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**ChildFund continues to assist Typhoon Haiyan recovery efforts through Child-Centered Spaces**

**RICHMOND, Va. (Nov. 14, 2014)** – One year after Typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines, wreaking a path of destruction that left more than 6,000 people dead, \$2 billion in property damage and millions of people homeless, ChildFund International continues to support thousands of children and communities affected by the storm.

ChildFund, in the Philippines since 1954, was one of the first organizations to establish Child-Centered Spaces following the typhoon. The NGO currently manages 40 weekend centers in eight municipalities through its Rebuilding Institutions and Safe Environments (RISE) for Children program, funded by UNICEF. To date, more than 8,000 Filipino children have been helped by way of these programs and activities.

Staffed by community volunteers and supported by trained professionals, the CCS provide psychosocial support to children through structured play activities to help them overcome the trauma associated with the typhoon's destruction.

"Approximately 11 million people were affected by Typhoon Haiyan. The storm was especially traumatic for children survivors," said Mark Dasco, acting country director for ChildFund in the Philippines. "The Child-Centered Spaces provide a much-needed safe place for children and adolescents while helping them cope."

ChildFund is also working with local partner organizations and the government to educate school personnel, community leaders and parents on child protection issues.

As the Philippines rebuilds, ChildFund is committed to helping those affected and will continue to raise funds to assist with recovery. To support ChildFund's efforts, please visit <https://www.childfund.org/EmergencyDonations/>.

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