

# Climate change to affect 25M kids in 2050

*\$7B to ease temperature rise impact on poor*

CLIMATE change will cause the malnourishment of 25 million more children in 2050, according to a Wednesday report by the Washington-based International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and e-mailed to media outfits worldwide.

This study, the most comprehensive assessment of the impact of climate change on agriculture to date, compares the number of malnourished children in 2050 with and without climate change.

"This outcome could be averted with \$7 billion per year of additional investments in agricultural productivity to help farmers to adapt to the effects of climate change. Investments are needed in agricultural research, improved irrigation, and rural roads to increase market access for poor farmers. Access to safe drinking water and education for girls is also essential," said Gerald Nelson, IFPRI senior research fellow and report lead author.

The study, "Climate Change: Impact on Agriculture and Costs of Adaptation," was prepared by IFPRI for inclusion in two separate reports from the Asian Development Bank and the World Bank, both released on September 30 in conjunction with international climate change meetings in Bangkok.

Without new technology and adjustments by farmers, climate change will reduce irrigated wheat yields in 2050 by around

30 percent in developing countries compared to a no-climate change scenario. Irrigated rice yields will fall by 15 percent.

Even without climate change, food prices will rise, but climate change makes the problem worse. Without climate change, 2050 wheat prices will increase globally by almost 40 percent. With climate change, wheat prices will increase by up to 194 percent. Rice is projected to increase 60 percent without climate change, but it will go up by as much as 121 percent with climate change. 2050 maize prices will be more than 60 percent higher without climate change, but they will be up to 153 percent higher with climate change.

The first of its kind, this study combines climate models that project changes in rainfall and temperature and a crop model to capture biophysical effects with IFPRI's economic model of world agriculture. The latter projects changes in the production, consumption, and trade of major agricultural commodities.

The modeling does not include: the effects of increased variability in weather due to climate change; the loss of agricultural lands due to rising sea levels; climate change-induced increases in pests and diseases; and increased variability in river flow as glaciers melt.

All these factors could increase the damage of climate change to agriculture.

Developing countries will be hit hardest by climate change and will face bigger declines in crop yields and production than industrialized countries, the study finds. The negative effects of climate change are especially pronounced in Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia. Compared to the average biophysical effects of climate change on yields in the industrialized world, the developing countries fare worse for almost all crops.

"Agriculture is extremely vulnerable to climate change, because farming is so weather-dependent. Small-scale farmers in developing countries will suffer the most," noted Mark Rosegrant, director of IFPRI's Environment and Production Technology Division and report co-author.

"However, our study finds that this scenario of lower yields, higher prices, and increased child malnutrition can be avoided."

In addition to increased funding for rural development, IFPRI recommends more open agricultural trade to ensure that food will reach the poorest populations in times of crises.

"If governments and donors begin now to invest seriously in adaptation for poor farmers, we can avert this bleak future," said Rosegrant. (*Inquirer.net*)

# Small Business Expo teaches Fil-Ams to become entrepreneurs

by JOSEPH PIMENTEL  
AJPress

LOS ANGELES – Tess Vanayo wants to retire early. She hopes opening a small childcare business will lead her to that path.

"It's very important for me to start my own business because I don't want to work for anyone. I want to be my own boss," said Vanayo.

Vanayo was among the hundreds of Filipino prospective business owners who received some helpful advice about how to open a business during the Asian Small Business Expo held at the Omni Hotel in Downtown last September 26.

Like Vanayo, many entrepreneurs in attendance had a lot of questions about how to borrow from banks to start their small business.

Opening a business is a tough task and trying to start one during a recession is tougher.

Banks are being selective with whom they lend to, some small business resources have dried up, and most people are wary about starting a business in this current dire economy.

Maria Brenes of Chase Bank said for individuals planning to start a business, banks like Chase are not only looking at the person's credit score. Bank officials will also look at the individual's three C's - character, collateral, and cash flow - to see whether they have the ability to pay back the loan.

"It really helps if that person has a relationship with that bank to land a loan," said Brenes.

The Small Business Association can also assist those interested in starting a small business.

The SBA received monies from the \$787 billion federal economic stimulus bill to assist start up and current small business owners.

Under the America's Recovery Capital Loan Program (ARC), the SBA can provide a loan up to \$35,000 in short-term relief for qualified applicants. The loan is repayable over periods up

to five years.

Euhoe A. Park of the SBA said the first thing prospective business owners need to do before asking a bank or the SBA for a loan is to make sure the business plan is solid.

"You have to be as realistic as possible about how well you think your business will do," he said.

Park advises those who need help with their business plan to take the SCORE program. SCORE is a non-profit agency that helps and assists prospective and small business owners.

