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RESOLUTION NO. 40

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING THE WORLD VISION IN THE PHILIPPINES ON THE OCCASION OF ITS GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND RECOGNIZING ITS FIFTY YEARS OF MINISTRY TO THE FILIPINO PEOPLE ESPECIALLY AMONG THE CHILDREN AND THE POOREST OF THE POOR

WHEREAS, World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organization dedicated to help children, families and their communities reach their full potential through projects focusing on education, health and economic assistance;

WHEREAS, World Vision, founded by American evangelist and reporter, Dr. Robert Willard "Bob" Pierce, in 1950, began its ministry in the Philippines in 1957 by establishing orphanages in General Santos and Davao to provide shelter and refuge for children who were abandoned or whose parents died during World War II;

WHEREAS, World Vision started its community development projects in the Philippines in the early 1980s with the aim of empowering the poorest of the poor and, in coordination with stakeholders, the government, and the churches, has already implemented more than 300 projects in poorest community in Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao which directly benefited more than 5 million children and adults through programs and projects worth more than US\$600 million dollars of accumulated funding over a period of 50 years, including capacity-building and actual implementation of livelihood and other projects that eventually improved people's lives;

WHEREAS, in line with the organization's commitment to be responsive in times of disaster, World Vision promptly and appropriately responded to emergency situations like the Ormoc landslide, Mt. Pinatubo eruption, Quezon Province mudslide, refugees and internally displaced people in times of conflicts, earthquake in Baguio City and typhoons affecting people from different parts of the country;

WHEREAS, World Vision also invested millions of dollars to provide life-saving assistance to victims of disasters and established child-friendly spaces to enable children to cope very well in stressful environments caused by natural disaster and armed conflicts;

WHEREAS, considered as a major stakeholder in the fight against TB, World Vision significantly contributed in expanding and improving the TB program implementation in the country by establishing projects such as "*Kusog Baga*" or Healthy Lungs and Social Mobilization (SMT) against TB Projects which has increased the cure rate of TB to more than 85%, the acceptable standards of the Department of Health and World Health Organization;

WHEREAS, the organization invested millions of dollars for TB projects through the support of generous donors all over the world that help thousands of TB patients and their families and was also instrumental in developing the first ever Department of Health and the World Health Organization approved TB in Children Treatment protocols for public practitioners;

WHEREAS, responding to the child labor issues, World Vision worked hand in hand with the Department of Labor and Employment, the Department of Education and other child-focused NGOs in launching a nationwide special project for combating child labor through education known as "*Pag-aaral*


ng Bata para sa Kinabukasan (ABK) Project” in 10 provinces, 19 municipalities and 16 cities that directly assisted more than 50,000 child laborers;

WHEREAS, World Vision’s contribution to peace building especially in the southern part of the country has made a difference in improving the relationships of the “tri-people” group - Christians, Muslims and Indigenous People, through interfaith dialogues which led to the organization of Interfaith Groups in different parts of Mindanao where children are also engaged in ways appropriate to their age and capacity as peace advocates, as a result of which a child sponsored by World Vision became a recipient of “ambassador of peace” award from Civicus World Assembly in Finland;


WHEREAS, as World Vision continues its wholistic ministry to achieve fullness of life for every child in 31 provinces and 38 cities all over the country totaling more than 110,000 currently sponsored children supported by an annual budget of over US\$20 million, it is fitting to acknowledge and recognize World Vision’s long list of projects in the Philippines in line with its Golden Anniversary Celebration: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, To express, as it hereby expresses, its sense that the Philippine government formally acknowledge the contributions of World Vision in the Philippines, to congratulate the organization on the occasion of its golden anniversary celebration and to recognize its fifty years of ministry to the Filipino people especially among the children and the poorest of the poor.

Adopted,


 MANNY VILLAR
 ✕ President of the Senate

This Resolution was adopted by the Senate on December 11, 2007.


 EMMA LIRIO REYES
 Secretary of the Senate
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