



Community and Family Services International NewsBrief

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Welcome to Community and Family Services International's "NewsBrief" e-newsletter, providing information on the latest CFSI activities, events and programme highlights.

Philippines: Basic Education Project video



CFSI, in collaboration with Stichting BRAC International and the Philippine Government's Department of Education, has been implementing the Basic Education Project in 15 conflict-affected municipalities in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur provinces in Mindanao since April 2012. The project is aimed at enabling far-flung communities without access to education to establish preschool and elementary schools, as well as organizing communities to put up classrooms, providing school supplies and equipment, and training local teachers and caregivers to carry out Department of Education-approved classes. Watch the Basic Education Project in action in Sitio Bay, Barangay Kabingi, Datu Saudi Ampatuan, in Maguindanao, at www.youtube.com/watch?v=GVx8yN9mfrl

Philippines: Security training for CFSI staff

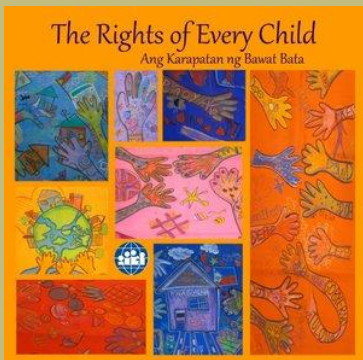


August saw CFSI staff from Mindanao and Headquarters take part in consultations and security training with Tim McAtee, Deputy Director of Global Security at International Medical Corps (IMC), a global non-profit medical relief organization. CFSI has been working in partnership with UNHCR and IMC to strengthen the organization's capacity to respond to emergencies in Asia. The August workshops in Cotabato and Metro Manila were a follow-up to intensive week-long training in emergency response held in Bangkok in March, at which five senior CFSI staff members were in attendance. The second phase involved mentoring and coaching on emergency response based on a rigorous assessment of CFSI's current capacities. It is part of CFSI's ongoing efforts to strengthen security management systems.

Philippines: CFSI Board of Trustees meets



The Fourth Regular Meeting of CFSI's Board of Trustees for 2013 was held on 1 August at Peninsula Manila Hotel in Makati City. In attendance at the meeting were members of the Board of Trustees and CFSI staff.



CFSI launches greeting cards

CFSI has launched a series of special "Child Rights" greeting cards designed by children from one of the most impoverished areas of inner-city Metro Manila. The cards – themed "The Rights of Every Child (Ang Karapatan ng Bawat Bata)" – were designed by up to 55 children from eight of the poorest barangays in Pasay City – areas served by CFSI's Park Avenue Initiative (PAI).

The series features eight works of art, each focusing on a different child right: The right to a clean and safe environment, the right to education, the right to food, the right to play, the right to government protection, the right to a name and nationality, the right to a family and a home, and the right to express an opinion. For more information and purchasing details, please visit www.cfsi.ph/cfsi-launches-child-rights-greeting-cards/