

## The Civil Society Fund

# FINAL REPORT

### PARTNERSHIP INTERVENTION, SMALL-SCALE DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AND MAJOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

The total report may not exceed 8 pages.

#### Aim

The final report is the Danish organisation's report to the Civil Society Fund. Your reflections are important in terms of documentation and learning. It is therefore not the aim that the partner organisation completes the report on its own.

The final report can be used as a tool in your partnership to strengthen transparency and joint responsibility as described in "Position Paper No. 4. Partnership and Strengthening of Civil Society".

The final report is also an element in the Danish organisation's "track record" and can be taken into account in future assessments of applications from the Danish organisation with the same or other partners, as described in the guidelines for the Civil Society Fund.

Danish applicant organisation	Stairway Danmark		
Intervention titel	Expansion of the Break the Silence Campaign for the Establishment of Widespread Safety Nets		
Journalnumber	12-1163-PA-sep		
Country(-ies)	Philippines		
Period	1.1.2013 – 31.12.2014		
Total budget	497.320	Actual expenditure	

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## 1. Objectives and results achieved

Explain in point form how the intervention has reached each objective and indicators and/or expected changes which have been described in the original application.

- Describe how the strategy has led to the results/effects which were described in the original application.
- Did implementation progress as planned? If there were activities which were planned but not implemented, describe in point form and give a short explanation (only for the period since the last status report).
- Describe significant problems, opportunities and/or contextual changes which have influenced the intervention in a positive or negative direction.
- Describe any changes and adjustments in the intervention's strategy taken underway and what effect they had.
- For phased projects: Describe how the experiences for this current phase can be used to improve/adjust the strategy for any future phases.

The overall objective of this partnership activity was to create the basis for a long term strategic program that combines the two parts of the 'Break the Silence' campaign: The development of a national network of capable children's institutions (project 10-844-SP-sep) and to change attitudes and practices within the local and national government units.

Overall the project and our strategy for expanding cooperation with the police, the Dept. of Social welfare and Development (DSWD) and the Dept. of Education (DepEd) have been very successful. During the project period Stairway has achieved stronger national visibility and recognition as a professional and capable partner for government institutions:

- Stairway has consolidated our partnership with the Philippine National Police Training Institute in training police cadets and officers in child protection and child sexual abuse prevention; we have supported establishment of '*child friendly spaces*' in police stations in the National Capital Region; and we have formed a partnership with police Women and Children Protection Desks (WCPDs) in the Capital region and in Region 4b with a national agreement under way. Stairway has thereby gained a unique access to police stations and the police training institutions that no other NGO has ever achieved in the Philippines.
- Stairway has become a formal and recognized partner for the 4Ps (*Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program*) national conditional cash transfer program under the DSWD.
- Stairway has expanded and strengthened our cooperation with the DepEd. SFI are now official part of the DepEd's pool of trainers.
- Stairway has succeeded in engaging a growing number of the NGO-partners in the 'Break the Silence' network in collaboration with the local 4Ps officials in training as well as local schools in formulating child protection policies and Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAP) orientations and trainings.

The results are so positive that they have already formed the foundation for a new and more ambitious project, aiming at a further expansion and deepening partnership between the three government branches and Stairway plus the 50+ NGO's in the 'Break the Silence' network. This coming project has been supported by the Civil Society Fund with DKK 3,3 mill. in December 2014 (project 14-1521-SP-sep). The new project will run till the end of 2017.

**The specific objectives and indicators have been reached as follows:**

### **Specific objective 1:**

*To explore strategies and methods for integrating the issue of child protection in the mindset, policies and daily practice of the Philippine National Police while continuing and developing the partnership with the 17 police training schools under the Police National Training Institute and the Philippine National Police Academy*

The partnership with PNP is a way to influence the existing beliefs and attitudes of law enforcers towards children and the issue of child sexual abuse. The program is centered on the partnership with **The Philippine National Police Training Institute**, PNTI, which is responsible for education of police officers in regional training centers in each of the country's 17 regions.

Starting in 2006 as a small-scale training, Stairway started handling classes in the National Capital Region Training School. In 2010 an endorsement from the NPTI gave us the opportunity to reach out to all 17 regional training centers in the country, and to the Philippine National Police Academy in Manila, that performs training and education for career officers. In 2012 we got official approval/endorsement from the President of the Philippines Public Safety College, which oversees all education and training of police and other security agencies in the country. This approval has been renewed in June 2014.

