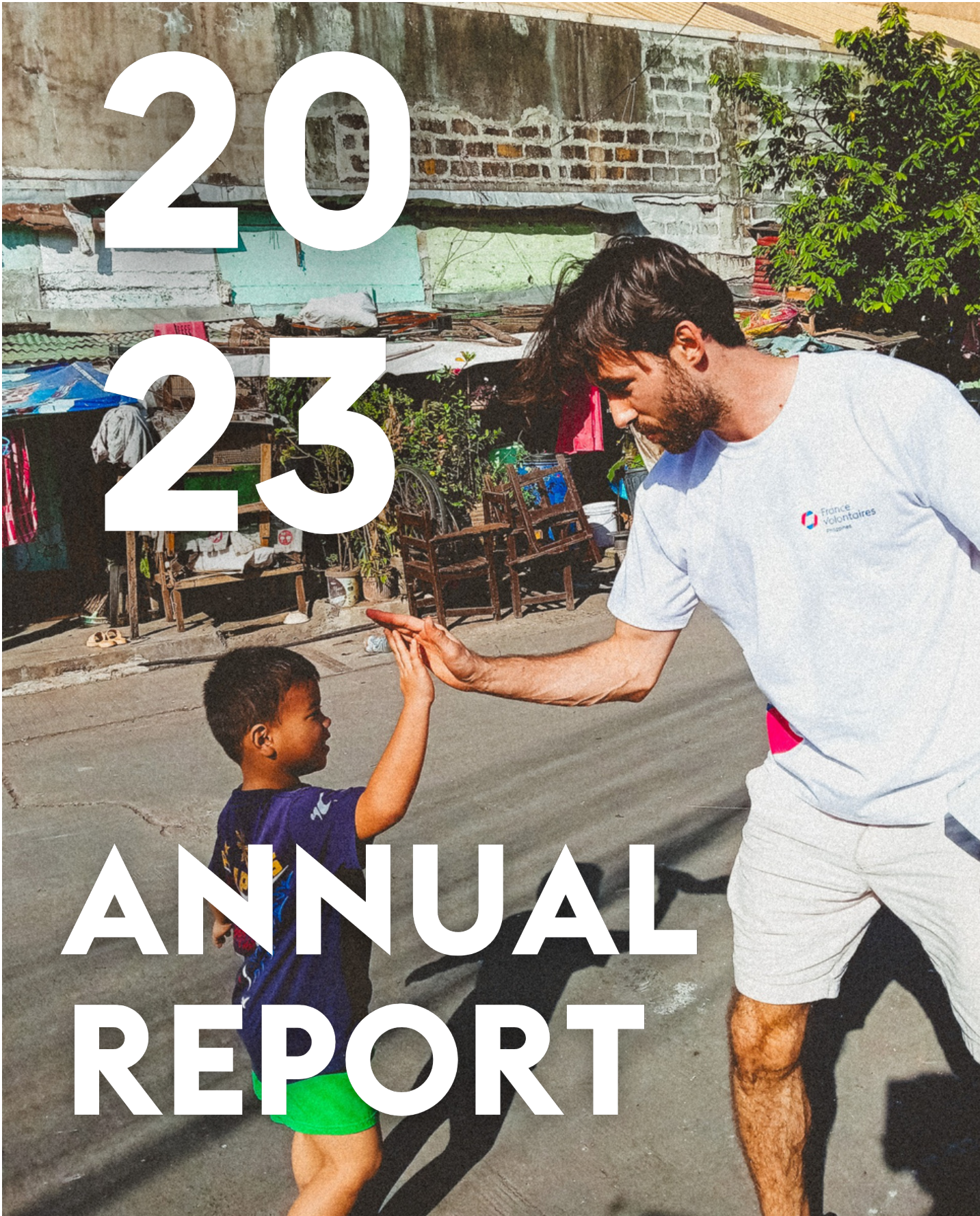


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# ACRONYMS & ABBREVIATIONS

**CSI** - Chantier de Solidarité Internationale (*International Solidarity Workcamp*)  
**EV** – Espace Volontariat (*Volunteer Center*)  
**Fonjep** - Fonds de coopération de la jeunesse et de l'éducation populaire (*Youth and popular education cooperation fund*)  
**FV** - France Volontaires  
**FVP** - France Volontaires Philippines  
**GIP** - Groupement d'Intérêt Public (*Public Interest Group*)  
**IVSO** - International Volunteer Service Organization  
**JSI** - Jeunesse et Solidarité Internationale (*Youth and International Solidarity*)  
**LPI** - Local Partner Institution  
**NGO** - Non-Governmental Organization  
**PNVSCA** - Philippine National Volunteer Service and Coordinating Agency  
**SC** - Service Civique (*Civic Service*)  
**SCI** - Service Civique International (*Civic Service International*)  
**VSI** - Volontariat de Solidarité Internationale (*International Solidarity Volunteer*)  
**VIES** – Volontariat International d'Échange et de Solidarité (*Volunteering for International Exchange and Solidarity*)  
**VVV-SI** - Ville, Vie, Vacances et Solidarité Internationale (*City, Life, Holidays and International Solidarity*)

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# FOREWORD



**NANETTE REPALPA**

*National Representative*

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As we reflect on the past year, it is with great pride and gratitude that we present our annual report, showcasing the commitment and dedication of our volunteers. Their efforts have touched countless lives in their respective communities of assignments, highlighting the diverse range of volunteer activities and remarkable achievements made possible through their commitment to making a difference. From educational programs to health and environmental conservation projects, each endeavor reflects compassion and hope for a better future for all.

As we look back on the past year, we are reminded of the power of volunteerism to transcend borders and bring people together. Volunteers from both countries have dedicated their time, energy, and expertise to various projects and initiatives, embodying the values of collaboration and mutual respect. We extend our heartfelt thanks to all them who have contributed to this ongoing story of friendship, reciprocity, and cooperation.

