with the Theme: “Twenty Years of Empowering Lives for a Better Tomorrow.” DAWN continued to provide assistance and support to returned women migrants and their children. Below are the different activities of DAWN and assistance provided to the members.

Social Services Program

The DAWN Social Services Program continues to be the entry point for women and children membership to DAWN. Intake interviews and DAWN orientation were conducted to prospective members for them to learn about the programs and services of the organization.

DAWN’s caseload for 2016 was 34 women and 41 children/youth. Most of them were referred by the Embassy of Japan. Out of the 34 women, five (5) graduated from college, ten (10) reached college level, eleven (11) graduated from high school, one reached high school level, two graduated in elementary while five (5) completed vocational course. Majority of these come from the National Capital Region and from Region IV, although there are a few from far provinces. Economically, nineteen (19) women are self-employed, eight (8) are employed while seven (7) women are unemployed and being supported by their grown up children/partner/husband.

From the 41 children/youth members of DAWN, twenty six (26) are female and fifteen (15) are male. As for their educational level, five (5) are college graduate and now working, one (1) is completing Medicine Proper, six (6) are in college, one (1) High School graduate and working, sixteen (16) in Junior High School,



DAWN’s 20th Anniversary at Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros, Manila on February 6, 2016.

four (4) Senior High School, four (4) in elementary and four (4) not of school age children.

The following activities were conducted to capacitate women and children members on issues that tackle rights and welfare: Organizational Development Training, Women Migrant Rights Workshop, Self-Awareness Workshop, Women and Youth Leadership Training, End Violence Against Women, Children and Youth, group session with the DAWN – JFC for Change members regarding Personal and Health Care.

The women and JFC were also assisted by Japanese volunteers in translating their documents (from Japanese to English and vice versa). They were also assisted in securing necessary documents, such as koseki, passports, birth certificates, and other documents.

The cast of the musicale play “The Crane Dog” were assisted in the acquisition of their travel documents for the theater tour in Japan.

The social case study reports were completed and updated. Home and school visits were also conducted.

To strengthen collaboration and linkages with different government agencies and NGOs, DAWN’s 2015 Annual Accomplishment Report, Operational Plan, and Budget for 2016 were prepared and submitted to DSWD-NCR.

DAWN participated actively in the different activities of DSWD such as ABSNET West Cluster meetings/trainings, RIACAT-VAW meetings, Regional Consultation Dialogue with CSO & SWDAs and Orientation on DSWD Research Agenda 2017-2022.

DAWN facilitated strong collaboration with GO’s such as: OWWA, POEA, DFA, CFO, BI, NCCA, DOLE-NCRO, Japan Embassy in Manila and Philippine Embassy in Tokyo and CSOs such as CMA, Unlad-Kabayan, Kanlungan, Blas Ople Center, Kampi Kaibigan, Kakamppi, Maligaya House, Batis Center for Women, OFW Family and PMRW.

The Social Services Program (SSP) Coordinator participated in the following trainings/fora for the year; Forum on Proposed Department of Migration & Development/OFW Department, 10th General Assembly of ABSNET West Cluster, Multi-stakeholder Summit on Migrant Agenda and Strategies, 3rd Global Mayoral Forum on Human Mobility, Migration and Development, Advocacy/Orientation on the DSWD Research Agenda for CY 2017-2022, 1st Semester Social Welfare and Development Forum entitled “Progressive Public and Private Partnership in Promoting the Rights of Vulnerable Sectors”, Capacity Building Training on Women Migrant Workers Rights and Migrant Advocacy, Strengthening Partnership with Social Welfare and Development Agencies (SWDAs) for MCCT-HSF cum Training on Comprehensive Interventions against Gender-Based Violence and ABSNET West Cluster Orientation and Updates on Registration, Licensing and Accreditation.



