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## LIFE CHANGER FOR CHILDREN: CREATING POSITIVE AND POWERFUL CHANGE FOR CHILDREN, WITH CHILDREN

**Life Changer for Children** is our common journey towards lasting positive impact in the lives of children, their families, and communities.

**Life Changer for Children** draws inspiration from the spirit of *bayanihan* (community unity and cooperation). We work together with communities, co-designing actions and solutions so that children can claim their rights to survival, development, education, access to safe and healthy environment, meaningful participation, and protection at all times.

As a supporter of **Life Changer for Children**, we thank you for making this journey with children and their communities. Children's lives are changing for the better; and we are wishing yours would ever be more meaningful, fulfilled, and full of joy, as we travel through life together.



Michael K. Novell

# SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRPERSON

*“I am proud that for over 40 years, we remained committed to our mission to inspire positive breakthroughs in the way the world treats Filipino children...”*

Welcome to our Save the Children Philippines 2023 Annual Report: Life Changer for Children.

This is proof of how Save the Children, together with the Filipino children, communities, the government, civil society partners, and other multisectoral stakeholders, created positive and powerful change for and with children over the past year.

Our programs were successful because of the solidarity and *bayanihan* (community unity and cooperation) spirit that each of us harnessed. Our various teams and our partners in the communities we work with drew strength from one another, pouring themselves into the work that needs to be done, while enabling others to do the same. We did what we could to make a lasting difference in the lives of children and their families.

You will discover stories in the pages that follow about how our relentless efforts to advance children’s rights through innovation and collaboration with various stakeholders have improved the lives of children and families.

These stories and many more show the impact of our *bayanihan* and our shared commitment to ensure that children live in a safe environment, grow up healthy, and have access to quality education.

May these stories inspire you to respond to the call to build a better world for and with children—a future where each Filipino child can thrive, where everyone can dream of a brighter future for his family, his community, and the whole of humanity.

I am proud that for over 40 years, we remained committed to our mission to inspire positive breakthroughs in the way the world treats Filipino children.

I look forward to the millions of lives that will be impacted meaningfully by the work that we do for and with children.

Thank you to everyone who made Save the Children Philippines’ work possible! Together, let us truly be life changers for children, with children.

*Mabuhay at Maraming Salamat!*



**Atty. Alberto Jesus T. Muyot**

# MESSAGE OF THE CEO

*“Thank you for your unwavering commitment, your tireless dedication, and your boundless compassion. It is because of you that we can continue to change the lives of children everywhere...”*

In the face of various challenges this past year, we have continued to stand tall, united by our commitment to creating a lasting, positive impact in the lives of children who rely on us for hope and support. Whether it is through our programs in education, health and nutrition, protection, and child participation and governance, humanitarian response efforts, or other child-led campaigns, we have remained steadfast in our resolve to create a brighter future for the children and families we serve.

Through the Life Changer for Children program, we were able to co-design solutions with communities, children, and families to address various challenges that are affecting children the most, such as undernutrition, diseases, and threats to personal safety, as well as lack of access to learning and other basic services.

We pushed boundaries and strived for excellence in addressing the learning gaps through our catch-up clubs, which improved the literacy of non-readers or struggling readers in several communities.

Our hunger campaign not only raised awareness about the hunger crisis, but also paved the way for more collaboration with other partners and donors.

We engaged several children, including the National Children’s Advisory Team, in different community and governance processes. Some of the child-led groups we supported now influence the policies and programs in their own local government units.

Our child-led campaign, Generation Hope, has engaged more than 1,000 children across the country to climate action and raised awareness on the importance of addressing the climate and inequality crises.

We got the approval of the Positive Parenting Bill on 3rd Reading by the House of Representatives and the Senate slated it for committee approval. On the other hand, the House of Representatives has approved the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Bill on its 3rd reading while the Senate is currently reviewing it for 2nd reading. We also have several local-level advocacy wins through ordinances on health and protection drafted, signed, and implemented.

I am immensely proud of what we have accomplished together, but I also recognize that our work is far from finished. There are still countless children in the country who are counting on our help, and it is our duty to stand by them, advocate for them, and ensure that they reach their full potential.

I extend my gratitude for your unwavering commitment, your tireless dedication, and your boundless compassion. It is because of you that we can continue to positively change the lives of children everywhere.

With all of us moving in a single direction, we can truly build a better world—for and with children.

Thank you very much.

## **Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children.**

For more than 100 years globally, and since 1981 in the Philippines, we've been giving children a healthy start in life, the opportunity to learn, and protection from harm.

We ensure children's unique needs are met  
and their voices are heard.

When crisis strikes, we are always among the first to respond and  
the last to leave.

