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## **Save the Children Philippines continues assistance to child survivors of Haiyan**

Save the Children Philippines continues psychosocial counseling for child survivors in communities devastated by Typhoon Haiyan (local name Yolanda), five years after the storm affected some 1.5 million children.

Lawyer Albert Muyot, Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children Philippines will visit Ormoc in Leyte province on November 8 to assess programs that empower child survivors to be resilient and secure their livelihood and employment opportunities.

Save the Children Philippines has shifted from relief and recovery to building resilience of child survivors and livelihood for parents in the typhoon-hit areas.

“Our experience from Typhoon Haiyan taught us hard lessons that children face the greatest struggle to survive and recover in times of disasters,” said Muyot in a statement.

Save the Children Philippines aims to provide a lifeline to children at risk during disasters and emergencies. These include protection from diseases and starvation to potential exploitation and abuse, said Muyot.

The group has assisted close to a million children in typhoon-hit areas in the Visayas through water sanitation and hygiene activities, establishing Child Friendly Spaces to protect them from physical and gender-based abuses and provide Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) that allow them to resume classes and help them recover from psychological trauma.

In 2015, Save the Children Philippines implemented the Child Sensitivity program that addresses inter-generational poverty among Haiyan affected families in Leyte. The program strengthened child protection and welfare component of the government’s conditional cash transfer known as Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program.

In Ormoc, the group started the Child Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP) in January 2017 that links 4Ps cash transfer programs to improving livelihood of poor families in Haiyan devastated provinces and building resilience of child survivors. The CSSP program covers psychosocial healing of Haiyan child survivors under ages 13-17 so they can be resilient and equipped in pursuing livelihood and employment. The program allows sharing of “ups and downs” experience among child survivors of typhoon Haiyan as part of psychosocial healing and build coping mechanism.

“Child survivors still cry when they recall their tragic experience losing loved ones and being displaced during typhoon Haiyan,” said Muyot. “The Haiyan experience has left lifelong scars among children who survived, healing takes time but it’s possible, when we help improve their lives and secure a better future for them.”

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