Ms. Mirriam Orig (center) receives DAWN's recognition award from DSWD

DSWD-NCR on the occasion of its 38th Foundation Anniversary on October 28, 2016, awarded DAWN with a certificate of recognition for active involvement in the Regional Interagency Committees in ensuring the welfare and protection of the disadvantaged and vulnerable sectors.

The application for the renewal of DAWN's Registration and License to Operate from DSWD-NCR was approved on November 25, 2016 effective until November 24, 2019. Relative to this, the regional office endorsed DAWN'S application for renewal of accreditation to the DSWD-Central Office Standards Bureau.

Alternative Livelihood Program

Among the highlights of SIKHAY-related activities for the year was the second part of the partnership with the Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD), the three-year project endeavors to capacitate BWPD community leaders with necessary competencies, knowledge, and skills in entrepreneurial development and management which they will disseminate with their group when they return to Burundi.

For the second leg of the project, DAWN provided a follow-up training on basic handloom weaving and sewing to two community leaders of BWPD namely: Nadia Mukazena, and Pierre Nzeyimana, accompanied by Stephanie Mbanzendoro

who led the partnership project and Jean Kenny Muhoza and Jean Derrick Irekoze who both served as translators to the trainees. The training transpired from February 29 - March 11, 2016, spearheaded by the SIKHAY women members led by Mary Joy E. Barcelona, Anna Liza Yamabo, Gilda Mosatalla, and Mary Jane Kuraoka.



Pretz providing hair treatment in her salon and spa

The Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) provided livelihood assistance to 33 women migrant members of DAWN under the program “Recovery and Reintegration Program for Trafficked Persons.”

The women received skills training and financial assistance for livelihood and enterprise development. Their home-based projects varies from Food & Dry Goods Production, Buy & Sell and Services.



Marketing of Sikhay products by Ms. Gennie Kim, Ms. Jasmine Lee and other friends/supporters on November 19, 2016 at the Itaewon Global Center “Flea Market.” Amb. Raul Hernandez visited the group.

SIKHAY has also expanded its network. Some of the partners are: Philippine Embassy – Tokyo, Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD), Maligaya House (MH), UN Women Joint Project with CMA, UNLAD-Kabayan and Kanlungan, DSWD-NCR “Recovery and Reintegration Program for Trafficked Persons” livelihood program and skills training, ASEAN ROK, IOMMRTC-Korea with Gennie Kim, Rags2Riches, Association of Filipino Student in Japan (AFSJ), Peace Boat and JICHIRO.



Kansai University Yoshida Seminar students having hands-on sewing training with Gilda

DAWN welcomed study tours from two Japanese universities such as Kanda University of International Studies (KUIS) and Kansai University of Shinsuke Yoshida Seminar, which focused on social enterprise and fair trade. Part of the study tour is a firsthand experience on sewing and handloom weaving. The Chiba University Global Volunteer Program sent three interns on March 8-17, 2016.

Along with competency-building, SIKHAY has actively joined seminars and fora to enhance the awareness on the different activities in relation to the thrust of the organization.

These seminars are: The Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Textile Research Institute’s (DOST-PTRI) Conference entitled “Tela Nation One ASEAN: Beyond Borders, Beyond Boundaries, Beyond Bounds” on January 28, 2016 at the DOST Executive Lounge; Entrepreneurial Management Seminar for Women Migrant Returnees on March 12-13, 2016; Filipino Women Suffrage in the Philippines on April 29, 2016, Capacity Building Training on Women Migrant Workers Rights and Migrant Advocacy on April 22-24, 2016, Belle De Jour 1st Women Summit “Women Helping Women” on April 16, 2016; Organizational Development Seminar on April 9-10, 2016, NCCA Vietnam Cultural Days in the Philippines on July 13, 2016; 2nd National Conference on Migrant Health on July 17, 2016 and Women and Youth Leadership Training on August 6-7, 2016.