Furthermore, we also wish to express our gratitude and admiration to all our stakeholders and partners. Your support has been instrumental in helping us reach more people and communities, and together we are making a difference. As we look ahead, we are filled with hope and determination that this spirit of international solidarity will continue to guide our efforts so we can achieve even greater things.

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# ABOUT US

France Volontaires is the French platform for international volunteering, exchange, and solidarity. It was established in 2009 as an association and is now a public interest group known as “GIP France Volontaires”.

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As a French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs operator recognised as of France’s public development aid stakeholders by the Law of 4 August 2021, France Volontaires is the result of a shared project that brings together the State, local authorities and associations around **a public interest mission: the development and promotion of international exchange and solidarity volunteering (VIES – *volontariat international d’échange et de solidarité*)**.

The platform relies on representations in France (mainland and overseas territories) and a network of Volunteering Centres in Africa, Asia, Latin America/Caribbean, the Middle East, and Oceania.

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In the Philippines, France Volontaires established its presence in 2013 and was registered under the Securities and Exchange Commission in 2015. It was accredited by the Philippine National Volunteer Service and Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) - the government agency mandated to promote and coordinate volunteer programs and services in the Philippines, as an International Volunteer Service Organization (IVSO) in May 2017.

France Volontaires Philippines is an attached agency of the Embassy of France to the Philippines and Micronesia.

# MEET THE TEAM



**NANETTE REPALPA**

National Representative  
(since August 2015)



**AXEL PEYNAUD**

Communications Officer  
(since December 2023)



**MANAL RHINANE**

Communications Officer  
(from April 2021 - March 2023)



**MJ MANGARING**

Volunteer Development Officer  
(since April 2023)



**JEANLYN SAYAGO**

Administrative Assistant  
(since September 2023)



**MERRY GRACE**

Administrative Assistant  
(from August 2017 - September 2023)

# The different volunteering schemes

1

## Skills-based Volunteering

- International Solidarity Volunteering

## Initiation & Exchange Volunteering

- Civic Service International
- International Workcamps
- Solidarity & Youth Exchange (JSI/VVV-SI)

2

3

## Expertise Volunteering

- Solidarity Leave Volunteering
- Senior Volunteering

## Reciprocity Volunteering

- International Solidarity in Reciprocity
- Civic Service in Reciprocity

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- *Volunteers under the platform of France Volontaires are collectively referred to as Volunteers for International Exchange and Solidarity (V.I.E.S)*
- *For the complete information on all the volunteering schemes listed above, visit: <https://france-volontaires.org/les-differents-dispositifs-de-volontariat/>*



# STATE OF VOLUNTEERING IN THE PHILIPPINES



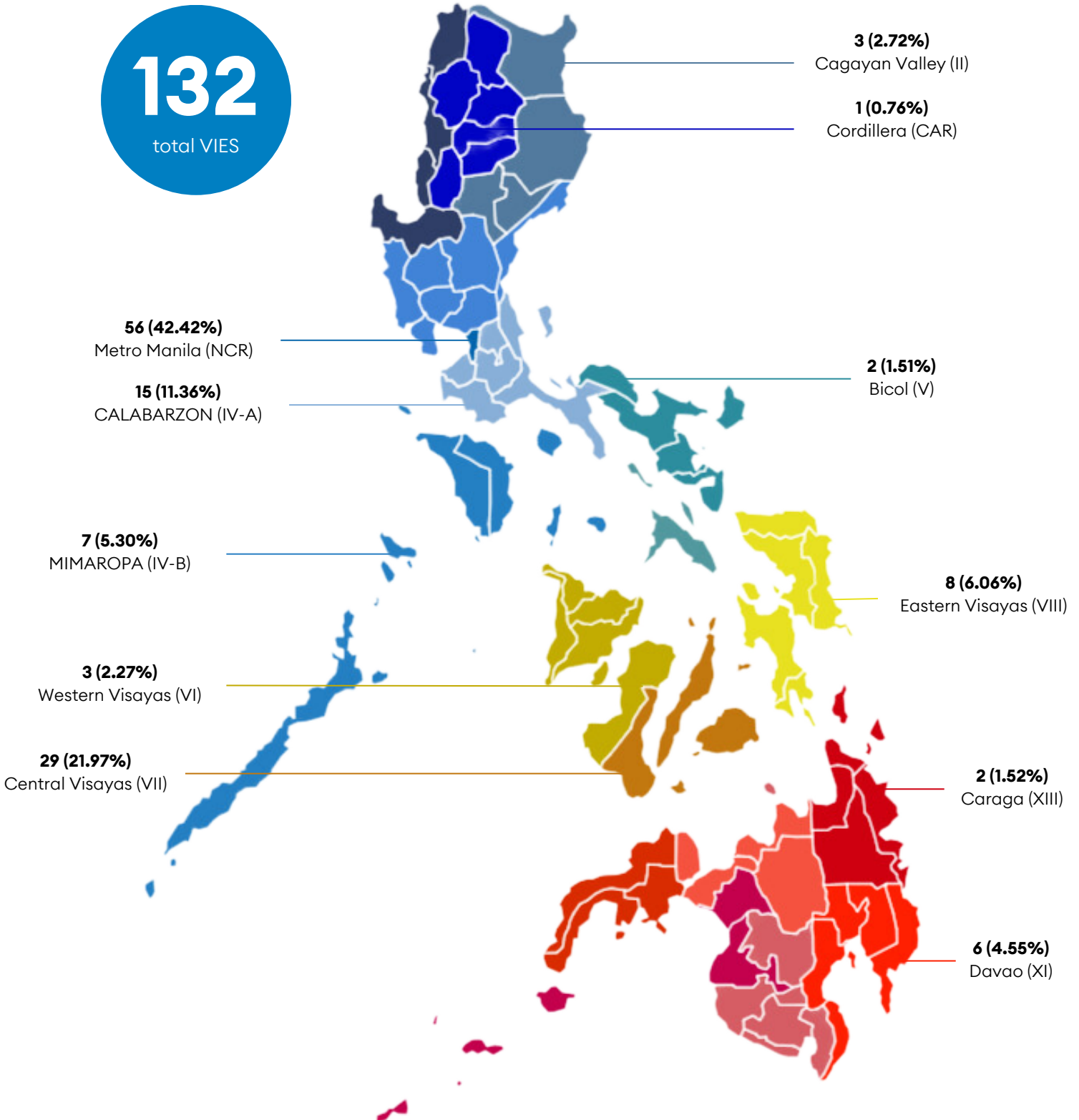
*Mr. Yann Delaunay (FV's Director-General)  
and 3 VIES in the Philippines*

# VIES AT A GLANCE

by region of deployment

**132**

total VIES



VIES in the Philippines in the year 2023 (as on 31 December 2023)

# VIES AT A GLANCE

in numbers

## RESULTS

In 2023, a total of 132 VIES in the Philippines were recorded.

