



Young Focus Profile - 2020

Executive Summary

Young Focus' vision is to improve the mental, physical and social well-being of young people in underprivileged communities by means of education, care and personal support.

Context

Young Focus operates in a highly complex environment, holistically addressing a myriad of socio-economic issues for target beneficiaries - children and families who live in the Smokey Mountain area (the city's former dumpsite of Manila). Many scavenge through garbage for a living.

This year 2019 marks some drastic changes: most of the people in one of the communities will be relocated outside the city of Manila. Young Focus's intention is to continue the sponsorship of the students who will be relocated. We will also explore if other options will open up for us as the picture gets clearer on the implications of the move. The information from the local government is still limited.

History

Young Focus started in this area in 2008 with 225 beneficiaries. Last year 2017 we reached the number of 1,346 students from preschool to



college level. Since 2008, 125 students have graduated from college/ university.

Programs

Young Focus believes that providing quality education for the poor who have limited access to schooling, is the most powerful means to give children and young people opportunities to break the vicious circle of poverty. We do that by providing education opportunities and school materials, tutorials, life skills activities in our **Early Childhood Care and Development programs** as well as for students Grade 1 to college in our **Student Support Program** and a special program for school drop-outs called **Catch UP**. Our **Social Care** reaches out to the children and families with more complicated needs, and our **Family Care** approach makes sure that all parents are part of what their children are doing.

About Young Focus

Young Focus has been working with children and their families in the Smokey Mountain area of Tondo, Manila, since 2008.

Young Focus believes that education is the most powerful tool to overcome poverty for children and young adults. Young Focus therefore provides access to education, as well as the chance for children to develop themselves intellectually, emotionally and psychologically. Young Focus wants them to develop their hidden talents and reach their full potential.

Young Focus enrolls children from elementary school age to college into government education, providing them with extra tutorials, life skills teachings and personal coaching.

Children who have dropped out of school, can join our 'catch-up' education programs and then enroll (again) in school.

Young Focus also has a pre-school for 3+4yr old's.

Throughout the child's education, Young Focus supports the parents, providing teaching and programs.



Programs

1 STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (SEP)

• Student Support: Grade 1-College

For students aged 5 to 20+, Young Focus provides school fees, uniforms, books and other school materials. Young Focus runs compulsory tutorials for all students at our centers, as well as life skills activities and creative learning opportunities.

2 STUDENT EDUCATION PROGRAM (SEP)

• Catch-UP

Young Focus has a several levels of 'catch-up' approaches for children who have dropped out of school, providing them with customised education before re-enrolling into a regular school.

3 SOCIAL CARE PROGRAM (SCP)

• Early Childhood Care & Development

Child Care PLUS is a preschool for children aged 3 – 4 years old to provide them with quality education and prepare them for elementary school enrollment.