**We do whatever it takes for children,**  
transforming their lives and the future we share.

## **Children are at the front and center of everything that we do, and securing children's rights is the foundation of our work.**

We work for and with children of all identities, especially those  
most impacted by inequality and discrimination.\*

*\*Children with disabilities, children living in poverty and isolation including those in urban informal settlements and resettlement sites and those coming from Indigenous People's (IP) communities, children vulnerable to the impacts of natural hazards and climate change, children living in conflicted-affected areas and impacted by human-induced hazards, very young adolescents including those who are pregnant or young parents, and children with diverse sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression (SOGIE).*



## OUR VISION

A world in which every child attains the right to survival, protection, development, and participation

## OUR MISSION

To inspire breakthroughs in the way the world treats children and achieve immediate and lasting change in their lives

## OUR VALUES

In all that we do, we will demonstrate our values of

### ACCOUNTABILITY

We take personal responsibility for using our resources efficiently, achieving measurable results, and being accountable to supporters, partners and, most of all, children

### AMBITION

We are demanding of ourselves and our colleagues, set high goals and are committed to improving the quality of everything we do for children

### COLLABORATION

We respect and value each other, thrive on our diversity, and work with partners to leverage our global strength in making a difference for children

### CREATIVITY

We are open to new ideas, embrace change, and take disciplined risks to develop sustainable solutions for and with children

### INTEGRITY

We aspire to live to the highest standards of personal honesty and behaviour; we never compromise our reputation and always act in the best interests of children

# OUR 2023 REACH

# 2.8 Million

children and adults most impacted by inequality and discrimination reached through various programs and platforms