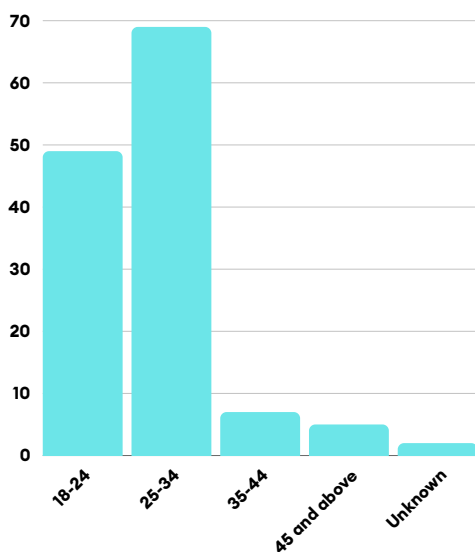
## FIELDS OF ACTION

- 50.8% Education
- 18.9% Social Services
- 16.7% Workcamps
- 6.8% Environment
- 6.8% Health

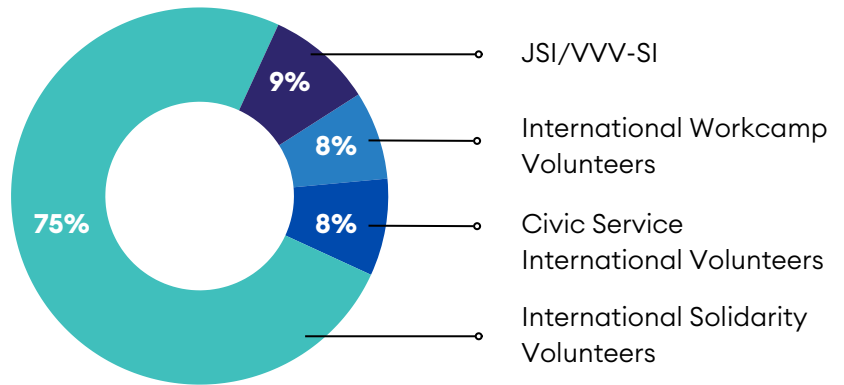
## BY NATIONALITIES

- 128 French
- 1 Italian
- 1 Lithuanian
- 1 Malagasy (Madagascar)
- 1 Moroccan

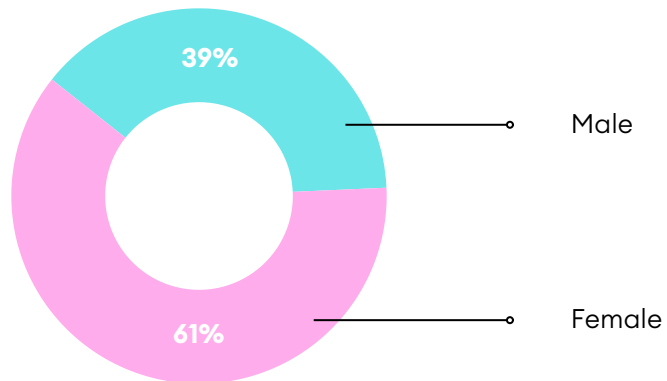
## VIES BY AGE GROUP



## VIES BY SCHEMES



## VIES BY GENDER



## VIES STATUS



**76**  
Arrival



**64**  
Completed



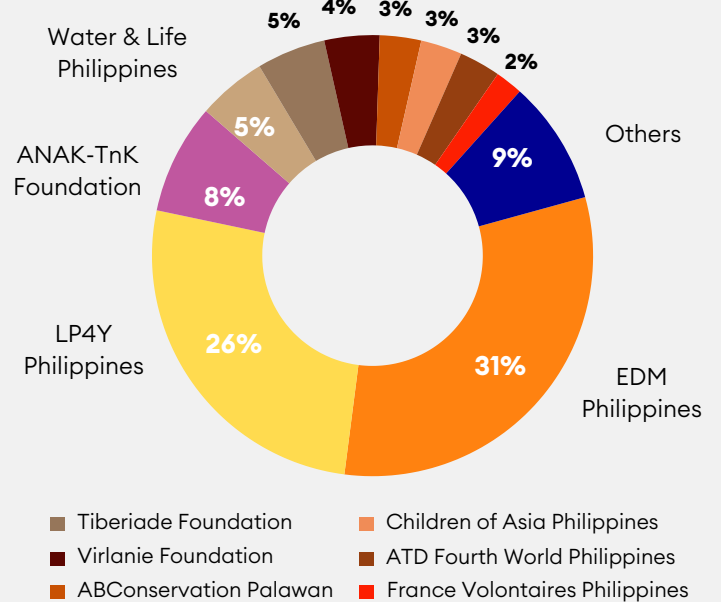
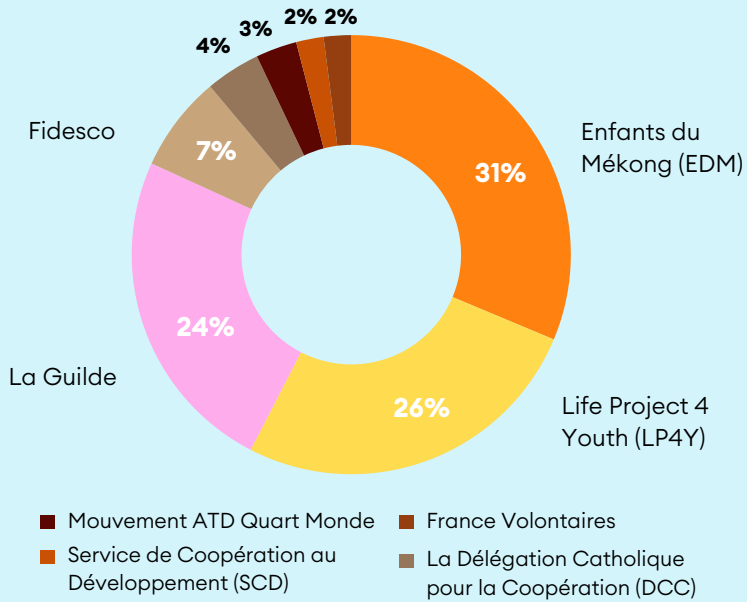
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In-service