4 SOCIAL CARE PROGRAM (SCP)

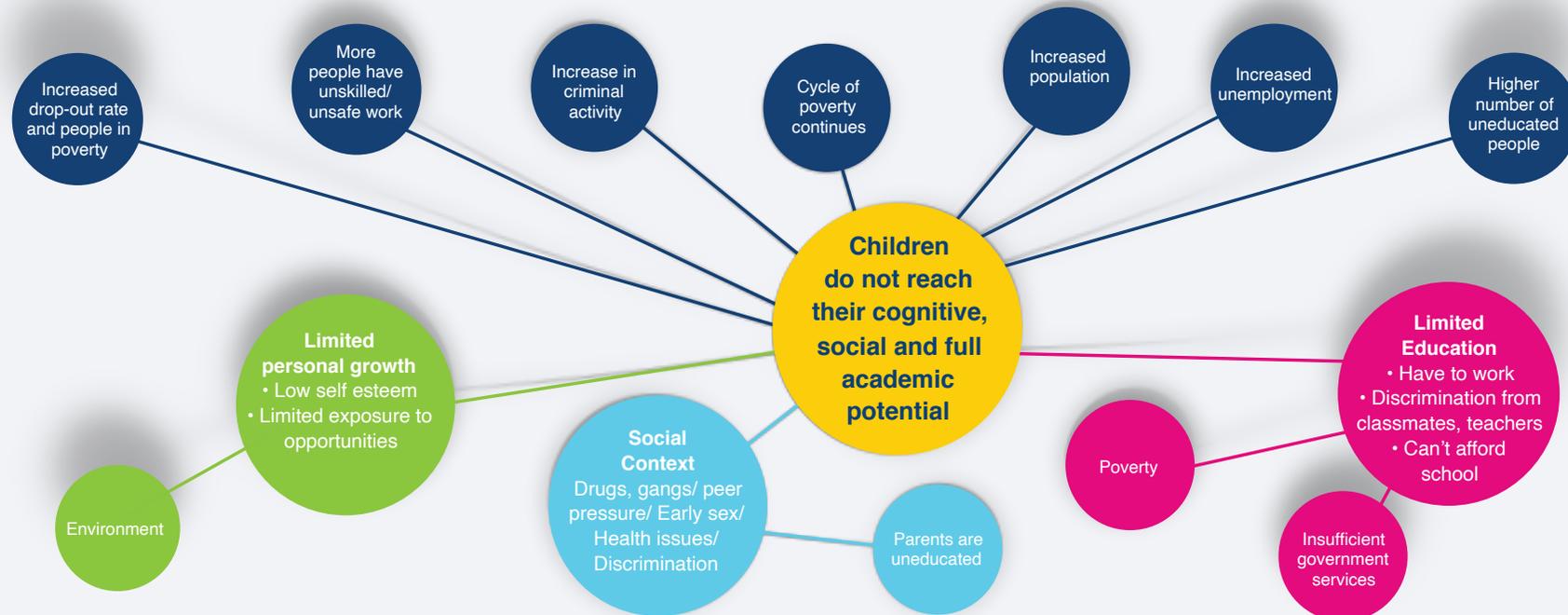
• Family Care & Case Management

Young Focus works with families and students who are in need of more specialized social support, and gives training on nutrition, health, hygiene, family planning and parenting skills to all parents of Young Focus. Besides teaching on nutrition, *Combat Malnutrition* provides also nutritious meals for the children who need extra attention.

History

2007	Registration of Young Focus for Education & Development Foundation, Inc. in the Philippines (previously registered in the Netherlands since 1992 to provide scholarships)
2008	Renovation of rented industrial units; used as Student Center. Total number of beneficiaries: 220. Total number of full time staff: 7
2009	A simple plywood Child Care construction was built on the garbage dump 'Smokey Mountain 2' where 20 malnourished babies received daily nutrition and care. Total number of beneficiaries: 225. Total staff: 10
2010	A bigger steel frame Child Care building was set up on the garbage dump to replace the plywood Child Care construction. In another construction YF started a new program called Love2Learn: to give school drop-outs education. Total number of YF beneficiaries: 260. Total staff: 12
2011	YF constructed a new 4-floor Student Center. Love2Learn moved to the new Student Center. Fair Jewelry gave 20 college students an opportunity to make some money for their daily expenses like transportation and food. Total number of YF beneficiaries: 274. Total staff: 14
2012	Start of a preschool for 15 children on the garbage dump and more focus for parents on health and family orientated programs. Total number of beneficiaries: 335. Number of full time staff: 14
2013	The center on the dumpsite had to be rebuilt after a fire destroyed 100 shacks in the area. One-off relief program 'Project Yolanda' was initiated to rebuild school buildings after a typhoon destroyed schools in Panay. Total number of YF beneficiaries: 407. Total number of full time staff: 15
2014	Continuation of reconstructing school buildings in Panay. Demolition of the garbage dump 'Smokey Mountain 2' began; including YF's centers. YF moved to a bigger Child Care center in a community nearby (Vitas). Total number of YF beneficiaries: 524. Total number of full time staff: 16.
2015	A new program, YoUNGgLI (Young Unlimited), for older youth who weren't in school. The Child Care preschool operates at two locations. More training on nutrition and food distribution in 'Combat Malnutrition'. Total number of YF beneficiaries: 548. Full time staff: 21.
2016	Increase of numbers of students from elementary to high school. Preschool grew to 380 children. Total number of YF beneficiaries: 882. Total number of full time staff: 40.
2017	Opening of a renovated 4 floor center for preschool, parent activities and classes for ALS (Alternative Learning System: acceleration study program for school drop-outs). Start of a Social Work team.
2018	See page 7 for total numbers of children at the different levels. Quality growth at all levels. Establishment of a Out of School Youth center besides a preschool of 150 children and our Student Center. Total staff: 48

Problem Tree & Solutions



MAIN GOAL

Giving the most marginalized children living in the Smokey Mountain area the opportunities to realize their potential through access to education, personal growth and work opportunities.

