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WORD OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



2015 Cameleon under the spotlights !

This year, CAMELEON has been under the spotlights on several occasions. Last May, thanks to our partnership with the French National School of Circus which came with 13 of their students, our girls were able to perform on 6 amazing circus shows, 5 in Panay and 1 in Manila's Resort World, the biggest theatre in Manila. Through this successful and fulfilling tour, more than 6 000 people were directly reached, not counting those reached through the media coverage. Each show was an opportunity to raise awareness about child rights, to present our action and to raise funds.

Last November, CAMELEON also organized an important conference "Break the Silence" in Iloilo, in partnership with West Visayas State University and NEDA (National Economic Development Administration). Almost 300 professionals, students, barangay officials... attended and listened to police officers, judges, prosecutors, psychologists talking about how to support the victims of sexual abuse.

But all those major events were made possible thanks to the strong commitment of our team, our board of trustees and our beneficiaries. More than forty of our beneficiaries have been empowered and organized in two groups to help us in our advocacy mission on child rights and on reproductive health. Those beneficiaries are extremely motivated and committed and are now actively multiplying our awareness campaigns.

Finally, an impact survey lead by a volunteer anthropologist brought to light the many positive impacts of our community based scholarship. It revealed that beyond the financial support, this program significantly empowers our scholars and their families on many issues like health, skills training livelihood, parenting... in short it has a great impact on the community as a whole.

Let's hope that 2016 will bring more power to our beneficiaries and to CAMELEON to defend the right and dignity of every child!



VISION MISSION AND HISTORY

Vision

A society where families and communities are self-reliant, child-friendly and free from all forms of abuse and violence.

Mission

Cameleon stands and acts a model institution that promotes the empowerment and development of children and their families through education, advocacy and other psychosocial interventions.



Cameleon Association in Passi City

- 1997: Founding of Cameleon Association Inc. in the Philippines
- 1998 : Construction of the first center in Passi and founding of Cameleon Association in France
- 1999 : Launch of the Child Education Sponsorship program
- 2000 : Construction of the volunteers house
- 2001 : Opening of Belgium and Andorra Offices
- 2004 : Launch of the Circus arts therapy program
- 2005 : Creation of Cameleon association in Luxembourg
- 2006 : Opening of Paris office and construction of the second center in Passi
- 2008 : Construction of the sport complex
- 2009 : Opening of the student residence in Iloilo
- 2011: Creation of Cameleon Association Switzerland, construction of the staff house in Passi and of the Learning and Resource Center in Iloilo
- 2013 Reconstruction of 200 houses after the Quinta Typhoon
- 2014 Reconstruction of 320 houses after the Haiyan Typhoon

To be continued ...