# VIES AT A GLANCE

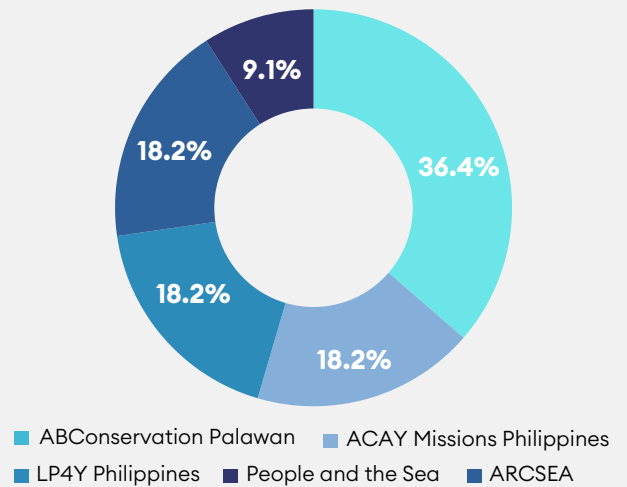
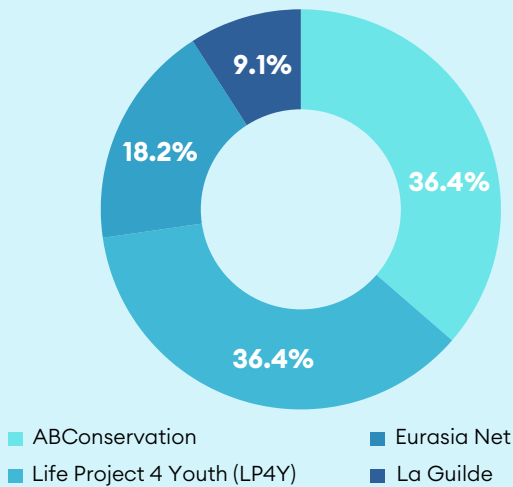
## BY SENDING ORGANIZATION

## BY HOST ORGANIZATION

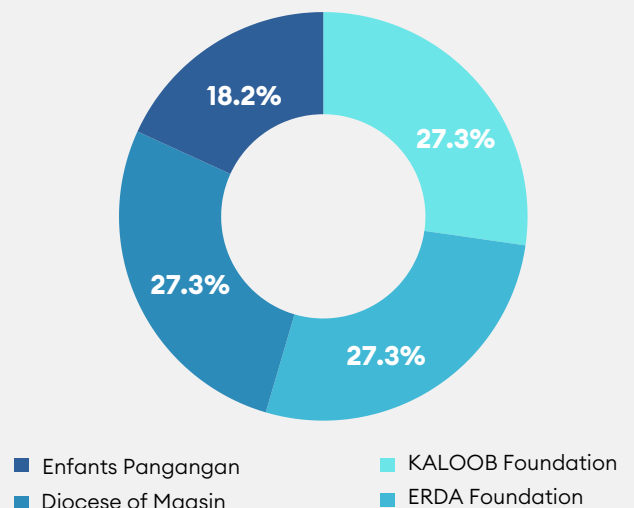
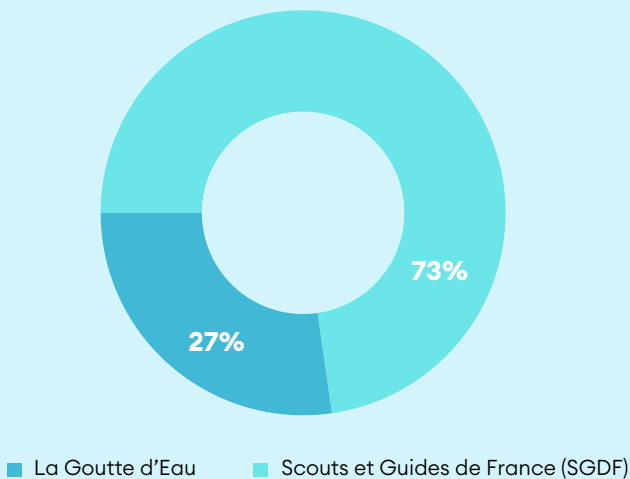
### International Solidarity Volunteers



### Civic Service International Volunteers



### International Workcamp and JSI/VVV-SI Volunteers



# Development of Volunteering



The year 2023 was marked by progress and renewal of France Volontaires Philippines's (FVP) commitment in fostering international solidarity and exchange in the Philippines. With a total of 132 volunteers from around 70 countries in 2023 - a significant increase of 89% from 70 volunteers in 2022 - a significant increase of 89%, FVP remained steadfast in the promotion of international cooperation through volunteerism between France and the Philippines.

Further, the increase of FVP's partnerships with local institutions allowed more volunteers to contribute to the community development in various regions and fields within the Philippines.

FVP also identified different institutions working in diverse sectors and regions such as heritage conservation, marine biodiversity, and arts among others to explore possible partnership and projects to be worked on that is in line with the deployment framework of the Philippine government and France's.

