

Asia

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Philippines



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Cry of the Earth:

- WATER POLLUTION caused by untreated domestic and industrial wastewater.
- AIR POLLUTION due to industrial waste and automobile. In Metro Manila alone, it causes more than 4,000 deaths. Another source of air pollution are the open dump sites and landfills.
- ILLEGAL MINING AND DEFORESTATION causing landslides, and coastal erosion. Most of the logging activities in the countries obtain regular concession from the government.
- DYNAMITE FISHING destroys a reef that took hundreds or thousands of years to grow.
- WILDLIFE EXTINCTION and lose of bio-diversity - Philippines as one of only mega-diverse countries in the world. Mega-diverse countries are nations that shelter the bulk of Earth's animal and plant life. It has an extreme biodiversity in terms of genetic, genus, and bio-network mixtures. Unfortunately, the country is also home to a large number of threatened animal species.
- PLASTIC POLLUTION is a major problem in the Philippines.
- CLIMATE CHANGE causing stronger typhoons and increased in frequency

Cry of the Poor:

Impact to Farmers- The farming communities suffered on the ecological and economic impact of climate change. Agriculture is one of the Philippines' largest sectors and will continue to be adversely impacted by the effects of climate change. The agriculture sector employs 35% of the working population and generated 13% of the country's GDP.

ORGAN (CHILD) TRAFFICKING - Organ trade is the trade of human organs, tissues, or other body products, usually for transplantation. There is a global need or demand for healthy body parts for transplantation. Data from the World Health Organization

Commitments

indicates that donors in the illegal organ trade are predominantly impoverished people in developing nations. The poor Filipinos are frequently viewed as more reliable targets for transplant tourists because they are the most in need of money.

WAR ON DRUGS- victimizes the criminalized poor drug addicts and enforce extra judicial killings in different corners of the country.

CORRUPTION- In 2018, the country ranks 99th out of 180 countries in Transparency International's Corruption Perceptions Index.

POVERTY- Poverty has proven to be one of the most significant challenges facing this country and its citizens. Filipinos are having a hard time surviving in such difficult conditions, and more and more are falling into extreme poverty. Hunger is one of the extreme effects of poverty in the Philippines.

CHILD LABOR - With poverty taking a toll on Filipinos, parents often can't make enough money to support their families; children then have to be taken out of school to work in harsh conditions. Statistics show that around 3.6 million children, from ages 5-17, are child laborers in the Philippines. This is 15.9 percent of the entire population.

OVERSEAS FILIPINO WORKERS - every year, millions of Filipinos leave the motherland in the hopes of giving their families a better life.