

SEGMENT 1

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There are 76.5 million Filipinos. 40% are below 18. 2 out of every 5 Filipino families are living in poverty. The sad part is, it's the children who suffer the most of the effects of poverty. But it is also the children that offer more hope of turning the tide around.

Good morning.

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The Youth Development Program of Pan Pacific. I think it's wonderful. What they do is that they go to provinces and they get young adults to come home to Manila and they train them.

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So currently we have 3 hotels participating here in Manila. The Pan Pacific Manila was the only hotel in the program when it began back in 1998. Now we've been joined by Inter-Continental Hotel and The Holiday Inn. The program is educational and it's part of our commitment to the community where we give back to the community.

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The trainees go through a 20-week program that covers all phases – from F&B, rooms, housekeeping, engineering, even computers, and back of the house, meaning offices. The objective is not to provide work. The objective is to give them skills necessary for them to find work.

Very good, very good.

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My rewards are seeing them actually finish the whole thing and to see them stand in front of a crowd and be able to speak confidently about themselves, express their minds, finding the employment, going back to school and being role models.

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We do have an adopt a kid day with the Kanlungan Sa Erma. Kanlungan Sa Erma is a drop in shelter for street children. We have adopted this shelter as part of our community program.

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This is a drop in and temporary shelter at the same time. Why drop-in because we cater to the children who are still on the street and yet we could, they could still access to our services here. They can, they can watch tv, They can use our bathroom to take a bath and at the same time they can do their laundry. For temporary shelters, we have kids, more than 30 right now, who are undergoing the first stage of rehabilitation. Why first stage of because this is the, this is the first place that they have to stay and at the same time undergo the rehabilitation process

because this is where we process them such as we interview them, we conduct home visit, we provide the, you know, anything like health services just to access everything about the child.

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Aside from that, we are providing also the skills training and income generating projects where the children can be given the opportunity to learn and at the same time earn.

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I'm really glad that there are people who are very much willing to help. They are not just teachers to those kids, they are not just rehabilitating these kids. They are becoming their friends, relatives, parents, ally and protectors.

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Now Adopt a kid day, we encourage our associates to adopt them as big brothers and big sisters... as we call it here. And you do have exposure tricks. For them. Cos these are children who are not used to things that area around them. So we bring them to the zoo, to the planetarium, to the theatre to watch a movie. And it's an experience for them.

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This is a great program because we help the kids to relieve their needs. I want them to feel that there is someone who will love them, who care for them because there are people outside who hate them because they think that they are rude, they are rubbish so that's why we are here to help.

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It's wonderful that there are people whose hearts are probably even bigger than them. I hope that in my own little way, I had been able to do something also. Inspire them to do something with their lives.

10:05:34 – 10:06:12 [Ratma in Tagalog]

To the kids who are still on the streets, my advice is to go to the shelters or approach people who can help you.

If you are already at the shelters, do not leave.

Do not indulge in vices when you are on the streets

We cannot expect people to help us forever.

So we have to learn how to stand on our own two feet.

A time may come when no one will care for us anymore, like when our parents are gone, then we can stand up and be on our own and take care of ourselves.

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For the trainees of the Pan Pacific Hotel, their training will give them job prospects and hopefully a better future. For the children here at Kanlungan, will have a chance to their tide round. But still there are very many other children here on the street, whose plights still invisible to those around us.

SEGMENT 2

10:08:12:00 – 10:08:30:00

The trucks come here to Payatas everyday, bringing with them 10,000 tonnes of garbage from Manila. But to more than 80, 000 people who live and work here, this garbage is the source of their livelihood.

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The children of Payatas, because of the conditions here, are more disadvantages compared to other children in other slumps. Most of the children are working, joining them families to earn a living. The working system is also dangerous, trucks moving in. Bulldozers, big heavy equipment which hardly notice the children around. So children often encounter accidents, from metals from the garbage. Young children are susceptible to illnesses, Water-borne diseases. So we're trying to mobilize resources, people work together to address the problems of children.

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Paaralang Pantao, or in English, The People's school, was set up in 1989 by the leaders of this community because a lot of children are not able to go to school.

10:09:37 – 10:09:59 [Tagalog]

[RED PUPPET]:

What can kids do to a strong virus like me?

[BLUE PUPPET]:

Do not laugh because I will teach the kids how to prevent you from entering their bodies. So kids, what should you do? Say no to drugs!

10:10:00:00 – 10:11:40:00

These initiatives for children are community based in nature.

So programs like health, education, childcare are done in the context of rehabilitation. Basically, it involves mobilization of resources within the community to address different needs, rehabilitation needs of children with disabilities. So the intervention rise from disability to disability. But the idea is before sending children to institutions, some of which are hardly affordable to low-income families. here could be possibilities of taking initiatives to do the rehabilitation process in the community. So if there is a need for physiotherapy for example, we can motivate somebody with the technical skill to train the mothers. So there is a lack of technology transfer. So the rehabilitation process is done at home and in the community. Disability is community issue, it's not just an issue that is isolated from all the other issues. They are also linking disability with the issue of shelter. There is a lack of inter-relation between the 2. It's a long process, not only addressing the disability, but also trying to improve the living condition. So rehabilitation and slump of living, they go hand in hand.

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Despite all those problems that we are seeing that I have seen, actually, it's an eye-opener for me. I don't understand why these kids are working when they should be at home or playing, in school or just having a wonderful time because that's suppose to be the case right? It should be that way but it's not. Some of them are working and if you ask them a question, a question of what are their rights? What do you think are your rights? Some of them will tell you, you know, we are here to help our families so even their values are like so screwed up already and it will take time to actually fix whatever it is that is broken in them.