## SIPA Entrepreneur Program

For years now, the Search to Involve Filipino Americans has been helping Filipino entrepreneurs to start a business. SIPA has been part of the Asian Small Business Expo the past 10 years.

Program Manager and Business Counselor Farzana Nayani said SIPA has helped many Filipino entrepreneurs to start a small business.

Vanayo is one of them.

Vanayo and her partner have been going to SIPA the past year for advice and help.

"I highly recommend them," said Vanayo. "They've helped me so much and answered many of my questions about business."

Starting October 5, SIPA will host an Entrepreneur Training Program (ETP) for those business owners and entrepreneurs who want to learn about better business operations.

The seven session training program will meet twice every week and go over topics such as business planning, marketing, taxes, legal and labor policies, business structuring, banking, budgeting, and personal financial planning.

Registration fee is \$50 to cover the cost of the materials.

For more information, please e-mail fnayani@esipa.org or call (213) 382-1819 ext. 107. ■

## Pinay killed in Samoa...

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struck but was lifted an hour and a half later.

According to the Indonesian Social Department, as many as 464 people were killed and around 500 others were wounded. The death toll is expected to rise with thousands of people still trapped in the rubble of the collapsed buildings.

### Pinay found dead

Still in a related development, a 37-year-old Filipina was found dead in a farm in Rochester, Kent, an embassy report said on October 2.

The Philippine Embassy in London identified the Filipina national as Leah G. Cuestin, whose body was recently found in a farmland in Kent, about a two-hour drive from London.

The victim was reported missing last Sept. 15 and was the subject of an intensive search by the United Kingdom Metro-

politan Police Missing Persons Bureau after she failed to report for work on Sept. 13.

The embassy report said Cuestin was in Britain for over a year before her disappearance in mid-September 2009. Aside from pursuing studies at Thames International College, she also worked part-time in a care home in London.

British police arrested a male individual in his 30s in London on Sept. 29 in connection with the case.

As of this time, an intensive post-mortem investigation on the case is being conducted by the UK Police Homicide and Serious Crime Command in Hendon, London.

The embassy is closely monitoring the investigation and appealed to anyone who knew the victim to provide any relevant information to UK authorities or the embassy. (*Philstar.com*)

## NYC Fil-Ams raise funds...

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*Bayanihan for Typhoon Ondoy Disaster Relief* will be facilitated with partner organizations in the Philippines, while at the same time, encouraging other organizations and individuals in the US to send back to the home country.

### Simbang Gabi sa Katedral

Simbang Gabi Sa Katedral (SGSK), a non-profit organization, in partnership with PAGES Operation Hope is calling for donations of canned goods, towels, blankets and other necessities.

The goodies, according to Ludi Hughes, will be transported to the Philippines through Northwest Airlines as their contribution to the Filipinos. The groups will conduct a surgical mission and food & gift-giving mission.

Donors are encouraged to drop off their donations at 581 Westside Avenue, Jersey City, NJ 07304. Check donations can be made out to SGSK and mailed to San Lorenzo Ruiz Church, 378 Broome Street, New York, NY 10013.

### FIRE

Filipinas for Rights and Empowerment (FiRE) are also raising funds for the communities and chapters they work closely with. These are the communities in the areas of Tatalon, Bagong Silangan and Commonwealth in Quezon City.

"Families were forced to climb up to their roofs for safety and rescue. In Bagong Silangan, four houses, with whole families still inside, were swept away by the raging waters of the river," a statement from FiRE said.

The group is gunning to raise \$1000 in cash to send directly to GABRIELA Philippines by October 3.

### BKPNY

BKPNY, Inc., a 100% volunteer-based nonprofit organization which collects used English children's books for shipment to partner community libraries in the Philippines and supports community literacy programs, will divert proceeds from their upcoming *A Family Affair 2* to victims of typhoon Ketsana. The event will be held on October 3, 2009 (Saturday) from 11 am to

5 pm at the Queens Museum of Art in Flushing Meadows Corona Park, Queens.

The event is part of the IV Annual Multilingual New York Book Fair Expo, which celebrates this year, the richness and diversity of the languages of New York.

For those who are unable to join them this Saturday, checks made out to BKPNY, Inc. may be mailed to : 603 West 148th Street Suite 3C, New York, NY 10031.

### Shows

Musician and writer Ted Reyes is spearheading two fund-raising events for the victims of Typhoon Ondoy: Sunday, October 11, 2009. 3-11pm, featuring Jay Legaspi, John Flor Sisante, Trickbag, Prtdth, John Viola-go, Higher Ground, and many more.

Another fund-raiser is scheduled for Saturday, October 17, 2009 from 6-11pm featuring Ciudad, The Happy Analogues, Ave, and Ready Empire. Both events will be at Fontanas Bar NYC.