The DAWN women at the Belle De Jour 1st Women Summit

The Alternative Livelihood Program (ALP) Coordinator participated in the following trainings/fora such as: Inter-Agency Consultation RE: CEDAW Revalida, Women Rights Workshop, 2nd National Conference on Migrant Health with the theme: “Advancing the Health of Migrants through Multi-Sectoral Collaboration, Consultation with Stakeholders”; NGOs/CSOs/Academe Sector for the Promulgation of the Implementing Rules and Regulations of RA 10801, otherwise known as the OWWA Act; Regional Dialogue on Women Migrant Workers-ASEAN.

Research and Advocacy Program

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) has welcomed a number of students and professors from different universities from Japan and had opportunities to have interactive exchange of ideas among members and partners coming from different organizations and educational institutions.



Mel Nuqui with (L-R) Dr. Marla Asis, Sr. Mary John Mananzan, Prof. Oyie de Dios and Prof. Mitsuho Horiuchi during DAWN's 20th Anniversary

DAWN celebrated its 20th Anniversary last February 6, 2016 at Bayleaf Hotel, Intramuros, Manila. with the theme “Twenty Years of Empowering Lives for a Better Tomorrow.” The anniversary celebration was attended by the women, children, members of the Board of Trustees and Advisory Council, volunteers and partners.

From May 16–31, 2016, the members of Teatro Akebono showcased their talents during the Japan Theater Tour in the prefectures of Aichi, Kyoto, Osaka, Yokohama, Chiba, Tokyo and Saitama. The theater tour gave voice to the real situation, feelings and difficulties of Japanese-Filipino children both in the Philippines and in Japan. They were accompanied by partner organizations in Japan led by YUMEUTA in Saitama, Japan.

The team interacted with the JFC living in Japan and they heard their daily struggles in coping with the culture and language differences between Philippines and Japan. Furthermore, they visited Ambassador Manuel Lopez and Consul-General Jocelyn Tirol-Ignacio of the Philippine Embassy in Tokyo. DAWN’s longtime partners - the All Japan Prefectural and Municipal Workers Union (JICHIRO) and the Peace Boat were also visited. A short program/interaction with the partners’ staff/officials with the children were done.



2016 Cast of The Crane Dog

All throughout the year, Japanese students from various universities, groups and individuals visited DAWN as part of their study tour. These students and other guests were provided orientation on the programs and services of DAWN and were given the chance to interact with the women and JFC members.

The universities who visited are the following: Kansai University–Yoshida Seminar– February 13, 2016; Azusa Kawamura and friends – February 13, 2016; Prof. Asato Wako & Students, Kyoto University – February 16, 2016; Prof. Chiho Ogaya (Ferris University) and Yusuke Naruse – February 27, 2016; Kansai-University-Mayumi Seminar – Sept 2, 2016; Prof. Chiho Ogaya & Aya Sadamatsu – Sept 3, 2016; Ms. Gennie Kim – Seoul, Korea – Sept 3-8, 2016; Jamaican Delegation – October 12, 2016 and Pacific and Asian Affairs Council -Oct 15, 2016. At the end of each study tour, the students were able to hear the stories of women and JFC and their daily lives. Moreover, they bought SIKHAY items and brought it back to Japan to be sold in bazaars and/or in the countries where they come from.



PAAC groupwork presentation with the JFC at the DAWN office

DAWN has also participated in activities of affiliated organizations. Carmelita Nuqui, DAWN Executive Director attended various fora/workshop as resource person/participant such as the ASEAN Civil Society Conference/ASEAN People's Forum 2016 (ACSC/ APF 2016) in Dili, Timor Leste on August 1-6, 2016, "Enhancing the Protection & Promotion of Labour, Women Domestic Workers and Migrant Workers Rights at Alola Foundation,

Enable Kids Project in Hamamatsu Japan last Sept 21-26,2016; VV100: A Strategic Gathering and Retreat on October 10-15, 2016 at the Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay, San Francisco, California, USA; 9th ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour on November 9-10 at Ventiane, Lao PDR. and the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) on December 7-10, 2016 in Bangladesh.