**325,099**  
Direct Reach

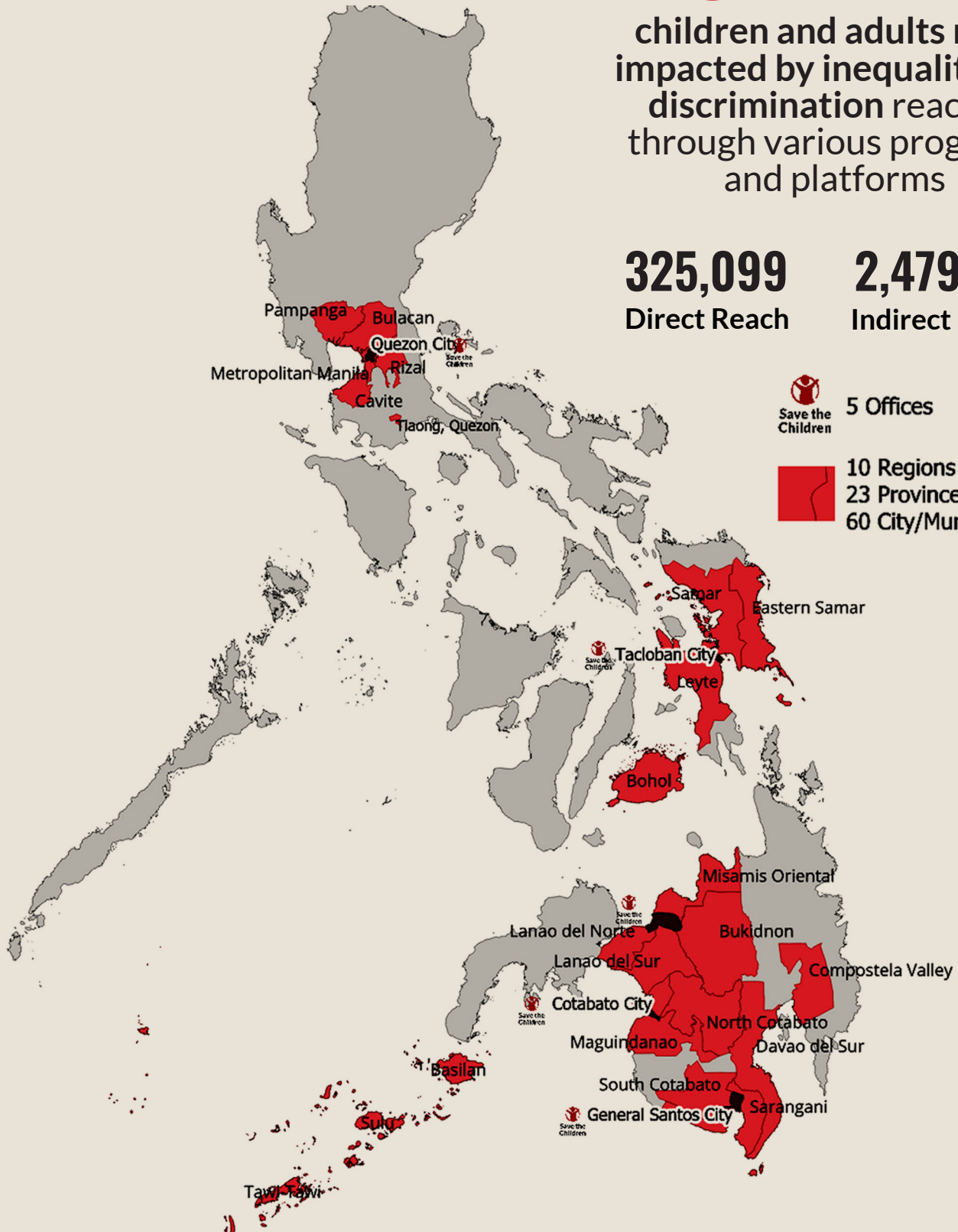
**2,479,141**  
Indirect Reach



5 Offices



10 Regions  
23 Provinces  
60 City/Municipalities





**912,339** Child Participation and Child Rights Governance 

**703,548** Health and Nutrition 

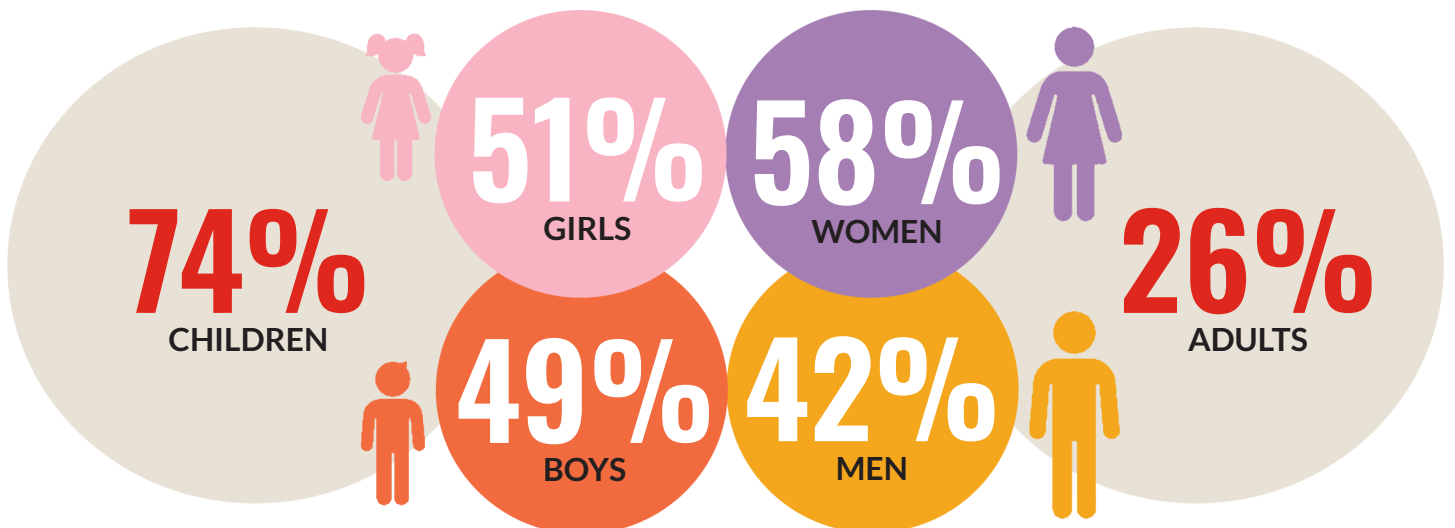
**470,541** Education 

**373,217** Child Protection 

**362,742** Child-Sensitive Livelihoods and Social Protection 

**113,085** Humanitarian 

*Note: Figures across thematic areas include children and adults participating in and/or benefiting from more than one program and/or platform.*



# RAISING TOMORROW'S LEADERS: CHILDREN'S VOICES IN GOVERNANCE



In 2023, Save the Children Philippines supported children in advancing their rights and agenda through Child-Centered Social Accountability (CCSA), an innovative rights-based and community-driven approach through which children and communities, with support from civil society organizations, use participatory mechanisms and processes to directly engage with duty-bearers such as decision-makers, public officials, and service providers to drive accountability for their decisions and actions.

## **Four (4) Child-led Groups in Borongan implemented advocacy and lobbying plans**

with recommendations to address issues on road safety, situation of children in evacuation centers, and adolescent sexual reproductive health and rights (ASRHR).

## **Four (4) Child-led Groups in CaMaNa advocated for Children's Code monitoring and implementation**

in the cities of Caloocan, Malabon, and Navotas (CAMANA)

## **Two (2) Child-led Groups in SHIFT Campaign**

developed local campaigns on ASRHR

## **Four (4) Civil Society Organizations**

with CCSA agenda in local school boards (LSB)



Save the Children's Project SCOPE, funded by the European Union (EU) and co-implemented with the Affiliated Network for Social Accountability—East Asia and the Pacific (ANSA-EAP), was conducted in the cities of Parañaque and Taguig, as well as the Municipality of Pateros. The three-year program concluded in 2023, achieving substantial impact:

### **19,000 Children and Persons with Disabilities benefitted**

through inclusive local government programming for persons with disabilities

### **12 organizations of persons and children with disabilities, parent groups recognized and supported**

by their respective local government units (LGU) to continue to engage with them and monitor the use of public resources to improve policies, plans, and programs for persons with disabilities

### **Anti-bullying and anti-discrimination measures against persons with disabilities were filed in Taguig**

### **Children's Code in Parañaque, Taguig, and Pateros were revised**

to include provisions for the welfare and participation of children with disabilities in decision making processes

### **Recommendations were considered in Republic Act 11650**

"Inclusive Education for Learners with Disabilities Law"

## Speaking Up #ForAndWithChildren

**“The best program for children is one that is truly child-led and child-centered...”**

Emman, an 18-year-old youth advocate from Borongan City, Eastern Samar, is among the 75 children who have enhanced their knowledge of children’s rights and developed lobbying skills for their priority agenda through the “*Kabataan Kabakyang*” (Together with Children) Project.

He and fellow children and youth advocates participated in consultations where they were able to use the child-centered social accountability (CCSA) tool and approach in presenting to local government officials their issues on road safety, the need for evacuation centers to have child-friendly spaces and gender-sensitive facilities, and their right to access

basic services on adolescent sexual and reproductive health.

