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## **Save the Children Philippines announces finalists of 2018 Media Awards**

Save the Children Philippines will honor the exemplary works of journalists, photographers and film makers in its 4th Media Awards to be held on November 22, 2018 at the Silver Lotus Events Place in Timog, Quezon City.

The annual event is being held to commemorate the signing of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child on November 20, 1989 which was inspired by the vision and works of Save the Children founder Eglantyne Jebb during World War I.

The Declaration of the Rights of the Child, then known as the Geneva Declaration of the Rights of the Child, is an international document promoting child rights, drafted by Eglantyne Jebb and adopted by the League of Nations in 1924. It was adopted in an extended form by the United Nations in 1959 and became the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child signed on November 20, 1989.

Atty. Albert Muyot, Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children Philippines said the Media Awards is a recognition of the critical role of journalists in helping the organization promote its programs and campaigns on children's health and nutrition, learning and protection from all forms of abuses.

"We live in a world of disruptions and journalists as truth tellers help us get a clear picture of the condition of children who suffer from hunger, neglect and abuses," said Muyot.

As conscience of humanity, journalists tell us the hard facts, that:

\*around 95 children below 5 die every day due to undernutrition;

\*the Philippines ranks 9th in the list of ten countries with the worst cases of stunting, having 3.3 Million stunted and 850,000 malnourished children; and most important, we face tough challenges of securing health and nutrition to children in their first 1,000 days-the most critical period of growth.

Save the Children Media Awards for 2018 has three categories-Print and online articles, photo and film.

The finalists for Print and Online articles include the following:

I. "A Prince of skin and bones," by Jeff Canoy and Villavecera Canoy, ABS-CBN.

2. "Busy Parents,convenience fuel child malnutrition," by Cherry Ann Lim/"Pulling a generation from malnutrition clutches," by Rona Joyce Fernandez both from SunStar Cebu.
3. "Our hungry and stunted children," Editorial and "Zambo del Sur's Jonathan Oya: The Face of Severe Malnutrition,"both by the Philippine Daily Inquirer.
4. "No Hungry Child:Malabon's feeding program aims to fight malnutrition," by Katerina Francisco from Rappler.
5. "Malnutrition must be a thing of the past," by Ma. Isabel Ongpin from Manila Times.
6. "Malnutrition: A gnawing crisis needing urgent action," by former Senator Joey Lina from Manila Bulletin.
- 7."Malnutrition a nat'l emergency too, NNC," by Jonel Amio from Panay News.
- 8."Quezon governor presents province's 'First 1,000 days of life' program in Bangkok symposium, "by John Bello from Businessmirror.

For the Photo Category, the finalists are:

1. Easy Thrill by Alex Badayos, Sun Star Cebu
2. Untitled by Noel Celis, Phil Star
3. Kaldero by John Vincent Sasondoncillo Martinez, UNTV / Istorya
4. Hungry by Froilan Gallardo, Mindanao Gold Star
5. Untitled by Jonathan Cellona, ABS CBN
6. Our Daily Bread by Miguel De Guzman, Phil Star
7. Fighting Malnutrition by Jojo Rinoza, Manila Bulletin
8. Life goes on, after Yolanda by Bernard Testa of Interaksyon
9. Healthy Meals by Allan Cuizon, Sun Star Cebu
10. Food for Thought by Ben Nabong, Rappler

For the Film category, the finalists are:

1. Bandila: Kampanya kontra malnutrisyon, paiigtingin by Bettina Magsaysay, ABS-CBN
2. Pinoy MD: Paano Labanan ang Malnutrisyon sa Bata by Karen Lumbo , GMA
3. Reporter's Notebook: Ilang pamilya sa Navotas, naubusan ng NFA rice by Angeli Atienza, GMA
4. TV Patrol:Alamin, balanseng pagkain kontra malnutrisyon sa mga bata by Kori Quintos, ABS-CBN
5. Medtalk / Health Talk: Nutrition and Wellness by Hilda Ayllon, CNN Philippines
6. Istorya: Malnourished byAngela Lagunzad, UNTV
7. Red Alert: Buto't balat na Prinsipe at Prinsesa by Nick Villavecer, ABS-CBN
8. Front Row: Papag by Jonathan Tam, GMA
9. Front Row: Liwanag sa Bintana by Jonathan Tam, GMA
10. Motherland by Ramona Diaz
11. Reel Time: 25 Sentimos by Nowell Cuanang, GMA
12. Reel Time:Salu-Salo by Nowell Cuanang, GMA

ABS-CBN have five finalists, GMA have six finalists, Sun Star Cebu have four finalists, Manila Bulletin, Inquirer, Phil Star and Rappler has two finalists, UNTV, CNN, Mindanao Gold Star, Interaksyon, Panay News, Manila Times, and Business Mirror have one finalist.

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