



DAWN 2015 YEAR-END REPORT

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The year 2015 was another challenging year for DAWN. It continued to provide assistance and support to returned women migrants and their children. Below are the different activities of DAWN and assistance provided to its members:

Social Services Program

The Development Action for Social Network's (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 2015 was 31 women and 35 youth. Most of them were referred by the Embassy of Japan.

Out of the 31 women, eight graduated from college, eight reached college level, eight graduated from high school, one reached high school level, one graduated in elementary, while five completed vocational course.

Majority of the women came from the National Capital Region (NCR) and from Region IV, although there are a few from far provinces. Economically, 16 women are self-employed, 10 are employed, while five women are unemployed and being supported by their grown up children and relatives.

From the 35 youth members of DAWN, 16 are female and 19 are male. As for their educational level, six are college graduate and now working, one is completing medicine proper, eight are in college, one high school graduate and working, 12 in high school due to the K-12 curriculum, five in elementary, and two were not of school age. From the abovementioned number of children studying, 11 were provided with educational assistance, eight in high school, two in college, and one as medical student. The Development Action for Women Network—Japanese Filipino Children (DAWN-JFC) for Change, an organization established by the JFC members, was provided with activities that will enhance their learning on the Japanese culture, as well as improve their knowledge and skills

through the different programs and services being offered to them. Some of the activities given to them include Japanese language lessons, cultural lessons, and the "We are the Children of Space (WeCos) Workshop" led by Nobuo Iwasaki, a Japanese visitor who is the head of the Young Astronauts Club-Japan (YAC-J), Teganuma-Kappa branch.

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

The Social Services Program (SSP) Coordinator participated in the Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop on "Gender, Migration, Development: A Matter of Rights" from March 23 – 27, 2015 at the UN Women Training Centre in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Together with other representatives from the Philippines, Marilen Soliman (UN Women) and Rhodora Abano (CMA) conducted a pilot Training of Trainers on "Gender, Migration, Development: A Matter of Rights" on December 2-3, 2015 for the staff of the Commission on Filipino Overseas.



DAWN-JFC testing their rocket handicraft using film case and crushed bath soap in an open area at Rizal Park, Manila.



DAWN children preparing for their presentation during the Youth Rights Camp held on November 07, 2015 at Splash Oasis, Pansol, Laguna.



BWPD leader Stephanie (rightmost) talking with Ms. Marla Asis of TRANSCODE/SMC and Ms. Mel Nuqui about the shawl output of Beatrice during the Trainer's Training.



Meeting, facilitated by Mary Joy Barcelona, with the DAWN women members who received assistance from DSWD-NCR.

The following activities were conducted to capacitate women and children members on issues that tackle rights and welfare: Women's Rights Workshop in celebration of the International Women's Day, Leadership Seminars, Children's Rights' Camp, and End VAWC Workshop in celebration of the International Human Rights Day.

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.

To strengthen collaboration and linkages with different government organizations and NGOs line agencies, DAWN's 2014 Annual Accomplishment Report, Operational Plan, and Budget for 2015 was prepared and submitted to DSWD-NCR. DAWN was elected as Women Sector Representative in the DSWD-Area Based Standards Network (ABSNET) West Cluster and to the Regional ABSNET Federation.

Alternative Livelihood Program

Among the highlights of SIKHAY-related activities for the year was the established partnership with the Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD), a foundation established by Burundian women living in The Netherlands. The partnership was made possible through the initiative of Transnational

Synergy and cooperation for Development (TRANSCODE) wherein both DAWN and BWPD are members, with support from CEI and Cord Aid.

The three-year project endeavours 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 first leg of the project, DAWN provided a trainer's training on basic handloom weaving and sewing to four community leaders of BWPD namely: Agnes Ntahompagaze, Beatrice Murerwa, Nadia Mukazena, and Pierre Nzeyimana, accompanied by Stephanie MBanzendore and Severin Minani, who led the partnership project. The training transpired from October 17- November 4, 2015, spearheaded by the SIKHAY women members led by Mary Joy E. Barcelona, Anna Liza Yamabo, Gilda Mosatalla, and Mary Jane Kuraoka.