Jamaican delegation's visit to PMRW, DAWN and Sikhay's sewing and weaving projects on October 12, 2016

In celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos, Ms. Nuqui participated in the Inter-Agency Committee on the Month of Overseas Filipinos (AC-MOF). The forum for this year is "OFs as Culture Bearers: Tunay na Malikhain, Matatag at Masipag." The forum in Davao on November 16, 2016 was co-organized with the Ateneo de Davao University; The forum in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on Nov 20, 2016, was co-organized with the OWWA, POLO and the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, and in Seoul, Korea on Nov 27, 2016, was co-organized with the Filipino Korean Spouses Association (FKSA), Filipino Photographers in South Korea, Filipino EPS Workers Association (FEWA), Pinoy Iskolars in Korea (PIKO), in cooperation with the Philippine Embassy in Seoul, Korea. Finally, on December 15, 2016, the IAC-MOF celebrated the 26th anniversary of the Migrant Workers Convention and International Migrants' Day and the 10th year of the IAC-MOF at the SSS Head Office, Quezon City. A cultural presentation by the Coro San Benildo was organized by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA) and a showing of the film "EDNA," by the Film Development Council of the Philippines (FDCP).



International Migrants' Day Celebration at the KEB-Hana Bank in Seoul, Korea on November 27, 2017.



(L-R) Mr. Jo Mari Rifareal and Ms. Khaasie Gapuzan of DOLE-ILAB, Director Carl Velasquez of OWWA, Ambassador Ed Malaya, DAWN Executive Director Carmelita Nuqui and Prof. Stella Go of PMRN at the Philippine Embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on November 21, 2016

Administrative and Finance

For the administrative and finance matters of DAWN, the standard systems and procedures were implemented for an effective function of the organization. These include the timely submission of contribution reports to the following: 1) submission of electronic R-3 files to the Social Security System (SSS), using the system of R-3 File Generator version 1.0; 2) online application of PhilHealth using the Electronic Premium Reporting System (EPRS) starting June 2015; 3) and utilization of the Electronic Bureau of Internal Revenue forms (eBIRforms).

Part of the deliverables under the program include the processing of business permits, preparation of the financial statements and Income Tax Return (ITR) of DAWN, and the submission of Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) requirements.

DAWN received grants and donations from various partners/donors and friends. The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy for the project entitled “Building Capacities of Women and Japanese-Filipino Children,” UN Women, as part of the project entitled “Strengthening of women migrant workers (WWW) organizations and/or their support groups and networks to effectively promote and protect WWW rights” with CMA, DAWN, Kanlungan, and Unlad Kabayan; JICHIRO; Philippine Embassy in Tokyo through Madame Maria Teresa L. Lopez, from the Asia Pacific Ladies

Friendship Society (ALFS) Charity Bazaar. DSWD-NCR provided school assistance to the children, skills training and livelihood assistance for women members; and from groups and individual donors.



DAWN’s Rachel Tubig (center) giving a testimony during the Stakeholder’s Summit on Migrant Agenda and Strategies on October 13, 2016 at the Bayview Park Hotel Manila

CHRISTMAS GET-TOGETHER (cont’d)

The DAWN staff facilitated the exchange gifts and gift-giving by DAWN, Prof. Horiuchi and Ms. Bing Comiso, DAWN Volunteer. Moreover, the most awaited part of the program was the raffle of the different gifts offered by DAWN and the grand raffle prize of a TV Set donated by Mr. Lito Soriano, Chairman and President of LBS Recruitment Solutions which was won by Kevin Kimura who was also celebrating his 9th birthday. The program ended with the singing of “I Can,” and a group hug. The DAWN family enjoyed lunch together.



DAWN-JFC Kevin Kimura receiving his prize from Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi and Tita Mel. With him are mother, Pretz, and sister, Rizel.

