

November 26, 2013

Dear Dr. Truell,

Greetings from the Philippines!

PASWI continue to raise funds to buy blankets (\$2.25 local price). We intend to raise 5,000 ASAP (our first priority are children, person with disability and older persons). These blankets will be incorporated in the clothing, others goods and food packs raised by our local partner foundations – the First Palawan Development Foundation Inc. and the Heart Foundation Inc.

Some of our social workers in Metro Manila are helping in the giving of relief goods; distributing food packs; the government social workers are doing assessment, conducting intervention for psychosocial needs and coordinating for transportation.

There are already 16,000 survivors (individuals) who had left their places to seek shelter to their friends and relatives here in Metro Manila and elsewhere.

While we are busy raising funds, we are also looking for our social workers who lost lives and properties as well and came to Manila to seek refuge with friends and relatives. We intend to do **Aftercare**.

Dr. Truell, we need your help in this regard. In the aftercare program that we envisioned, our top priority are our social workers and young teenagers who could be future victims of human trafficking and servitude. And we want to do this fast that's why starting today, we begin tracking the addresses of these survivors. But given the limited resources of our organization we need to hire one (1) full time staff to coordinate, network and monitor our survivors and if practicable conduct series of group sessions with the help of professionals in each field of expertise. We can network for decent job opportunities for young job seekers with local government units and business establishments.

I trust that you can help us in this regard and this could be the beginning of a long time partnership between PASWI and IFSW.

I am sending here some pictures taken in our processing site (a military base, where survivors from the typhoon Haiyan are brought).



PASWI to partner with government agency Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) for **Aftercare Program.**

Pres. Eva (PASWI National President)(center) with DSWD Director Alicia Bonoan (left) (who is in charge of the whole operation (arrival of survivors in Metro Manila and placements for temporary shelter with friends and relatives. Those without any are placed in tents.) Also in the picture is PASWI Director Dr. Jing Abdulkarrim(right)



Local Social Worker assisting survivors with Eva Ponce de Leon encouraging survivors to join group meetings which PASWI is arranging



Conferring with psychiatrist regarding initial assessment of survivors brought to their attention by social workers.



Uplifting the spirits of social workers who had been receiving survivors for the past 2 weeks in Metro Manila



Interviewing survivors with PASWI Social Workers

Sincerely,

Eva