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In CCF Child Centered Spaces, children underwent medical checkups after the recent typhoon in the Philippines. Following emergencies, common ailments such as respiratory infections or fevers can be life threatening. For more information, see our special section on emergencies in Indonesia and the Philippines, pages 5-10.



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Here, CCF's program manager in the Philippines gives out doses of vitamin A to children in a CCF Child Centered Space. This is part of a larger health initiative following the recent typhoon there. (See pages 5-8.)

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Paralegals Protect Children's Rights in Kenya

The spread of HIV/AIDS in Kenya has led to a rise in complicated legal issues, many pertaining to vulnerable women and children. "More and more, community leaders are faced with these issues, and they are asked for legal advice. Yet, they lack the knowledge to address these needs," said William Fleming, CCF's program specialist for HIV/AIDS.

A joint effort between CCF and Pathfinder International trains paralegals to provide legal rights information to individuals and communities. These paralegals raise awareness about mistaken beliefs and practices, and ease the processing of cases. This program, "Weaving the Safety Net," has trained 55 paralegals to date. The Oscar Foundation Free Legal Aid Clinic-Kenya (OFFLACK), an organization of lawyers who provide free legal advice to the disadvantaged, provided training support. When possible, OFFLACK also provides legal representation in cases.

Much of this effort is driven by an alarming increase of sexual violence in Kenya. It's estimated more than half of that country's women are subjected to sexual abuse. Young girls are especially vulnerable due to the mistaken belief that having sexual relations with a virgin can cure HIV/AIDS.

Sadly, this abuse is considered an "invisible" crime as it often goes unreported. Young women are intimidated

by both their perpetrators and the judicial system to press charges.

The paralegals serve as a link between community members and their leaders. They work closely with CCF's established home-based care providers to ensure that people are aware of their rights, including basic human rights, the law of succession, the rights of children and youth and workplace rights. For instance, families learn that an employer cannot dismiss an employee because he or she is HIV positive. The paralegals also help breadwinners understand the importance of writing a will. They also teach community leaders about women's rights, especially the right to protection from sexual crimes.

The paralegals have already had a significant impact. Recently, one paralegal rescued a 7 year old from an abusive stepfather. The father is now under close supervision and was ordered to pay the child's hospital fees. The child, who was previously not attending school, has returned to her classes. Another paralegal arranged for the hospital care of two young girls who were sexually assaulted. He reported the crime to the police and provided the names of the suspects.

Often, helping children in desperate situations leads to new methods of service. The paralegal program is critical for communities to heal and move on.

Protecting Children's Homes

Helping families cope with HIV/AIDS has meant addressing many legal issues of families – including that of property grabbing. Once parents or guardians of children die from AIDS, relatives try to take over any material possessions left behind — including homes — leaving children homeless.

CCF has partnered with NACWOLA (National Community of Women Living with AIDS) and TASO (The AIDS Support Organization), which have initiated an effort to combat this cultural practice. Educating families on the importance of writing a will, and helping them write the will, is enabling property to be passed down to children.

In addition, parents are creating memory books, where they document their family tree, positive and negative memories, and a memory box where caregivers keep valuable items that they feel they should pass on to their children — all critical to helping new generations pick up the pieces that HIV/AIDS leaves behind.

CCF Combats Child Labor — Keeping Children in School



Staff photo

CCF combats child labor by helping parents improve their income so children can attend school. With better incomes, parents no longer rely on their children working.

Worldwide, an estimated 211 million children between the ages of 5 and 14 participate in some form of illegal, hazardous, or exploitative labor. Most children work because they must — their very survival, and that of their family, depends on the meager money they bring home.

In some communities, children as young as 5 are working 12- to 18-hour days as domestic servants or in other jobs. For most of these young workers, there is no time for school, play or just being a child.

Christian Children's Fund is working with communities and local governments around the world to raise awareness about the dangers and abuses of child labor, and to encourage children to stay in school. By addressing tuition fees (sometimes paid by local governments), and providing school-based feeding, health care and other programs, CCF removes some of the economic obstacles to school enrollment. Additionally, CCF helps parents improve their income so they are less dependent upon their children working.

Angola

Since 1994, CCF has helped former child soldiers and others cope with the horrific aftermath of war, helping them reintegrate into their communities. But Angolan children continue to struggle. Scores are orphaned, impoverished, uneducated—and easily exploited. Children in urban areas are often found cleaning sewers and running dangerous machinery. Others toil in unregulated mines or smuggle diamonds and other

goods. Young girls, working as domestic servants, are subjected to physical or sexual abuse. Others are trafficked into prostitution.