*“Through this initiative, I was able to understand my rights and responsibilities as a citizen, as a member of my community, and the countless opportunities I have to change - not just my own future but the future of the youth in my community...”*

Their collective efforts with partners, supported by Save the Children through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), led to the development of action plans in the Local Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. The Local Council for the Protection of Children also pushed the agenda for the amendment of the Children’s Welfare Code and the Comprehensive Emergency Program for Children which were successfully passed in Borongan City in 2023.



**84% of trained Civil Society Organizations**  
(37 of 44) demonstrate understanding of CCSA and Child Participation

**83% of trained CSOs**  
(34 of 41) demonstrate understanding of Child Rights

**68% of trained CSOs**  
(26 of 38) with commitment to integrate children’s concerns in their mandate

**75% of trained CSOs**  
(18 of 24) have program plans for continued learning among marginalized children



# BUILDING A MOVEMENT THROUGH MEANINGFUL CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION

## Generation Hope Campaign

Save the Children Philippines' Generation Hope Campaign on climate and inequality crises provided platforms and opportunities for children and youth climate campaigners across the country to speak up, raise awareness on the issue of climate change, and participate in climate action.

Several government agencies and corporate partners have recognized our Generation Hope Campaign such as the Department of the Interior and Local Government - Local Government Academy (DILG-LGA), who for two consecutive years already, has engaged Save the Children Philippines as a resource for child- and youth-led climate campaigning.

**More than 1,100 children engaged** in climate awareness and climate action

**Three (3) engagements at national/ international summits** by Save the Children's youth climate campaigners and Ambassador Xia Vigor

**Commitment of Support by Malabon City** on the climate initiatives of children and youth in their city

## Children's Advisory Teams (ChATs)

Save the Children Philippines incorporates child participation in its internal processes. We acknowledge the invaluable insights that children contribute to our decision-making processes.

**10 Children's Advisory Teams formed** covering 13 areas nationwide

**Eight (8) Members of National ChATs engaged with the Executive Team and the Board of Trustees** of Save the Children Philippines





## Journey towards resilience and empowerment

Frequent typhoons, heavy rains, and flooding punctuate the Province of Eastern Samar, forcing its communities to adapt to the impacts of an ever-changing environment.

Save the Children's commitment to children's climate resilience, child-led initiatives, and strengthening women's capacities resonates strongly in the transformative endeavor of an extraordinary all-girl core group, comprised of Maye, Downy, Rica, Marga, and Jill (not their real names), who dared to face the challenges of disasters and emergencies by journeying together towards resilience and empowerment.

With the support of the American Express, the project, "Building Resilient Futures for Children: Green Skills, Green Schools, and Sustainability" enabled young women to enhance their understanding of their rights, leadership, preparedness, and responsibility for their safety.

In line with this, the Batang Empowered and Resilient Team (BERT) was established at each partner school with the aim of providing children with training in disaster risk reduction (DRR) preparedness and increasing awareness of children's rights, especially during emergencies.

***"We can inspire them to be partners in creating a safer environment for children by involving and engaging them in various activities where their talents and skills are considered and valued by their school, home, and community..."***

### **BATA MUNA (Child First) Campaign**

Save the Children, together with the Child Rights Network and civil society partners, supported children and youth in successfully advocating and campaigning for their priority agenda through lobbying and dialogue with lawmakers. During the National Children's Month 2023, the legislators from the House of Representatives affirmed their commitment to prioritizing the passage of the following bills:

- 1) Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention
- 2) Positive Parenting
- 3) Comprehensive and Responsive Civil Registration and Vital Statistics Act

**BERTs have been adopted in more than 7,000 public schools** in Regions III and V

**1,036 public schools rolled-out BERT** across six (6) Schools Divisions, with funding amount of P841,000, that empowered children to be more disaster-prepared, participate in DRR processes, and made their voices heard

**Php 5.39 Million budget approved** by the government for BERT roll-out in 2024 as a result of Save the Children's advocacy and influencing efforts

# ADVOCACY PRIORITIES



## Raising children in love: The power of POSITIVE PARENTING and healthy family relationships

**Positive Parenting** is a non-violent and solution-focused approach to raising children. It involves teaching and guiding children while respecting their rights to healthy development, protection from violence, and participation in their learning. Positive Parenting is about creating a warm and caring environment, building the child's competence and confidence, helping them understand and follow rules, fostering healthy relationships, and teaching lifelong skills and respect for human rights

Save the Children Philippines is leading the advocacy for the passage of the Positive Parenting Bill which aims to protect children from physical and humiliating punishment both at home and in all settings. Various civil society organizations are currently implementing the Positive Parenting Advocacy and Communications Plan that we developed in partnership with the Child Rights Network (CRN). Additionally, we are establishing support networks and promoting increased public acceptance of positive parenting practices through integrated programs and digital campaigns.



Save the Children



It pagdisiplina diri man ngayan kinahanglan nga may lamba; dapat ginaaram-araman, maupay nga istorya, ngan pagaabat-abat. (Discipline does not require violence; it thrives on affection, communication, and empathy).