In 2014, Stairway handled sessions on CSAP to 2,721 NPTI recruits and PNPA cadets, and also to 1,583 NPTI high-ranking officers. In 2013 the total was 4,500 police officers. Note that without the disruptions following the typhoon Yolanda in November 2013 the numbers would have been higher. The NPTI's internal organizational leadership transition also affected the conduct of CSAP sessions in the training schools. Stairway has in early 2014 performed a survey among participants showing a massive satisfaction with the trainings. As part of the sustainability/institutionalization plan, CSAP sessions were also conducted among 49 chief academics, scheduling persons and staff from selected police training schools. The sessions have been effective in drumming up more support for CSAP for the training schools.

Stairway thus has a unique access to the police training institutions that no other NGO has ever achieved. We have been able to build trust and personal relationships in order to become a partner in the day-to-day training of police recruits and career officers, as well as in strategic discussions on the future of the police education.

In addition, since 2010, Stairway has cooperated with the dedicated **Women and Children Protection Desks** in the 46 police stations in the Capital Region (Metro Manila) and since 2013 also with WCPDs in 19 police stations in Region 4b, covering four islands in the central part of the country including Mindoro where Stairway's center is located. A nationwide agreement between SFI and the WCPDs has been negotiated and has been in the process of being approved by the Philippine National Police.

Every police station must have a Women and Child Protection Division with special officers handling all cases of domestic violence, child abuse, and other cases involving women and/or children. This is a low status area within the police force, almost exclusively staffed with female officers. Stairway has initiated a network among the heads of the WCPDs, and facilitated annual seminars at Stairway. This is the only kind of training or further education offered to these officers and they are highly appreciated by the participants.

In addition, in 2013-2014, Stairway is supporting establishment of 'child friendly spaces' in police stations in the National Capital Region where victims can be interviewed in a proper manner, somehow protected from the often-rough environment in police stations. The child friendly spaces include anatomically correct dolls with genitals, anus, mouth, etc., which children can use to show what has happened to them. The dolls are designed by Stairway and produced and sponsored by IKEA.

Next step will be to establish similar networks in other parts of the country. In June 2014, Stairway hosted a three-day national workshop on Child Protection Policy Development among the regional chiefs of the WCPDs. The workshop's main objective was to review the existing child protection policies of the WCPDs at the station/regional levels, discuss and draft a national-level Child Protection Policy. The plan is to have a strong Child Protection Policy at the WCPD National Level, which will be easier to bring down and implement at the WCPD police station level given the organizational structure and dynamics of the police institution.

**Specific objective 2:**

*To expand the partnership with DSWD in order to integrate the child sexual abuse prevention in the Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program, 4Ps*

Stairway's partnership with DSWD is implemented through the *Pantawid Pamilyang Pilipino Program* also known as 4Ps in the Philippines. The education and conditional cash transfer initiative, which targets 4 million Filipino households, is inspired by the Brazilian *Bolsa Familia* program.

Stairway has conducted Child Sexual Abuse Prevention (CSAP) trainings for over 160 persons from the 4Ps national and regional staff, the majority being training specialists. After the trainings, Stairway has

facilitated write-shops and provided inputs on how CSAP can be integrated in the 4Ps program. After a series of meetings, three modules have been finalized by the Stairway Team and key staff of the National Project Management Office (NPMO) of 4Ps. These modules are now to be officially endorsed to the Office of the DSWD Secretary for full integration in the 4Ps Family Development Sessions, one of the conditions before beneficiaries receive the cash grant. The printing of these modules, possibly with other advocacy materials from Stairway, will be printed with support from UNICEF on the initiative of DSWD.

A guidebook, based on the Level 1 and 2 trainings in Stairway's Break the Silence program, has been finished and printed, and is now being used also by the BtS partner NGOs.

On special request from the DSWD-National Capital Region, Stairway conducted separate sessions on CSAP and Handling Disclosures among their 456 Pantawid staff from their operation offices.

A final result of the cooperation is the inclusion of data and field feedback about child sexual abuse in the Pantawid program's own data collection. SFI has pushed for this on several occasions, and the said statistics are now expected to be included in the 4Ps reporting system, especially now that the Pantawid Program is being seen more as a child protection program than a poverty alleviation program.

The partnership between SFI and the 4Ps program has been fortified by a Memorandum of Agreement, which goes into the details of promotion of CSAP thru the Family Development Sessions of the Pantawid program. The integration of CSAP in the Family Training Sessions is a major milestone, since it potentially enables Stairway's CSAP material to reach 4 million families, or 24 million beneficiaries.

A number of the strongest and most capable NGO partners in the BtS program have been involved in the implementation of these Family Development Sessions in their local areas, as the local DSWD staff organizes the sessions while the BtS partners conduct the trainings and orientations.

