ATD Fourth World Philippines was established in 1987 but became fully operational in 1989. The ATD Team consists of volunteers, friends (allies), and facilitators (community members and activists). Through the support of friends and partner organizations, ATD works closely with many communities in extreme poverty. In Manila (capital city), ATD interacts with families who live in a public cemetery, under a bridge of a national highway and beside a water canal. Outside Manila, ATD regularly visits four mass-resettlement communities where informal settlers have been provided housing by the national government.

The ATD team conducts the following activities: Ang Galing (Literacy Program) Street Libraries, Festival of Learning, Sulong Saving Program, Forum discussions, workshops (art, crafts, skills, and livelihood training), community projects, and the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty (October 17) observance celebration.

All the programs are created in partnership with children, parents, and adults living in the community.

In 2014, ATD Fourth World Philippines received from the French Republic a prestigious Honorable Mention for the Human Rights Prize in its work in supporting relocated families.
Our Vision Is A World Without Poverty

*Wherever men and women are condemned to live in extreme poverty, human rights are violated. To come together to ensure that these rights be respected is our solemn duty.*

– Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World

We are committed to work with all sectors of society to eradicate extreme poverty and build a world living in peace and dignity with respect for every human being.

Our Mission

Poverty is not inevitable. Poverty is the worst scourge ever created by human beings; it is up to human beings to end it. – *Joseph Wresinski, 1983*

- Build Friendships:
  
  We work together with all sectors of society. Our circle includes the communities, full-time volunteers, and friends.

- Create Linkages:
  
  We collaborate with individuals and organizations that include government agencies, NGOs, academe, private companies, and religious sectors.

- Create awareness and Share Knowledge:
  
  We create awareness about poverty and related issues and share knowledge, skills and values through our different programs

- Influence Policies:
  
  We influence policy makers through dialogues, events, government partnerships, and public relations.
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503 children reached during the Festival of Learning

420 people celebrating International Day to overcome Poverty on October 17 in Rizal Park

3628 followers of ATD Philippines Facebook page

65 savers from Manila North Cemetery in the Sulong Program

72 testimonies from people experiencing poverty through the Forum

40 children in Ang Galing program

6 outings for children and their families

more than 150 volunteers participated to our programs
MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES

Street Library : A circle of learning!

“Street Library is one of the major programs of ATD Fourth World. It's the heart of commitment of our volunteers and community facilitators.

Our Street Library is not a one-way or even two-way street or platform for education. We liked to see it as a rotunda (roundabout or circular street) where every ONE (children, volunteers, community members, and friends) can learn and share their knowledge and talents with each other, making it a complete circle of learning.

For us, it's important to encourage kids to learn in a creative & fun way, without judging or forcing them to do things. The community members also play an important role in the Street Library. Their presence encourages kids to join as well a way of establishing a long-term relationship with them.”

From ATD Website, January 2018

In 2018, ATD members conducted street libraries in punctual schedule, in North Cemetery and Paco-Tulay in January and February and again in the community of Paco-Tulay in September and October.

In both sites, more than 100 children participated to the activity. Once again in 2018, the street library has been the first door for many volunteers to discover ATD Fourth World.

Within 2018, the Street Library appeared as the perfect platform for some youth of the communities to venture into storytelling for the younger ones. At the planning week end, in November 2018, community facilitators confirmed that “The Street Library helps us to learn to teach.”

Read more about Street Library: http://www.atdph.org/street-library/2948-2/

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Festival of Learning "Together we grow, together we learn"
“Magkakasamang Lumago, magkakasamang Matuto”

During the summer months (April and May), ATD Philippines celebrates the Festival of Learning. It is an educational, recreational and cultural event for children and youth who have fewer opportunities to enjoy the summer vacation. Activities include book reading, storytelling, arts and crafts workshops, drama sessions and presentations to develop their potential talents.