PEOPLE OF CAMELEON : FOUNDRRESS, BOT, STAFF



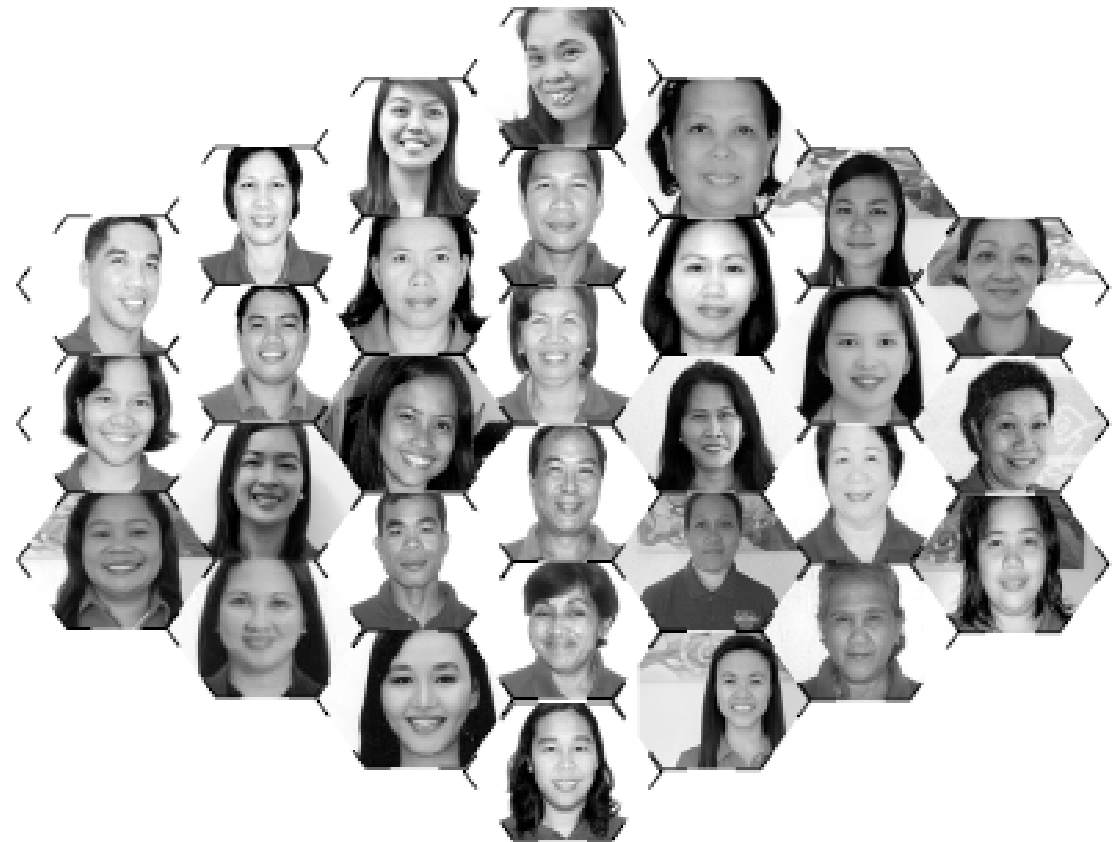
Laurence Ligier :

In 1997, after spending several years in the Philippines studying the status of vulnerable children, Laurence Ligier, French National, founded CAMELEON Association in Iloilo province. Her ambition was to rescue and rehabilitate the most vulnerable girls of the region. In partnership with the city of Passi, she opened the first center to accommodate girls victim of child abuse. Settled in France since 2004, she continues to fight for CAMELEON Philippines by developing network of supporters all around the world and to input her vision in the programs. Laurence Ligier has received the Philippines Presidential Award for her contribution to the development of the Philippines as well as the French National Order of Merit.

The board of CAMELEON is composed of 10 committed trustees representing several sectors of the civil society:

Ricardo Andrada, Ann Saldana, Nefisa Pantin, Jose Cochingyan, Laurence Ligier, Aivee Genson, Christopher Montano, Bernard Poplimont, Daniel Johannot and Ida Siason.

32 committed professionals are implementing CAMELEON program on a daily basis.



RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM



The **Residential Program** also known as the In House program, has for goal to rehabilitate **sexually abused girls** and ensure a successful reintegration to their families and communities. The center accommodate **50 girls** from Western Visayas aged from 6 to 20 years old. It's a shelter with :

- A family atmosphere
- Safety
- Basic needs provided and a lot of activities
- Access to education
- Legal assistance
- Psychological support and health access
- Family strengthening and support
- Life skills and practical trainings
- Preparation for reintegration in the community

In 2015 :

14 girls have been **reintegrated**.

15 new girls were **admitted** in the last two weeks of May until the first week of June in this program.

1 girl was **discharged** back to the community due to her uncooperative behavior.

Daily meals, education access, school supplies, tutorial sessions, legal assistance, but also health center, psychological support, sport and others activities are part of the healing process.



EDUCATION

In March 2015 :

2 girls graduated in Elementary
7 graduated in High School among 1
received a distinctive award
as «Model Pupil».

In June 2015 :

the 50 girls were enrolled in formal school
in the following level :

Educational Level	No. of Girls	%
SPED	1	2
Elementary	25	50
High School	19	38
College	5	10

This school year all the girls passed their exams and entered in the next grade level.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE

CAMELEON provides legal assistance to the girls who want to pursue their perpetrators. In 2015, forty one girls benefit of this service.

