

Malacañang
Manila

By the President of the Philippines

PROCLAMATION NO. 855

PROCLAIMING THE ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHILIPPINE PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR CHILDREN IN THE 1990s

WHEREAS, The World Summit for Children held on 30 September at the UN Headquarters in New York adopted the World Declaration on Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s;

WHEREAS, The Philippines is a signatory to the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children in the 1990s in support of the Convention on the Rights of the Child which was adopted by the UN General Assembly on 20 November 1989 with the force of international law by 2 September 1990;

WHEREAS, The Philippines is committed to prepare a National Plan for Children, 1991-2000, which will serve as the basis for the government's report on the progress of implementation to the United Nations before September 1992, two years after the entry into force of the Treaty for the Philippines, and every five years thereafter;

WHEREAS, The Philippine Program of Action for Children in the 1990s is a continuation of the National Plan for Children (1990-1992) and is consistent with among others, The Medium Term Philippine Development Plan, the Education for All, Philippine Plan of Action (1991-2000), the Philippine Food and Nutrition Plan, the Water Supply, Sewerage and Sanitation Master Plan (1988-2000) and Health for All by the Year 2000;

WHEREAS, The Program of Action for Children has been reviewed and approved by the Council for the Welfare of Children Board and the Social Development Committee, both Technical Board and Cabinet Level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, CORAZON C. AQUINO, President of the Republic of the Philippines, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, do hereby proclaim the adoption and implementation of the Philippine Plan of Action for Children in the 1990s entitled: "The Filipino Children: 2000 and Beyond."

I hereby call upon the Council for the Welfare of Children to undertake the operationalization of the coordinative task through its National as well as the Regional, Provincial/City, Municipal, and Barangay mechanisms through the integration of the plan in the overall plan of the local government units as appropriate.

I hereby direct the following agencies to support and/or implement programs, projects and activities for the survival, protection and development of children in the 1990s in active collaboration with the local government units:

- a. Department of Social Welfare and Development;
- b. Department of Education, Culture and Sports;
- c. Department of Health;
- d. Department of Labor and Employment;
- e. Department of Agriculture;
- f. Department of Justice;
- g. Department of the Interior and Local Government;
- h. National Economic and Development Authority;
- i. National Nutrition Council;
- j. Non-Government Organizations (licensed and accredited by the government agency-members of the Council for the Welfare of Children as provided by law).

IN WITNESS THEREFORE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Republic of the Philippines to be affixed.

DONE in the City of Manila, this 31st day of January in the year of Our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety-two.

(Sgd.) **CORAZON C. AQUINO**
President of the Philippines

By the President:

(Sgd.) **FRANKLIN M. DRILON**
Executive Secretary