**RAQUEL LABRAGUE**

Jiabong, Samar



# Bill on **POSITIVE PARENTING**



House of Representatives



Senate



Filing    First Reading    Committee Approval    Second Reading    Third Reading    Bicam Conference    President's Signature

**14 Positive Parenting local ordinances enacted** as of 2023, across Metro Manila, Iligan City, Cavite, Samar, South Cotabato, Misamis Occidental and Surigao del Sur

**77% of parents and caregivers in our program areas are now practicing positive parenting** as confirmed by their children

**32% community support groups are promoting positive parenting** in our program areas

**61K followers/ positive parenting supporters** on social media: @PwedengPD and The Pinoy Parent

The Pinoy Parent Animated Storybook Series, a joint project of Save the Children Philippines and Comm&Sense, has not only captured the hearts of parents and children, but has also clinched prestigious awards in 2023: **two (2) Philippine Quill Awards of Excellence in Communication Skills for Audio/Visual and Writing**, and a **Silver Anvil Award for PR Programs for Cause-related Public Awareness Advocacy**.



## SIGN THE POSITIVE PARENTING PETITION

to support families and ensure children's protection in all setting at all times

Scan the QR Code or visit our website and socials for details



# Bill on

# ADOLESCENT PREGNANCY PREVENTION



House of Representatives



Senate



- Filing
- First Reading
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- President's Signature

## Advancing Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention and Advocacy

Althea (not her real name) was 13 when she gave birth to her son. Since becoming a young mother, she has experienced being the subject of hurtful gossips.

*“There are people who gossip a lot. It affects me when they talk and make up stories about me...”*

Althea is not alone in her experience. Adolescent mothers often experience stigma and discrimination which hinder them from availing health services for fear of being shamed.

Save the Children is advocating for the passage of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Bill, or House Bill 8910. Our efforts, together with the Child Rights Network, civil society partners, and the children, led to its approval on Third Reading by the House of Representatives while still pending in the Senate for Committee Approval. When signed into law, it aims to prevent adolescent pregnancies by institutionalizing social protection and services for adolescent parents like Althea.

Save the Children Philippines’ Sponsorship Program shifted its focus to cater to adolescents, with a particular focus on girls ages 10–17, along with boys, in marginalized areas in Mindanao and Metro Manila. Together with their families, communities, and government institutions, we work to ensure that girls can protect themselves by accessing information, services, and remedies related to adolescent pregnancy, as well as child, early, forced and arranged marriages, and unions.



LOOK: In December 2023, young advocates from Save the Children Philippines’ Sponsorship Program and youth partners from the Young Feminist Collective successfully obtained pledges from Senators Risa Hontiveros, Pia Cayetano, and Sonny Angara to support the passage of the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Bill.



## Protecting Children's Futures: Strengthening OSAEC-CSAEM Prevention

In 2023, Save the Children Philippines took the lead in developing the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of Republic Act 11930, "Anti-Online Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of Children (OSAEC) and Anti-Child Sexual Abuse or Exploitation Materials (CSAEM) Law." We also played a pivotal role in shaping its provisions.

We are at the forefront of the fight against OSAEC-CSAEM through the SaferKidsPH, an Australian Government initiative delivered through the pioneering consortium of Save the Children Philippines, The Asia Foundation, and UNICEF covering the cities of Cagayan de Oro, Iligan, Angeles, Quezon, and Manila.

We also implement the Protect Children Philippines Project in target communities in the cities of Davao, Tagum, General Santos, and Valencia.

These programs aim to strengthen child protection systems at all levels, including effective case management, strengthened referral pathways, and training of service providers. They also help enhance the awareness, capacity, and participation of children, parents, communities, and different sectors to address and prevent OSAEC and all forms of violence.

The Department of Justice (DOJ), the Inter-Agency Council Against Trafficking (IACAT), the National Coordinating Center against OSAEC-CSAEM, the Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC), the SaferKidsPH Consortium, the Joining Forces Alliance,

other government agencies, civil society networks, and relevant stakeholders continue to partner with us and recognize our relentless work on OSAEC-CSAEM prevention.

**12,320 children (boys and girls) engaged**  
in OSAEC-CSAEM awareness and prevention activities

**1,752 parents/ caregivers engaged**  
in OSAEC-CSAEM awareness and prevention interventions

**662 households/ program partners referred to social protection programs**  
for sustainable livelihood and economic support

**114 children reported reduced OSAEC risk**  
among households given livelihood assistance

**Three (3) Anti-OSAEC local ordinances passed**  
in Tagum City in Davao del Norte, General Santos City, and Valencia City in Bukidnon which mandate various measures for awareness, prevention, and response to online sexual abuse and exploitation cases

**Iligan City Child Welfare Code Amended**  
to enhance child participation, capacity strengthening, and budget allocation for OSAEC and CSAEM services



# OVERCOMING BARRIERS: ENHANCING ACCESS TO HEALTH AND SOCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES

Save the Children is committed to preventing child deaths from preventable causes before they turn five. We prioritize enhancing immunization coverage for children under two years old and pregnant women, in addition to boosting COVID-19 vaccination rates.

Our health and nutrition programs are consistent with the Department of Health's 8-point Agenda, which prioritizes primary health care, universal health coverage, disease prevention, and health promotion for those who need it most.