Status	No. of Girls	%
On going	21	42
Pending	10	20
Litigated (1 litigated in 2010, 1 in 2015)	2	4
On filing process	9	18
No case filed	8	16
Total	50	100

Rachel, 12 years old, was raped by her father. She won the case 6 years ago. 1 year after her father died in prison. At 6, she could not really understood what was happening but now she feels better with the case closed.
« I feel Ok and safe, I have no worries and I'm no longer afraid to go outside ».
Unfortunately, most of the girls have to wait for years to have justice.



Maria, 18 years old, will leave in May the in-house program of Cameleon to go in the dorm of Iloilo. Currently in her second year of college in English secondary education, she is glad to be on the way of her forever dream to become a teacher. Hoping for a scholarship, she didn't hesitate a second when a social worker asked her if she wanted to enter Camelon. Indeed, she knew that with the association by her side, she could continue her studies. In Cameleon, Maria became presidente of the federated officers who represent the girls.

In May, when she will leave the center, her feelings will be shared between missing it because of all the attachments created here, and being happy because leaving it is the proof for her that she doesn't need help anymore and is capable to live independently. Her home being too far from her college, she will live in a boarding house to put all the chances for success in her studies. Maria can say, with confidence, "It's going to be a new life, a new discovery of myself."



AFTER CARE PROGRAM



A support for girls who are reintegrated in their community (into their biological family/foster family/dormitory/boarding house) with:

- Educational support
- Allowance for daily meals
- Legal support
- Health and psychological support
- Capability building trainings
- Life skills and practical trainings
- Monitoring

Indeed, the aim is to facilitate the transition process after the life in the center and to **continue** to assure the **good development** and the **healing of the girls**.

49 girls in the program at the beginning of the project cycle.

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6 were concluded

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In May 2015, 14 girls arrived from the Cameleon Residential care center

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57 girls in the program.

PLACE OF RESIDENCE

Placement	No. of Girls	%
Biological Family	23	40
Boarding house	18	32
CAI Dormitory	10	18
Foster Family(2) living with boyfriend(2) with employer(2)	6	10
Total	57	100

EDUCATION

Educational Level	No. of Girls	%
Special Education	2	3
Elementary	2	3
Secondary	19	34
Vocational/College	33	58
Post Graduate Studies	1	2
Total	57	100

legal
avancement of
the girls'
cases

51 girls were able to file a case
against their perpetrator,

among them 22 girls won their case since they
entered Cameleon.

18 cases are still pending,
and 8 on going.

Jessica, entered Cameleon at 13, is now 18 and is into the after care program. After a difficult first part of life, passing from one orphanage to another, she is today in first year of college to become teacher for special kids. She is also engaged in the defense of children's rights.

«When I arrived at Cameleon, I was self-centered. I wanted the attention on me because I was a victim. But with the other girls from the center, I realized that I was not the only child who needed help. We had different lives but all something in common. I was lucky to have Cameleon but all children do not have this opportunity. I am thinking of those who live isolated in the mountains. What made me want to defend at my turn the children rights, was also to see the work of tita Anne, tita Laurence and of the mothers of substitution.»

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



The community development program provides **education for disadvantaged children** with :

- School fees, school uniforms, school Supplies, monthly allowance, practicum & educational support.
- Monitoring.
- Capability building services with: life skills & practical trainings, job placement, values development.
- Other support services for the families: livelihood projects, health & emergencies, community organization & mobilization.

This year :

It's **310 scholarships** for good pupils and students of Passi City (120), Bingawan (80) and San Enrique (100). 234 in college and 76 in secondary.

57 college children graduated last April 2015, among them, **34 are already employed** in different companies.

They often use their income to help their siblings to go to school.

18 received awards for their exemplary scholastic performance .



Most of the children beneficiaries became more, responsible, focused on their studies, with more self-esteem and confidence.

92% of the children beneficiaries have improved their relationship with their family.



100% of the sponsored children were promoted to the next school level in 2015.

104 parents coordinators : support the staff in monitoring the interventions relating education, health, livelihood and sponsorship.

15 children became voluntarily part of Cameleon Youth Health Advocates (CYHA) a group tasked to conduct topics about reproductive health in peer to peer approach.

17 children became part of the Voice of Cameleon Children (VCC), advocating for children rights.

