

# Let's Care Foundation

- Founded in 2008
- Located in San Jose, Antique, Philippines
- Let's Care envisions a world without child abuse and trauma, where children feel safe, and their rights are respected.



# Current Programs

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## **Home for Girls**

A rehabilitation center for girls aged 5 to 18 who are victims of (sexual) abuse.

## **After Care**

Reintegration program where the girls are being monitored in their community after reintegration with their (foster) family.

## **Advocacy**

Campaign to inform, train and raise awareness of the community, schools and local officials to recognize the issues of child abuse and how to act on this.

# Transition to family-based care

- Change of Management in 2022
- Assessment of our Home for Girls and After Care program
  - Children are referred to Let's Care without a thorough investigation into whether the immediate family can take care of the child
  - The process of reintegrating children back into family or foster care takes an unnecessarily long time
  - Children are grateful for the care and safety at Let's Care but they are all longing for a family
  - Let's Care and the local government don't have the capacity to intensively support children and families after reintegration. This sometimes leads to children ending up in an unsafe situation again and/or being placed back in institutional care

# Reintegration Process

- Reintegration has always been an essential part of Let's Care's programs
  - Social workers determine together with the child if she is ready to be reintegrated
  - Home visitation by Let's Care and PCAR by the local government
  - Visits, sleepovers, and vacations
  - Case conference with all stakeholders involved
- This year we reintegrated 12 girls, there are still 11 girls in our center

# Reintegration Support Services

- Family Development Plan for every child and family
  - Basic needs and shelter
  - Psychosocial support (counseling, therapeutic activities for children and parents, referral to a psychologist)
  - Family strengthening / Responsible parenting
  - Education (scholarships)
  - Legal Support
  - Livelihood



# Future Plans

- Reintegrate all the children from the Home for Girls
- Provide support to struggling families to avoid placement of children in alternative care
- Identify and train foster families
- Continue our Advocacy Campaign to create awareness and help prevent child abuse