

LOCALIZING INCLUSIVE AND TRANSFORMATIVE EDUCATION (LITE)

PROJECT



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

Children with disabilities are most impacted by inequalities and discrimination, as identified in the current Country Strategic Plan of Save the Children Philippines. In 2019, an estimated 60% of Filipino children with disabilities were out of school according to the Department of Social Welfare and Development Listahanan.

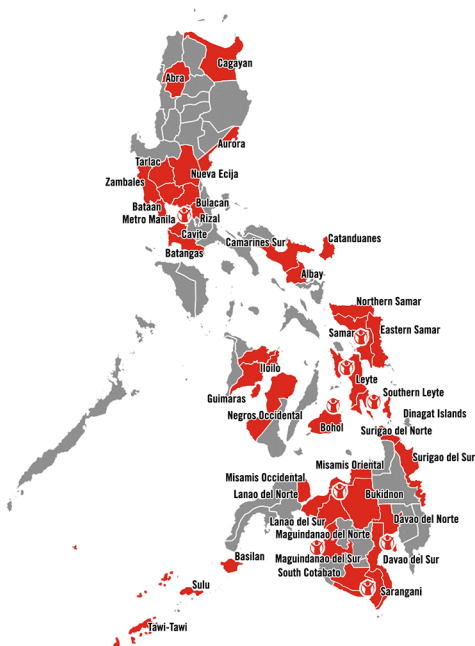
Moreover, the inability to access education services and learning resources was one of the major concerns cited in the 2020 survey of the Council for the Welfare of Children Sub-Committee on Children with Disabilities.

More and more children are missing early detection, especially those who are not enrolled in any education program.

Project LITE aims to protect children's rights, especially of children with disabilities, to inclusive education and to prepare children to respond and anticipate threats from climate change through a whole-of-community approach. The project will focus on leveraging and coordinating the resources and voices of the community, especially children's, to strengthen a thriving and inclusive environment for all children to learn.

PROJECT AREA

The project is being implemented in Antipolo City and will directly benefit 300 children with disabilities.



PROJECT GOALS

To equip stakeholders and duty bearers in the implementation of the RA 11650 Implementing Rules and Regulations and to ensure that interventions are responsive to the needs of children with disabilities and those at risk of developmental delays aged 0-8 years, especially those most impacted by the climate change crisis.

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Community agency fosters a safe and inclusive environment that is responsive to the needs of children with disabilities and those at risk of developmental delays through a series of trainings

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Improved capacity of local stakeholders to implement the Inclusive Education Act in the context of the ongoing climate change by equipping them to deliver early identification services

03

Strengthened partnerships to establish an enabling environment for early detection, interventions, and other services that respond to the needs of children with disabilities and those at risk of developmental delays, in the context of the climate change crisis

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SUPPORTED **ADVOCACY**

The Republic Act 11650 or the Act Instituting a Policy of Inclusion and Services for Learners with Disabilities in Support of Inclusive Education, which was signed into law last March 11, 2022, aims to safeguard the recognition, protection, and promotion of the rights of all learners with disabilities – whether in school or out of school, to education based on equal opportunity.

While this law paves the way for improved programs and services for learners with disabilities, Save the Children recognizes that there is more to be done to raise awareness on child and human rights-based approaches to disability, fulfilling learners with disabilities' right to learn alongside their peers, and eradicating the deep-seated stigma against learners with disabilities.

These activities and innovations will build on the capacity and involvement of a local advisory group, composed of a children's group, community groups, and a multi-stakeholder representation. Technical support will also be provided for local policy recommendations and minimum standards for inclusive education implementation.

Upon the completion of the program, the results and impact stories can be used to advocate for the development of an operational manual for RA 11650 (The Inclusive Education Act) by DepEd that would facilitate potential scale across the country and safeguard the rights of children with disabilities and those at risk of development delays in accessing quality education. This will also contribute to initiatives that will address important issues like the climate change crisis, which threaten the rights of children with disabilities and those who belong to indigenous people groups.



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Save the Children believes every child deserves a future. In the Philippines and around the world, we work every day to give children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn and protection from harm.

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