Jhonewyn' Story

Jhonewyn, the eldest child of a family with six younger siblings, grew up in a small bamboo house. She was admitted in the sponsorship program of Cameleon on April 2010. In college, her school life was not so easy. She had no problem with her school supplies and tuition fee because they were given and paid by Cameleon; however, the family's counterpart for her allowance was still tough for them to provide. She saved money by borrowing photocopies of her friends books. She relayed how she made projects of her classmates in return for a small amount of money.

The most challenging year for Jhonewyn was during her third year in college when she began to do her thesis. Doing research demanded her more expenses. Her brother Jhane, who graduated in high school, found a part time job while Joey Jr, an other brother, was helping their father work in a rice or sugarcane farm whenever he had no class. The family trusted Jhonewyn to surpass family poverty. She successfully achieved her goal to graduate in college when she received her diploma on stage last March 26, 2015. Jhonewyn gave a good impression to her siblings. They strived harder as well in their studies.

LIVELIHOOD PROGRAM

An impact study conducted by a French anthropologist volunteer showed that for 21% of the parents of the sponsored children in the community, the livelihood income represents more than the half of the family income.



Improve the incomes of our beneficiaries

and their families by:

- Improving livelihood skills by trainings,
- Organizing group into livelihood project
- Supporting the livelihood production

This program has benefited to 150 beneficiaries composed of mothers, children and youth.

In 2015 :

- 31 families trained on native chicken production.
- 22 mothers trained on massage.
- 17 mothers trained in sewing.
- 43 mothers organised for their bakery project now operational (with construction of the shop).
- 19 mothers learned knowledge and skills in food processing and preservation.
- 20 children attempted a training on computer literacy.
- Two trainings for 25 children and 25 mothers conducted on beauty culture and hairstyling.
- 25 girls in the center participated in a training of table skirting & flower arrangement.

CIRCUS AND SPORT

100% of IH beneficiaries stated that they learned positive values like perseverance, open-mindedness, humility, patience, teamwork, self-confidence, discipline, and focus with sports activities and circus.



This program :

- Transmit **positive values**.
- Promote **health** : physical, psychological and social development of the children.
- Improve **skills** and personality development.
- Use circus as a **therapeutic** activity for the sexually abused girl and an advocacy tool.

98% of girls noted that they have improved their **self-confidence** and focus during circus.

CAMELEON has created a **partnership** with Phare Ponlleu Selpak, an organization based in Cambodia with expertise in circus and performing arts. 2 circus teachers and one of their program staff came to CAMELEON.

The National French School of Circus & Arts sends a group of performers to train the children for two weeks each summer. This year they performed shows during their stay and 14 beneficiaries and the two teachers of Cameleon were selected to join them and to **experience performing** with a professional group.

The two circus teachers of Cameleon are former beneficiaries.



The sport program
benefits to more than
400 beneficiaries
from :

- the rehabilitation program
- the after care program
- the community development program.

*"I have learned in sports that
no matter how hard, how
difficult to do such sports, if
you have willingness and
determination
to do it,
there's no impossible."*

Joy one of the in house girl

SPORT

- **TAEKWONDO** trainings for 20 In-House girls and 15 Sponsored Children.
- **BASKETBALL** trainings for 15 girls of the In-house program and also for 60 sponsored girls.
- 45 sponsored children and 50 In-house girls had **SWIMMING** trainings.
- **VOLLEYBALL** followed by 24 In-house girls.
- **TAEBO** (a dance) provided to 15 after care girls.

RECREATION

The recreational activities:

3 days summer camp, beach outings, hip-hop/classical dance workshops, musical and dance presentations, Zumba exercise...

are provided to the majority of the beneficiaries and especially to the girls living in the center. The beneficiaries can explore their **interests, skills and creativity**. The summer camp is the occasion for most of the children beneficiaries of Cameleon to share together (346 participants in 2015).



HEALTH PROGRAM

19 CAMELEON young beneficiaries became last May 2015 the Cameleon Health Youth Advocates to raise awareness of the youth. 24 Community Health Volunteers who are parents of sponsored children support the health activities and health monitoring in the communities.



95% of the beneficiaries were in good health condition, 20 children had health concerns and were undergoing medication.

