

Activity: Ceremonial Turn Over of Story Books and Other Learning Materials from Move On Philippines through Mahintana Foundation, Inc. to Sulit Day Care Center

Venue: Sulit Day Care Center, Brgy. Sulit, Polomolok, South Cotabato

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DOCUMENTATION

Early childhood learning is the foundation of learning in every child. Children ages 3-6 based on studies, are in their critical period of academic learning. Language lessons at this early stage can make their academic achievement longer up to his career. But they are still children, needs to play and learn through their activities. These are the challenge to Day Care Centers (DCC's) in our barangays, which are established to provide holistic environment for these children before they enter into formal school.

Under the initiative of a local government of a barangay these centers are built with the help of the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and its partners from private sectors. In Barangay Sulit, Polomolok, South Cotabato, its Day Care Center existed for 19 years already and currently, it has 71 pupils. One Day Care Teacher was trained under DSWD meets two (2) sessions in a day.

Aside from the lack of a building and a teacher to accommodate these pupils, it does not have enough reading materials. A former teacher and resident of the barangay requested for the Center to Move On Philippines to provide such need. Being an organization whose goal is to enhance the learning conditions of the schools in the country, the organization donated a total of 64 story books and four (4) Fun Learning Toys.

In the Center, the pupils were so excited to see their "new" books. The parents who waited for their children outside glimpsed to see this early Christmas Gift. Hon. Orlando Huelar lead in the opening of the box contained with reading materials and some toys joined by the two (2) members of the Sangguniang Barangay, Kag. Edgardo Tañare, the chairman of the committee on education and Kag. Cyril Maglunob. "The books came so timely," according to Hon. Huelar. Some of their books were already ragged because of its usage through the years. Its teacher thanked Move On Philippines and Mahintana for the books, according to her "those books are very important to them in their early childhood learning, making it more enjoyable". It was a pleasant day for everyone leaving the pupils so busy examining all the books from Move On Philippines.



The turnover of reading materials was joined by (from the left) Kag. Cyril Maglunob, Kag. Edgardo Tañare, Hon. Orlando Huelar, the barangay captain, together with the day care teacher and the barangay secretary.



Hon. Huelar and Kag. Tañare both said that the pupils are so lucky to hold such beautiful books.



There were 24 pupils in the center who arrived earlier than their class time to see their new books.