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“Ang bawat bata sa ating mundo ay may pangalan, may karapatan, mahirap man o may kaya, maputi o kayumanggi, minamahal ng Panginoon at may karapatan sa ating mundo”

a verse crafted from the song “Bawat Bata” by Apo Hiking Society.

Every individual has its own right, and this right begins as early as the sperm and egg cells unite and formed zygote. Though we can’t see it nor touch it, but one day or somehow it can be bigger and be a productive member of society.

Human rights are rights inherent to all human beings, whatever our nationality, sex, religion, language, or any other status. We are all equally entitled to our human rights without discrimination. Meanwhile, Family Planning as defined is having the desired number of children and when you want to have them by using safe and effective modern methods.

Our country today is considered “poor” because may people are homeless, and a lot of them have many children. Sometimes, they knock door to door just to beg money, food and water, and that’s not the worst thing yet, they also bring their new born children, expose to heat and pollution and use them to look pitiful. These scenario can be addressed through unaware and uneducated couple with regards to planning in building the so called family. That is why, it is indeed that family planning should and must be a basic human rights.
According to the United Nations International Conference on Human Rights, parents must have a basic human right to determine freely and responsibly the number and the spacing of their children.

For almost fifty years of continuous battling for this right, basic right to reproductive choices must encompasses right to information and access to contraception, education and the means to determine and decide the number and spacing of children without any pressure or compulsion and discrimination.

Thus, the government should ensure a reliable supply of a full range of modern contraceptives, strengthening national health system and promoting gender equality. In that case, we will promote the aspects of having healthy baby, healthy children and the whole family.

Let us support every individual to make their own reproductive health choices because they have beautiful lives, have hopes and ambitions and because it is human right.

Family planning is not only a yolk of human right, it is also the core to women’s empowerment.

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