DAWN shared its reintegration programs to women members of Maligaya House (MH), a partner NGO that assists women migrants from Japan and their Japanese-Filipino children (JFC). A joint project by DAWN, Center for Migrant Advocacy (CMA), UNLAD-Kabayan, and KANLUNGAN which was funded by UN Women entitled "Strengthening of Women Migrant Worker (WMW) organizations and/or their Support Groups and Networks to Effectively Promote WMW Rights" aims to provide economic empowerment, rights awareness, and organizational development to beneficiaries. As part of the project, a Training Needs Assessment (TNA) occurred last November 28, 2015 with 26 members.

After the conduct of the TNA, an Entrepreneurial Seminar was held last December 5, 2015 with six women members of Maligaya House. DAWN women members also had their Entrepreneurial Seminar last April 11-12, 2015 in Laguna.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development – National Capital Region (DSWD-NCR) provided assistance to seven women migrant members of DAWN under their 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 are as follows: 1) Zenaida Cuna sewn pillow cases and bed sheets; 2) Zita Felarca made dishwashing liquid detergent; 3) Anna Lissa Junio created her E-load business which includes Smart Money padala and sold sim cards and prepaid load; 4) Maria Rowena de Lara cooked food for her eatery; 5) Fritzie Petisme sold homemade peanut butter; 6) Juvy Sacabin sold homemade peanut butter, maja blanca, and raw pork and chicken; and 7) Ma. Celia Tribunal sold rice grains and canned goods.

Moreover, the Asian Community Trust (ACT)-Japan provided livelihood assistance and grant to women members for their livelihood initiatives.

Mary Jane Kuraoka, one of DAWN weavers, showcased her skills in weaving under the class of Ms. Alvarez at the College of Fashion and Design of the De La Salle College of St. Benilde on March 16-17 and 23-24, 2015.

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DAWN Christmas Get-Together 2015

By Arisa Junio



DAWN members and staff with DAWN Board of Trustees (seated at the middle). Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios, President; Carmelita Nuqui, Executive Director; Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi, Vice-President; and Mary Joy Barcelona, Treasurer (standing, first from left).



DAWN Board of Trustees Meeting on December 19, 2015 at the DAWN office. (From left to right: Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios, Mary Joy Barcelona, Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi, and Carmelita Nuqui).

The Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) celebrated its annual get-together and celebrated the spirit of Christmas with DAWN women and children on December 19, 2015 at its new office located at the Bocobo Commercial Center, Ermita, Manila.

This year's theme is "Pasko ng Pagsilang, Pasko ng Bagong Pag-asa" which emphasizes the importance of the Saviour's birth as a symbol of new hope.

Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios (President), Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi (Vice-President), Mary Joy Barcelona (Treasurer), and Carmelita G. Nuqui (Executive Director) had a Board of Trustees meeting at the DAWN office in the morning.

After the meeting they joined the staff, women, and children in the Christmas get-together which started with a lunch.

The activity started with an opening prayer by Maria Kanna Junio, President of the DAWN-JFC for Change.

This was followed by a welcome message from Ms. Mel Nuqui. She emphasized the new hope that each member can give to themselves; spending less time using gadgets and engage verbally and physically with family members, and more importantly, starting a new life living without regrets.

She also acknowledged the presence of Prof. Horiuchi, who came all the way from Tokyo, Japan to celebrate with everyone the fun activity, and also friends from partner organizations.

Prof. Horiuchi also gave her Christmas message and greeted the group with a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous year to come.

In order to spread good vibes despite the gloomy weather, Anna Lissa Junio with daughters, Arisa and Maria Kanna presented a dance number. Zenaida Cuña also rendered inspiring song numbers. With the songs, Arisa and Anna Lissa presided the games.

Mr. Lito Soriano, President of the LBS Recruitment Solutions, and Ms. Gemma Comiso, member of the Pinoy Expat OFW Blog Awards (PEBA), spent their time with DAWN and brought prizes for the games and for the raffles.

After the fun-filled games, the exchange gift among the women, JFC and staff took place followed by the DAWN gift-giving and raffles, the grand prize of which is a 28-inches flat screen television donated by Mr. Soriano and his staff.

This was followed by the snacks, which ended the whole activity.



DAWN women and children enjoying the game facilitated by Anna Lissa.



Mr. Lito Soriano exchanging pleasantries with Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi and Mel Nuqui.

