



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.

Philippines: CFSI ERTs established in Tacloban, Ormoc and Guiuan



CFSI Emergency Response Teams (ERTs) have established a field presence in Tacloban and Ormoc in Leyte and Guiuan in Eastern Samar. In the 10 days since Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) struck the Philippines, CFSI's ERTs have assessed needs, provided urgent psychosocial care to survivors and paved the way for larger-scale relief deliveries. The general objectives of CFSI's humanitarian response are to save lives, prevent disability and indignity, and promote early recovery. Read the full story at <http://www.cfsi.ph/cfsi-emergency-response-teams-established-in-tacloban-ormoc-and-guiuan/>

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



With thousands of homes destroyed and hundreds of thousands of children, women and men displaced as a result of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda), CFSI is working closely with its long-time partners, the Philippine Government's Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD), various United Nations agencies, NGOs and, most importantly, the affected populations to rebuild lives in some of the most severely affected areas of the Visayas. Please help CFSI respond to this tragic natural disaster. For details on how to donate, visit <http://www.cfsi.ph/please-help-cfsi-rebuild-lives-in-the-philippines-now/>

Philippines: Peter Perfecto elected to CFSI Board of Trustees



CFSI is pleased to announce that Mr Peter Perfecto was elected to the CFSI Board of Trustees in October 2013. Since January 2011, Mr Perfecto has served as the Executive Director of the Makati Business Club, which includes the top business corporations in the country. From 2006 through 2010, Mr Perfecto served as the Executive Director of Philippine Business for Education, established by the business community to advocate for education sector reforms. During that same time frame, he was connected with the PHINMA Group, as executive assistant to the PHINMA President and Vice-President of the PHINMA Foundation. Read the full story at <http://www.cfsi.ph/peter-perfecto-elected-to-cfsi-board-of-trustees/>

Philippines: CFSI Board of Trustees meets



The Annual Meeting of 2013 of CFSI's Board of Trustees and the First Regular Meeting of 2014 was held on 21 November in Makati City. In attendance were Board members and CFSI staff.



CFSI's typhoon relief efforts featured on TV

CFSI's Director for External Relations Joseph Lumanog made a second appearance on PTV's live-to-air "Good Morning Boss" program on November 21 to talk about CFSI's humanitarian response in the Eastern Visayas region of the Philippines in the aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda). Watch the full video at http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=9oOPgOO_zRc



Philippine Programme Deputy Director awarded

CFSI's Philippine Programme Deputy Director Noraida Abdullah Karim is one of nine women selected to be awarded the prestigious "The Outstanding Women in Nation's Service" (TOWNS) award for 2013. The award, conferred every three years by the TOWNS Foundation, recognizes outstanding Filipino women who have contributed positively to strengthening national capability and in shaping the nation's future, and who have served as catalysts for economic, social and cultural development. Read the full story at <http://www.cfsi.ph/award-for-cfsis-philippine-programme-deputy-director/>