



# Community and Family Services International NewsBrief

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Welcome to Community and Family Services International's "NewsBrief" e-newsletter, providing information on the latest CFSI activities, events and programme highlights.



## Still alive and kicking

Several men were taking a few moments to rest after hours of back-breaking work, picking through the rubble of their destroyed homes in Guiuan, Eastern Samar. Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) had destroyed everything within sight just seven days earlier. It was hard to see what, if anything, they could salvage. Read the full story at [www.cfsi.ph/still-alive-and-kicking/](http://www.cfsi.ph/still-alive-and-kicking/)

## Philippines: CFSI teams help thousands of typhoon survivors



Amid the carnage and debris left behind by Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), more than 30 members of CFSI's Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) are hard at work providing humanitarian relief for devastated communities in Tacloban and Ormoc in Leyte and Guiuan in Eastern Samar. In conjunction with the Department of Social Welfare and Development, UNHCR, the World Food Programme and UNICEF, CFSI is helping to provide for the immediate physical and psychological needs of affected populations in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda). Read the full story at [www.cfsi.ph/cfsi-teams-help-thousands-of-typhoon-survivors/](http://www.cfsi.ph/cfsi-teams-help-thousands-of-typhoon-survivors/)

## Philippines: PAI commemorates World AIDS Day with sports and family fair



CFSI's Park Avenue Initiative (PAI) marked 2013 World AIDS Day on December 1 with a three-day Sports Fest and Family Fun Fair in Pasay City, Metro Manila, themed "Getting to Zero: Zero New HIV infections; Zero AIDS-Related Deaths; and Zero Discrimination". The event involved more than 150 participants and ran from November 25-27 and 29. Activities included basketball, darts, chess, table tennis and badminton. Read the full story at [www.cfsi.ph/pai-marks-world-aids-day-with-special-sports-and-family-fair/](http://www.cfsi.ph/pai-marks-world-aids-day-with-special-sports-and-family-fair/)

## Philippines: Youth mobilized in Zamboanga



Internally displaced youth sheltering at the biggest evacuation center in Zamboanga City, the Joaquin F. Enriquez Memorial Sports Complex, were able to take their minds off the hardships they faced at a special cultural and sports festival organised by CFSI and UNICEF at Baliwasan Central School on 8 December. Themed "Bangon Zamboanga: Kabataang IDP's Nagkakaisa" (Arise Zamboanga: United IDP Youth), the day featured cultural performances and a range of sporting events, including basketball, volleyball, badminton, chess and Scrabble. Read the full story at [www.cfsi.ph/youth-mobilized-in-zamboanga/](http://www.cfsi.ph/youth-mobilized-in-zamboanga/)

## Philippines: Please help CFSI rebuild lives in the Philippines now!



CFSI has initiated its humanitarian response to the widespread devastation, as well as loss of life and livelihoods, associated with Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in the Visayas, Philippines. Please help CFSI respond to this tragic natural disaster. Every contribution counts! Donation details at [www.cfsi.ph/please-help-cfsi-rebuild-lives-in-the-philippines-now/](http://www.cfsi.ph/please-help-cfsi-rebuild-lives-in-the-philippines-now/)



## CFSI named DepEd 2013 Outstanding Stakeholder

CFSI was named one of the Philippine Department of Education's Outstanding Stakeholders of 2013 for Region X, northern Mindanao, Iligan City Division. The award – "Honoring an Enduring Commitment to Inspire Dreams, to Shape Lives, to Give Hope" – was accepted by Food-for-Assets Specialist Usman Hadjisocor and Finance and Administrative Assistant Teresita Ventanilla from CFSI's Sub-Office in Iligan at a special ceremony on December 6 in Iligan City. Read the full story at [www.cfsi.ph/cfsi-named-deped-2013-outstanding-stakeholder/](http://www.cfsi.ph/cfsi-named-deped-2013-outstanding-stakeholder/)