

JOURNÉE DU VOLONTARIAT FRANÇAIS

FRENCH VOLUNTEERING DAY



Anchored by the global theme “Francophonie: Volunteers in Action” and with the national sub-theme “Francophonie: In Service to All” the celebration highlighted Organisation internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and its link between volunteering and how francophones strive to contribute to development and international cooperation through volunteerism and humanitarian work respectively.



PHOTO EXHIBITION

On 1 October, a special exhibition featuring the 12 finalists from the photo contest launched by FV were showcased at the Alliance française de Manille's Gallery which was attended by Francophone communities including French volunteers, teachers, students, and the general public.



ILLUMINATIONS

On the eve of the JVF, the Rizal National Monument was illuminated into the colours of the French flag: blue, white, and red; while a special lights and sound show transformed the Musical Dancing Fountain in Rizal Park into the colours of France & the OIF accompanied by selected Francophonie music on the background.



JVF in Manila

JVF was organised on 4 October 2024 at the IBG-KAL Theatre of the University of the Philippines, Diliman. The event formally commenced with H.E. Marie Fontanel, French Ambassador to the Philippines delivered her welcoming remarks lauding the French volunteers and their respective organizations for their essential role in France's international solidarity actions. Around 170 individuals including Francophone volunteers attended the event.



JVF in Cebu

JVF was also organised in Cebu City on 11 October 2024. The program officially commenced with FV Philippines' National Representative - Ms. Nanette Repalpa delivered here welcoming followed by a special message by Mr. Joel Garganera, Cebu City Councillor where he underlined the power of solidarity and international cooperation through volunteerism. Around 100 individuals including Francophone and other international volunteers attended the event.

PARTNERSHIPS



REVER: SOUTH-SOUTH LEARNING EXCHANGE

From 18-20 November 2024, FV Philippines hosted the the Cambodian delegation formed by FV Cambodia for the last phase of the REVER Project financed by the French Embassy in Cambodia through FEF-R.

Their visit to the Philippines was to discuss and exchange strategies of volunteering development and to enhance the understanding of volunteering multi-actor organizations and to build the future collaboration amongst them.



MEETING WITH LGU - CEBU CITY

On 10 October 2024, team FV Philippines and Alliance française de Cebu e were honored to be received by the Cebu City Mayor's Office, represented by the Mayor's Secretary, Atty. Jared Limquiaco, to discuss our event, the valuable contributions of our volunteers in Cebu and potential future partnerships.

MEETING WITH THE PALAUAN DELEGATION

Team FV Philippines met with Palau's Minister of Human Resources, Culture, and Development, Mr. Ngiraiabelas Tmetuchl, to explore opportunities for collaboration in international volunteering. Discussions focused on the Pacific Mini Games 2025 and initiatives to bring skilled volunteers to support education, health, and sustainable development in Palau.



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER MONTH & INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

IVD AWARDING BY PNVSCA

In celebration of International Volunteering Day on 5 December 2024, team FV Philippines joined other IVSOs and stakeholders in the main celebration in line with the IVD at the Ayala Museum in Makati. On this occasion, PNVSCA awarded the Outstanding International Volunteers and LPIs wherein Michel (VSI from ATD 4th World) and Better with Water Philippines (formerly E&V Water and Life Philippines) are one of the recipients of the awards respectively.



On 5 December in celebration of the International Volunteer Day, team FV Philippines participated in a forum organised by the University of Makati and PNVSCA. In the forum, Manon (VSI from LP4Y), Rose Camille (former SC-R) presented their volunteering missions and experiences to the audiences and joined the other international volunteers in roundtable discussion. VSIs from LP4Y, ATD 4th World, Virlanie Foundation, and former SC-Rs also attended the event.

Similarly, Isabelle (VSI from Passerelles Numériques) presented her volunteering mission and organisation at the audience at University Carlos in Cebu City.

At the invite of the French Ambassador, H.E. Marie Fontanel invited volunteers of the FV Platform in Metro Manila, former SC-Rs, and team FV at her residence still to celebrate IVD and the Christmas season. On the occasion, Ambassador shared her sentiments to the volunteers and highlighted their international significance.

On 18 December, team FV Philippines participated at the Bayanihang QC: Volunteerism Expo organised by the Quezon City Local Government and PNVSCA. FV Philippines' National Representative also joined in their panel discussion to represent and highlight the international volunteerism sector.

HIGHLIGHT IN VOLUNTEERS

27TH FRENCH FILM FESTIVAL

Team FV Philippines attended the opening of the 27th French Film Festival Feminist, which highlighted women in cinema and themes of leadership, gender equality, and challenging stereotypes. Special recognition was given to **Salomé, a Civic Service Volunteer**, for co-moderating the discussion and promoting cross-cultural collaboration in the celebration of women's voices in film.



CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST WITH LP4Y PHILIPPINES

Team FV Philippines visited the Work 4 Change - Taguig center for a special Christmas Breakfast, highlighting Life Project 4 Youth's (LP4Y) mission to equip young individuals with essential skills for workforce integration. The event featured a presentation by the youth, showcasing their personal growth and the center's transformative activities.