### ***Specific objective 3:***

*To pilot and promote child protection policies in local schools in order to develop cases of best practice as examples and inspiration on a national level*

In 2012, DepEd issued new rules requiring schools to develop school based child protection policies under DepEd No. 40, 'Policy and Guidelines in Protecting Children in School from Abuse, Violence, Exploitation, Discrimination, Bullying, and Other Forms of Abuse'. Although the department order was issued more than two years ago, full implementation has not been realized due to the lack of capacity of schools in understanding what a school based child protection policy is. Since Stairway is an official part of DepEd's National Pool of Trainers, we are actively involved in implementing this order.

The DepEd national trainings on child protection have given Stairway significant opportunities to maximize the use of Stairway's advocacy materials, especially the animations on child sexual abuse (*Daughter, A Good Boy* and *Red Leaves Falling*) to reach the formal education sector. This increases and widens the safety net for children in schools, as more and more teachers are made aware and equipped to deal with child sexual abuse prevention and intervention.

Stairway's involvement in these national trainings has also enabled us to bring into the DepEd's agenda, the issue of online child sexual abuse, which is an emerging trend not only in the Philippines, but also globally.

In the project period Stairway has performed trainings on CSAP, Handling Disclosures and Online Safety for 2,187 teachers, guidance counselors and school personnel. In parallel, Stairway is in the process of finalizing modules to be used in the roll-out by the DepEd of trainings on child protection policies, online safety and cyber-bullying. Moreover, in May 2013, as part of the BtS Expansion Project, a total of 49 BtS Partner NGO focal persons and key representatives from their local partner schools participated in the orientation session on Child Protection Policy conducted by Stairway in collaboration with DepEd. As part of the plan, the BtS NGO partners who attended the training have continuously provided follow through support to their local partner schools in the implementation of DepEd's Child Protection Policy Order. They have helped in conducting orientations on child protection policies in the schools and have assisted them in writing their own policies.

To reinforce these efforts, DepEd Central Office has issued a memorandum requiring schools to accommodate BtS partners and allow them to conduct CSAP and CPP sessions. The presence and support of the BtS NGO partners have contributed to reinforce the implementation of DepEd’s CPP Order. Since this was a pilot initiative, only selected BtS NGO Partners together with their partner schools were invited to attend the orientation session on CPP in May 2013, and thus are the only ones equipped at the moment to conduct CPP orientation sessions and support for schools. There are still other BtS NGO Partners that can be trained and are willing to partner actively with the schools on child protection. In addition, there is a need to conduct further capacity building in order for the BtS-partners to feel more “comfortable” in assisting schools on developing localized child protection policies. Thus, by June Of 2015, a more in depth training on localized child protection policies for BtS partners and their school partners has been planned.

In late 2014, using Stairway’s existing Online Safety program, a collaboration project was set-up with the Department of Education which aimed to develop Online Safety Lesson Plans which will be used for schools in the Philippines. The collaboration project also involved the financial and technical assistance of the Center for Exploitation and Online Child Protection – National Crime Agency of the UK (CEOP-NCA-UK), who have sent the head of their education department and another resource trainer to co-facilitate the initial training which was attended by an Undersecretary of the Department of Education and selected curriculum writers from DepEd, held at Stairway’s new training center in Mindoro.

Noting that there are 46,000 public schools all over the country, this partnership with DepEd promises a strong potential of reaching out to millions of students and educators in order to build a more protective school environment, both online and offline.

**Specific objective 4:**

*To explore methods and strategies for cooperation between the partners in the BTS Campaign and the police and social government units in order to achieve synergies and networking*

Close cooperation about awareness raising, trainings and case handling between NGOs, police and the social authorities at a local level is a central part in the Break the Silence program. During the PA we have explored methods and strategies for achieving synergies and better networking by combining the ‘bottom-up’ approach in the BtS network with the ‘top-down’ approach in the cooperation with the PNP, the DSWD and the DepEd.

As described above, we have come a long way in this, especially in relation to school protection policies and the local activities in the 4Ps program. However, there still is a large potential to be tapped. During the coming project we will continue this effort in a systematic way, for example by further capacity building among the NGO partners and by exploring ways to involve some of the NGO partners in the police trainings in their region. One, the BCDCI in Bakyas, has already performed trainings under the supervision of a SFI senior trainer, and more will follow in the future.

Stairway will continue to provide opportunities for collaboration between and among the NGO and government partners in the Break the Silence Network, such as initiating consultation dialogues among NGOs, local police and local social welfare offices especially in problematic areas. NGO partners will continuously be encouraged and assisted to be actively involved in various relevant inter-agency councils/networks within the government structure.