In 2018, overall 105 facilitators, friends and volunteers took part in preparation and running activities in Festival of Learning. There were 22 community facilitators who came at least once for activities, 12 of them actively participated from the time of preparation till the evaluation. We partnered with Museo Pambata, Museum of Contemporary Art and Design, The Readers (Basketball club), Streets to School, PH Initiative, Bridge Philippines, Outreach Club from Task Us and Thomson Reuters. Community facilitators in their evaluation highlighted that “It was nice to reach the business sector. In 2019, we should reach more sectors to conduct workshops with us”.

All this energy made possible the participation of more than 500 children from 6 communities.
‘Ang Galing!’ - Basic Literacy Program “Every child can learn!”

Ang Galing (AG) organises all over the school year basic literacy sessions in the North Cemetery Community for a group of 40 enrolled students, 6-14 years of age, with one-on-one tutoring for whole day sessions every weekend by youth or adult volunteers.

Ang Galing caters to children who are either having severe difficulties in school or who stopped going to school because they do not know how to read and write. Ang Galing evolved from Street Library to address the needs of the at-risk children who have not demonstrated literacy though they were enrolled in school.

Community members called facilitators and civil society volunteers are involved in the tutorial sessions. ATD Fourth World is using the volunteers plateform Ivolunteer to invite tutors every saturday. The Ang Galing program is lead by a monthly committee meeting of 12 members, including 6 community facilitators and 6 ATD friend volunteers.

In 2018,

-11 children successfully graduated from the program in March 2018 and graduation ceremony occurred in the nearby Elementary School, connected to the community.

- Meanwhile, 12 new children could be enrolled in June 2018, thanks to special screening sessions and AG Brigada sessions were organised to prepare the learning materials needed to the children.

- The AG committee involved in the ATD Fourth World international research program “Learning from Success” (read later in this report) and a manual describing the AG methodology is on progress.

“Ang Galing is not just about reading, but also for the kids to socialize” (Community facilitators evaluation)

Read more about Ang Galing! Program: http://www.atd-fourthworld.org/you-are-awesome/).

Listen about ATD educational programs at Makalyam Radyo: a show aired over a hundered radio stations of Tadyo Natin nationwide: http://static.radyonatin.com/listen-live/?fbclid=IwAR1UQdSfw4p5JUWZeE8_6IpOUSbqnE-NFILMYIpDkULCwJK6gDPfJCUICs

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ATD Forum: voices from the Communities about inflation

By definition, a forum is a meeting or medium where ideas and views on a particular issue can be exchanged. The ATD Forum is more than an exchange of ideas among people. It allows people struggling against chronic poverty to gather, to express what they are living and to reflect about it together with people from all walks of life.

The ATD Forum Committee consists of community facilitators and volunteer friend who are responsible for preparing forum discussions in communities as well as a general forum gathering. Once a topic is chosen (usually a current news event or issue suggested by the communities), the forum is held with participants from the ATD communities in Manila and relocation sites. What makes the ATD Forum unique is that the community members facilitate the discussion. They invite every one to participate by encouraging and eliciting responses, without correct or wrong answers.

Last June and July 2018, communities forum was held to discuss a relevant issue, a reality strongly affecting every one: inflation. In total, 72 participants from 5 communities shared their experience about how to face the increase of the prices in the country.

“Sometimes the money is too short. I really need to budget it. Of course, I first take care of my children and then me.” – Emy, from Calauan, Laguna.

Read more about Forum: http://www.atdph.org/atd-forum-voices-from-the-communities/
Youth special attention: “I will fly one day!”

For years already, ATD Philippines pays special attention to youth in the communities: a significant number of them attended ATD educational programs in their childhood. Some step up as young facilitators in the Street Libraries or Festival of Learning. Some others mingle occasionally with their parents in the Forum discussions. Most of the time, future is still a challenge for them.

