

LVF CHILD PROTECTION CLINIC ON WHEELS  
Evaluation ad Way Forward for CPC  
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### **REVISITING CPC AND WAY FORWARD**

On the 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015, the LVF-CPC Core Group revisited the beginnings of LVF's Child Protection Clinic on Wheels and map out their action plans to increase the participation of their respective areas in the advocacy work of the Foundation in pursuit of creating exploitation-free grassroots communities.

The evaluation workshop was facilitated by LVF's Social Work consultant Ms. Asuncion S. Cueto, leading the participants to identify strengths and areas for improvement in the Child Protection Clinic on Wheels Program as well as its participants. They also came up with their suggestions to enrich the services provided by CPC and improve participation of community members.

Strengths of the CPC and its participants. The core group very much appreciates the spiritual formation and psychosocial learning sessions given to both children and parents which lead to increased awareness on child protection issues, active participation in community activities, increased self-confidence and deeper relationship with God through prayers and catechesis. The children were very particular with the YEHEY camp which helped them overcome their shyness, gained new friends, learned social skills and overcome negative social influences including vices and drugs. The kids from Taguig particularly appreciate the weekend Futsal training given to them through the kindness of LVF Board of Trustee, Mr. Francisco Dizon. Meanwhile, the mothers consider the livelihood trainings and medical/dental clinics as strengths of the CPC on Wheels Programme.

Areas for improvement. While the formations and learning sessions were the most appealing to CPC core group, they expressed the need to have more frequent sessions in their community especially bible sharing and catechesis. Notices of activities should be given earlier so that they will have ample time to prepare and defer prior commitments so as to ensure their participation. The children expressed to have more activities during summer like art workshop, learning to play musical instruments and livelihood activities like bead works. Meanwhile, the parents expressed the need for more medical/ dental missions and educational assistance in their area. Other concerns related to their specific barangay were also mentioned such as no available community facility conducive to learning and the need to improve security in the barangay by maintaining functional CCTVs and enough number of Barangay Tanods to monitor peace and order. One CPC area identified the need to strengthen relationship of LVF with their Barangay Council.

Recommendations. Dwelling from the identified strengths and areas or improvement, the core group came up with the following recommendations: 1) conduct of medical/dental mission every 3 months; 2) formation session on teenage pregnancy; 3) provision of educational assistance; 4) livelihood

program; and, 5) Bible sharing. These recommendations became the basis of re-entry plans of the core group members in their respective CPC area.

Starting with a community outreach 5 years ago in Ondoy-affected areas in Metro Manila with only 300 regular attendees, the LVF's Child Protection Clinic on Wheels now has an annual reach of 3,000 children and parents on the average. In 2014, its actual reach was doubled to more than 6,000 individuals through the counter trafficking congresses in Luzon and Visayas and the launch of the new Child Protection cum Medical Clinic on Wheels in the Visayas. Early this year, CPC expanded its scope of coverage in Culiati (Quezon City) and Hulo (Mandaluyong City). LVF is now on its way forward in empowering its partners in community of making their communities a haven for child protection and development.