## Batang Matatag (Resilient Children)

Save the Children Philippines has earned the trust and support of leading companies and the private sector due to our innovative and responsive programs. Partnering with Opella, through their Erceflora brand, we launched the Batang Matatag Campaign, a P67-million community sponsorship initiative supporting health and nutrition programs for children and families in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao (BARMM). The success of the campaign led to the expansion of programs in Tanay and Antipolo, Rizal, with a goal of reaching 10,000 individuals, including Dumagat children. Together with Opella, we are committed to enhancing the health and well-being of children, safeguarding them against waterborne diseases such as diarrhea.



## #SaveTheChildrenFromHunger



Save the Children Philippines' #SaveTheChildrenFromHunger "Tayo ang Pasko" Campaign ignited conversations and widespread interest in supporting our health and nutrition programs. It helped spread awareness and called for people and stakeholders to take action and be the embodiment of hope. With countless children attending school on empty stomachs, the mission remains clear: **no child should be left behind.**

**A gift to share and a cherished reminder of the meaningful impact you've created.**

With your generous support of PHP1,000 or more to our Life Changer Program, you can spread love to your family, friends, or significant other while also making a lasting impact today.



Join our community of caring donors and proudly wear Save the Children's **Fulfilment Band** - a symbol of the lasting impact you've made in a child's life and nurturing hope for a brighter future.

Together, let us end hunger! Spread the word and **be a Life Changer for and with children.** Take action today and leave an unforgettable legacy through this impactful movement!

## Flying towards her dream through financial empowerment

Jo (not her real name), 16, dreams to become a flight attendant.

To achieve this, her journey into saving for her future was influenced by her mother, Leonora, who joined Save the Children Philippines' Positive Parenting Program that also supports the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program (4Ps) implemented by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) where she is also a beneficiary.

Her mother, Leonora, was so inspired with the learnings on social protection and positive parenting. This resulted in having a much-improved relationship with her five children and being wiser in handling their

household finances.

Leonora started saving money and she encouraged Jo to do the same. She is now able to feed her children three square meals a day and is glad to have saved enough for the rainy days.

Following her mother's example, Jo joined a group called Kiddie Savers in their community. She began saving a portion of her allowance for her future education and career as a flight attendant. She knows that even small savings can grow big over time and being money smart can lead her towards the fulfilment of her dreams.



Save the Children Philippines is implementing integrated efforts in Child-Sensitive Social Protection (CSSP) to address child poverty. This includes assisting the most vulnerable households, particularly the 4Ps beneficiaries, in accessing vital essential social protection programs and services, including livelihood support. We are scaling up the International Child Development Program (ICDP) parenting programs through collaboration with the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), providing trainings for their Family Development Session facilitators.



# CHILDREN AT THE CENTER OF HUMANITARIAN-DEVELOPMENT-PEACE



Save the Children stresses the importance of children’s involvement in the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, as it strengthens peace processes and their outcomes.

This approach fosters greater and more sustainable impact by promoting equitable development and addressing the root causes of conflict and inequality. It also encourages the participation of children and women in peacebuilding efforts while strengthening socio-economic centers.

In our 2023 Safe-Back-to-School Fundraising Campaign, we partnered with the Peace Weavers of the Raheemah Economic Hub and Development Center to create special backpacks with learning materials and raincoats.



**700 underserved Maranao and Higaonon learners** in Marantao, Lanao del Sur, and Iligan City received backpacks and school supplies for their continued learning

**Php 4.83 Million funds raised** for the #SafeBackToSchool Campaign and in support of other education programs



## Education in Emergencies

Natural disasters and conflicts can disrupt education and pose risks to children's health, nutrition, and safety.

In 2023, Save the Children Philippines responded to about 10 emergencies, including typhoons, flooding, and earthquakes. Our primary focus is on Education in Emergencies (EiE), ensuring that children affected by humanitarian crises have continuous access to high-quality and inclusive learning and opportunities.

One significant achievement was enabling thousands of students to continue learning through the temporary learning spaces we set up and the return-to-learning sessions that were conducted.

We worked closely with consortium partners to expand our impact, complementing the Department of Education's (DepEd) learning continuity efforts.

## Catch-up Clubs

We have been supporting local government units and district education offices by providing technical assistance to ensure that our successes in education programs are sustained and replicated. A standout achievement is our Catch-up Clubs (CuCs), a unique method to help children boost their confidence in learning when they return to school. We design CuCs for students in grades 4 to 6, utilizing a play-based approach to help them catch up on their education. We implement the Teaching at the Right Level (TaRL) learning method in CuCs, grouping and assisting children based on their reading abilities. Our CuCs complement the DepEd's Learning Camp and National Reading Program efforts.

**75% improvement in reading**  
among non-readers and struggling readers

**21.5% increase in literacy**  
compared to those who did not receive cash assistance

## Strengthening Emergency Preparedness through Private Sector Partnership

The private sector plays a critical role in ensuring the protection of children and their families every day and in times of crisis. In 2023, Lifestrong Marketing Inc., partnered with Save the Children Philippines to enhance the resilience of children and families affected by emergencies and climate change. This partnership allows us to swiftly and effectively respond to the needs of the most vulnerable children and communities within 72 hours of an emergency.

*"Lifestrong vows to work hand in hand with Save the Children towards the mission of #StrongerTogetherForChildren by supporting their emergency disaster program. It is indeed our responsibility to ensure children's safety and future,"*  
- Lance Lee, CEO of Lifestrong Marketing Inc.



