

## July – August 2019 Appeal

### ST VERONICA WELFARE COMMITTEE, P.O. BOX 5098, WEST END, 4101 APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MARIST SISTERS IN DAVAO CITY, MINDANAO, PHILIPPINES PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT AND UPBRINGING FOR VULNERABLE FILIPINA GIRLS.

Violence against children is endemic in the Philippines with eighty percent of children experiencing some form of violence in their lifetime.

Davao City has the highest murder rate and the second-highest rape rate in the country, with many victims of violence being street children (Philippines national police raw data 2015).

Davao City's Balay Banaag, "House of Hope", originally was run by a Philippines' non-government organisation, Talikala, with a goal to improve the quality of life of women prostitutes and survivors of prostitution.

The Marist Sisters worked with Talikala for years. When it became difficult for Talikala to continue the work, the Marist Sisters were asked to take over. As a result, since May 2018, Balay Banaag has been under the care of the Marist Sisters. It offers residential care and support for girls aged between 6 and 18 who have suffered physical, sexual and / or emotional abuse or are at risk.

The goal of this Appeal is to raise funds to assist the Sisters to provide a safe environment and upbringing for girls vulnerable to exploitation and abuse.

Through the provision of:

- ❖ Formal elementary and high school education
- ❖ Psychosocial counselling and values formation
- ❖ Skills training
- ❖ Community parenting classes
- ❖ And collaboration with government agencies, schools and other organisations for access to resources,

the Sisters will help protect women and children from violence and abuse and assist the girls to have a better future.



To: St Veronica Welfare Committee – APPEAL FOR FUNDS TO ASSIST THE MARIST SISTERS PROVIDE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT  
AND UPBRINGING FOR ABUSED AND / OR VULNERABLE GIRLS AT BALAY BANAAG

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