

Philippines

Introduction	Thousands of mentally ill people around the world are still, even today, victims of serious abuse because of their illness. Stigmatised and without access to medical care, they are often shackled, chained up, kept in cages or subjected to other brutal forms of imprisonment. Deprived of their liberty and tortured, these people end up utterly traumatised. The injuries they suffer as a result of this abuse aggravate their condition, making their rehabilitation extremely difficult, and sometimes impossible.
Title	Campaign Against The Stigmatisation, Mistreatment and Torture Of The Mentally Ill
Background	Since 2010, Scott Tylpados has been documenting how psychiatric problems are viewed and treated around the world, with particular emphasis on the abuse of those suffering from psychiatric disorders. This work has taken him to three continents where he has documented how hundreds of the mentally ill are cared for in both public and private hospitals, religious care homes and at home with their families. In his work in West Africa, Indonesia and the Philippines, he has witnessed the most extreme cases of abuse against individuals who have been stigmatised because of their psychiatric illness. Vivere has taken on this project, choosing the Philippines primarily because of the feasibility of being able to find reliable and competent partners on the ground, who will be able to really make a difference to the victims of the most serious abuse.
Situation	The northern region of Cebu island, in particular San Remigio district. The Philippines, with a population of 99 million, is ranked at 114 in the world Human Development Index. The controversial Rodrigo Duterte has been in power since July 2016. He has become notorious for re-instating the death penalty, and carrying out summary executions. Due to the dire economic situation, about 28 million Filipinos are scarcely able to feed themselves properly and are currently facing malnutrition.
Aims and desired outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Free a small group of victims from abuse (being kept in cages, chained up, deprived of care) and from being stigmatised. Provide help and set up a rehabilitation program. - Inform the local population about alternative practices respectful of human rights - Publicize this project in the media and specialised press thus inspiring other similar, larger projects.
Implementation	Set up a team trained by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a local psychiatrist, Dr Ratunil - a qualified foreign psychiatrist in charge of ad-hoc visits - a social worker based in San Remigio, Jericho Ursaiz. - a communications and liaisons rep, Rey Mangano. - a project co-ordinator, Scott Typaldos.
Proposed Budget	CHF 15 000 in 2017 (€ 14 000) to cover the medical costs and social rehabilitation of 15- 20 patients and local expenses.
Project Leaders	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scott Typaldos, documentary photographer, working for Prospekt, (an agency in Milan). 2. Technical and methodological support, Project head and ultimate control- Vivere
Length	At least two years.



Young woman, chained around her neck, arms and ankles and kept in a brick structure behind her family's grocery store. Her step-father said ' If it was up to me, I wouldn't feed her and would leave her to die.'



Young woman chained up in an old shed in her family's garden. We spent hours, over several days, trying to get her to speak, but without success. She was in a catatonic state.



Man- probably psychotic, chained up outside, on a piece of wasteland in the middle of the village, with no protection from the sun. My translator saw the same man in the same place two years earlier.

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