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THE NATION'S FIGHT AGAINST HUNGER

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Little Nilo's mother died while giving birth to him, leaving her heartbroken husband as the sole provider for their three children.

The family lived high up in the mountains in the Philippines. Life was harsh and challenging. Nilo's father worked far away in a distant village. Rarely able to return home, he left his kids in the care of their loving grandmother, Lourdes.

Without his mother to breastfeed him, Nilo didn't receive the nourishment he needed. "Sometimes we only had water, coffee or tea to feed Nilo," his grandmother said.

At 11 months old, tiny Nilo only weighed 10 pounds. A healthy boy his age should weigh twice that! Lourdes worried her grandson would die. Skin hung off of his bony body. His stomach was swollen and terribly painful. He wouldn't eat.

Determined to help Nilo, Lourdes carried her grandson down the steep mountainside through thick jungle to get him to an FMSC partner, International Care Ministries (ICM).

Nilo was diagnosed with extreme malnutrition and immediately fed MannaPack Rice. After nearly one year of eating FMSC meals, Nilo's weight doubled. He gained nine pounds. His appetite returned!

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