CCF serves the most vulnerable children — where the worst forms of child labor prevail. A special education initiative promotes literacy, life skills training and primary school enrollment for working children and those at risk. CCF raises awareness on the dangers of child labor, trains teachers in psychosocial support methods and builds regional networks of local child and youth support groups.

Afghanistan

In Afghanistan, widespread poverty has led to a pervasive child labor problem. Parents send their young children to work in the fields, or they send them to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, or other neighboring countries to earn money as dishwashers, factory workers, and street vendors. To keep children in school, CCF helps parents improve their vocations through skills training and low-interest loans to start or improve small businesses.

In addition, Child Well-Being Committees play an integral role in protecting the rights of children. Committees address the needs of girls, orphans, working children, those with disabilities and former child soldiers, among others. Child Centered Spaces, school building programs and teacher training are some of the CCF initiatives aimed at bringing marginalized children back into the classroom.

Ecuador

By age ten, 50% of Ecuador's children are working in domestic service, construction, commerce, mines, and on farms – all of which hinder school attendance. The seasonal nature of agriculture often requires temporary migration, and children miss so many days of school that they usually repeat the grade or, in many cases, just drop out of school.

CCF-Ecuador started a program to combat this and keep children in school. The program provides educational support and vocational training. CCF engages in advocacy, working with local governments and businesses to eliminate illegal child labor.

Philippines

The Asia Pacific region has the highest number of child laborers in the world. In the Philippines alone, approximately 24.9 million children are involved in child labor. Many work in agriculture, while others work in deep-sea fishing, mining, pyrotechnics production, domestic service, or the sex and drug trades. In addition, paramilitary forces frequently recruit children.

Through a special program, "Combating Child Labor Through Education," CCF is helping keep 12,500 Filipino children in school. CCF is one of four agencies participating in this initiative with a \$5 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor. This grant also enables CCF to support alternative livelihood programs to meet the basic needs of street children, child laborers and their families. As part of community engagement, CCF has formed 17 children's and 35 parents' associations to provide activities such as theatre and visual arts, computer literacy and parenting skills.

New Christian Children's Fund Study Tours to Exciting Places

The Americas Tour – February 4 –17, 2007

Three Small Countries, Three Big Worlds

This is the first CCF Study Tour that includes three countries: Dominica, Guatemala, and Honduras. Each country has a unique history and culture, and tour participants will be welcomed with native music and dance. We will visit CCF programs and sponsored children in each country, as well as historic areas and Mayan ruins. The all-inclusive Study Tour cost of approximately \$4,375 may be tax deductible. Reservations must be completed by January 2, 2007.

The First CCF Study Tour to Vietnam – March 9 -19, 2007

For the first time, Christian Children's Fund will be taking sponsors, donors, and friends on a fascinating tour of Vietnam. We will fly from Los Angeles to Hanoi and visit Ho Chi Minh City, CCF programs and meet sponsored children and families. The all-inclusive Study Tour cost of \$3,875 may be tax deductible. There is a supplemental, single-occupancy charge of \$275 for this Study Tour. Reservations must be completed by February 8, 2007.

Coming up: A Special Tour to Brazil – May 2007

From exploring the Amazon River to the colonial mountainous interior of central Brazil, this extended trip will also take sponsors to the beautiful coastal city of Fortaleza, the stunning beauty of Rio de Janeiro, and then to the Argentine border to visit the world-famous Iguassu Falls! (Dates and costs are still being determined.)

All CCF Study Tours are open to CCF sponsors and contributors, their family and friends, and are limited to approximately 20 participants. Early reservations are advised. For more information, call 1-800-762-9593 or email: partners@cctusa.org.

After the Philippines typhoon, CCF set up Child Centered Spaces to offer emergency and recovery assistance. Here, a discussion takes place with volunteers who will work in the Child Centered Spaces.



Recovering From Typhoon Xangsane

Christian Children's Fund is providing emergency assistance to families in the Philippines, following the devastation of Typhoon Xangsane in September. Floods and landslides resulting from the typhoon have claimed the lives of at least 150.