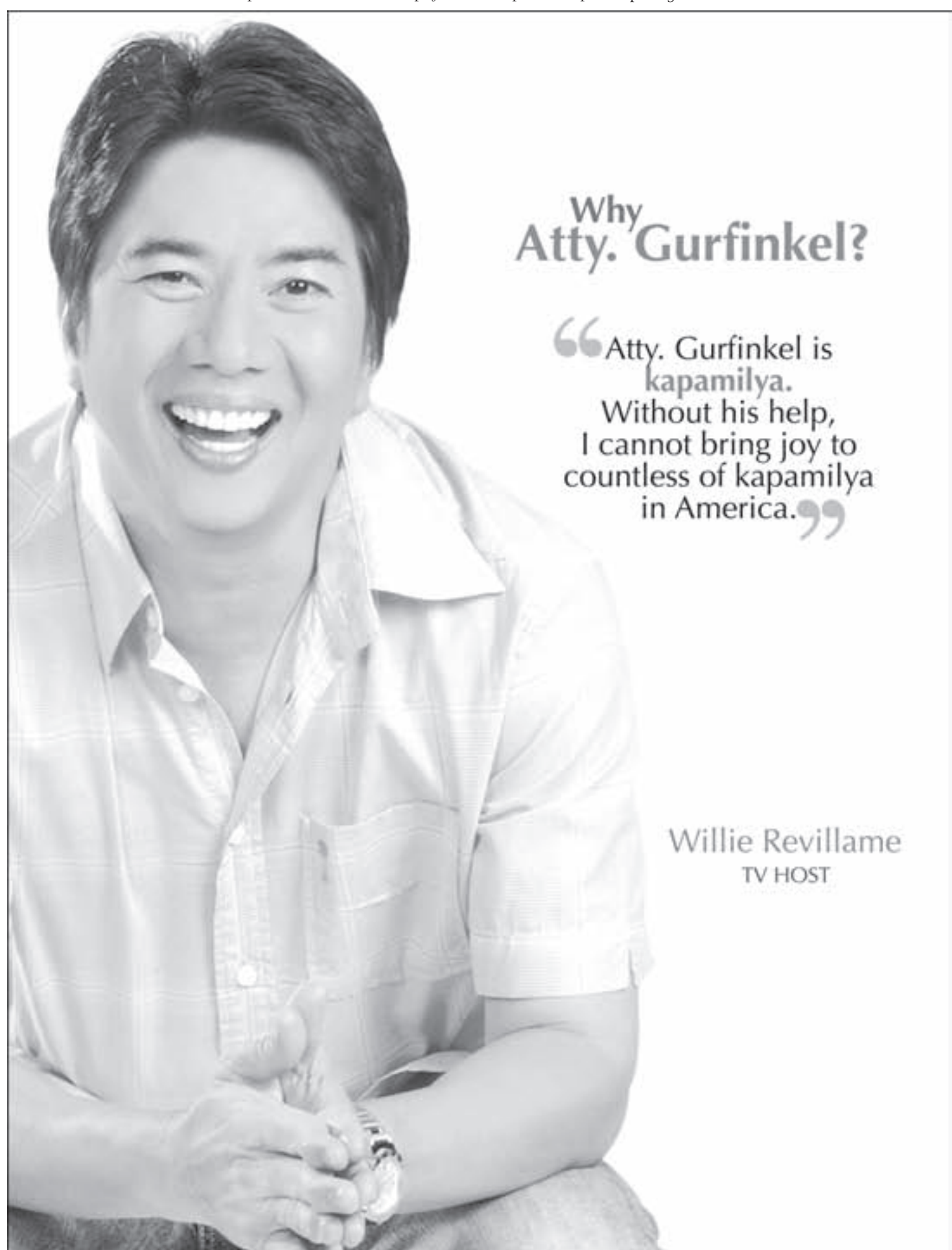
### Sagip Tulong sa Pilipinas

The Alliance for a Just and Lasting Peace in the Philippines (Alliance Philippines) has launched a nationally-coordinated fund drive called Sagip Tulong sa Pilipinas (STP), to raise material and monetary support for the typhoon victims of Ondoy.

The group's goal is to raise \$5,000 per week and to collect donations of shoes, clothes, canned goods and medicines with drop-off points in Los Angeles, CA and New York, NY.

Donations cash or check can be sent to Damayan Migrant Workers Association, 406 West 40th Street, 3rd Floor, New York, NY 10018. Donations more than \$75 is tax deductible.

Donated materials (clothing, shoes, canned goods, etc) can be dropped off on Saturday, October 3 from 11 am until 7 pm at Nodutdol for Korean Community Development, 53-22 Roosevelt Avenue, 2nd floor, Woodside, Queens (between 53rd and 54th streets). After October 3, materials can be dropped off at the Damayan office. (*Momar G. Viasaya/AJPress*)



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