

# DTP Alumni Making an Impact<sup>1</sup>



**Khalida Brohi** is a Pakistani activist for women's rights and a social entrepreneur. She founded the Sughar Empowerment Society in Pakistan to help educate and empower women.

Following her participation in DTP's course in 2008, Khalida has addressed numerous global forums, and received recognition from Oprah Winfrey, Christiane Amanpour, and Bill Clinton. In 2015, Khalid gave a TED talk on 'How I work to protect women from honour killings'.

Khalida was been named among Forbes 30 under 30; Newsweek magazine's 25 under 25; Newsweek's "100 Women Who Matter in Pakistan". She has been awarded the "Woman of Impact Award" by the Women in the World Foundation; "Women Excellence Award" by National Government of Pakistan; "Martin Luther King ANGEL Award"; "Buffett Emerging Global Leader Award".

***"After years of campaigning against honour killings, I have learned that the right strategy to fight negative traditions is not by standing against the values and beliefs of someone, but getting to sit together with them and letting them understand the reasons why some traditions and beliefs are right and some are wrong. This is what we are doing today with the tribal women of Pakistan through Sughar"***

*– Khalida, DTP Alumna, 2008 DTP Indigenous Program in Australia*

**Pastor Cecilio Kawi** is a Filipino human rights advocate and defender. He looks after cases where victims have been physically assaulted or intimidated by their employers or sponsors, and victims who are faced with illegal termination and contract violations in the Middle East and Philippines.

Pastor Kawi and his colleagues at We Care Outreach Ministry provided guidance to 100 plus workers. They arranged the rescue of 15 distressed Filipinos from jail convicted of absconding and secured court appeals for them. 11 victims had their charges dropped and 4 had their cases brought to the Supreme Court in Qatar.

**A "Hero" in our Midst**  
Maryam Bernabe-Palomares

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Among the Filipino community in Qatar, there are many real-life situations when heroes are made. Or maybe, yet, when born heroes recognize they are indeed called to be heroes.

One man has definitely made the list – Mr. Kawi Kawayan. Those who do not know who he really is and what he is capable of may just see him as an ordinary OFW sweating it out during Zumba or just joining the merriment in community celebrations. However, through the years, he has been very visible in the community that one may ask – just exactly what does he do? Among his peers who are community leaders like himself, he is recognized for his ability to help distressed OFWs win their cases – a Pastor and a paralegal all in one.

For the benefit of the Kabayans who just came to Doha recently, specifically those who may be facing their personal battles, getting to know this man may just become a turning point in your lives as it has happened to others.

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***"The training program of DTP helped me build the knowledge and skills to protect and promote the human rights of migrant workers. It enabled me to do more and effectively use internationally agreed standards and mechanisms for the human rights of migrant workers in the Middle East"***

*– Pastor Kawi, DTP Alumnus, 2015-2017 DTP Migrant Workers Programs*

*Pastor Kawi was featured in PILIPIANO STAR NGAYON – PSN, published during the 119th Philippine Independence Day Celebration, June 12, 2017*

## Please Help Us Help Them

<sup>1</sup> **DTP has trained over 2800 human rights defenders from over 50 countries since 1990.**



# Help Us Train Inspirational and Courageous Individuals

DTP's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Human Rights and People's Diplomacy Training Program for Human Rights Defenders from the Asia-Pacific Region and Indigenous Australia

DTP's 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Program will be held in Timor-Leste from October 02 – 13, 2017. This program will build the knowledge and skills of human rights defenders and advocates, and to help them be more effective. It will build their networks of support. They will learn from the best, most experienced practitioners including DTP's Founder and Patron, Jose Ramos-Horta. We know from experience and feedback that this program will have a lasting impact on these individuals and their work with their communities for years to come.



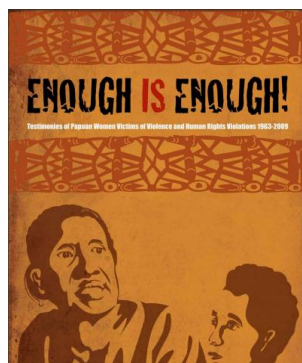
**Photo:** Cesario Da Silva (left) being interviewed on disability issues in Timor-Leste.

**TIMOR LESTE.** **Cesario Da Silva.** *Program Manager at Timor-Leste Disability Associations (ADTL).* Cesario has been working at ADTL for three years – to ensure disability issues in Timor-Leste are not ignored, and to challenge the stigma, discrimination and violence that is targeted at the disabled. He handles cases and advocates on issues, building support and influencing policy on this key issue in Timor-Leste. **Help Cesario to become a skillful advocate! Enable him to effectively campaign for the rights of persons with disabilities in Timor-Leste!**

**PHILIPPINES** **Shirley Kimmayong.** *Communications Coordinator, Asia Indigenous Peoples Pact; Founder and Executive Director, Hagiyo Organisation.* Shirley hosts capacity building training programs and trains the Indigenous peoples in the Philippines to recognise their human rights. She works closely with Indigenous women, men and children on the importance of their cultural identity being recognised by the State, and encourages children to have an education, and encourages women to strive towards gender equality. **Invest in Shirley! Help her be a champion for the voices of Indigenous peoples in the Philippines!**



**Photo:** Shirley Kimmayong (bottom row, third from the right) at a capacity training program



**INDONESIA.** **Esra Mandosir.** *Campaigner and Facilitator, Tiki Papua (Papuan Women's Human Rights Network).* Esra campaigns on behalf of Papuan women who have experienced human rights violations by the State, whether of a physical, economic, social or cultural nature. He provides human rights training to Papuan women and campaigns for the human rights of Papuan women. **Invest in Esra! Help him stop the human violations against Papuan women!**

**Photo:** Book - "STOP SUDAH (ENOUGH IS ENOUGH)"  
Testimonies of Papuan Women Victims of Violence and Human Rights Violations 1963- 2009. **Campaigner:** Esra Mandosir





**Photo:** Lucille Abeykoon (L) at an advocacy campaign explaining the human rights violations in Sri Lanka

**SRI LANKA. Lucille Mary Ann Abeykoon.** *Human Rights Office, Kandy.* Lucille advocates on behalf of the victims of torture, rape and other human rights violations in Sri Lanka. She also assists in the rehabilitation process of prisoners and their families, as well as for the families of people who have ‘disappeared’. She is proactive in assisting in legal matters for the victims who are struggling to attain justice. **Invest in Lucille! Help her be a voice for victims of human rights violations!**

**PAPUA NEW GUINEA Isidor Kaupun,** *Community Facilitator and Advocate, Wide Bay Conservation Association.* Isidor facilitates awareness amongst the communities of the East Pomio Local Level Government area with respect to land and resources, the environment, customs and culture, as well as social and gender issues. His role extends to helping communities to think about land and land rights, researching traditional mediation processes around land rights, and protecting his people’s matrilineal land ownership system. **Help Isidor, Help Papua New Guineans to have a say in the future of their land!**



**Photo:** Deforestation in Papua New Guinea



**Photo:** Meline Vakaola

**FIJI Meline Vakaola.** *Legal Officer, Citizens’ Constitutional Forum.* Meline leads the legal section of her organisation – she gives legal advice, conducts legal research and compiles reports on the human rights issues in Fiji. She has been advocating for human rights for the Indigenous peoples and various ethnic groups in Fiji – together they strive for good governance, active citizenship, multiculturalism, democracy and the rule of law. **Invest in Meline! Enable her to become a better advocate for the voices of the marginalised in Fiji!**

***Together we can help those committed and courageous individuals on the frontline working for human dignity and human rights, peace and democracy.***

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