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THIRD PROGRESS REPORT IN TYPHOON YOLANDA **REBUILDING STAGE** FEBRUARY 2014

- 1st Stage :** RESCUE and RELIEF OPERATION
2nd Stage: REHABILITATION: TRANSIT and PERMANENT SHELTER PROGRAM
3rd Stage: REBUILDING LIVES

It has been more than 100 days since the worst typhoon (Typhoon Yolanda or International Typhoon Haiyan) hit the country last November 8, 2013 leaving more than approximately 7,000 dead reported, 980,000 displaced survivor families and more than 36.6B destruction to properties, personal and government funded. The Typhoon has hit 171 cities and municipalities. The biggest affected areas: (worst is Eastern Visayas)

Western Visayas : Panay Island: Iloilo, Roxas, Antique, Aklan
Eastern Visayas: Leyte (Tacloban, Ormoc, Palompon) Eastern Samar
Central Visayas: Northern Cebu (Daanbantayan, Bogo)
MIMAROPA : Coron, Palawan

To date we have given a total of P 1,200,000.00 in relief goods distributed to 6,500 families. Ongoing are construction of 30 houses in a relocation sites in Borbon, Cebu and 45 semi permanent houses in Bogo, Cebu for homes TOTALLY WASHED out by the typhoon.

We have disbursed a total of **Php6,337,907.00** comprising of subsidy for emergency housing materials for the reconstruction of houses partially and totally damaged by Typhoon Yolanda.

We are still looking for possible relocation sites for people in Leyte as most available areas were determined as NO BUILD Zones. The local government have set up 40 meters for shore line or highest water level reached during high tide as RESTRICTED areas for housing because of the threat the climate change have posed in the country. To date resettlement areas have not been defined in Eastern Visayas although bunkhouses for 1,500 families have been built by DPWH in Tacloban and Ormoc



Government bunkhouses in Samar & Leyte

The aftermath of the typhoon has left our countrymen homeless, roofless but not hopeless. However, they are helpless and HAVE LESS at this point, therefore our HELP can provide HOPE for them to rebuild their lives we are exploring the following areas:

1) EDUCATION

Many school children have resumed classes in makeshift classrooms. Some of the graduating students have been adopted by college in neighbouring areas so that their pursuit for college education will not be disrupted. Many of public school buildings are undergoing reconstruction and hopefully will be completed by year end 2014.

a a) School Supplies

School children have lost their school bags, school supplies, school uniform, books, projects and other school related items so there are appeals for assistance of P 2,000/ child for school items.

b) Educational Assistance

Since parents have lost their jobs or their livelihood, many children are in need of meal allowances, transportation allowances, school related assistance to continue their studies. The following are estimated assistance

Elementary:	P 5,000 (US\$166) per year
High School:	P7,000 (US\$ 163) per year
College	: P 30,000 (US\$700) per year for 2 years course
	P 50,000 (US\$1,163) for 4 year course (public schools only)

c. Full scholarship grants for those orphaned by calamity for entire duration of elementary high school and college level.



2. LIVELIHOOD

The government has provided the CASH for WORK scheme for the debris cleaning and construction of government infrastructure. In essence, those with little construction know how are employed to government funded and in internationally funded projects for victims of Typhoon Yolanda. This is supplemented by a CASH for training project which aims to train those typhoon victims which lost their jobs in the areas of hollow block making, welding, carpentry, plumbing or electrical and eventually help them land jobs due to massive demand now for housing and public works infrastructure. The projects are joint efforts of Department of Social Welfare Development (DSWD) / Department of Agriculture (DA) Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) and Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE). Public structure such as public markets, municipal halls, rural health centers, schools, roads and bridges are all up for reconstruction with 2014 as their year end target completion.

The areas affected by the typhoon are generally agricultural or fishing based and therefore labor skills for construction is scarce.

For our ongoing housing projects, we particularly adopted CASH for WORKS or sweat equity share of beneficiaries. While they are building their own homes, we are partially providing them cash for family's sustenance.

We are looking into agricultural projects like farming (providing seeds and fertilizers), hog raising, chicken, cattle or goat raising for families. Possible areas are variety stores or "sari-sari stores" or selling cooked foods (carinderia) or food carts where they will be extended livelihood loans payable in soft terms. Trainings in consideration with TESDA shall be explored to ensure entrepreneurial skills are developed



We have requested our regional Conferences to look into potential beneficiaries of these livelihood projects. The SSVP member shall likewise guide and monitor these projects.

3. HEALTH CARE

While the government health centers are providing for basic services, some if not a big majority of these areas have been destroyed by typhoon. It has also lost, damaged its major health equipment and fixtures in the calamity stricken areas. Medicines for cough, colds, fever, diarrhea, skin diseases and the like both for the children and the elderly have been used up and are never enough.

We plan to hold at least two(2) medical mission (which can include optical and dental services) one is for basic check-up and another is the follow up check-up once per year. Each mission will be comprised of medical, optical, dental teams together with medicines and supplies.



In these 3 major areas of EDUCATION, LIVELIHOOD & HEALTH CARE we plan to focus our attention in the next 24 months once we have the financial resources. We shall focus on just the areas we have started to help because we know we can't cover all of the affected areas due to the magnitude of the damage.

We have human resources available in our members and the Vincentian family and church workers in our community. Networking with government and other groups are likewise being done. We also conduct our own fund raising scheme for the typhoon victims. Our works are continuous for the other calamity stricken areas like Compostela Valley (Typhoon Pablo), Bohol (earthquake) and Bagong Silangan, Quezon City (Tropical Storm Ondoy).

We thank you for the campaign you have made for the Philippines. Please advise us how we can start the 3rd phase of our VINCENTIAN RESPONSE PROGRAM for Typhoon Yolanda and what areas you prefer to focus on

Thank you for the efforts in raising funds for us. We hope to receive the assistance soonest possible.

May the Divine Providence use us to search His beloved poor with His love and mercy.

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