A total of 1,519 CCF families in the hard-hit Sorsogon province were affected by the storm. In the Batit Anay project area, 70-80% of the homes of CCF families were damaged or completely destroyed.

According to Evelyn Santiago, program manager of CCF-Philippines, the homes were struck by fast-moving floodwaters that "rose above the houses." While the families are used to coping with tropical storms, she said, "this is the first time that they experienced this magnitude of damage." Santiago visited families as part of a CCF emergency team that assessed the communities. "Parents are feeling undue stress from the calamity. The families we spoke with were easily frightened at the mere thought of the typhoon," she said.

Santiago additionally reported widespread power outages and severe damage to rice fields, coconut farms, day care centers, and schools, as well as losses of fishing boats, food and other supplies. One CCF sponsored child and her sister were injured, and their parents were killed, when the typhoon washed away their home. "The children have received medical care, and the project will coordinate with the Department of Social Work and Development to ensure that they will have proper care and psychosocial intervention," said Santiago.



CCF staff

The devastation after the Philippine typhoon was costly, both emotionally and financially. CCF meets immediate needs, including clean water, but also addresses long-term issues.

CCF's relief effort was swift, and ongoing work includes the distribution of rice, canned goods, noodles and potable water. Working with the Batit Anay project, local officials, and community volunteers, CCF established four Child Centered Spaces in affected communities in Sorsogon (see related story page 8). CCF coordinated with the City Health Office to offer medical assistance in the worst-hit villages, addressing community sanitation, hygiene and water purification needs. Assessments are underway to address families' long-term needs for rebuilding and repairing houses and restoring livelihoods. Working closely with UNICEF, CCF is distributing educational materials to students.

For more information on the Philippines typhoon and how CCF is helping, call 1-800-776-6767, or visit: www.ChristianChildrensFund.org/Philippines

MEETING EMERGENCY NEEDS IN THE PHILIPPINES



Mobilizing quickly after any emergency is key, as families and children need immediate help. After the recent typhoon in the Philippines, and the earthquake in Indonesia, CCF implemented its highly successful Child Centered Spaces program.





In these simply constructed spaces, families know where to go for help, and children participate in activities especially designed to help them cope and recover following disaster.



MEETING EMERGENCY NEEDS IN THE PHILIPPINES

On the Ground in the Philippines: CCF Establishes Medical Missions

Children stood in line. Adults too. And babies sat on mothers' laps as a doctor examined them. CCF-Philippines is hosting medical missions in four Child Centered Spaces which have been set up in the areas most heavily affected by Typhoon Xangsane.

CCF-Philippines has formed a partnership with the City Health Office to set up medical missions at the Child Centered Spaces, which are used by CCF to help children return to normal childhood activities following natural or man-made disasters.

In one Child Centered Space, volunteers from the community and a local doctor, Dr. Estrallado, participated in the medical mission, which served almost 200 children, most under the age of 13, and nearly 30 adults. The most

common ailments included acute respiratory infections, coughs, colds, fevers and diarrhea, which if left unchecked could become life threatening.

"I am happy that I was invited to provide my services as a doctor to the parents and children of this barangay who were much affected by the typhoon," said Dr. Estrallado. "Thanks to CCF and Batit Anay for providing support to this important activity."

Each day an average of 420 children attend the four Child Centered Spaces established by CCF-Philippines following the typhoon. These spaces help protect the children from potential injuries due to the debris from the typhoon and provide them with normalizing activities, while allowing parents to restore their homes and livelihoods.

Child Centered Spaces in the Philippines

In the days following Xangsane, parents gathered their belongings and started the long process of recovery. Meanwhile, children had nowhere to go, since many of their schools and day care centers were damaged beyond use.

CCF and the Batit Anay project quickly stepped in to set up four Child Centered Spaces. The centers provide supervised care and educational and recreational activities to 420 children in the Sorsogon province. Community volunteers pitched in to build two of the centers out of local materials, including bamboo poles that had washed ashore in the storm. Youth volunteers, under the guidance of a local elementary school teacher, lead the children in activities.

One youth volunteer, 18-year-old Dennis, said, "Children loitering in the streets are now gathered here in the Child Centered Space instead of roam-

ing all over the place. The centers serve as a place for children to learn and play after their bad experience."

The children's centers also provide opportunities for children to talk about their fears arising from the storm. Maricar, 12, remembers, "I was afraid. We cried when we saw that the roof of our house was blown away by the wind. We ran to the nearby school building because the water from the sea was rising fast. My sister fainted when we reached the school.... We lost all our belongings. We are left with nothing."

