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Save The Children Philippines Urges Bets to Put Children's Rights in Governance Platform

Save the Children Philippines said local candidates in the May 13 elections should integrate protection of children's rights in their platform of agenda as most of child abuse cases happen at home, in schools and in the communities.

Lawyer Albert Muyot, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Save the Children Philippines said local officials have an important role in promoting a safe and secure environment for children in their communities.

"Every child should not just survive, but thrive, and grow up to make their mark in the world," said Muyot. Local candidates should ensure that these rights of children are recognized and protected in their platform of governance.

Save the Children Philippines will hold a Children's Interface Meeting with Pasay City mayoral candidates on Friday, May 3, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to be held at the Barangay Covered court of Barangay 201, Pasay City.

The activity seeks to recognize child participation rights where children can express their opinion on matters affecting them.

"The activity allows the local candidates to hear the issues from children themselves so they can integrate clear agenda and commitment in promoting children's rights in their areas," said Muyot.

The program is the culmination activity of Save the Children Philippines under the Build Urban Children's Resilience against Shocks and Threats of Resettlement (BURST) project that seeks to teach children of their rights, build resilience in times of disasters and learn social accountability of local officials.

Children will present to the local candidates the issues and recommendations on the pressing problems in Pasay City and get the commitment of the local candidates in Pasay City to address the problems on safety and security, decent housing and protection from all forms of abuse in all settings-at home, schools and communities.

Among the pressing issues to be presented in the program include the following:

- The need for protection of children from all forms of abuses-emotional, mental and physical including neglect.
- The need for protection of children from the effects of abuse of prohibited drugs where most of them, including parents are affected.



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- Recognition of the children's rights to safe and permanent houses as many of them are victims of forced evacuation.
- The rights of children to enjoy a safe and healthy environment where they can enjoy play and recreation.
- The rights of children to have access to free and quality education and to get information on reproductive health.

Save the Children is a global movement with a footprint in 120 countries. It promotes the rights of children to health and nutrition, education and protection from all forms of violence.

For nearly 100 years, it has inspired countries to help build a world that brings lasting change to children in the most deprived and marginalized situations.

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