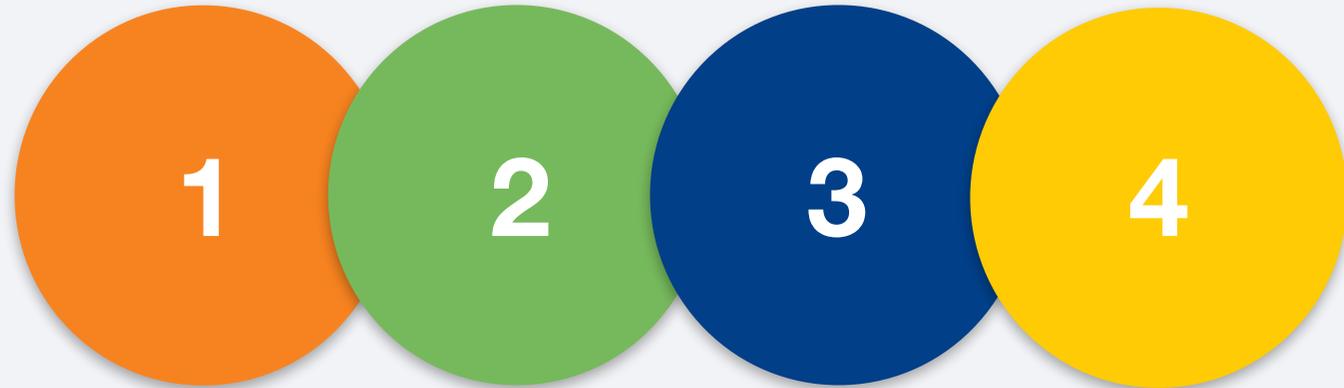
SOLUTION

Supporting children throughout their education and filling in the gaps in the government system not just academically, but through activities which enhance personal and creative growth, and supporting the family to give the best foundations for each child so they can realize their potential.

IMPACT

A changed mindset so children believe they can have a better situation than their parents, and have the self-confidence and independence to create their own path in life to end the cycle of poverty. In order to do that, a basic education is vital, as well as structured programs to build their sense of self. (Specific targets set under each objective).

Four goals to change the lives of children and their families



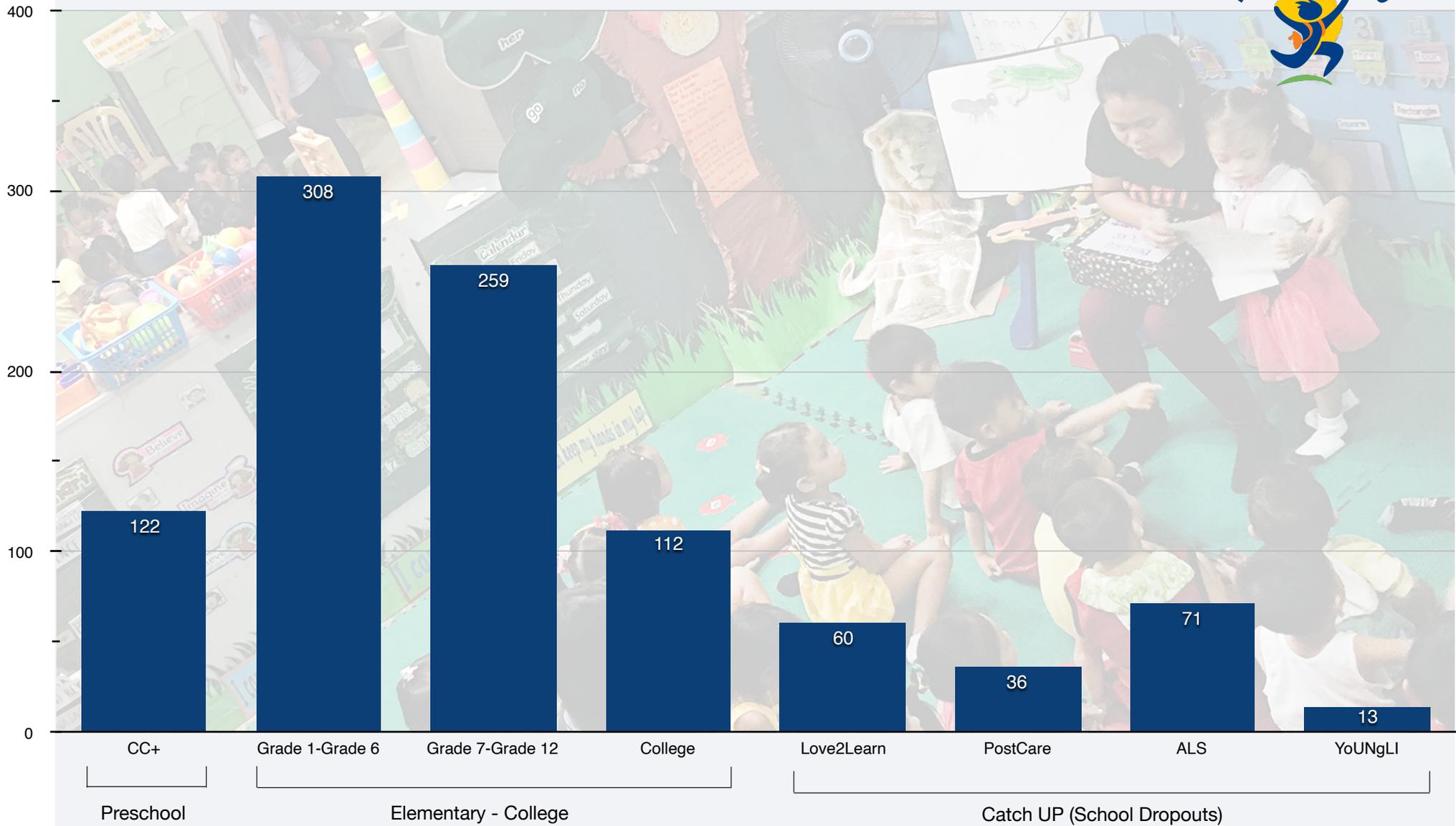
To enroll children into government education system and provide extra educational, as well as social and creative support

