

15 June 2016

Ms. Lei Motilla
Department of Social Welfare and Development
IBP road, Constitution hills
Quezon City 1126

RE: Invitation to Save the Children's Annual Partners Meeting as Resource Person

Dear Ms. Motilla,


Save the Children is the world's leading independent organization for children that has been working in the Philippines for over 30 years now, providing both humanitarian and long-term support to children, their families and communities through working closely with partners across the country in the areas of **child protection (CP)**, **child rights governance (CRG)**, education, health and nutrition, and child poverty. The CP Program aims to establish and strengthen child protection systems at national and local levels to ensure that children are protected from abuse, exploitation, neglect and all forms of violence against children, including all forms of corporal, humiliating and degrading punishment. The CRG Program, on the other hand, aims to strengthen government accountability for its obligations under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, including recognition of children's citizenship through building a strong civil society and children's movement for child rights.

Since 2013 the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), through its CSO Appropriation Grant, has been funding major portions of our CP and CRG programs implemented in the Southeast Asia region and across the country through sub-granting to around 20 partners. As part of this grant, an Annual Partners Meeting is being organized each year to gather all partners together and collegially discuss and share burning issues and trends, lessons learned, challenges faced, and opportunities that can be maximized to strengthen the outcomes of our collective work. This year, as we approach the closing of the grant and transition to another one, we would like to discuss the opportunities posed by the new Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the upcoming administration of President-elect Rodrigo Duterte and the changing ASEAN Region.

In line with this, we would like to invite a representative from AYLA as a Resource Person during this year's **Annual Partners Meeting on June 24, 2016, 9:00 – 10:30am, at Brentwood Suites** in Quezon City to talk about the topic **Global and Regional Developments: Children's Rights in the Context of SDGs** for participants from our partner community-based children's groups. This would focus on the background of the 2030 Vision and 17 goals, and the opportunities for engagement for civil society organizations pushing for children's rights. This will provide children participants useful insight as they plot future working engagement with Save the Children and other partners and stakeholders. Should your organization be interested to speak in this gathering, please do not hesitate to give your confirmation through Kahlille Seranilla, our Partnership and Capacity Building Officer, through +639162170943 or +632 8532142 local 142. You can also reach her via email at Kahlille.seranilla@savethechildren.org.

We look forward to your positive feedback and thank you for sparing your time for this letter of invitation!

Sincerely,



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Save the Children