The Child Centered Spaces will continue operating until families are well on their way to recovery. For now, they fill a critical need for children who have undergone a difficult, life-threatening experience, and now must learn to cope and move on with their lives.

MEETING EMERGENCY NEEDS IN INDONESIA

Earthquake Booklet Helps Children Cope



A colorful booklet, produced by CCF, helps these Indonesian children better understand the earthquake they survived. It teaches children what to do during and after an earthquake, using simple language and educational art.

A devastating earthquake is a terrifying experience, especially for children. To help children cope with their fears, and to enable them better to prepare for future emergencies, CCF-Indonesia developed a booklet — written and designed for children — following the Indonesian earthquake in May. CCF sought the input of children when putting together the booklet, and used their drawings for the illustrations.

The booklet contains three main sections: the definitions of an earthquake and its causes, the steps that should be taken during an earthquake, and activities that can be done in the aftermath. The helpful, child-friendly booklet reminds children to stay calm, to protect their heads from falling objects by getting under strong furniture, or if outside, to go to an open area such as a park. CCF distributed 2,000 copies of the booklet to children affected by the earthquake.

“The booklet will bridge the gap

between the adult’s and the child’s understanding of an earthquake, providing an understandable explanation for children about dealing with an earthquake,” said Luc Theron, who led the effort for CCF-Philippines.

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Cement Helps Families Rebuild In Indonesia

by Kirsten Hongisto, Asia Regional Communications Manager

Christian Children's Fund continues to support families recovering from an earthquake that devastated Yogyakarta and Central Java. The 6.3 magnitude earthquake, which struck in late May, killed more than 6,200 people and displaced more than a half-million.

Following the earthquake, families were living on the street or under tents and tarps set up in front of their wrecked homes. With the monsoon season soon to come, CCF met with village leaders to assess the situation. From this meeting, it was determined that families lacked cement to build more permanent housing, repair cracks in their homes and replace walls.

After meeting critical needs, CCF distributed 7,200 bags of cement (88 pounds each) to families and communities in 20 villages damaged in the earthquake. In total, more than 3,300 families received cement, and additional bags were given to make repairs to a community drainage system, mosques, kindergarten facilities and the community hall. Families are using the cement to repair cracks in their houses and replace walls.

In addition to the cement distribution, CCF responded to the emergency by printing a special children's booklet on coping with the earthquake (see story page 9), and setting up 38 Child

Centered Spaces, addressing sanitation needs, and providing safe drinking water, medical help, and emergency goods.

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These children in Indonesia are smiling again after facing a tremendous earthquake a few months ago. To help with recovery, CCF has provided cement to repair and rebuild homes and key buildings.

Editor's note: We want to share this wonderful letter from a sponsor who is telling us about her experiences over the years with Christian Children's Fund. It was very meaningful to us, and we hope you will also enjoy it.

Greetings,

The article by Elizabeth MacDonald, in the Fall 2006 issue of *ChildWorld* was of great interest to me. So much so, that I decided to share the story of our family's involvement with Christian Children's Fund.

Many years ago, my stepson, Dave, who was about 13 or 14 at the time, secretly began using his allowance to sponsor a boy from Taiwan through Christian Children's Fund. My husband and I became aware of his contributions when, some months later, Dave found himself short of funds, and asked one of his sisters to help with that month's contribution. Needless to say, we were impressed and delighted with our son's thoughtfulness and generosity.

As time went on, Huang Kuo-You became like a member of our family. Through an exchange of letters, pictures, and gifts, etc., we all felt that we had really come to know the little Taiwanese child. However, skeptic that I am, I sometimes wondered if the Christian Children's Fund was a rip-off, and if Kuo-You really existed.

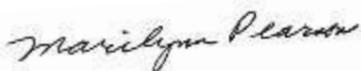
In November 1977, Dave was killed in a tragic accident. In our grief, we clung to, and derived comfort from, everything that reminded us of our son. Because we felt that Kuo-You had also suffered a loss, we wanted him to have a personal remembrance of Dave. Since both boys enjoyed baseball, we sent Kuo-You the baseball that had been given to Dave after he pitched his Little League team to victory in a local championship game. We also decided to continue to sponsor Kuo-You as a living memorial to our son. And several years later, my skeptic's heart was put at ease when a friend visited Kuo-You, and sent us a picture of himself and the boy in his native Taiwan.