Health program improves the health condition of abused and disadvantaged children by :

- **An access to basic health care** : Management of Common Illnesses, Psychiatric Treatment, Dental Care & Treatment, Vaccination, proper response to health emergencies.
- **An Improved knowledge of hygiene** (for children and parents).
- **A psychological aid** to overcome trauma for abused girls.

In 2015, **348 beneficiaries** attended the **health day** in Cameleon where :

251 underwent free medical check-up, 83 benefited of dental service, 129 were seen by an optometrist. 40 health professionals rendered their voluntary services. Different lectures and workshops (Stress Management, Family Planning, Adolescent Physical Changes...) were provided.

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

Cameleon's Advocacy Program aims to raise awareness on children rights and promote the respect of the law.

The involvement of approximately **14,705 participants in Cameleon's Advocacy Program** is one of the notable achievements in 2015.

This year, the program **capacitates the stakeholders** with skills and knowledge for an appropriate response to children's needs. Program strategies focused on the functionality of duty-bearers in the barangays, schools, local government units (LGUs), and other sectors.

Circus is a way of rehabilitation for girls but also a tool for the advocacy program :
-more or less **6000 individuals reached** in 2015 through the 12 public shows.
- during and after the shows, lectures about children rights.

The program provided :

- **Lectures**
for students in schools, in universities, but also for 1,154 elementary and high school teachers. In communities 900 parents attended lectures and 201 parents attended the Training for Special Ones
- **Trainings to Barangay Officials** with 918 barangays reached as part of the program.

- 30 young advocates trained to give lectures about children rights, form the **Voices of Cameleon Children**.
This year they touched more or less 2 400 students, 927 parents in communities and 6000 people during the circus shows.
Breaking the Silence Conference
270 persons attended the multi-sectoral conference on Child Abuse



VOLUNTEERS



Volunteers complement the Filipino team bringing new energy and sharing new approaches and knowledge. They help to develop communication tools by taking photographs and video materials. The volunteers give the girls the opportunity to interact with varied kinds of people and encourage them to speak in English. Eventually, some of these volunteers become sponsors themselves once they go back home.

« Hello my name is Julien, I'm 29 and I'm a nurse student in third year. I have chosen these studies because I want to get involved in the humanitarian field. Cameleon is an association that I support and wherein I have the chance to sponsor. With a volunteer mission I could both make a humanitarian mission and meet my goddaughter. What I liked the most is spending time with the girls from the center, all the moments shared across different activities or just in everyday life. They quickly noticed that English was not my thing and they had a good laugh about it, especially with my accent. This mission allowed me : to confirm the choice of my studies and my future direction in the humanitarian field, to improve my English, and above all it taught me to love with a big L.»

RESOURCE MOBILIZATION

In order to decrease our dependence from foreign funding and to develop our financial sustainability, Cameleon consistently strives to mobilize local partners, either public or private.

This year, a substantial improvement has been made towards Local Government Units (LGU) and we were able to benefit from the following supports :

- Donation of a 200sqm land and a water tank by the municipality of Bingawan in the town proper to put up a bakery for a group of mothers of our scholars
- 86% of the LGU referring girls to our center contributed to the Php 10.000 requested per year and per child.
- Donation of goats and training from the Department of Agriculture, of medicines and vitamins by the Department of Health,
- Donation of 300 chickens and manicure kits and training by West Visayas State University as part of our livelihood program for the families of our scholars.

Lastly, the computation of all the donation in kind and discounted or free services in 2015 reached Php 2,777,000 this year.

The private sector also helped through grants (Metrobank, Reed Elsevier, SHOM association) amounting to 1,000,000 Php.

Lastly, our 5 circus shows in May in Manila and Panay gave us the opportunity to raise funds from individuals and corporation amounting to 2,500,000Php and to increase our notoriety thanks to a large media coverage.