Alternative Livelihood Skills Training for BWPD

By Mary Joy E. Barcelona



Mary Joy Barcelona explaining the parts of the handloom weaving machine. (From left to right): Stephanie, Pierre, Agnes, Severin, and Nadia).



Nadia weaving her table runner.

On October 17 – November 05, 2015, six Burundian community leaders arrived in the Philippines for a Trainers’ Training under the project, “Alternative Livelihood Skills Training for Burundian Women.” The Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD), in partnership with the Development Action for Women Network (DAWN), spearheaded the project supported by the Transnational Synergy and Cooperation for Development (TRANSCODE), CEI and CordAid.

The three-year project endeavours to capacitate the BWPD community leaders with necessary competencies, knowledge, and skills in entrepreneurial development and management which they will

disseminate to their group when they return to Burundi. With the expertise of DAWN’s Sikap-Buhay (Sikhay) members, the leaders were given a chance to acquire livelihood ideas in promoting socio-economic development. The trainers’ training started through an introduction of DAWN and its staff and Sikhay women. They were given an orientation of the training workshop.

The training on basic handloom weaving took place from October 19 – 28, 2015. The trainers included Mary Jane Kuraoka, Gilda Mosatalla, Anna Liza Yambao, and Mary Joy Barcelona. The trainees identified the parts of the machines, computed the needed length and width of threads to be used, and executed hand-weaving.

They were also taught how to finish the various items, make tassels and trimming.

Each trainee was assigned to make products using their own design.

Agnes Ntahompagaze made placemats, Beatrice Murerwa created a scarf, wall décor, and coasters, Nadia Mukazena prepared a table cloth and wall décor, and Pierre Nzeyimana finished a table runner and wall décor.

They were also able to identify the different kinds of thread. They were trained how to trouble shoot the machine as they will bring back four handloom machines back to Burundi.



BWPD team showing their final outputs from the basic handloom weaving training.



BWPD, DAWN and ATIKHA members during the exposure trip



Teacher Santa teaching pattern-making (From left to right: Beatrice, Agnes, Pierre and Teacher Santa).



The trainees wearing their outputs from their training in sewing during the graduation rites, with the staff.

To wrap up the handloom weaving training they had a process evaluation, which garnered good results. BWPD also shared that they were happy and pleased with the dedication, encouragement, and understanding their trainers showed during the whole training.

Despite language barriers, both parties were able to create and produce quality products within a short span of time.

DAWN and BWPD had an exposure trip at ATIKHA, a non-governmental organization (NGO) that assists migrants and their families left in the Philippines. They visited the Mabini, Batangas and San Pablo, Laguna offices of ATIKHA last October 26 – 27, 2015. They were shown the different products and services offered by ATIKHA to generate income and to continue social development to its members. BWPD, DAWN, and ATIKHA are members of TRANSCODE.

The training on basic handloom weaving was followed by basic sewing training, including industrial machines operation, pattern-making and cutting, and basic sewing. Santa Bodino, one of the DAWN volunteers, assisted in the sewing training with Mary Joy Barcelona, Gilda, Mary Jane and Anna Liza. At the end of the training, the trainees were able to create their own products which are: 1) Nadia made different kinds of bags such as passport bag, shopping bag, back pack, and hallow bag; 2) Agnes created an A-line skirt and open blouse; 3) Beatrice produced an open collar blouse and long skirt; and 4) Pierre sewed long pants and polo shirt. At the end of the training, electronic copies of the lectures were provided for future reference.

On November 2, 2015 BWPD members had an interaction with other DAWN women and children members. The group had lunch together. A simple program was held that includes getting to know activities, singing, and dancing.

At the end of the activity, the DAWN family gave a collage to BWPD, with messages from the JFC and the women.

The training workshop wrapped up on November 4, 2015. A simple graduation ceremony was given to the BWPD trainees for their outstanding performance during the trainings. The trainees paraded their outputs. Mel Nuqui presented the Certificate of Appreciation to Stephanie Mbanzendoro and Severin Minani for the established partnership between DAWN and BWPD and their valuable contribution during the whole course of the training. Accompanied by Stephanie, Mel distributed the certificates to the trainees. The awarding ceremony was followed by an introductory talk about BWPD and its advocacy

On the 4th of November, Mary Joy and Mel Nuqui sent-off Stephanie and Severin to the airport as they will return to The Netherlands; the rest of the team left on the 5th of November for their flight back to Burundi.