Stairway will explore inclusion of the Police Community Relations (PCR) Unit in the partnership with PNP. The WCPD is under the Investigation Unit of the PNP while PCR is mainly in-charge of conducting community education sessions or what they call “community policing”, which is now being strengthened by the PNP. Tapping PNP’s PCR will all the more make CSAP advocacy stronger and sustainable at the community level.

**2. Adjustments of the intervention in response to the original letter of approbation from the Assessment Committee.**  
 (Fill out only if “good advice” was given in the letter of approbation)

- Describe actions taken as a result of any “good advice” or suggestions concerning adjustments which were raised in the original letter of approbation from the Assessment Committee.
- If you have chosen not to follow the advice, state the reasons why.

**The project was approved in Dec. 2012 with the following advice:** *"Continually enhancing SFI's coordination and cooperation efforts with other networks involved in Child Abuse Prevention and/or Intervention in order to establish synergy and to avoid overlap or parallel efforts".*

Since the project implementation, Stairway has maintained and deepened its membership with different networks working on the issue of child abuse prevention such as:

- The National Inter-Agency Council Against Child Pornography (IACACP),
- The Sub-Committee for the Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse (SACSEC),
- The Regional Sub-Committee against Trafficking (RIACAT) and
- The Department of Justice's convergence of councils - Technical Working Group against Online Child Sexual Abuse.

Within each of these networks where Stairway is an active member, we make it a point to share information and learn from each other's experience. We consistently update network participants on Stairway's initiatives so that network members are informed as not to duplicate any efforts.

In addition, Stairway continues its partnership with other NGO networks in providing CSAP trainings and materials such as Consuelo Foundation's Child Abuse Prevention and Intervention Network.

It should also be noted, that a number of the BtS-partners are themselves networks or part of networks, securing a two-way flow of experience and ideas. These include Northern Samar Children's Ministries Network and SOS Children's Villages, among others.

### **3. Monitoring and learning:**

- How has important learning been gathered, systematised and shared?
- How will it be used in the future by the Danish partner, the South partners and in the partnership?
- Has the Danish organisation participated in a Civil Society Fund Workshop? Yes X No\_\_\_

Regular monitoring visits have been performed during the whole project period, and representatives from SFI have visited Denmark several times. The discussions have been supplemented by the semi-annual reporting from SFI to SDK where progress and learning from the project have been described in detail.

The learning and results from the project will form the foundation for the next phase of the project, started in January 2015 with support from the Civil Society Fund (project 14-1521-SP-sep).

### **4. Partnership**

- Give a specific account of how the intervention has contributed to strengthening the partners and your partnership.
- For projects over 2 million: Describe how the intervention has sharpened the partners' profile and role as civil society actors (as described in A.4. in the original application).

During the project period Stairway Foundation Inc. has succeeded in building much stronger partnerships with the national police, the DSWD and the DepEd. In all three government institutions, SFI has contributed with technical expertise as well as a new perspective and issue-awareness regarding child protection and child sexual abuse prevention.

By offering this specialization to the government institutions in the context of partnership, the technical capabilities of the partners were strengthened on child protection, and as a result, the value of the partnership has been strengthened much further as these institutions have seen how crucial the issue, the BtS campaign was carrying. Today, SFI is much more visible and respected as a partner and resource organization on the subject.

### 5. Principal reflections – general considerations

- Looking back on the entire project implementation process, what are the most significant changes which have occurred?

The most significant changes brought about by this project partnership would include:

- Making, not only individuals and groups, but whole institutions more aware of the issue on child sexual abuse, more protective of children and more responsive to children's concerns. Given that these institutions are part of the formal government structure, the project's initiatives would be more sustainable, and this makes it all the more significant
- Development of wider and more protective environments for children, both those at risk and victims in the homes, in schools, in the communities, in the police stations and in local social welfare offices.

### 6. Information in Denmark.

(Fill out only if there is a budget line for "Information in Denmark".)

- Describe in point form the implemented activities.
- Explain how the information work has reached the objectives described in the application.

Not relevant

### 7. Summary of the accounts

Total budget:	497.320,00 d.kr
Actual expenditure:	483.937,27 d.kr
Unused funds:	13.382,73 d.kr

### 8. Budget adjustments and changes

- State any budget adjustments made or any funds transferred from the budget margin during the period since the last status report and made without prior approbation from CISU (as described in the "Guide to the administration of grants from the Civil Society Fund" sections 5.1. and 2.).
- All adjustments must be justified and a revised budget submitted.

All budget adjustments and funds transferred from the budget margin have been approved by CISU and a revised and final budget has been approved and submitted to CISU in March 2014.

### 9. Additional comments