

#### Problem Statement

Philippines has a huge number of street children roaming the streets. According to UNICEF around 250 000 street children living on the streets after having run away from home or being abandoned. These street children scavenge and begging for food and causing trouble in the society. They steal and they are being used to do some illegal crime by syndicates or their parents. The major causes for children to take to the streets are poverty and large families; limited access to basic social services; breakdown of family structures. The immediate trigger is often physical or sexual abuse within the family. When these children experience family problems, hunger, neglect and domestic violence, they escape from their homes and live part-time, or even full-time on the streets. Some are simply abandoned.

Some of the most pressing challenges street children face include difficulties in maintaining basic health and accessing health services but the most importantly is their lack of education. Living on the streets means they don't have anything such as the basic needs. They don't have a proper house to live in and money to sustain their foods in everyday living. In that case these street children don't have the capability to go to school or study, they were just roaming the streets and focus on finding their foods to survive. Their life is always at risk that they don't think anymore of their future. Government can't manage all these street children and provide the things that they needed. They are lack of attention and while the population is growing, these street families are also growing.

# THE 1987 CONSTITUTIONS Article XIV Section 1

Section 1. The state shall protect and promote the right of all the citizens to quality education at all levels and shall take appropriate steps to make such <u>education</u> accessible to all.

## Street Children







## Objectives of the Action Plan

The specific objectives of the project are:

- ▶ To provide alternative learning center.
- To educate about children's right and peace concept.
- To motivate and inspired them to be a productive member of society.

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#### VISION

A world class university producing leaders and change agents for societal transformation and development.

#### Bicol University Legazpi City



#### MISSION

The aforecited vision is rooted in Bicol University's mandate as provided in RA 5521 which is "to give professional and technical training and provide advanced and specialized instruction in literature, philosophy, the sciences and arts, besides providing for the promotion of scientific and technological researches, (Sec.3.0)". Hence, the BU graduates shall be distinguished by their scholarship, leadership, character and service. Along this line, extension service to the community and resource generation through its various productive endeavors shall complement the University's mandated instruction-research function.

## Brief Explanation of Program

Break the Border; Give a Hand is a program build to initiate, design and implement an effective teaching strategy targeted at the street children of Albay and Legazpi area. The strategic approaches will leverage with ongoing efforts of LGU's, DSWD and other sponsors supporting this project in educating those street children about the importance of peace and their rights as a child. The project will build up strategies that is efficient and effective in disseminating knowledge about the concepts of peace and other matters that corresponds to this subject. This will provide ample information where they will be knowledgeable to avoid inequalities and discrimination in the society. In some way this program will help to at least lessen their hunger and motivate them to think for their future, that they will not stay street children forever. Giving them hope is our priority also targeting those poor street children is the best thing to do. Motivating and inspiring them will help them to make their own goals where they will be sooner a productive member of the society.

**Funding Requirements** 

Particulars	Amount	Fund Sources	Remarks
School Supplies  Notebook Paper Pencil Crayon Bags	2500	LGU Albay DSWD	
<ul><li>Etc.</li><li>Materials</li><li>Manila paper</li><li>Cartolina</li><li>Marker</li></ul>	1000	DepEd volunteers	
White board  Meal			
<ul><li>Breakfast</li><li>Lunch</li><li>Snacks</li></ul>	2000		
Total	5500 pesos per session		

Activities	Expected Output	Persons Involved	
Orientation about the concept of Peace and the Childs Right	Knowledge and awareness to prevent abuse and violence		
Entertaining games	Active participation and enjoyment	Street children, volunteers and other	
Feeding	Satisfaction and full stomach	professionals	
Open Discussion	Destroy the barrier and communicate freely		
Distributing school supplies	Strengthen the capability to study and learn		

## Potential Challenges

- It may hard to approach and invite the street children or their parents to allow their child to join the program.
- Funding requirement
- Government agencies

## Duration of the Program

- 3 months (March, April, May 2019)
- There will be 2 sessions conducted per month

#### Indicators of Success

- There will be 20 street children participants in the program that would be conducted in a real learning center.
- Awareness of the street children about their rights and the peace concept.
- Inspired and motivated to be a productive member of society.
- With the coordination of government agencies the program would be implemented smoothly.

## Linkages

- http://www.hope.org.ph/street-children-at-risk.html
- https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/research/research-projects/law/ street-children-have-rights-too-problems-faced-by-street-children-globallyand-in-the-philippines-and-why-their-rights-need-protection
- https://www.upcomevent.com/what-problems-do-street-children-face-lifestory-of-street-children/
- https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Street\_children\_in\_the\_Philippines
- https://www.google.com/search? tbm=isch&sa=1&ei=yqdZW6SME4zcwQKC1ZPwDQ&q=street+children+in+the+p hilippines&oq=street+children+in+&gs\_l=mobile-gws-wiz-img. 1.1.35i39j0j0i67l3.25439.28788..30211...0.0...1815.1815.8-1.....0....1.Nriah z6Epp4#imgrc=nZyHRkCd5ae-4M:

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