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PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY

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PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY: SUMMARY

A massive storm swept over the Philippines leaving nothing but destruction in its wake. On November 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan's 150 mph winds drove huge waves ashore, crashing into villages and towns, flattening buildings and ripping families apart. The storm is one of the strongest on record.

Islamic Relief offices around the world have teamed up to help with emergency efforts.

Based on needs assessments and household surveys, the emergency needs of severely affected communities in the Philippines were: Housing materials for shelters, household items like blankets, mats, utensils, etc., and tarps and tents for temporary and supplementary shelter during recovery.

Here are the programs IRUSA donors like you have generously supported based on these needs.

PHILIPPINES PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY IRUSA DONORS LIKE YOU

EMERGENCY SHELTER PROVISION

NOV. 2013 - JAN. 2014

Location: Bogo and Leyte cities, Philippines

This project aimed to provide emergency shelter to nearly 15,000 individuals who were severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- 1,500 households (7,500 individuals) received emergency tarpaulins to make temporary shelters more durable right after the typhoon.
- 750 households (3,750 individuals) received emergency family-sized tents to have shelter right away following the typhoon.

EMERGENCY SHELTER KIT DISTRIBUTION TO FAMILIES

NOV. 2013 - JAN. 2014

Location: North Cebu Province, Philippines

This project aimed to help 2,250 households (10,350 individuals) severely affected by Typhoon Haiyan with shelter kits right after Typhoon Haiyan. These kits are meant to provide shelter to families while reconstruction of their homes and villages takes place.

ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Shelter kits were distributed to 2,250 households in Cebu. Shelter kits were distributed in the following areas of Cebu:
 - Medelin Municipality:
 - Kawit Barangay: 776 kits distributed to 776 households
 - Panugnawan Barangay: 331 kits distributed to 331 households
 - Canhabagat Barangay: 173 kits distributed to 173 households
 - Camotes Municipality:
 - Pilar Barangays: 720 kits distributed to 720 households

SHELTER KITS INCLUDED:

- 1 tarpaulin
- Ropes
- Ground mats
- Blankets
- Mosquito nets
- Cooking tools: Pot with cover (1), pan (1), plates (6), glasses (6), spoon and fork pairs (6), knife (1)
- Tools: Hammer, saw, nails, plastic crate



TYPHOON HAIYAN SHELTER AND LIVELIHOODS

APR. 2014 - DEC. 2014

Location: North Cebu Province, Philippines

This project aimed to meet the recovery needs of typhoon victims in Northern Cebu.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Support 2,650 individuals with emergency employment
- Provide 1,200 individuals with training and equipment
- Support the small-business ventures of 125 individuals

This project will help 3,975 people.

A MOTHER IN THE PHILIPPINES WHO YOU HELPED WITH YOUR SUPPORT: SHE SAYS 'THANK YOU!'

Andrea, her husband and their three grown sons took shelter at a relative's stronger, larger home when Typhoon Haiyan first hit. Parts of the roof flew off, water came in the house where they were sheltered, and she could see a tree fall on her own home in the distance. After the family thought the furious storm was over, they went back to their damaged home. They were eating when the winds struck again from the other direction.

Andrea protected her her son, Raffy, who is blind and also suffers from anxiety and other symptoms left after a childhood illness.

"I just hugged him," she said. "He was asking me, 'What are you doing mom? What's going on?' And I told him, 'There's a storm. It's here.' He was telling me that it feels very cold."

Suddenly, they heard the loud crack of another tree falling on their house, and they rushed outside and hid under the chicken coop, hugging each other to keep from being blown away.

"It was so strong. We didn't expect that it would be that strong," she said. "We were just praying to God that nothing would happen to us and we were already so wet from the rain."

"Then the wind was so strong I couldn't stand up. If I tried, I would be blown away. We had no choice but to crouch on the ground underneath the chicken cage while all four of us were holding each other tight. If we didn't hold each other like we did, we would be blown away because of how strong the wind was. So we just held each other for as long as we could."

The wind was ear-splitting and violent: "I could see rooftops flying out, trees blown away like plants being pulled out then thrown away. It really hurts to see trees flying out and slamming into houses. I would pray to God and ask him, 'Please Lord, Please. That's enough...'"

Finally, alhamdulillah, the storm was really over, and they were alive. But their home was destroyed, and their possessions were tossed, mixed with debris and soaked with filth and water. After staying a night with relatives in case the storm came back, the family set to work clearing debris from their land, dragging away metal roofing and fallen trees, and Andrea washed laundry for a week.

"The morning after [the storm] ... they started working on a shack immediately so we would have a place to sleep," Andrea said. "But it would still leak when it rains because we're using damaged roofing materials."

The work has just begun, and the family plans to work to repair their house bit by bit, as they get some money, until it's done. In the meantime, however, they no longer have to sleep in a leaking shack, because Islamic Relief USA donors gave them shelter while they work on their repairs.

"Thank you so much that you're giving us this tent," Andrea said. "We can finally get some sleep without worrying about any leaks when it rains. Thank you so much!"

When emergencies happen, families need shelter right away. IRUSA emergency response to deliver shelter directly following the emergency helped cover families while they began to rebuild their lives.

Thank you for being an important part of Typhoon Haiyan recovery efforts in the Philippines so far.





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