As a testament to the commitment of FVP's network and volunteers, FVP was recognised as one of the leading IVSOs by PNVSCA in terms of the numbers of international volunteers deployed in the Philippines.



# International Solidarity Volunteering

*Volontariat de Solidarité Internationale (VSI)*



Clotilde Donnio  
(Tiberiade Community Foundation, Inc.)  
International Solidarity Volunteer

In 2023, majority of the VIES in the Philippines were International Solidarity Volunteers (VSI) with 75% or 99 volunteers out of the 132 VIES. Majority of the VSI are aged 25-34 years old and are highly dominated by Females.

In general, the International solidarity volunteers worked in the field of Education with around 65 volunteers or 66% followed by Social Services sector with 21 volunteers or 21% of the total VSIs. Volunteers under this scheme holds officer and managerial positions such as: communications officer, community doctors, and program managers among others and closely work with their local counterparts to foster cooperation and transfer their technical expertise.

7% of the VSI extended their contracts with their respective organizations while the rest opted to finish their missions as is. Albeit, there were 3 volunteers whose contracts were terminated by either the volunteers themselves or their organizations. In 2023, there were 16 local organizations that hosted volunteers majority of which are hosted by LP4Y Philippines and EDM Philippines.

Other host organizations includes: ANAK-TnK Foundation (8%); Water & Life Philippines (5%); Tiberiade Community Foundation (5%); Virlanie Foundation (4%); ABConservation Palawan (3%); Children of Asia Philippines (3%); ATD Fourth World Philippines (3%); Phil'Book (2%); France Volontaires Philippines (2%); Fondacio Asia (2%); Cameleon Association (2%); D'Aboville Foundation (1%); IBON Foundation (1%); and Jefpag Foundation (1%).



Noémie Le Page Dronoval (Fondation Virlanie, Inc.)  
Volontaire de solidarité internationale

# Civic Service International Volunteering

*Service Civique International (SCI)*

In 2023, there were 11 Civic Service International volunteers that were assigned in the Philippines making up 8.5% of the total VIES in the Philippines. 5 out of the 11 volunteers under this scheme arrived in 2022 and later finished their missions at the second half of 2023. The rest arrived in 2023 and are set to finish their respective missions at the 1st half of 2024.

Majority of the volunteers under this scheme were deployed by Arctictis Binturong Conservation (36.4%) and Eurasia Net (36.4%) followed by Life Project 4 Youth (LP4Y) (18.2%) and La Guilde (9.1%).

The missions of the volunteers were primarily on environment (46%) and youth empowerment (36%) with small portion working on children's rights (18%).

Five organisations hosted Civic Service International volunteers, they were ABConservation Palawan (36.4%), ACAY Missions Philippines (18.2%), Association for the Rights of Children in Southeast Asia (ARCSEA) (18.2%), LP4Y Philippines (18.2%), and People and the Sea (9.1%). Majority of the volunteers under this scheme were assigned in Metro Manila.

The Civic Service is an initiation volunteer service aimed at French youth aged 18 to 25 regardless of their educational attainment. It is managed by the Civic Service Agency, of which France Volontaires is one of the founding members. France Volontaires contributes to the evaluation of international projects. Civic Service missions last from 6 months (minimum) to 12 months (maximum). The volunteering contract is non-renewable, therefore, a person can only perform one civic service mission.



*Priscylia Luit (ABConservation Palawan)  
Civic Service International Volunteer*



*Dimitri Follain (ABConservation Palawan)  
Civic Service International Volunteer*

# International Workcamps & JSI

*Chantiers internationaux et Jeunesse Solidarité Internationale (JSI)*



After a 3-year hiatus due to COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions, August of this year marked the return and continuation of international solidarity workcamps in the Philippines conducted by French scouts and guides as well as student association. France Volontaires Philippines recorded a total of 16 scouts - grouped into three, and 1 group consisting of 6 medical students who volunteered their time and skills in various projects in various communities in the Philippines.

The said volunteers aged from 18-20 prepared for their respective projects for almost two years and stayed in the Philippines for almost a month to successfully implement their projects.

Among the first group of international workcamp volunteers to arrive in the Philippines were a group of 6 medical students from Lille who helped in the construction of a youth center in Southern Leyte. They were followed by French scouts from Bordeaux who in partnership with ERDA Foundation conducted intercultural exchanges, arts and drawing classes, presentation about France and the French culture to at least 36 children in Tondo, Manila. Both groups' solidarity missions were subsidised partially through the Fonds de coopération de la jeunesse et de l'éducation populaire (Fonjep)

Scouts from Brittany arrived in Bohol and helped in the Brigada Eskwela at Pangangan Elementary School (PES)

where they helped in the refurbishing and beautification of the school's classrooms and canteen among others.

Further, another group of scouts from Occitanie dedicated their skills in the reconstruction of two chapels in Digos City, Davao del Sur in collaboration with a KALOOB Development Foundation and is expected to benefit at least a combine 300 church goers upon completion.

Throughout their stay, the scouts and guides were also given the opportunity to interact with the Boy and Girl scouts of the Philippines and councils for exchanges as well as with the communities they are located with to experience the Filipino culture.



# Services to the Volunteers



**86**

volunteers provided with visa and immigration services

**44**

volunteers visited on-site



**1**

security briefing session organised



**2**

psychological counselling sessions organised



**9**

events, workshops, and social gatherings organised

## Newsletters



April - June



July - September



October - December

# STATE OF VOLUNTEERING IN FRANCE



# Filipino VIES at a glance

by region of deployment



VIES in the France in the year 2023 (as on 31 December 2023)

# Filipino VIES at a glance

in numbers

## RESULTS

In 2023, a total of 15\* Filipino VIES in France under the Reciprocity scheme were recorded.

