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Areas of specialization: Human rights and children's rights, Policy and public advocacy, Community health services management, Community Development work.

A nurse, development worker and human rights defender, Rosemarie, graduated with a Bachelor of Nursing in 1986. She then worked with the Medical Action Group (MAG), a health and human rights NGO for 12 years, including 3 years as Executive Director. Through her work with MAG, she had the chance to provide medical and psychosocial support to victims of human rights violations in detention centers, picket lines, evacuation centers for internally displaced people and in evicted communities. She assisted in exhumations and autopsies of victims of Extra Judicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances. She also trained community based health workers and lobbied for the adoption of health rights legislations and policies.

From 1999 to 2004, she worked for “Plan International – Philippines”, a child-focused international NGO. She was the Program Unit Manager in Camarines Sur, doing comprehensive community development work for children for 2 years. Eventually, assigned as Country Manager for Birth Registration Project aiming at promoting the right to a name and nationality of children belonging to hard to reach groups of Muslims, indigenous peoples and Children in Need of Special Protection (CNSP) and achieve a 100% birth registration of Filipino children.

In 2006, she became Executive Director of the “Kanlunan Center Foundation”, an organization providing legal and psychological support to migrant workers and fighting human trafficking. At the same time, she was involved with the PGH Medical Foundation Inc., raising funds for patients' needs for medicines, supplies and infrastructure in the biggest public hospital in the Philippines.

From 2008 to 2009, she worked as Policy Adviser to the “Cut the Cost, Cut the Pain” Network, a policy advocacy organization. She lobbied for the enactment of the Cheaper Medicines Act.

Since November 2010, she is the Secretary General of the Philippine Alliance of Human Rights Advocates, an advocacy center of 40 human rights and sectoral organizations nationwide. She has been elected Vice President of FIDH in May 2013.