

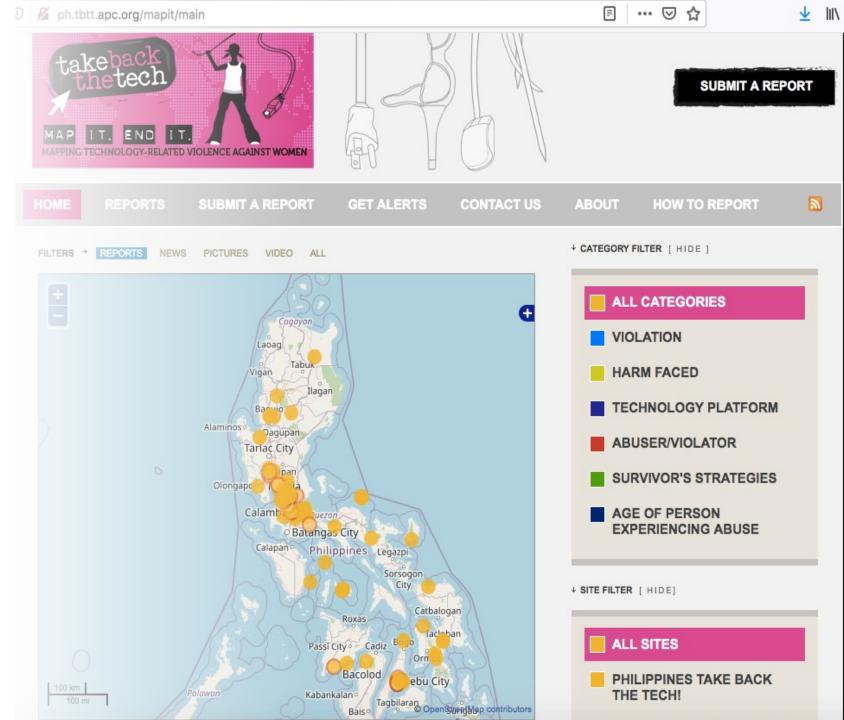
Gender Equality
Issues During and
Post the Pandemic:
Preventing GenderBased Violence

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- Non-governmental organization founded in 1987
- Vision: A vibrant and socially progressive
 Philippines and global community composed of
 and nurtured by the interaction of informed
 citizens, and empowered communities promoting
 the realization of human rights in information
 societies, towards equitable and sustainable
 human development.
- Mission: Help to enable the empowerment of civil society and social movements in the information age by advocating for democratic governance of ICTs; human rights in digital environments; equitable and safe access to and responsible use of ICT; gender-transformative perspectives, policies and practices - through critical and meaningful engagement with development stakeholders

Mapping of OGBV cases



Online Gender-Based Violence in the Philippines

Year-end 2022 report

In the last six months of 2022, an additional thirty-one (31) cases of online gender-based violence were documented by FMA in the following areas:

Ilocos Norte

NCR (Makati, Pasig, Manila, Taguig, Mandaluyong and Quezon City)

Calabarzon (Batangas and Cavite)

Central Luzon (Bulacan and Pampanga)

Visayas Province (Biliran, Cebu and Bacolod)

Mindanao Province (Misamis Oriental, Davao and Iligan City).

All documented cases of victims-survivors are mostly young women aged 18 years old and above





Majority reported that they suffered online harassment and abuse in the form of taking intimate photos, videos and other private information, receiving violent and abusive comments, online sexual exploitation and abuse of children, and non-consensual distribution of images and videos.

Facebook and Messenger are still the most used digital platforms in committing OGBV







Referral of cases

- Legal
 - Law groups or women's organizations for case build up and filing
 - Law enforcers
- Reporting to social media platforms
- Counseling
- Others

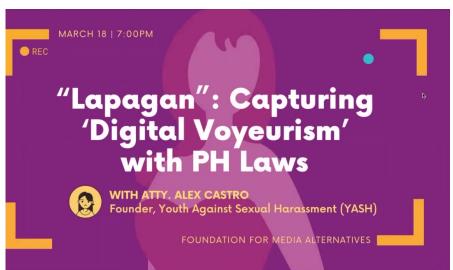
Digital security and safety training



Report to the UNSR on violence against women, its causes and consequences, June 2020

- Laws and policies addressing VAW should include gender-responsive guidelines in times of crises. This should include trainings on gender-sensitive response of law enforcers, privacy measures, the availability of shelters, and safe mobility for women.
- Government should ensure unhampered delivery of reproductive health services to prevent unplanned pregnancies, as well as the spread of sexually transmitted diseases.
- Information dissemination should also target communities with little to no access to online platforms.
- Government should continue to consult and/or work with telecommunication companies to improve connectivity in the Philippines.
- Continue capacitating CSOs, especially women's organizations, in understanding and using technology in responding to gender-based violence.
- Consultation with and engagement of women's groups with internet intermediaries and platform providers for the development, adoption and implementation of policies and community standards that are in line with international human rights laws to prevent OGBV







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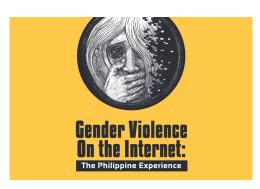






Webinars















Partnerships and engagements at the national, regional and global spaces









Participation in the CSW 67 process

Moving forward ...

- Sharing of experiences and good practices among CSOs
- Engagement with digital platforms
- Collaboration between and among CSOs and government
- Sharing of resources to support the work of CSOs working on GBV

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