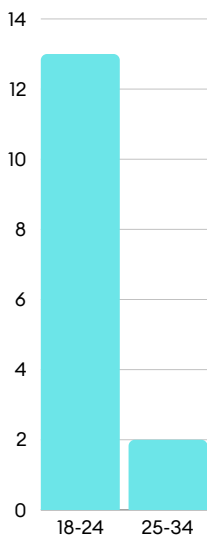
\*1 volunteer finished her civic service mission in 2023 and applied for VSI mission the same year.

## FIELDS OF ACTION

67% Education & Culture

33% Social Services

## VIES BY AGE GROUP



## VIES BY STATUS PRIOR TO VOLUNTEERING

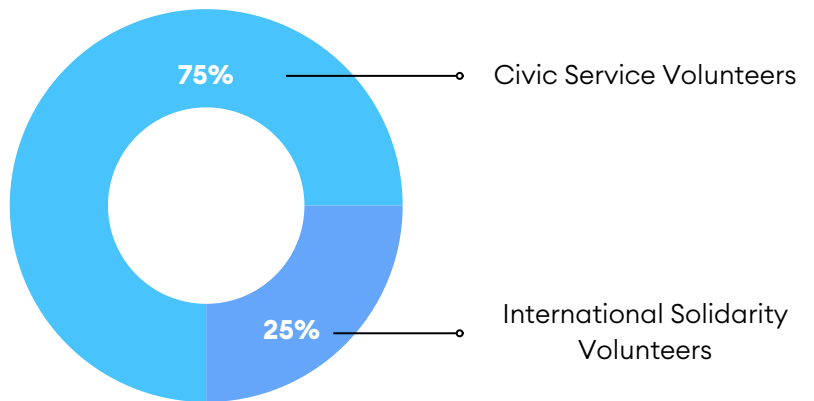


**9 (60%)**  
Employed

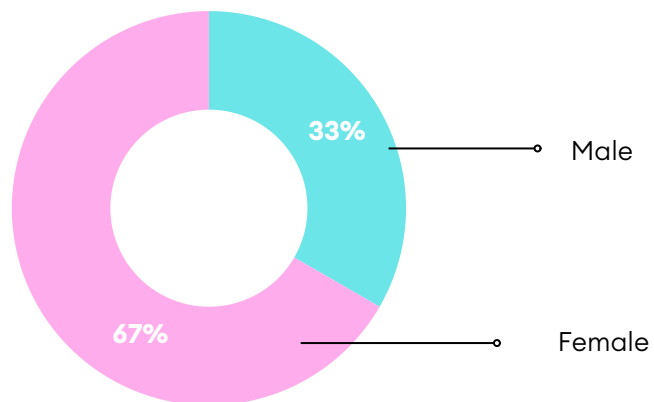


**6 (40%)**  
Student / Recent  
Graduates

## VIES BY SCHEMES



## VIES BY GENDER



## VIES STATUS



**11**  
Arrival



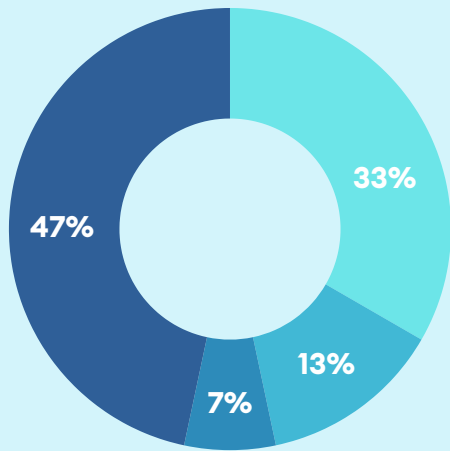
**5**  
Departure



**10**  
In-service

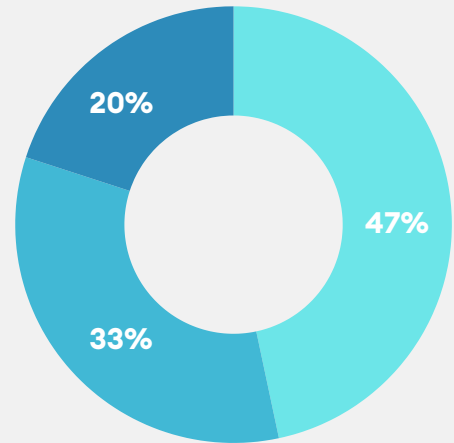
# Filipino VIES at a glance

## BY SENDING ORGANIZATION



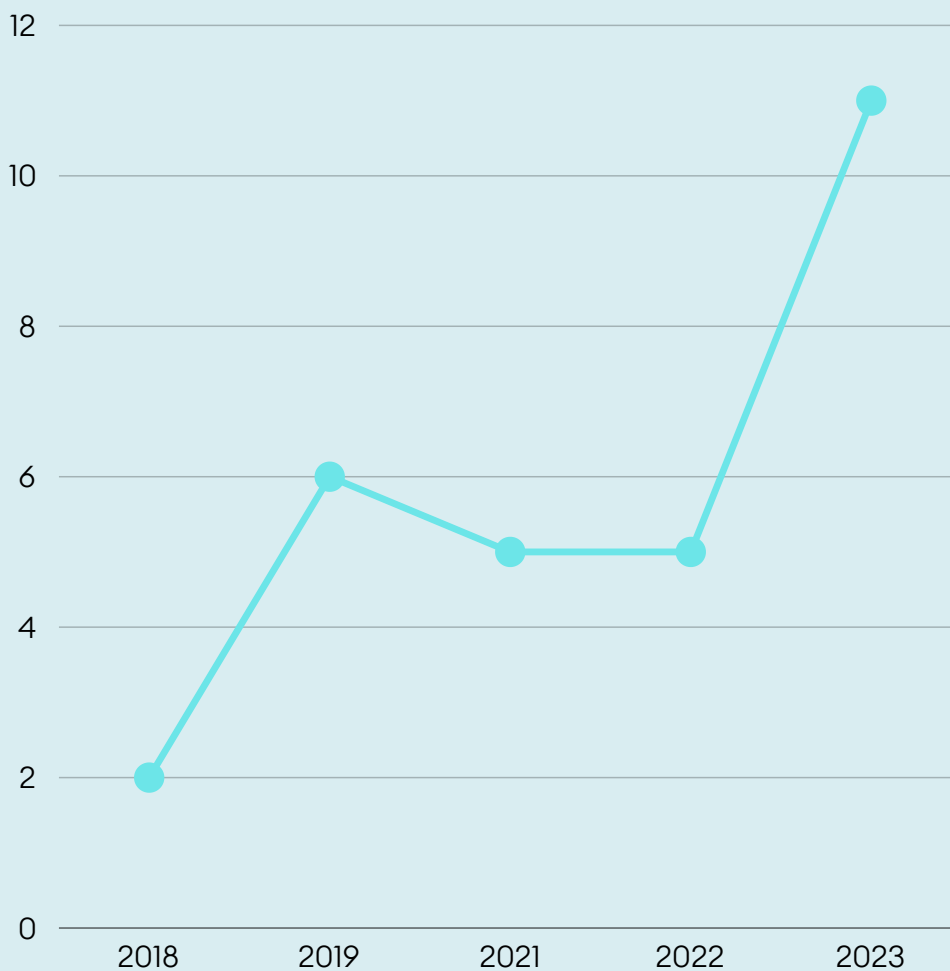
■ Civic Service Agency ■ La DCC ■ Dom&Go ■ Chemin Neuf

