CAMELEON Association Inc. is a non-profit, non-government organization founded in 1997 by French national Laurence Ligier. Its mission is to rehabilitate young girl survivors of sexual abuse in Western Visayas, Philippines and to provide educational support and sustainable livelihood opportunities for economically disadvantaged children and their families.

OUR VISION

CAMELEON aspires to a world without sexual violence.

In a world where sexual violence is insidious, common, considered taboo and rarely punished, encouraged by a culture of silence due to ignorance, fear, shame or denial, it is necessary to act.

OUR PROMISE

“Changing colors, changing lives”
OUR PROGRAMS

The programs of CAMELEON are focused on the three major components of healing, prevention and building. These are the cores of how the organization operates and carries out its mission.

REHABILITATION PROGRAM

130 girl survivors of sexual abuse are given basic needs as well as psychological intervention to help them recover from their trauma and become autonomous. They are also provided with legal assistance when they are determined to pursue their perpetrators. Afterwards, the girls are reintegrated into their families and communities.

A new rehabilitation center in Silay City was opened to shelter and heal girl survivors of sexual abuse in the province of Negros Occidental.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

300 least privileged but academically qualified children are assisted yearly in their education needs. Their families are also empowered through livelihood skills training, capacity building and values development.

The program expands the organization's zone of influence in the nearby municipalities to create child-friendly communities.

ADVOCACY PROGRAM

The Advocacy Program runs information campaigns to raise awareness and educate the public on child sexual abuse and to ultimately prevent the proliferation of such crime. The program lobbies in the local and national legislative levels to advocate for child protection laws and policies.

Two youth organizations, Voice of CAMELEON's Children (VCC) and CAMELEON Youth Health Advocates (CYHA) actively advocate and raise awareness on children's rights and youth reproductive health in the communities through lectures and workshops.
SUPPORT PROGRAMS

SPORTS & CIRCUS
These are unique interventions provided to CAMELEON beneficiaries that help them build their self-confidence, character, skills as well as respect, discipline, perseverance, and team work.

Circus is a therapeutic tool for the In-House and After-Care girls. It’s a means for self-expression, where they can build a positive image of themselves, regain their self-confidence and build trust with their co-girls.

HEALTH PROGRAM
Beneficiaries of CAMELEON are given access to health care and medical services such as vaccination, hospitalization, dental care, medical consultation, psychological aid and other preventive interventions to ensure their good health conditions.

IN NUMBERS: YEAR 2018

53 GIRL SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WERE WELCOMED IN THE RESIDENTIAL CARE CENTERS

20 GIRL SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WON THEIR LEGAL CASES

64 SPONSORED CHILDREN BENEFICIARIES COMPLETED THEIR COLLEGE EDUCATION

65 GIRL SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE WERE CATERED IN THE AFTER-CARE PROGRAM

7 AFTER-CARE GIRLS GRADUATED FROM COLLEGE

600,000 AUDIENCES WERE REACHED BY ADVOCACY CAMPAIGNS
Coopération Humanitaire Luxembourg is our main partner in the construction and operations of the new CAMELEON Negros Center located in Silay City, Negros Occidental. Being the first of its kind to provide specialized care in the province, the center serves as a safe haven for 20 young girl survivors of sexual abuse in Negros Occidental, where cases of rape and incest are rampant. The girls are housed in a secure environment where they undergo rehabilitation until their recovery and reintegration into the community. Each beneficiary under CAMELEON’s care receives psycho-social interventions for their healing, educational assistance to continue their studies, legal assistance to pursue their perpetrators and achieve justice, and parenting skills training for their families.

Replicating its actions from the two centers in Passi City, Iloilo, CAMELEON will also implement its Community Development Program that will provide educational and livelihood support to the beneficiaries and its Advocacy Program that will run information campaigns and raise awareness to prevent child sexual abuse.

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