# INVESTING IN CHILDREN: INVESTING IN THE FUTURE



## THE BEST INVESTMENT: CHILDHOOD

The best investment we can make is in childhood. It's an investment that yields remarkable results – not only in the lives of Filipino children, especially those who are most vulnerable, but for the future we all share.

Our partners exemplified the effective use of assets by investing in the economic future of our children. Our collaboration with corporations, individuals, and other stakeholders has supported the implementation of our quality and innovative programs, advocacy and campaigns, and efforts to create positive, lasting change in the way the world treats children.



### Pondong Pambata

The Children's Citizenship Funds or *Pondong Pambata*, is a micro-grant initiative designed to assist child-led groups (CLGs) with organizational development, activities, and advocacy. Each group can receive a maximum allocation of P100,000. Save the Children implemented this funding support to facilitate children's meaningful engagement in community activities and local governance. Moreover, the CLGs underwent training in Child-Friendly Finance Management and Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning (MEAL) to enhance their ability to manage funds and monitor project progress effectively.

#### Five (5) Child-led Groups Supported

The CLGs were: Peer Educators, Batang Agyla, PILAK, Children and Youth Movement, and Potrero United Youth Association



### Social Enterprise with Children and Youth

Save the Children Philippines has launched social enterprise initiatives aimed at investing in our children's goals, identity, and culture, while also recognizing their innate ability to develop ideas into goods and services that positively impact their communities.

Young entrepreneurs from Uzor Ka Ranao, a social enterprise network, received funding for their innovative social enterprise design that enhances children's lives through education, healthcare, and economic opportunities.

Uzor Ka Ranao serves as a support network that establishes standards of good practices aligned with children's rights and social enterprise principles.

# 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

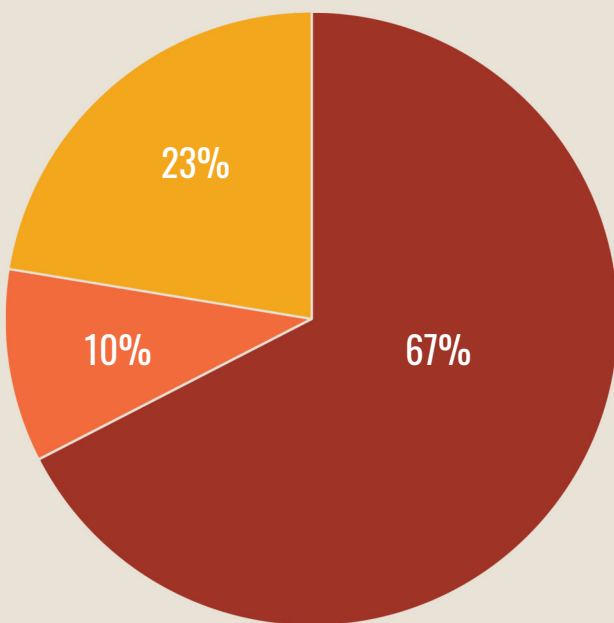
**PHP 720 MILLION\*** Total Funds Received

**PHP 161.2 MILLION\***  
Locally-raised Funds

**3,939**  
Active Donors

**46**  
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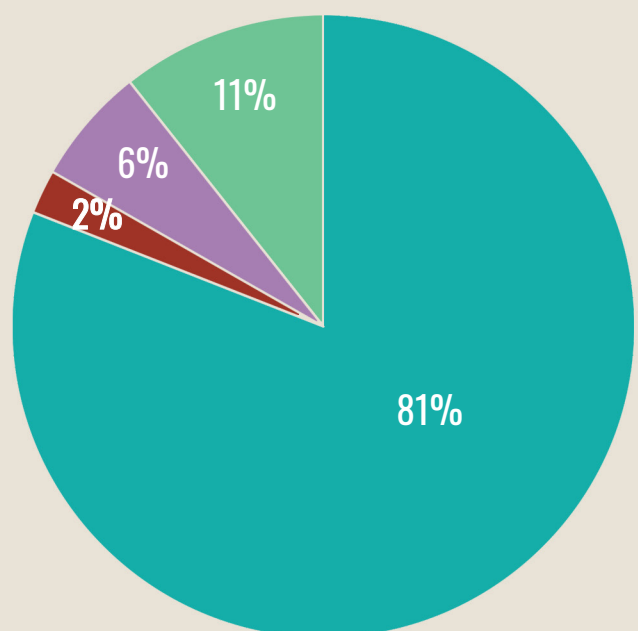


## HOW OUR WORK FOR AND WITH CHILDREN IS FUNDED

- Save the Children Members
- Corporate and Individual Giving
- Institutional Funding