## BY HOST ORGANIZATION



■ Educational Institutions ■ Social Centers ■ Religious Institutions

## DEPLOYMENT OF FILIPINO VIES IN FRANCE SINCE 2018



# Reciprocal Volunteering

*Volontariat de réciprocité*



Christian de Silva (Dom&Go)  
Civic Service Volunteer in Reciprocity

The principle of reciprocity enables the reception in France of nationals from other countries in which French volunteers are deployed, for missions in the field of international exchange and solidarity volunteering. This is often done in the context of bilateral partnerships with national volunteer agencies and programmes. Since 2018, France Volontaires Philippines has been sending Filipino youth to participate in the reciprocity program where majority of the volunteers were deployed in social services sector and academic institutions as English language assistant.



Ma. Concepcion Llamis (L'Arche le Levain)  
International Solidarity Volunteer in Reciprocity



Juliana Garcia (Ecole Notre Dame De Joie)  
Civic Service Volunteer in Reciprocity

In 2023, 15 Filipino volunteers were in France to partake in the Reciprocity Scheme offered by France Volontaires. Majority of the volunteers were deployed as Civic Service Volunteers with 12 youths participating in different missions offered by the French Civic Service Agency. The year 2023 also marked the beginning of the deployment of Filipino International Solidarity volunteers as 4 individuals were offered missions at L'Arche centers through La DCC. Interestingly, 2 of the VSI were former Civic Service volunteers including one who just recently finished her mission the same year.

Prior to the start of 2023, 5 Filipino Civic Service Volunteers were already doing their missions in France followed by the deployment of 1 additional volunteers in January and by July, all of the Civic Service Volunteers finished their respective missions. Upon their return, a debriefing session was organised to gather their overall insights and experiences.

Recruitment for the new batch of volunteers commenced on April followed by another one in July. Aside from France Volontaires Philippines 2 other institutions recruited volunteers on their own under the reciprocity scheme such as Chemin Neuf Philippines and Dom&Go who has developed their own Civic Service missions and partners. Most volunteers arrived in France on September and November.

Most of the missions opened for the Filipino volunteers were in the Field of Language Development and Culture with 67% followed by Social Services with 33%. 2023 has been the year where most number of Filipino volunteers were deployed - doubling the number of its previous deployments.

To monitor the volunteers, an online *kumustahan* or get-together session was organised in November in order for the volunteers to be acquainted with each other and to informally assess their cultural and emotional adaptation in France.



Sports First-aid Training



FIBA Draw Festival



French Volunteering Day 2023 Cocktail Reception

## Volontaires Terre de Jeux Paris 2024 Program

The 11 Filipino volunteers selected for the Volontaires Terre de Jeux Paris 2024 program were engaged in different activities and events organized by France Volontaires Philippines and the Embassy to further expose the volunteers in diverse sporting and cultural events. Earlier this year, the volunteers helped in the implementation of FVP's Womens' Month celebration and participated in FIBA Draw Festival in April.

In October, France Volontaires with the support of the Embassy organized a Sports First Aid Training conducted by the Philippine Red Cross. The training aimed at preparing the volunteers in responding the emergency situations that may arise in different sporting activities in connection to the games.

In 2023, the 11 Volunteers officially received their assignments for the Paris Olympics 2024 wherein majority will be volunteering as Committee Assistants and as Sports Facilitators for their Civic Service missions in different sporting associations/institutions.

Majority of the volunteers are inclined to sports - being athletes turned coach. Further, the volunteers consist of diverse profile hailing from different background including members of the LGBTQ+ community and persons with disabilities.

The volunteers are set to depart in April 2024 for at least an 8-10 months volunteering mission in various regions in France on top of their Paris 2024 volunteering stints.

## ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS







## International Women’s Day and National Women’s Month Celebration

In celebration of International Women’s Day on 8 March and the National Women’s Month in the Philippines, France Volontaires Philippines organised In Fairness! - a series of events highlighting the significant role in history and success in different fields.

The celebration commenced with Sœurette: A Talk Show On Embracing Equity wherein distinguished women from different fields and of distinct advocacies including the French Ambassador served as guest speakers.

Prior to this, the inspiring stories of the guest speakers were featured on France Volontaires Philippines’s Facebook page and was well received by the online community.

Further, the vernissage for the special exhibition for all the entries receive from the painting contest organised in connection to the celebration was presented the same day.

The whole month of March was marked by the program Women Talking: A Webinar Series - a four part webinar wherein distinguished women spoke every week and discuss wide-ranging topics on gender equality and women empowerment. The celebrations were also accompanied by different contests such as a photo and poetry contests.

The celebrations were supported by the French Embassy and Alliance française de Manille.



