

Child Protection Policy

Hope for the Nations Philippines (HFTN-Phils) adheres to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) which is an international human rights treaty setting out the social, economic, political, health, cultural, and political rights of the child.

UNICEF explains that: “The Convention on the Rights of the Child sets out the rights that must be realized for children to develop their full potential, free from hunger and want, neglect and abuse. It reflects a new vision of the child. Children are neither the property of their parents nor are they helpless objects of charity. They are human beings and are the subject of their own rights. The Convention offers a vision of the child as an individual and as a member of a family and community, with rights and responsibilities appropriate to his or her age and stage of development. By recognizing children's rights in this way, the Convention firmly sets the focus on the whole child.”

Here are the principles that HFTN-Phils adheres to:

1. Each child shall remain free from all forms of discrimination, irrespective of their race, color, ethnicity, nationality, language, political opinion, religion, sex, property, birth, disability, or other status.
2. Each child has the inherent right to life.
3. The best interest of the child will be considered first and foremost in every situation.
4. All appropriate actions will be taken to protect each child from all forms of mental or physical violence, injury or abuse, maltreatment, neglect, exploitation, and/or re-victimization.
5. Each child has the right to a full and decent life, in conditions which promote respect, dignity, self-reliance, and confidence.
6. Each child has the right to a decent standard of living adequate for his/her social, mental, physical, spiritual, and moral development.
7. In instances of past abuse, neglect, exploitation or any other degrading circumstances, all appropriate measures to properly care for the child's physical, mental, and psychological needs will be taken to effectively pursue a healthy social reintegration.