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Mothers are key partners to a healthy and secure environment for children- Save the Children Philippines

Manila-Save the Children Philippines salutes mothers who nurture children's holistic well-being from ensuring health during pregnancy, sending to school and protection from all harm.

Lawyer Albert Muyot, Chief Executive Officer of Save the Children Philippines said the success of all programs to protect children's right to health and nutrition, access to quality education and protection from violence are built on strong partnership with mothers in the communities.

"Save the Children Philippines honors and thanks all mothers for their significant influence and selfless dedication to ensure every child has a future. Happy Mother's Day," said Muyot.

Save the Children celebrates its 100th year in May 19 and looks at the legacy of its founder Eglantyne Jebb who launched a pioneering campaign to save suffering children in Europe during World War I.

The group has become the first global movement for children with presence in over 120 countries fighting for children's rights to health and nutrition, access to quality and free education and protection from all forms of violence. It has since then reached one billion children across the world through programs from health, education, protection from violence and prompt response in times of emergencies.

Save the Children Philippines implements programs with partnership with mothers in cities of Malabon, Caloocan and Navotas to ensure child's health and nutrition in the first 1,000 days of a child, from conception to two years old-a critical window of opportunity to ensure children do not die from preventable causes. The program covers nutrition services for undernourished children, training of barangay health workers to care for nutritionally-at-risk pregnant mothers as well as social protection support through conditional cash transfer.

Muyot welcomed the recent signing of the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of the First 1,000 Days law or Republic Act 11148. The law, known as

"Kalusugan at Nutrisyon ng Mag-Nanay Act," that ensures mothers are given proper nutrition and health care before, during and after giving birth.

The law also institutionalizes health services that improves exclusive breastfeeding from birth to first six months and continuous breastfeeding up to two years old.

Save the Children Philippines believes breastfeeding ensures child's optimum health and stronger bond between the mother and child.

The organization also implements a program to improve relationship of mothers with their adolescent children through the Heart to HEART (Healthy, Empowered, Responsible Teen) that fosters parent-adolescent dialogue to prevent teenage pregnancy.

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About Save the Children

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

We do whatever it takes for children – every day and in times of crisis – transforming their lives and the future we share.

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