## French Volunteering Day 2023

The French Volunteering Day / Journée du Volontariat Français 2023 was organised on 10 October 2023 at the Technical Education And Skills Development Authority (TESDA)'s main auditorium in partnership with the Embassy of France to the Philippines and TESDA's National Language Skills Center.

The program commenced with the opening remarks from H.E. Marie Fontanel wherein the Ambassador Fontanel highlighted the significance of the French volunteers in the Philippines and Filipino volunteers in France in strengthening the bilateral cooperation between France and the Philippines.

On his remarks, FV's Director-General M. Yann Delaunay emphasized the significance of French international volunteering as a transversal lever of France's solidarity policy. In line with this, M. Delaunay reiterates the 3 main principles attached to French international volunteering.

The celebration also served as an avenue for volunteers to share their experiences during their respective volunteering missions. The first to share her experiences was Ms. Lois Ruth Angel Evarдон who recently finished her Service Civique mission in L'Arche le Caillou Blanc. She was followed by Mr. Matthieu Villebrun - Volunteer for International Solidarity (VSI) from Fidesco who is currently assigned in Tiberiade Community Foundation.

The last segment of the program was a roundtable discussion wherein 2 French VSI and 2 former Service Civique volunteers as well as 2 GIED Volunteers answered questions relative to the subtheme of the program.

At the eve of the celebration, a reception was hosted by the Ambassador was organised and attended by members of the French-Philippine NGO network, French volunteers, and Filipino volunteers.

# Highlights of the French Volunteering Day



Illumination of Rizal National Monument in French tricolour



Visit of Mr. Yann Delaunay Director-General, France Volontaires



Roundtable discussion during the French Volunteering Day 2023



## International Volunteer Day and National Volunteering Month Celebration

In celebration of the National Volunteering Month - a monthlong celebration every December that aims to recognise the contribution of volunteerism in the Philippines, France Volontaires joined in the activities and campaigns organised by the Philippine National Volunteer Service Coordinating Agency (PNVSCA) and other volunteering organizations promoting volunteerism and cooperation.

On December 1, team France Volontaires organised an online orientation wherein interested volunteers got to know more about all the volunteering schemes offered by France Volontaires platform. Team France Volontaires also answered questions raised by the participants and had a more in-depth discussion on the reciprocity scheme - allowing Filipino volunteers to volunteer in France.



In celebration of the International Volunteer Day on 5 December and the christmas season in the Philippines, team France Volontaires organised a “soirée” on 8 December together with the French and Filipino volunteers.

# Information and Communications



**4,641**

followers



**6**

media coverage

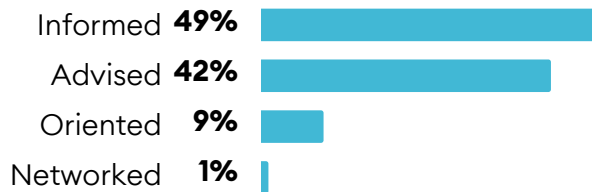


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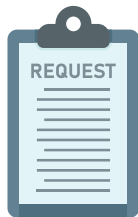
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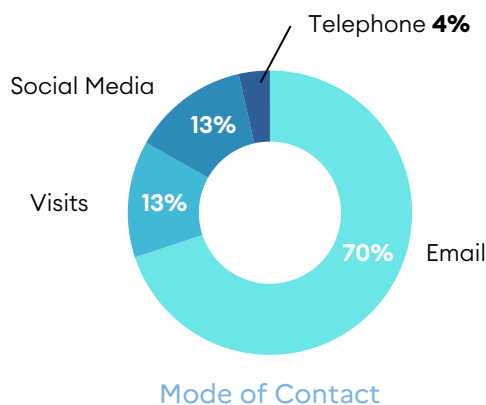
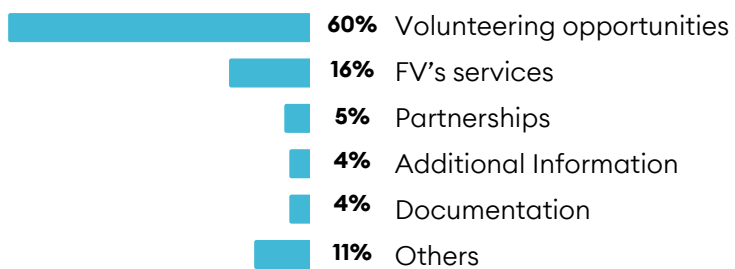


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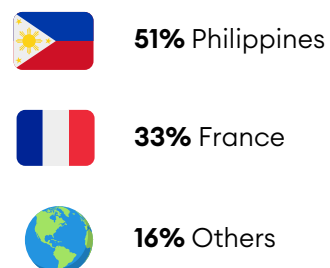
visits at the center



types of requests processed



Origins of requests



# 2024 Perspectives

For the year 2024, France Volontaires will maintain a strategic position with a diverse presence across sectors and sustained growth in volunteer engagement. However, ongoing challenges will include communication issues, limited perception of the volunteer network, and the need to enhance co-financing modalities and internal processes. To address these effectively, France Volontaires should focus on the following areas:

## **Communication and Perception:**

- Improve internal and external communication to clarify the organization's role and enhance its visibility.
- Work on the perception of the volunteer network to attract more participants.

## **Strengthening Internal Processes:**

- Streamline internal processes to ensure effective project and resource management.
- Implement tools and guides to facilitate transitions between staff and ensure operational continuity.

## **Partnerships and Funding:**

- Strengthen partnerships with sending organizations and donors to ensure adequate financial and technical support.
- Explore new funding and co-financing modalities to diversify revenue sources.

## **Program and Sector Development:**

- Identify new sectors for intervention and develop innovative programs to broaden France Volontaires' impact.
- Tailor missions to the current needs of beneficiaries and emerging challenges.

## **Volunteer Engagement:**

- Implement orientation and training programs for volunteers to enhance their involvement and contribution to missions.
- Create communication and exchange platforms to foster collaboration and sharing of experiences among volunteers.



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