In August 2018, an ATD Youth gathering held at Museo Pambata permit the meeting of more than 50 young people from 6 communities. In the continuation of the Forum program, through different workshops and games as discussion, drawing and theater initiation, the participants could update their understanding of the ATD picture and share their dream and vision for a world without poverty.

On the occasion of Oct 17 International Day for overcoming poverty, they became this year the driving force in the preparation of the Theater performance of the ceremony. At the ATD planning session of November 2018, representatives of the youth made proposals for next year, and expressed their firm decision: “One day, there will be more youth there!”
Christmas Workshop: “A government cannot provide this kind of support!”

Held in November and December, the Christmas Workshop is a creative arts and crafts decor making workshop held for half-a-day in each urban poor community and relocation site where ATD Fourth World have links with the community. Families who can’t afford buying Christmas decorations have a chance to brighten up their homes and community with the warmth of Christmas.

The edition 2018 of the Christmas workshops counted with 20 facilitators (ATD members living in poor communities) who animated workshops for more than 350 people around the 6 communities, 137 adults (mainly women) and 213 children. During the preparations, 5 workshops for adults have been created - New year Calendar, Bell, Christmas tree, Poinsettia and Christmas tree bell- and 3 workshops adapted for children: Angels, Christmas wreath and Santa Klaus.

An other aim of the Christmas Workshop is to give the chance to facilitators to take responsibility in actions, to make links in their communities but also to discover new realities and to formalize links between each other. On this point, the 2018 edition is also a big success as among the 20 facilitators who held the workshops from orientation to evaluation, for 7 of them it was their first participation in such action. A special “Card making training workshop” was offered to the community facilitators by national artist Beth Parocha on December 1 and served also as a fundraising event with other participants.

ATD Fourth World is always looking to build links with people and communities to bring dignity and solidarity among people living in poverty. The testimonies of facilitators during evaluation told us that the Christmas decor Workshop is a very important program of our organization to fight poverty.

*It was a nice experience to make workshop for our neighborhood*

Grace, new facilitator, from Manila North Cemetery

*I'm happy because all participants made decor for their houses and have no need to buy it.*

Susan, senior facilitator, from Pandacan

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Sulong Saving Program

“The lack of basic security connotes the absence of one or more factors enabling individuals and families to assume basic responsibilities and to enjoy fundamental rights... The lack of basic security leads to chronic poverty when it simultaneously affects several aspects of people’s lives, when it is prolonged and when it severely compromises people’s chances of regaining their rights and of re-assuming their responsibilities in the foreseeable future.”
Father Joseph Wresinski, founder of ATD Fourth World

In 2014, the Sulong NC Program (“Sulong NC I”) was launched. This program aimed to provide people living in ENC, particularly those with little to no opportunities for livelihood, an opportunity to learn, work, earn, and save together. The participants primarily made Jute Parols (Christmas parols) together. This program encouraged them to think of other livelihood programs, while encouraging them to save their earnings from the sale and production of these Jute Parols. A passbook system was created to help facilitate the savings of the participants. In 2015, the request for further livelihood programs and/or savings program was reiterated by the community and some friends. On September 18, 2015, the savings program (“Sulong II”) started with 11 members. The following months, many new savers joined the program to reach 65 members in 2018.

In September 2018, 27 interviews of savors and a general assembly with 16 savors led to the following decisions:
- every single saver should be visited, even if not a regular one, in order to be reminded about the opportunity of the program, and to understand his/her present situation
- 4 Intern Collectors (savers-facilitators of the community) were formally endorsed to take responsibility to receive savings of those we are not able to meet the team on the weekly tour.