## WHERE YOUR GIVING GOES

- Programming Cost ■
- Support Services and Admin ■
- Fundraising ■
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SC Asia-Pacific Regional Office  
SC Australia  
SC Canada  
SC Finland  
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SC Hong Kong  
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SC Switzerland  
SC United Kingdom  
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Cardinal Health International, Philippines  
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Deltak  
Dyson  
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Microsoft  
Miss Universe Philippines  
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Opella Healthcare Philippines  
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Sun Life Foundation  
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Toys R' Us  
UCPB Savings Bank, Inc.  
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ABS-CBN  
ABS-CBN News Channel (ANC)  
ABS-CBN Online  
Breakthrough Milestones Productions  
International (BMPI) Inc. / Wish 107.5  
Business Mirror  
Business World  
CARE FM  
CNN Philippines  
Daily Tribune  
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DZAS FRR 98.50 FM  
DZRH  
Easy Rock 96.3  
GMA Network  
GMA Integrated News  
GMA Public Affairs  
LIGHT TV  
Love Radio  
Manila Broadcasting Company  
Manila Bulletin  
Manila Standard Today  
Malaya Business Insight  
News 5  
One News Online  
Page One Media  
Pinas FM/ Eagle FM 95.5  
PTV 4 - People's Television  
Pumapodcast  
Radyo Natin Network  
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Strongmedia Advertising Solutions Inc  
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The Philippine Daily Inquirer/ Inquirer.Net  
Radyo5 92.3 FM  
The Philippine STAR/ PhilSTAR Online  
TV5 Online  
UNTV  
Wave 89.1 FM / Blockbuster Broadcasting System, Inc.  
Yahoo News  
Yes FM 101.1

## GOVERNMENT

Commission on Human Rights (CHR)  
Council for the Welfare of Children (CWC)  
Dangerous Drugs Board (DDB)  
Department of Education (DepEd)  
Department of Education - Regional Offices V, VI, VIII, and X  
Department of Human Settlements and Urban Development (DHSUD)  
Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) - Region VIII  
Department of Social Welfare and Development  
DSWD Disaster Risk Management Bureau  
DSWD Region VIII  
Department of the Interior and Local Government  
DILG Local Government Academy  
DILG National Barangay Operations Office  
DILG - Ormoc  
DILG - Region VIII  
Department of Trade and Industry - Region VIII  
Early Childhood Care and Development Council  
House of Representatives of the Philippines  
Juvenile Justice and Welfare Council (JJWC)  
LGU Municipality of Naic, Cavite  
LGU Municipality of Tanay, Rizal  
LGU Municipality of Tiwi, Albay  
LGU Municipality of Virac, Catanduanes  
LGU Pasay City  
Ministry of Basic, Higher and Technical Education  
National Book Development Board (NBDB)  
National Council on Disability Affairs Philippines  
National Economic Development Authority - RDC 8  
National Housing Authority (NHA)  
National Nutrition Council  
Office of the President of the Philippines  
Office of the Vice President of the Philippines  
Philippine Red Cross  
Presidential Commission for the Urban Poor  
Regional Sub-Committee for the Welfare of Children (RSCWC) - Region VIII  
Senate of the Philippines

## NON GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION/ CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATION PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS

ABS-CBN Foundation Inc. - Bantay Bata  
Action Against Hunger  
Advancing Basic Education in the Philippines  
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Alegria Francaise Scientist Association, Alabel, Sarangani  
Alliance for Child's Rights Mindanao (ACRMI)  
Alternative Learning Resource School Philippines Inc.  
Amaya Lay in Mindanao (ALAY)  
Angat Kabataan Youth Organization  
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Bayan Academy  
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Bronzeville Youth Alliance  
Busara Center for Behavioral Economics  
Caloocan Children's Coalition  
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Center for Empowerment and Development in Eastern Visayas, Inc. (CoPE Inc.)  
Center for Utilizing Behavioral Insights for Children  
ChildFund Philippines  
ChildHope Philippines Foundation, Inc.  
Child Peace Movement Council (CPMC) - Maguindanao  
Child Rights Network (CRN)  
Civil Society Coalition on the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Inc. (CSC-CRC)  
Civil Society Network for Education Reforms  
Common Thread  
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CVC Capital Partners  
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Daraitan PWD Group  
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Empowered Women Federation  
Future Vision, Inc.  
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Gitib, Inc.  
GIZ Philippines  
Halad Uma Alang sa Nasud Association, Inc.  
Halang Persons with Disability Organization - Naic, Cavite  
Helping Hands Taguig  
Hiraya Builders  
Homeowners' Association (HOA) Pasay City  
HOA Belmont, Dorothea and Bronzeville in Naic, Cavite  
HOA Plaza Aldea in Tanay  
Humanitarian Legal Assistance Foundation Inc.  
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Nagdilaab Foundation, Inc.  
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Pasay 130: Riverside Youth Group  
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Philippine Smoke-Free Movement  
Philippines Preda Foundation, Inc.  
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Promiseland Youth Organization  
Proud Parents of Parañaque (P3)  
PWD Federation of Sampaloc, Tanay  
Raheemah Women Peace Weavers Cooperative  
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Rotary Club Metro East  
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Sampaloc Women's Group  
Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap Panligal (SALIGAN)  
Samahan ng Malabon ng mga Kababaihan  
Kalipunan ng Liping Pilipina (SAMAKA KALIPI)  
Samahan ng Mamamayan- Zone One Tondo, Inc.  
Sentro ng Alternatibong Lingap Panligal  
Shoreline Kabalikatang sa Kaunlaran, Inc. (SKKI)  
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Societal Adolescent-Youth Alliance (SAYA) - Cotabato City  
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Talikal, Inc.  
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Teen Support Group  
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