Eventually Kuo-You grew up, graduated from school, and no longer needed our sponsorship. But there were many children in the world who did need our help, so we requested that Christian Children's Fund find another child for us to sponsor, preferably an American. For the next six years, we sponsored Selmar Lawrence Quick Bear, a Rosebud Sioux. Of particular interest to me was the fact that "Little Quick Bear," which is how my family referred to him, had a speech defect. At the time, I was working as a public school speech therapist.

When Quick Bear grew up, we discontinued sponsoring a child because one of our daughters, who had settled in Costa Rica, was raising three small children and she needed our financial help. It was our own personal Christian Children's Fund!

Several years ago, another daughter lived in the Philippines for six months, so when we felt ready to again sponsor a CCF child, we requested a child from that part of the world. Our new child is Ajim Major Idris, an almost 12-year-old boy of the Tawi-Tawi Family Center, and whose letters we thoroughly enjoy. We hope to have a long and happy relationship with Ajim.

Most sincerely,



Marilynn Pearson

Water Changes Everything: A New Way of Life for Families in India



These parents in India enjoy a much improved lifestyle, all because of a new well.

Three years ago, families in Ussari struggled to make ends meet. Parents traveled to a distant stone-crushing quarry to work, leaving their children in the care of relatives for days at a time. Each day, parents were paid about 12 rupees (about 27 cents) — not nearly enough to take care of their families.

They dreamed of farming their land, but the arid fields surrounding their community seemed to offer little hope. Still, families wondered about an old tree, healthy and green, that stood tall above their barren lands. Was it possibly the site of a good water source?

In 2003, CCF staff and local partner Sarvodaya Sewa Ashram met with the villagers and discussed ways to improve their livelihoods. During the meeting, the families told them their theory about the healthy tree. Soon

after, CCF and the community joined forces to dig a 40-foot well.

The families' instinct proved correct. There was a source of water, and the well has been highly successful. Today, families have transformed the once barren ground into productive fields, growing their own produce, and no longer needing to work in the quarry. Farming enables them to earn an average of 60 rupees (a little over one dollar) per day, and plans include growing the Indian gooseberry (or awala), a medicinal plant high in vitamin C.

Building Savings

This simple well has not only enabled people in Ussari to provide for their children, but also to build up savings. Several years ago, the community had formed two micro-enterprise groups, a men's and a women's. The women had never had bank accounts of their own before and many could not write or sign their name. These women now have 9,000 rupees in a savings pool, enough to support taking out a loan for a second well.

The children's education has greatly improved as well. Not only are families together, but their children are in school, attending classes regularly. Soniadevi, a mother and the president of the women's micro-enterprise group, is proud of the changes. "We want to keep the children in school. We want them to pursue higher education so they can do something with their lives," she said.

Avian Flu Mobilization

Christian Children's Fund is mobilizing resources in the event of a major outbreak of avian flu. As the threat of an avian or human flu pandemic grows, CCF is engaging with the communities and families we assist to bolster the public health efforts of governments in preventing its transmission. CCF's national offices are being encouraged to help raise awareness and provide education about avian flu.

One of CCF's strengths is its grassroots approach and proximity to the communities we serve. CCF's greatest contribution to reducing the health impact of a potential flu outbreak will be a strategy that focuses on key messages for communities, families and children. The major emphasis will be placed on preventing the spread of avian flu from animal to animal and from human to human.

Zambia: A Well and Sponsorship Keep Girls in School

For Liz, Muzumbwe and many other girls in Zambia, access to water and CCF sponsorship means access to an education and a way out of poverty.

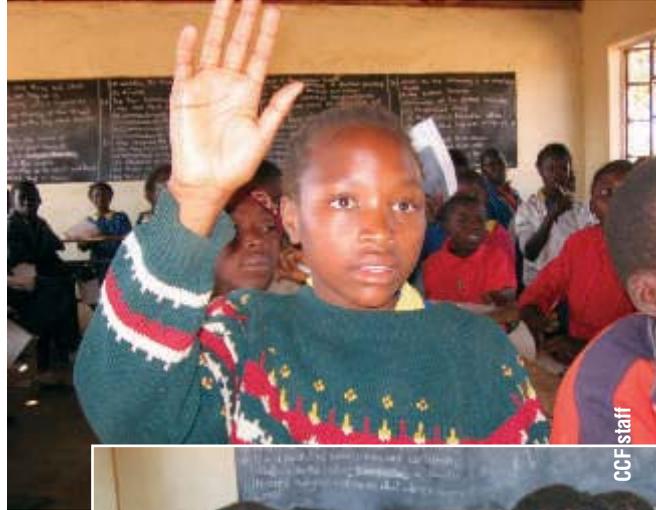
In many parts of the world, children take education for granted. But, in countries like Zambia, children see education as a privilege, and they see it as a way out of poverty.