“If I were to sum up the value of savings to the members of the community, I’d place them under two general categories – security and hope. I use security in this case to refer to the sense that they will have something to rely on and protect them during times of crisis. I use hope on the other hand to refer to the ability to envision and take steps to achieve what they desire.”
(Rap, ATD intern who conducted the evaluation)
Open Houses: a privileged moment to build friendship

An Open House is an informal meeting in ATD House where all the members are invited to spend a convivial time. It is a privileged moment to build friendship between members with different background and social situation: We are all equal when we sing and dance together! To welcome a new volunteer, to celebrate a baby-shower, to say goodbye to full time volunteers who leave the country or to celebrate Christmas are all good excuses to have an Open House all together.

ATD Philippines welcomes Asian friends to the action

An important part of ATD’s work is bringing together ordinary people who want to figure out how to go beyond giving to charity or traditional volunteering.

In January 2018 ATD Philippines hosted a gathering for people from different Asian countries who wanted to learn more about the organization and meet Filipino members: people who live in poverty, local friends, and ATD Volunteer Corps members. During 3 weeks the visitors shared the actions of the team, discovered Manila communities and Relocation sites and had opportunities to discuss with facilitators fighting poverty with ATD for many years.

Through this experience, ATD Asian members drew inspiration from people who struggle every day but still manage to help out their neighbors. Meanwhile, ATD Philippines members did gain recognition of their commitment, and could widen the understanding of their own situation, by comparing their situation with other countries.

Friends going deeper in ATD through Internship

ATD Philippines always encourage our friends to deeper their knowledge and commitment. Internship is a good solution for both. In 2018, we were glad to share our work with two longtime friends of ATD.

From March to May, Svet took responsibility with the team of the coordination of the Festival of Learning and the Ang Galing Summer class. Professor in the civil society, she brings her enthusiasm to the children in both actions. Back to her reality she is, more than ever, aware to dedicate special attention to the child more left behind.

Raphael is participating since 2014 in the Ang Galing program in Manila North Cemetery. Starting as a volunteer, he is now co-coordinating the program. From August to October, he worked on a manual who explained the process of Ang Galing. In parallel, as a manager in corporation he dedicated part of his internship to evaluate the Sulong saving program, through individual interview and analysis of the collect data.


Enterprises partnerships, a privileged bridge to civil society

Building bridges with civil society also passes by building links and friendship with Companies. For few years now, many employees of Thompson Reuters have been volunteering with ATD, being tutors in Ang Galing program or volunteers in Festival of Learning.

In 2018, the Outreach Club of ‘Task Us’ branch company in the Philippines stepped up significantly with more numerous and more regular contribution of its volunteer members in the Ang Galing and Festival of Learning community programs. Meanwhile, they also organized such events like on Dec 15, the welcoming of community youth from the various ATD communities, as an exposure to their company way of working.

To read more: [https://www.facebook.com/ATD.Philippines/videos/276337353235286/](https://www.facebook.com/ATD.Philippines/videos/276337353235286/)

Through ATD friend Nina Yuson, our partnership with Museo Pambata is precious. Visits to the museum but also invitations for outings in cultural event as the Philippines Symphony are important moments for ATD members and especially children to open a window to the world.
ATD Participation to the first National Conference on Philippine Anti-Poverty Policy Reform organized by NAPC

On July 27 2018, ATD participated at the 1st National Conference on Philippine Anti-Poverty Policy Reform spearheaded by NAPC in the presence of community facilitators and some volunteers. We presented the paper entitled “Di-Nairehistrong Kapanganakan: Isang Panlipunang Isyung Panlahat, Mga Epekto at Rekomendasyon ng mga Apektadong Pamilya”.

Linked to the Ang Galing Program in Manila North Cemetery, a focus group discussion followed the Forum where those present were asked about instances of unregistered births where they live. Community facilitators confirmed that there were other children without birth certificates. We planned to address the issue of unregistered births not only of children but of adults. We then did additional participatory research among families who were affected by unregistered births. We also interviewed health practitioners of health centers and a public hospital where NC mothers give birth to know actual birth registration procedures.

