

ADOLESCENTS BUILDING THEIR PEERS' CAPACITIES AND RESILIENCE TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

Children advocating, mobilizing, raising awareness, informing and communicating.

Asia and the Pacific: Philippines

The 'Federation of Associations for Communities and Children's Empowerment', is an organization in the Philippines where children and adults collaborate as partners to address different forms of violence, such as bullying and cyberbullying, violence against women and girls, sexual abuse and exploitation, and violence online. They work with children in street situations, and children experiencing deprivation, exclusion and vulnerability. As shared by an adolescent member of the organization: 'The problem we are trying to solve is about children and young adolescents that are experiencing or will be experiencing abuse, exploitation (online), violence and those children and young adolescents who are having mental illness brought by these COVID 19 pandemic, and encourage them to be participative in community advocacies concerning them.' The organization has taken forward multiple activities looking to build children's capacities and resilience. They have conducted specific sessions on COVID-19 prevention, disaster preparedness, and online abuse prevention, while building advocacy-focused partnerships with other organizations.

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