To motivate, stimulate and prepare children and youth who have dropped out of school so that they can finish elementary, high school or college

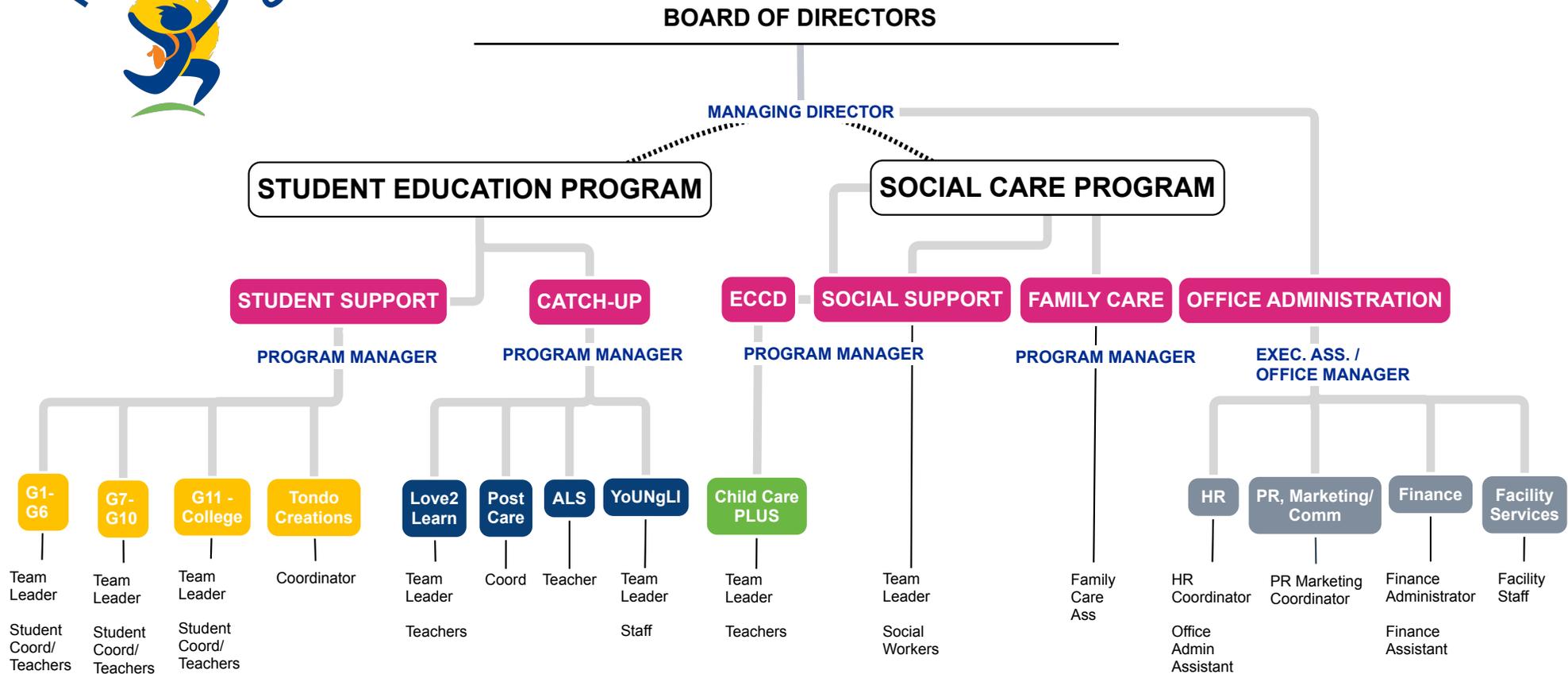
To provide comprehensive Early Childhood Education and Development for 0-4 yr olds to give them a solid basis for enrolling in elementary school

To provide social support for all the students, families and wider communities YF works in

Totals Beneficiaries As of Jan 1 2020



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