Ang Galing’s assistance to parents searching for the birth records of their children uncovered the reality that adults also are not registered and because of this, their access to basic goods and services is greatly reduced. They cannot apply for jobs that offer minimum wages because SSS membership requires birth certificates. They cannot get married because getting a license requires a birth certificate. Their children will not be able to graduate without a birth certificate. A teenager at NC was not allowed to graduate from high school a year ago because he did not have a birth certificate. ATD paper on unregistered births recommends birth registration for everyone regardless of age.
17\textsuperscript{th} of October: International Day for eradication of extreme poverty

The World Day for Overcoming Extreme Poverty (October 17) is a day to honor the victims of Extreme Poverty and Exclusion and to renew our commitment to overcoming extreme poverty.

October 17th was officially recognized by the United Nations in 1992. Every year, ceremonies and other gatherings take place around the world and allows people living in extreme poverty to speak out and for all citizens to consider how they can contribute to the eradication of extreme poverty.

In the Philippines, it is recognized also as the National Day for the Eradication of Extreme Poverty and it has been commemorating since 1988 October by inviting people from all sections of society to gather and to renew the call for a shared commitment to overcome extreme poverty. The celebration is organised by the National Anti Poverty Committee together with ATD Fourth World Philippines, and takes place in Rizal Park, where a commemorative stone stands.

Various programs of the period were linked to the 2018 celebration, such as on October 12, the official unveiling of 4 murals which took place in the Roma Plaza Intramuros. The murals were created by young artists from ATD communities, Museo Pambata’s outreach programs, and the NAPC with the partnership of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts.
Learning from Success: International Seminar about successful action in education

On June 10 – 16, 2018, the International Movement ATD Fourth World conducted a Learning and Research Seminar in its International Center in France. The movement brought together participants from 18 countries across the world and challenged them to think about their actions in the field of education, vis-à-vis the context of poverty and exclusion in their communities.

A delegation of 4 members of ATD Philippines (permanent team, friends and facilitator) joined the Seminar to present the educational program Ang Galing. Through the process of writing success stories of children of North Cemetery they could share with the participants the keys of the success of this innovating program of ATD Fourth World Philippines.


International Gathering for ATD Governance.

An international gathering took place at ATD Fourth World's International Centre in France from 11 – 17 October 2018. This gathering is in the context of ATD’s shared leadership and it brought together more than 80 ATD members from 24 different countries, speaking 13 different languages.

ATD Fourth World was founded 60 years ago by a group of people who shared the same desire to take action against extreme poverty. Since then, the organization has grown thanks to people from all walks of life who are determined to struggle together against the devastation caused by extreme poverty. In keeping with ATD’s vision of shared leadership, the gathering was one of many ways for members to contribute to a larger consideration of the organization’s governance, evolution, and goals.

A delegation of 3 active members, two community facilitators and one friend joined the gathering, in which they shared their commitment and realities of people struggling poverty in Philippines.

“I discovered that there are everywhere in the world people who are as poor as us. I did know it already, but it comes to a different feeling when you meet the people in person. It is not easy to imagine that others have a same experience of poverty like us. The people here in the community couldn’t believe it.” (Diana, ATD community member)
### BUDGET

ATD Fourth World Philippines is completely independent from any governmental subventions.

In 2018 Annual Expenses of ATD Philippines are 2,465,611.34 PHP. Our cash flow comes entirely from the private sector: International and National Foundation, International Corporation and private donors from ATD movement and public.

#### Cash Flow 2018

- **International Foundation**
- **Corporate Social Responsability**
- **Local Foundation**
- **Private Donation**
- **ATD Members**
- **Miscellaneous**

#### Expenses 2018 by Actions

- **Action research**
- **Forum**
- **Festival of Learning**
- **Community visits**
- **Ang Galing Program**
- **Street Library**
- **Sulong Saving Program**
- **October 17 action**
- **Special Event – Seminars**
- **Solidarity and Emergency Assistance**
- **Travel Expenses related to actions**