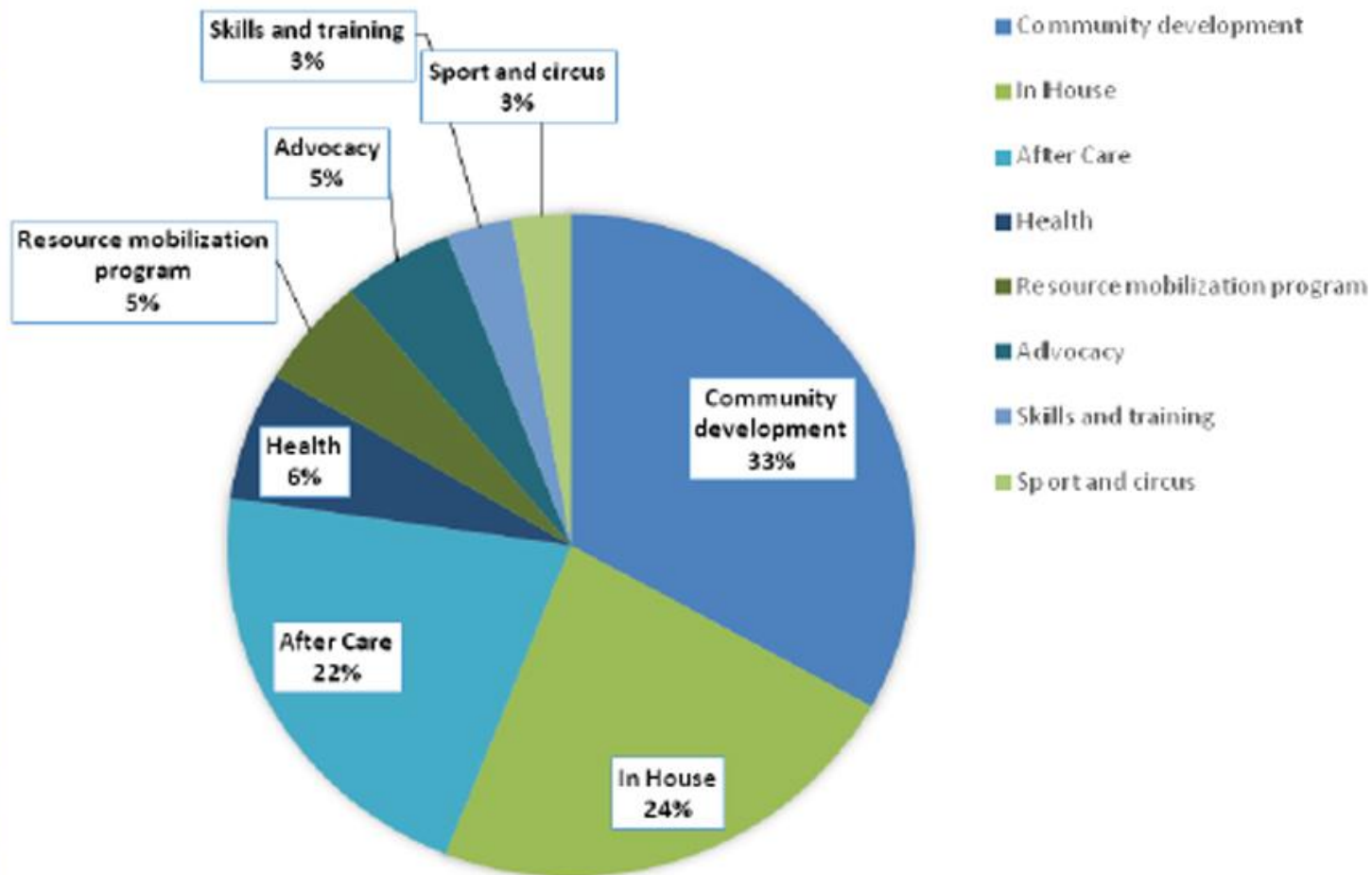
FINANCE

Total cost of program expenses in 2015 : 26,775,987 PHP

Emergency relief expenses : 55,000 PHP

Administrative expenses (13%) : 4,031,988 PHP

2015 PROGRAM EXPENSES



HOW TO HELP ?

Different kind of possible help:

- **Donation** in cash or in kind (clothes, books in English, medicines...)
- **Sponsoring** a child: PHP 50,000 per year: with regular communication about the improvement of the child
- **Volunteering**: providing technical skills (medical, animation, legal...)
- Connecting CAMELEON with potential supporters: NGO, companies, individuals...

All donations in cash are entitled to tax deduction (PCNC accreditation):
Bank account: Bank of the Philippines (BPI): General Luna Branch, ILOILO City,
and Php Account: 1333-3095-44



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