Girls often miss school, spending their days engaged in domestic chores like fetching water. This leaves girls very vulnerable to abuse or to marriage at a very early age.

Although primary school education is free in Zambia, many children miss out on the experience because their families cannot afford uniforms, fees, or supplies. In Zambia, 20 percent of the children have lost one or both parents to HIV/AIDS, further emphasizing the importance of schooling.

Muzumbwe, a 12-year-old in the seventh grade, credits CCF for having provided a source of clean water in her community so young girls have time to attend school. Before, it was their job to spend hours getting water for the family each day. She hopes to continue school and become a teacher one day. CCF helps by paying the required secondary school fees and providing her uniforms and other supplies.

Muzumbwe's classroom is overcrowded, with over 60 pupils per class. Some children sit on the floor because there are not enough desks. Still, Muzumbwe enjoys school. Her favorite class is math. "When the teacher shows examples, I easily get it," said the confident girl. When she talks about the importance of an education, she sounds like a girl destined to go far. "Even when you are sent to places like



Liz (top photo) and Muzumbwe (above left) regularly attend school thanks to a new community well that has tremendously improved the community's standard of living.

Lusaka [Zambia's capital], you can easily find your way if you are educated," she said.

Liz, who is in the sixth grade, considers herself lucky that her Christian Children's Fund supported day care center made sure that she and all of her classmates were enrolled in school when they were young. "When you complete your education and find a good job, you can help other family members go to school," said Liz, an 11-year-old orphan who lives with her grandmother.

SAVING THE LIVES OF NEWBORNS AND MOTHERS IN LATIN AMERICA

by Jennifer Harter, Communications Associate

Bolivia, Guatemala and Honduras are among the poorest countries in Latin America, and they have some of the worst health indicators, including high maternal and infant mortality rates. Dr. Alfonso Rosales, CCF's regional health adviser, is making maternal and neonatal health a top priority.

Under the direction of Dr. Rosales, CCF recently conducted a survey to collect baseline information on maternal and neonatal health in selected areas of the Francisco Morazan area in Honduras. (Neonatal health is defined as infants up to one year of age.)

The survey was conducted over a three-day period in which 171 mothers in Honduras were interviewed. Similar studies were also done in Bolivia and Guatemala and are in the process of completion. The surveys focused on prenatal, delivery, postnatal and newborn care as well as HIV.

The study concluded that women and newborns in this area are highly vulnerable to risks associated with maternal and newborn death and HIV/AIDS transmission. More than half of the mothers questioned in Honduras had very limited access to maternal and neonatal care. Of those with access to the services, only 64 percent received standard quality health care.

While 89 percent of the mothers had a least one prenatal care visit, less than 60 percent received information on danger signs (signs to signal that something is wrong during pregnancy), and less than 10 percent knew at least two danger signs. Less than 15 percent had the decision-making capacity to seek care in a maternal or

neonatal emergency. At least 60 percent of the deliveries take place in the community with 45 percent of all deliveries attended by traditional birth attendants.

CCF hopes to improve this by training 100 traditional birth attendants in each of the three countries. Already, 60 health personnel have completed a special program, and they can go into communities and train traditional birth attendants.

CCF will take a danger-sign approach in these countries, focusing on early identification of complications. This will include community resources involvement, strengthened linkages between community and health services and improved health care quality in the region.

"The overall goal of the program is to empower communities and improve the identification and referral of maternal and newborn emergencies," Dr. Rosales said. "That will help decrease maternal and neonatal mortality."

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CCF supports maternal health care programs in Latin America, greatly improving the health of newborns. Here, a specially trained staff member meets with community members to monitor the program's success.



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These Indonesian children, who survived the earthquake there, are playing happily once again, holding new booklets educating them about earthquakes. The booklets are part of an overall program to promote recovery.

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