

CFSI Emergency Response to Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in the Visayas, Philippines

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Community and Family Services International

CFSI Emergency Response: Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda)



Context

- Typhoon Yolanda (Haiyan) struck Eastern Visayas on 08 November, bringing extreme wind speeds, storm surge, and heavy rainfall. Yolanda is considered the **deadliest storm to make landfall in the Philippines**.
- Combined with the coastal geography, population density, and poverty, the typhoon **affected more than 13 million people, displaced more than 4 million, killed thousands, and damaged/destroyed more than 1 million homes** in its path.

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CFSI Response Strategy

- **Foster access to life-saving measures** (e.g. food, water, shelter, etc.)
- **Prevent disability, abuse, exploitation, and constraints on rights** by promoting protection and access to basic services including health, education, and social services
- **Promote early recovery by providing psychosocial support, livelihood, and quick-impact projects** at the community level, as well as
- **Protect dignity of the affected population** by facilitating their active participation in response planning, implementation, and evaluation





Objective

Protect internally displaced persons (IDPs) from the immediate threats to life, health, wellbeing and dignity, amidst the disaster.



Envisaged Outcomes

Especially vulnerable individuals and families are provided with lifesaving relief, such as tents, tarps, blankets, solar lamps, hygiene kits, jerry cans, on the basis of assessed protection needs.



Objective

Protect the most vulnerable communities (e.g. coastal, mountain-dwellers, indigenous peoples) from abuse, exploitation, and marginalization



Envisaged Outcomes

Civil documents are restored or produced, community-based monitoring systems are in place, and local protection capacities are enhanced



Coverage: Leyte, Eastern Samar, Samar, and Western Visayas

Direct Beneficiaries: At least 50,000 survivor families (250,000 persons)

Duration: November 2013 to December 2014

Partner: United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and local government units

As of 31 March, CFSI has reached:

- 75 affected municipalities in the Visayas
- More than 48,000 families or about 240,000 persons
- Total non-food items (NFIs) distributed:
 - 65,793 blankets
 - 43,929 plastic sheets
 - 26,406 jerry cans
 - 19,208 solar lanterns
 - 6,664 family tents
 - 9,000 kitchen sets
 - 2,390 plastic rolls





Objective

Protect children from the short and long term effects of the disaster by providing psychosocial support services and building community capacity on child protection.



Envisaged Outcomes

Children are cared for, protected from harm, and feel a sense of normality through safe play and in their own communities.

Effective local networks and referral processes with concerned agencies enable communities to protect children from abuse, neglect, and other risks.

Child Rights Project Visayas (CRPV)



Coverage: 64 barangays in five municipalities in Eastern Samar: Guiuan, Salcedo, Mercedes, Balangiga and Lawaan

Direct Beneficiaries: At least 6,500 children; 350 community-based volunteers

Duration: February to July 2014

Partners: Philippine Council for Population and Development, Consuelo Foundation, UNHCR Staff Council, Plan International, other private sector actors, and individuals





Objectives

- Provide psychosocial support to survivors and train community caregivers.
- Ensure the active participation of survivors and other extremely vulnerable groups in planning and carrying out recovery, return, relocation and resettlement activities.
- Enhance disaster mitigation and risk reduction capacities in at-risk communities.

Envisaged Outcomes

The psychosocial needs of the most vulnerable survivors are addressed, with community caregivers taking the lead.

Survivors are enabled to rebuild their livelihoods and supported in the recovery phase, so that relocation and resettlement are carried out in a dignified manner.

Disaster risks are identified and mitigated by the communities, in close collaboration with local government.



Coverage: Leyte and Eastern Samar (12 municipalities)

Duration: December 2013 – December 2014

Direct Beneficiaries: 20,000 most vulnerable survivors

Partner: Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Civil Society Development Project (CSDP)



Partner: The Atlantic Philanthropies



In 2014, CFSI will begin providing funding to select local organizations with solid track records in Eastern Visayas to promote early recovery and restore livelihoods in the worst-affected areas. Total amount available is PhP4 million; grant size likely to be PhP250,000-500,000 per organization. Interested parties should contact the Executive Director at headquarters@cfsi.ph. For more information, visit www.cfsi.ph.



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