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SIKHAY has also expanded its network wherein products were sold. Some of the partnerships were: Rags2Riches used weaved cloths for the 2015 Viejo collection and In-Motion Collection, IBON Foundation, Peace Boat, YUMEUTA (DAWN in Japan), Association of Filipino Students in Japan (AFSJ), JICHIRO, and Global Narnia by Sachiko Malta in Niigata.

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. These universities are longtime partners of DAWN since 2007 and 2013, respectively. DAWN-KUIS, headed by Kaori Yasui, aimed to market SIKHAY products in Japan. To date, there are 15 student members supporting DAWN. On the other hand, Prof. Shinsuke Yoshida of the Yoshida Seminar supports SIKHAY through social enterprise and international personal relations. Part of their study tour is a firsthand experience on sewing and handloom weaving.

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

These seminars are: 1) the Department of Science and Technology – Philippine Textile Research Institute’s (DOST-PTRI) Conference entitled “TelaSerye... Kahapon, Ngayon, Bukas. Philippine Textiles: the Future, Today” on January 29, 2015; 2) Women and Gender Institute (WAGI)’s “Women’s Peace Table (WPT)

Multi-Sectoral Peace Dialogue: Working Towards a CSO Consensus on the BBL” on September 8, 2015; 3) Migrant CSO consultation for the Pre-Sessional Working Group Meeting of UN CEDAW Committee last September 22, 2015; 4) Seminar workshop on Sexual Orientation, Gender Identities and Expression (SOGIE) and Migration last December 2-4, 2015, organized by the Action for Health Initiatives (ACHIEVE), Inc. CARAM-Asia, and Robert CARR Fund; and 5) In focus: Women Migrant Workers, Person with Diverse SOGIE and the CMW Concluding Comments on December 8, 2015, which was organized by the UN Women, Commission on Human Rights (CHR), and the Center for Migrant’s Advocacy.

DAWN Multi-Purpose Cooperative (DAWN-MPC)

Last April 12, 2015, DAWN- MPC members gathered for its annual General Assembly and elections of officers.

The elected officers are: Mary Jane G. Kuraoka as Chairperson; Zita P. Felarca as Vice-chairperson; Board members include Mary Joy E. Barcelona, Anna Lissa D. Junio, and Ma. Celia Tribunal.



DAWN members—Mary Joy, Gilda, Anna Lisa and Mary Jane—joined other participants in the workshop entitled “In Focus: Women Migrant Workers, Persons with Diverse SOGIE and the CMW Concluding Comments” organized by the CHR, CMA, and UN Women on December 08, 2015 at Cocoon Boutique Hotel.

Maricris Tenorio and Lance Velasco are members of the Ethics Committee; and Mirriam R. Orig and Yasushi Watanabe are members of the Mediation/Conciliation Committee.

Research and Advocacy Program

This 2015, the Research and Advocacy Program of the Development Action for Women Network (DAWN) has been involved in various opportunities to interactive exchange of ideas among members and partners coming from different organizations and educational institutions.

DAWN celebrated its 19th anniversary last February 14, 2015 at Room 514, Don Santiago Building, Taft, Manila. The celebration revolved around the theme “Growing Up and Move On”. The anniversary celebration was attended by special guests who formed the Board of Trustees of DAWN, namely Reverend Leonard R. Morada, and Prof. Corazon R. Arboleda. Prof. Chiho Ogaya and her students from Yokohama National University and students from Kansai University joined DAWN women, children, and volunteers during the celebration.

DAWN is privileged to be granted with special consultative status by the United Nations’ Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) on April 10, 2015. The consultative status is accompanied with privileges and benefits.



DAWN-KUIS members looking at the weaving and sewing products of women weavers during their study tour at DAWN.

Anna Liza Yambao was elected as Treasurer; Rosie Verano is a member of the Election Committee; Gilda Mosatalla and Ma. Rowena de Lara who comprise the Audit Committee; Carmelita G. Nuqui and Ma. Gloria Mogote who form the Credit Committee;

Some of the privileges include the following: 1) opportunities to participate in the work of the Council on issues and matters related to the scope of work of the organization undertakes; 2) participation in events, conferences, and activities of the United Nations Headquarters in New York, and United Nations offices in Geneva and Vienna; 3) submission of written statements and presentation of reports that are relevant to the thrust of the organization and the work of the Council; and 4) utilization of United Nations facilities for ECOSOC-related assemblies.

