

EDUCATION IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT.

But indigenous peoples children are barely reached by public schools, making illiteracy high among their tribes. Making this situation worse is the threat on community schools that are serving these children.

Around **50 schools** ran by religious and non-government organizations that are serving thousands of indigenous children in five provinces in Southern Mindanao are hampered by constant military occupation and imposition of bureaucratic requirements.

These problems reflect the need to protect and uphold the rights of indigenous children to education, to dialogue with education and public officials in the need to enforce laws protecting schools and children, and to take part in forming the future of these children.



SAVE OUR SCHOOLS!

DONATE

- ✓ Donate school supplies and equipment for classrooms
- ✓ Pledge support for a student, class, or a teacher
- ✓ Contribute to the construction of better school classrooms and facilities

ADVOCATE

- ✓ Engage in campaigns to raise awareness on indigenous peoples' rights to education.
- ✓ Support campaigns to call for better state response for the protection of the indigenous children's rights to education.

VOLUNTEER

- ✓ Visit schools together with your students, teachers, colleagues
- ✓ Be a volunteer in teaching, health clinics and other community services
- ✓ Form partnerships with community schools through extension programs and other services



ABOUT SOS

Formed in 2012, the Save Our Schools network was formed by indigenous peoples' groups, educators and support groups to combine efforts to address the need to advocate and mobilize resources to serve the indigenous and children's rights to education.

The network provides advocacy and services to the community schools that are recognized by the Department of Education Indigenous People's Education Office (Ipseo). They uphold these schools' programs that instill cultural heritage and pride to protect their culture and ancestral land against the encroachment of multinational investments, and instead promote a sustainable, community-based development program.

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