VOLUNTEERISM EXPO

On 14 November, at the invite of the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA), FV Philippines together with its volunteers alongside other international volunteers from different IVSOs organised a collaboration activity that aims to share current programs, highlight best practices, and strengthen partnerships. Ms. Isabelle (from Passerelles Numériques) shared her volunteering experience and their organisation's best practices in volunteering. Following these sessions, participants engaged with 60 children in street situations through fun games and activities in Manila, in partnership with Childhope Philippines Foundation, Inc. In total, 14 French volunteers participated on the activity.



VOLONTAIRES TERRE DE JEUX

As the Terre de Jeux Program concludes with a heartfelt farewell to nine young Filipino volunteers who participated in a civic service exchange in France, supported by the Embassy of France to the Philippines. Over six months, the volunteers worked with UFOLEP Nationale and local branches making a lasting impact on sports and community development projects.

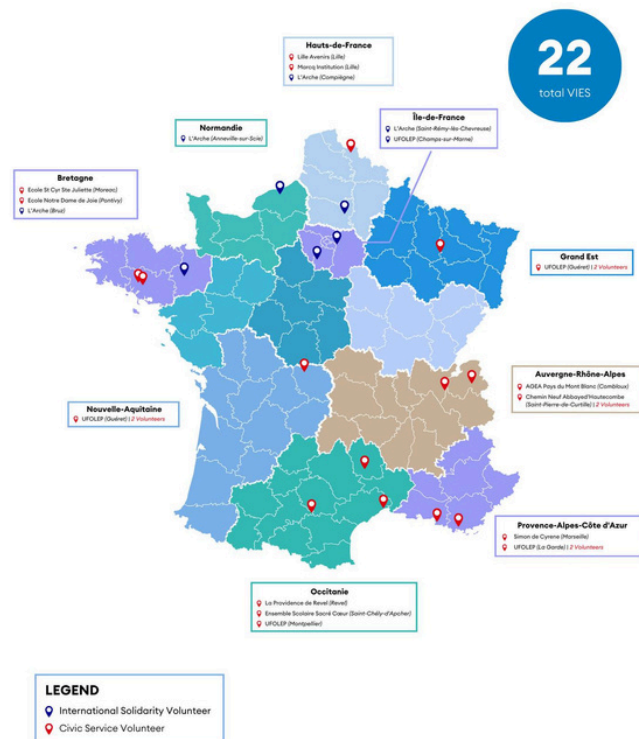
FRANCE VOLONTAIRES PHILIPPINES IN 2024

2024 HIGHLIGHTS

In 2024, **22 Filipino volunteers** contributed to various missions in France, 12 new arrivals strengthening local communities and fostering cultural exchange. Hosted by 18 organizations, including UFOLEP, they engaged in sports coaching, educational activities, and social initiatives, with 77% in civic service and 23% in VSI. With a growing number of volunteers since 2020, 2025 promises expanded opportunities, particularly in environmental projects, further enhancing international solidarity between the Philippines and France.

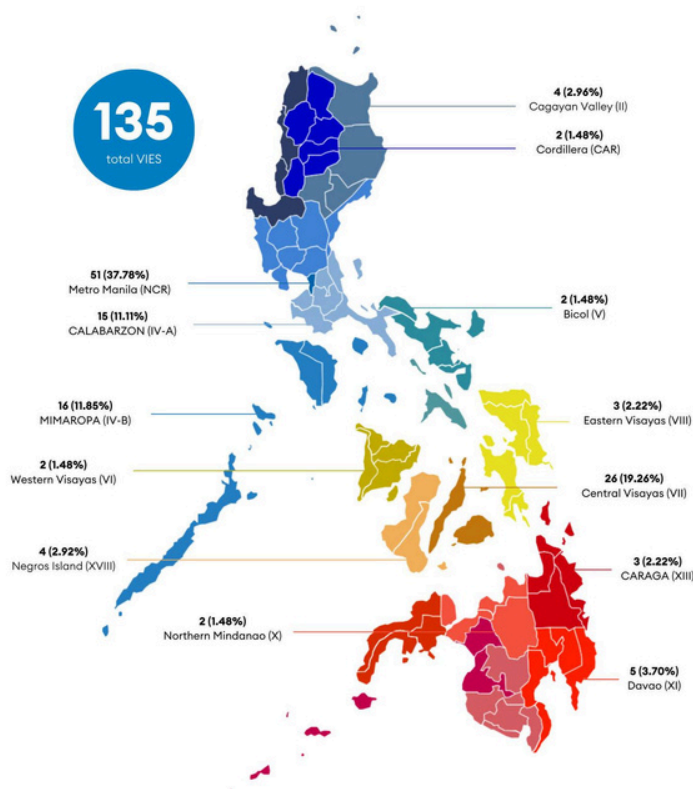
Filipino VIES in France at a glance

by region of deployment



VIES AT A GLANCE

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In 2024, France Volontaires Philippines welcomed **135 international volunteers** who contributed to impactful projects in education, social services, environmental conservation, health, and culture. With the support of over 15 local organizations, these volunteers participated in VSI, civic service, and workcamp programs, achieving a 91% satisfaction rate and strong partner engagement. Key events like International Women's Day, French Volunteering Day, and International Volunteer Day marked the year, with plans to expand initiatives in 2025.