From May 16 – 31, 2015, the children who composed Teatro Akebono showcased their talents during the Japan Theater Tour in the prefectures of Aichi, Chiba, Kyoto, Osaka, Saitama, and Tokyo. The theater tour gave voice to the unheard 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-shi, 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 Consul General Jocelyn Tirol-Ignacio of the Philippine Embassy based in Tokyo.

All throughout the year, Japanese students from various universities conducted their study tour at DAWN. These students were lectured on the thrust of the organization, and were given the chance interact with the women and JFC members of DAWN. The following universities were as follows: 1) Kansai University—Yoshida Seminar with six participants; 2) Yokohama

National University, comprised with 10 students and accompanied by Prof. Chiho Ogaya and two representatives from the University of the Philippines' Center of International Studies;

3) Kitakyushu Forum on Asian Women, led by Prof. Mitsuko Horiuchi with six students; 4) DAWN-KUIS with 10 students; 5) Hiroshima University spearheaded by Prof. Koki Seki and Associate Prof. Tatsuo Yamane with six junior undergraduate students; and 6) Kansai University—Mayumi Kubota Seminar comprised of 13 students. At the end of each study tour, the students were able to hear the stories of women and JFC and their daily struggle. Moreover, they bought SIKHAY items and brought it back to Japan to be sold in bazaars.

Other than Japanese students, an international non-governmental organization conducted an interaction with DAWN members and staff. The Peace Boat, a Japan-based non-profit organization (NPO), visited DAWN on August 29, 2015 to increase their awareness on the issue of JFC and their families.

DAWN has also participated in activities of affiliated organization. The Women and Gender Institute (WAGI), headed by Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios, Executive Director of WAGI and Board of Trustees President of DAWN, organized a Women's Summit and invited President Michelle Bachelet of the Republic of Chile.

Ms. Carmelita Nuqui, Executive Director, and Ms. Mary Joy Barcelona, Alternative Livelihood Program Coordinator, attended the Summit held at Miriam College.



President Michelle Bachelet of the Republic of Chile with Prof. Aurora Javate-de Dios and other Miriam College representatives during the Women's Summit, November 17 at the Marian Auditorium, Miriam College in Katipunan, Quezon City. Mel Nuqui and Mary Joy Barcelona attended the summit.

Moreover, DAWN members participated at the first leg of the project entitled "Policy Recommendations for the Role of Communities Concerning the Safe Migration and Settlement: Through Sharing Knowledge and Experiences of Japan and the Philippines". The project was led by the Solidarity Network for Migrant Workers Japan. Seminar workshops in relation to gender and migration were also participated by DAWN staff and members.

In celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos on December, DAWN took part of events held to recognize the modern-day heroes of the Philippines—the OFWs. DAWN participated in the Migrants' Health Fair on December 06, 2015 .



DAWN team, along with Akihiro Tamura, Senna Nukata, and Koushou Nakashima in front of Kinkaku-ji Temple, the Golden Pavilion in Kyoto.



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DAWN staff and members with Rose Eclarinal, MAM awardee for the Best TV Program (regular category), TFC's 'JUANEUKONEK' during the 25th Anniversary of the Migrant Workers' Convention and International Migrants' Day



Partners and friends celebrated with DAWN in the new office blessing last October 7, 2015 at the Bocobo Center with a toast.

This was led by the Department of Health (DOH), in collaboration with the Inter-Agency Committee on the Celebration of the Month of Overseas Filipinos (IAC-MOF). This is chaired by the Philippine Migrants Rights Watch and co-chaired by the Commission of Filipinos Overseas. Finally on December 18, 2015, IAC-MOF celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Migrant Workers Convention and International Migrants' Day held at SSS Head Office in East Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City.

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) since May 2015.

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.

Ms. Mary Joy E. Barcelona was elected Treasurer of the DAWN Board of Trustees, who will represent DAWN members during the Board of Trustees meeting.

On July 31, 2015 DAWN moved to a new home at Unit 3, 3rd Floor, Bocobo Commercial Center, 1253 J. Bocobo corner P. Faura Street, Ermita, Manila.

With regard to financial matters, DAWN received grants and donations from the following donors: BWPDP,

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