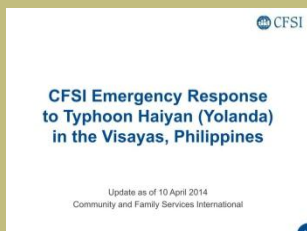




Congratulations to CFSI's Mary Anne Bianca Guidotti!

CFSI would like to congratulate Mary Anne Bianca Guidotti, Technical Assistant in the Office of the Executive Director, on being crowned Binibining Pilipinas International in the Binibining Pilipinas (Miss Philippines) contest for 2014.

Mary Anne (aka Bianca) will now represent the Philippines in the Miss International 2014 contest in Tokyo, Japan, in November. Read the full story at www.cfsi.ph/congratulations/



CFSI's typhoon humanitarian relief operations

Typhoon Haiyan (known locally as Yolanda) struck the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines with devastating force on November 8, 2013. It was the deadliest typhoon to ever make land in the Philippines, and was one of the most powerful ever recorded globally. In response to the unprecedented scale of devastation, CFSI launched a range of emergency interventions in the hardest hit areas. Read the full story at www.cfsi.ph/haiyan-update/

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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 helps special needs students



A year of preschool made possible by CFSI's Basic Education Project has given Mindanao siblings Sokrie and Hanipa Cosain a new outlook on life and their parents new hope for their children's future. Eight-year-old Hanipa Cosain and her 14-year-old brother Sokrie both have special needs. Despite the delay in the start of their education, both have just successfully completed a year of preschool at the Tabay BRAC Learning Center in Mindanao. Read the full story at www.cfsi.ph/bep-tabay/

Philippines: Clowning around gives children hope



More than 1,300 children in some of the areas hardest hit by last November's Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) were able to put aside their worries for a time and smile and laugh at a series of clown shows held in three municipalities from April 8-10. The shows, organized by CFSI's Psychosocial Care Project (PCP) team in Tacloban in conjunction with Plan international and Clowns Without Borders, entertained a total of 1,320 children and their parents and guardians in typhoon-affected barangays in Marabut, Basey and Tacloban. Read the full story at www.cfsi.ph/clowns/

Philippines: Ensuring an education for student facing financial hardship



CFSI's Basic Education Project is giving nine-year-old Saira Adam the opportunity to attend school despite the economic hardships facing her family. The Basic Education Project (BEP) - a collaboration between CFSI, Stichting BRAC International and the Philippines' Department of Education launched in 2012 in 15 conflict-affected municipalities in Maguindanao and Lanao del Sur provinces - is aimed at enabling far-flung communities without access to education to establish preschool and elementary schools. Read the full story at <http://www.cfsi.ph/bep-budas/>

Philippines: Your support helps make our work possible!



CFSI would like to thank all those who support us in providing a range of much-needed humanitarian relief operations for communities affected by natural disasters and conflict. Your donations make our work possible. Every contribution counts! Please continue to help us provide much-needed services to those in need, particularly the most vulnerable populations. Donation details are available at www.cfsi.ph/please-help-cfsi-rebuild-lives-in-the-philippines-now/