

VISIT OF FV'S REGIONAL MANAGER FOR ASIA-INDIAN OCEAN-PACIFIC

In line with Mr. SOETARD's visit, strategic meetings with officials from key French institutions in the Philippines (Embassy, AFD, AFM, Expertise France) were organised to synergise France's development cooperation with the Philippines. These discussions were aimed at identifying new opportunities for collaboration, strengthening existing relationships, and developing innovative solutions for shared challenges in both countries, all while fostering greater community engagement and solidarity.



From 12-17 January, FV's Regional Manager for Asia Mr. Pierre SOETARD visited the Philippines and had meetings with high ranking officials from the Philippine government (from the DFA and PNVSCA) to strengthen international volunteerism, and review FV's transition as a French government agency. The exchanges provided a valuable platform to align future actions with shared priorities, reaffirming both countries' commitment to solidarity, sustainable development, and enhanced cooperation through volunteer engagement.

VISIT OF LA DÉLÉGATION CATHOLIQUE POUR LA COOPÉRATION (DCC)



In efforts to develop more partnership and develop their volunteering efforts in the Philippines, La DCC's officers for Asia (Etienne & Louis) went on a mission in the Philippines on the 2nd week of January and had meetings with different NGOs and academic institutions in the country. They also seized this opportunity to meet with their in-service volunteers and active partners.

PARTNERSHIPS



KALOOb DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

On 19 February, team FV visited Kaloob Foundation and Assumption Language College - ALC and discussed the resumption of arrivals of International Solidarity Volunteer (VSI) volunteers in partnership with La DCC, the volunteer(s) are set to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator to further strengthening international solidarity efforts in the Philippines.



STRAY LOVE PH FOUNDATION

On 16 March, team FV along with some members of the French diaspora had the opportunity to visit the shelter and witness firsthand the amazing work the foundation do to rescue and care for street dogs—many of whom have been abandoned, abused, or are in danger.



COMMUNITIES ORGANIZED FOR RESOURCE ALLOCATION (CORA)

On 26 March, team FV visited CORA's Eco-Ikot Center to better understand their initiatives in environmental protection, circular economy, and community empowerment. Through their various programs, CORA actively contributes to addressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and inequality, all while fostering a strong culture of volunteerism.

EVENTS



NEW YEAR'S RECEPTION BY THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR

23 January



SPECIAL WORKSHOP ON YOUTH EMPOWERMENT BY THE EMBASSY

14 February



LAUNCH OF 100 DAY MOBILIZATION OCEAN CAMPAIGN BY THE EMBASSY

16 February

EVENTS



GALETTE DES ROIS

16 January



CHANDELEUR

3 February



HEIs NETWORKING EVENT BY THE EMBASSY

19 March

Let's Hear Her!

AMPLIFYING HER CALL FOR RIGHTS, EQUALITY, AND EMPOWERMENT

PRESENTATIONS | PANEL DISCUSSION | BOOTHS | NETWORKING

an international women's day event

7 March 2025 | 1:00 PM | Alliance française de Manille

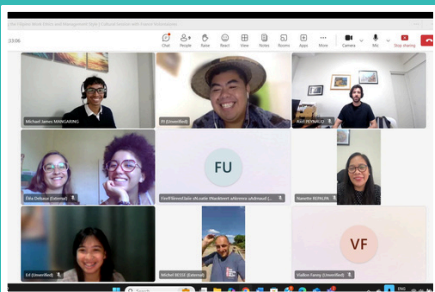
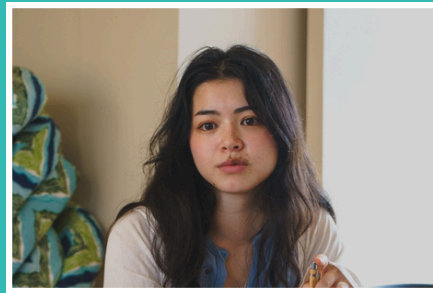
In celebration of International Women's Day 2025, France Volontaires Philippines in partnership with the Embassy of France to the Philippines and Micronesia and Alliance française de Manille brought together volunteers, NGOs, students, and civil society actors from both France and the Philippines. The event served as a powerful platform for dialogue, where stories of resilience, hope, and determination were shared by women from diverse backgrounds.



The afternoon highlighted not only the challenges women continue to face, but also the collective strength that emerges through solidarity and inclusive action. Participants reflected on how they can play an active role in empowering women by raising awareness, supporting grassroots initiatives, and promoting policies that protect and uphold women's rights.

As the conversations unfolded, a shared sense of purpose filled the room, reinforcing the importance of volunteerism in driving lasting change. France Volontaires and its partners remain committed to strengthening initiatives that uplift women and girls, ensuring their voices are heard and their contributions recognized in shaping a more equal and just society.





ACTIVITIES WITH THE VOLUNTEERS

At the start of the year, team FV organised various activities for the volunteers such as orientations and visits to the volunteer center, on-site visits and monitoring, interview/testimonial, hike and a simple dinner. In addition workshops on basic photography and Filipino work ethics as well as Language classes (Tagalog and Cebuano) were organised.

UPDATES WITH THE RECIPROCITY AND VTJP VOLUNTEERS

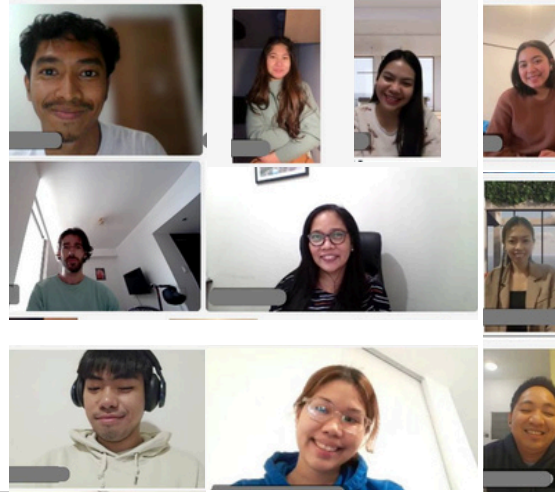


ALUMNI GATHERING

On 20-21 February, team FV gathered the alumni of reciprocity volunteering for a reflective workshop sharing their inspiring experiences from France—highlighting their roles and exploring cultural adaptation, reintegration, and future engagement in international solidarity.



ONLINE KUMUSTAHAN



In an inspiring online Kumustahan session on 10 February, the six Filipino volunteers in-service in France shared their experiences adapting to French culture, personal growth, and future goals, while celebrating their impactful work in local communities.



VTJP 2024 HOMECOMING

Returning home from their unforgettable volunteering in France, VTJP volunteers reunited at the French Embassy and met with the Ambassador to reflect on their impactful journey of cross-cultural exchange, sports, and solidarity.



On 2 April, team FV prepared a pre-departure training to Carla - the newest Filipino Service Civique Volunteer who'll be deployed at Lille Avenirs, France. Former VTJP and Volunteer at Lille Avenirs - Mina joined the training where they shared their experiences.



PRE-DEAPRTURE TRAINING