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There are actually a law of prohibited child labour. And the government administration is having a lot of problems imposing them because of the poverty.

Children labour cannot be eradicated so easily.

There could be steps to make it more dignifying and more safer for them.

Children are human beings with dignity. Even though the work may be dirty, physically dirty, but they have dignity. So we try to put up a center, accessible to them where they could take a shower, they could clean themselves up after work. They could have dignity, that respect that is to them. The center that we ran for the children is managed by the association of mothers. So they are their to not just implement the program but to protect the program because there is a threat that the program or the centre may be demolished.

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The effort for solid waste management is actually good and I think it's about time but I'm not really sure because I know that a lot of people will be affect. I hope there's a plan B. But I think they are trying to do something about it. I hope that it'll work for everybody, including the people living here.

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There is really a need for a centre, a community-run centre where people, especially children can be safe. Even if the working condition, even if we have the dumpsite. People, children should have a right to space. SO it's an ongoing negotiation process. Hopefully we will win.

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I really happy that he's actually here. He's here in helping this community. I think they also need to have faith and I think they all have that. And what surprise me actually is they still have hopes and dreams and that's really very nice.

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The community of Payatas is a close-knit and well-organized one. Its approach is by the community and for the community. And this community will be impacted by the country's efforts towards safe solid waste management. What will happen remains to be seen. But what we must remember is this. It's not garbage alone that must be managed.

SEGMENT 3

10:16:40:00 – 10:17:00:00

The phenomenon of street children has long been a concern of the Philippines government. It has generated a range of responses from the government and non-government sectors. One of the non-government organizations which is largely involved in addressing the needs and problems of street children is Childhope Asia Philippines.

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Childhope hopes to address the plight of street children. The problem and who we can actually address the root cause of the problem which is poverty. The aim of the street education program is to provide protection to the children while they are still in the street.

We do not force children to leave the street but we try to encourage them by giving them some option and for them to think of their future.

10:17:28 – 10:17:49 [Dante in Tagalog]

First we coordinate with people on the streets, like the street vendors, to help us identify the street children.

We go to places that they frequent and we introduce ourselves.

We also have to be very visible in the area, so they know who we are.

Then we start to relate to them.

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Dante the street educator asked them to draw something about how they feel, about them being here on the streets. A lot of them actually drew houses and there was this one kid who drew a world, she said that was her world. Half of it was in yellow, and green and blue and she said that that used to be her life when her family had been. And then when she left it became red and she was all alone. You can actually really tell by her telling me the story that she really really regrets leaving her family.

10:18:35 – 10:18:38

House, Child, Street.

10:18:43:00 – 10:19:02:00

Basically the real reason why children are in the street is because they have nothing to eat at home and parents have no work and they have to push their children out of the street. In some instances, they are abused at home so they have to run away and find themselves on the street for survival purposes.

10:19:02 – 10:20:02 [girl in Tagalog]

It takes a long time to make money just by selling sampaguita.

My mother... she turns a blind eye to us.

My sisters and I needed help to realize the harm in this "gimmick" because you can become infected with sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS.

"Gimmick" means I am hidden in a box and brought inside the hotel room as what we are doing is illegal.

When I am inside the guest's room, I am asked to take a bath and undress.

Then I lie on the bed and the guest touches my breasts.

It is our parent's responsibility to take care of us, their children.

My sisters and I feel that our parents are abusing us.

10:20:02:00 – 10:20:20:00

Street children, working children, neglected, abandoned, destitute and disabled children. They are all caught in a very difficult circumstances and they are all in need of special protection.

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These people that you see now have lived here for more than 20 years. The parents settled here more than 20 years ago. So they are the second and third generation, as you can see, there are small kids.

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I didn't really know that people can really live out here. I asked them what they do for food and some of them are probably beggars.

In the evening, they stay here. They would put boxes and sleep here. Especially the babies. There's no other place to sleep.

I don't understand what they are doing here. And now it's starting to rain and they are still here and there are small children here. They are not wearing clothes, and there are babies too.

This is probably one of the most depressing area we've been to. I feel really weird being here today. I saw all these people living out here on the street literally. Just here. If you just see the kids some of them don't even wear anything so. My new hero by way is Butch. He's my hero now. The thing that he's doing for these people is wonderful. I've never met anybody like him before and I think he really cares a lot for these people and I'm glad that he's here helping out.

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When I got out to the streets, my aim is to motivate children to get off the streets through my counselling. Letting them be aware of the situation in the street. The hazards, violence, drugs.

There are these girls in the streets also into substance abuse, taking solvents. Once they get high, they go for sex and they will do it with anybody, any boys. At the end of that, they will end up to be prostitutes and they will have STDs, sexually transmitted disease, or HIVs.

Because I was a former street child, I can speak their language and their culture. And it's easy for me to relate, establish rapport with them. Monitor their activities to meet new children where I could be of help.

To see if there is some need like counselling, or medical attention. Cos these children are mostly sick with pneumonia, scabies.

Everyday is a challenge to me. How am I going to motivate them? When I wake up, my mind is the children. Sometimes I forget my own children.

My advice for the street children is that they must have faith in life. Believe that there are options. There are alternatives to their problems. Believe that they have their own rights. The right to education, to be loved, have a shelter, to eat the right food. To be with their parents. Love their parents for whatever they are and believe in their street educators.

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The circumstances of street children are difficult and complex. There are no easy solutions to street children, just as there are no easy solutions to the community of Payatas. Whether they work and live on streets or in Payatas, they do what they have to in order to survive. And they have a right to survive just like you and me.

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