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Sewing and Weaving Trainings

By Mary Joy E. Barcelona



Jemmillie sewing a skirt



Joy assisting Emylou cut a pair of pants



Rosie assisting Rowena sew a blouse



Gilda assisting Fritzie sew a dress

Sharing skills to others is the essence of what Sikhay project is all about, especially for the returned migrant women who are trying to reconnect with their families and communities and have an alternative source of income.

For the last quarter, some women had basic training in sewing and weaving while the others had advanced training in sewing.

Jemmillie Valenzuela, Emylou Lago, Rowena de Lara, and Fritzie Petisme had their basic training in sewing.

They learned High Speed machine operation, pattern-making, cutting and sewing. Their projects include skirt, a pair of pants, blouse and dress.

Rosie Verano, Zenaida Cuna and Dolores Alnas having the advanced training in sewing – curtains making and bag making.

After the training in sewing Zenaida Cuna and Rowena de Lara had basic hand-weaving training. Zenaida made coasters while Rowena made a scarf.



Rosie cutting fabric for curtains



Gilda teaching Zeny how to make a bag



Dolores sewing a quilted bag

The trainers are the Sikhay members themselves. Some of the trainees already started their home-based projects in sewing and some are planning to start theirs.

“Training is not only gaining the skills but also bonding, learning, dreaming together and gaining friends,” the trainees shared during the evaluation.



Zeny weaving coasters, the last step in the hand-weaving training.



Rowena doing the 4th step in weaving- denting of thread to make a scarf.

DAWN 2016 Christmas Get-Together

By Masako Ono

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) celebrated its Christmas Get-Together with the theme: *Pag-ibig at Kapayapaan Para sa Lahat!* on December 17, 2016 at the DAWN office.

The program was attended by 50 participants: women and children, members of the Board of Trustees, volunteers, staff and partners. Eien Antonio and Mitzie Petisme served as emcees during the program.

The program started with the singing of Christmas Carols, "Hark the Herald" and "Mary's Boy Child Jesus Christ" with a guitar accompaniment by Zenaida Cuna and Masako Ono followed by the reading of the Christmas Story and Prayer led by Juliana Reiko Tubig.



The DAWN Family during the 2016 Christmas Get-Together



DAWN President Aurora Javate-de Dios with her Christmas message to the DAWN family

DAWN's Executive Director, Carmelita Nuqui gave her welcome remarks and acknowledged the presence of Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios and Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi, President and Vice- President of DAWN Board of Trustees respectively.


Tita Mel thanked everyone for their cooperation and participation in the different activities/events throughout the year.

Special numbers were presented by the women and children, youth and volunteers such as a declamation, modern and Hawaiian dances and songs. One of the memorable performance was the the rendition of April Boy Regino's song "*Sana'y Laging Magkapiling*" by Japanese language and culture teacher Yasushi Watanabe.

Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios and Mitsuko Horiuchi shared some of their inspiring words for this Christmas season and were overwhelmed by the skills and talents that the women and children showed during the program.

Prof. de Dios encouraged everyone to always DREAM BIG in order to reach our goals and dreams in life.

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DAWN's Youth group with their Hip hop dance

People, Places, Events



Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui with Ms. Alyse Nelson, President and CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership during the VV100: A Strategic Gathering and Retreat, October 13, 2016 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Half Moon Bay, San Francisco, California, USA.



Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui with CSO representatives during the ASEAN Forum on Migrant Labour (AFML), November 9-10, 2016 at Vientiane, Lao PDR.



Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona (second from left) during the Regional Dialogue on Women Migrant Workers in ASEAN, December 8, 2016 at the Mandarin Hotel, Bangkok, Thailand.



(From R-L): Ms. Carmelita G. Nuqui, Ambassador Jose Brillantes, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Protection of the Rights of Migrants and Members of Their Families, and Ms. Ellene Sana at the 9th GFMD, December 10-12, 2016 at Dhaka, Bangladesh.

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