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Development Action for Women Network (DAWN)

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Organization's Mission and Focus	Provide holistic approach to reintegration of women migrant returnees, survivors of gender-based violence and trafficking and members of their families

Types of Services or Support Offered	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Psychosocial (Group work activities, counseling, therapeutic workshops, etc.) ➤ Economic (skills training, alternative livelihood opportunities) ➤ Research and advocacy ➤ Education ➤ Networking
Target Groups (In Philippines)	Women Migrant Returnees, Survivors of Gender-Based Violence & Trafficking and Members of their Families
Geographic Reach	Metro Manila and neighboring provinces, Philippines
Partnership Interest	Initiatives and programs for the promotion of reproductive health, AIDS and other health issues of women migrant workers
Success Stories	Because of our lobby work, the Japanese government changed their policies, resulting to a dramatic drop of young Filipino women deployed to Japan as entertainers. From an average of 70-80 thousand a year, it dropped to an average of 1,000 deployed yearly.
Additional Info	DAWN is actively involved in the AFML and AICHR

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Action for Health Initiatives, Inc. (ACHIEVE)

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Organization's Mission
and Focus

ACHIEVE's mission is to work with key and vulnerable communities, empowered stakeholders, and policy makers to address public, migration, and development concerns through evidence-based, human rights-centered and gender transformative interventions. ACHIEVE aims:

- To promote human rights particularly, health, reproductive and sexual rights of migrant workers and their families, people living with HIV (PLHIV), women, young people and other vulnerable groups;
- To mainstream migration and HIV and AIDS as specific areas of concern in policy and

	<p>program development in the local, national and regional levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ To build evidence on issues relating to migration, gender, sexuality, health and development as basis in the formulation and implementation of appropriate responses. ➤ To facilitate meaningful involvement of key and vulnerable communities and civil society in critical policy and program development that affect them; and ➤ To strengthen capacities of institutions on gender, sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV and AIDS, other health concerns, migration, and development issues to improve policies, programmes and services.
Types of Services or Support Offered	<p>ACHIEVE provides legal assistance to individuals facing HIV-related stigma and discrimination.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ A legal clinic is held every Thursday afternoon, offering advice and services from a lawyer. ✚ Legal assistance includes psychosocial services, with a psychologist available for counseling. ✚ Two ACHIEVE staff members are trained as Community-based Screening (CBS) Motivators, facilitating HIV screening tests and counseling. ✚ ACHIEVE is a member of three city-wide HIV service delivery networks (SDNs), enabling client referrals and service reception. ✚ Capacity building initiatives cover gender, sexuality, sexual and reproductive health and rights, HIV and AIDS, TB, public health concerns, migration, and development issues to enhance policies, programs, and services.
Target Groups (In Philippines)	<p>ACHIEVE's services, legal assistance, referral and psychosocial, are available to all, especially to key populations and vulnerable groups. Capacity building initiatives can be provided to anyone in need as long as the module will be adjusted.</p>

Geographic Reach	ACHIEVE operates Nationwide.
NGOs with Similar Services Philippines	IDEALS, inc
Success Stories	<p>During the pandemic, a seafarer seeks assistance from ACHIEVE. Upon receiving his Pre employment medical exam (PEME) result, it was found out that he is HIV+. The diagnostic clinic gave him a certification of unfit to work. The agency then decided that he would not be able to work as a seafarer again. ACHIEVE, through a help of lawyer, had several dialogues with the recruitment agency. ACHIEVE used RA 11166 or the National HIV and AIDS Policy Act as legal basis for the seafarers right to be employed. Since the seafarer is not going to any country with HIV travel ban, there is no reason for the agency to deny him employment. After three dialogues, the client was allowed to board as a seafarer. The client finished two more contracts after this event.</p>