

Philippines Typhoon Appeal

EMERGENCY EMPLOYMENT & SMALL BUSINESS RECOVERY:

Provision of immediate employment opportunities and restoration of livelihoods in areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan

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OVERVIEW

On 8 November 2013, when category 5 Typhoon Haiyan, locally known as Yolanda, hit the Philippines, the typhoon caused extensive damage to life, housing, livelihoods and infrastructure across nine of the country's poorest provinces.

Typhoon Haiyan was the most powerful storm ever recorded. Rain fell at up to 30 mm per hour, winds reached above 315 km per hour and deadly storm surges up to 5-6 meters high hit coastal areas. The islands of Leyte and Samar were hardest hit. Ninety per cent of the infrastructure of Leyte's largest urban center, Tacloban City, was destroyed. The storm surge swept away concrete houses and buildings and caused the death of thousands of people in its path.

Philippine authorities estimated that 16.1 million people were affected, 4.1 million displaced, and at least 6,300 people were killed.

Typhoon Haiyan directly affected almost six million workers in 9 regions, of whom 2.3 million were female and 1.2 million were youth aged 15 to 24.

THE WORLD FEDERATION'S RESPONSE

The World Federation's PHILIPPINES TYPHOON APPEAL was set up to help victims of the disaster. Through consultation with local organisations, The World Federation learned that among the pressing areas of need in the region was employment and job creation.

In March 2014, The World Federation partnered with the UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) to provide immediate employment opportunities and restoration of livelihoods in areas affected by Typhoon Haiyan. The World Federation contributed \$15,000 USD towards this initiative which has now been completed.



TYPE OF AID	UNITS	TOTAL (USD)
Carpentry Training - for construction of food stalls: Emergency employment for rehabilitating and rebuilding social/community infrastructure (cash-for-training)	125 apprentices	\$11,589.09
Cash Grants - starting capital for new businesses: Immediate livelihoods support through provision of small grants for livelihood assets and green jobs (small business recovery)	25 cash grants	\$2,299.80
Indirect Project Costs		\$1,111.11
TOTAL COST OF PROJECT		\$15,000.00

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Of the 2.6 million people considered vulnerable in the Philippines, about:

- 1.45 million worked in the agriculture sector
- 1.11 million worked in the service sector
- 40,000 worked in industry

Among this vulnerable group, women accounted for 42 percent. Post typhoon - for most livelihoods, income earnings were cut in half resulting in an increase in the number of people looking for work. In urban areas, the number of people seeking work increased by 10 per cent compared to pre-Yolanda levels. Daily labor was severely impacted, with 42 per cent of daily workers in search of work in the aftermath of the disaster, bringing to fore the importance of emergency employment and longer-term sustainable livelihood.

The World Federation's contribution provided assistance to the affected people and communities in Dulag and Tolosa Municipalities through the provision of carpentry training for the construction of food stalls, and the provision of cash grants as starting capital.

1. Carpentry Training for 125 workers for the construction of food stalls

Conducted by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the Carpentry Training Program was designed to enhance the knowledge, skills, positive attitude and work values of the participants in accordance with industry standards. It covered basic, common and core competencies required on stake-out building lines, fabrication of formworks, fabrication/installation of doors, windows and panels, and other carpentry tasks.

Participants selected for the training were required to have the following qualifications:

- Ability to communicate
- Physically fit and mentally healthy
- Able to perform basic math calculations and measurements
- At least 18 years old
- Affected by Typhoon Haiyan

The World Federation financed the enrollment of 125 workers in Carpentry Training. Each of the workers were paid a daily wage of PhP 260 for a period of 15 days. The project provided the participants with the needed personal protective equipment and training kits, as well as the necessary carpentry and fabrication materials for various carpentry projects (including food stall construction which served as the participants' on-the-job training).

Photos (below) - Community residents trained in carpentry by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) under the UNDP-The World Federation of KSIMC project apply their newly acquired skills by constructing food stalls



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2. Provision of 25 cash grants as starting capital

The World Federation's contribution provided a starting capital of approximately PhP 4,000 each to 25 recipients of food stalls constructed by the carpentry training graduates, to enable them to buy items and supplies for their chosen food business.

Of the 25 beneficiaries, 17 were women while 8 were men. The food stalls were made of local materials, particularly lumber from fallen coconut trees destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan. Each food stall was approximately 1.2 x 1.4 meters in size, enough for a single space for food selling in the local markets and other public locations.

Basic entrepreneurship training was also offered to the food stall owners in addition to capital provision, providing them the opportunity to develop and refine their micro-enterprise knowledge and build basic business operation and management skills such as simple record-keeping.

Photos (below) - Livelihood beneficiaries who received food stalls under the UNDP-The World Federation of KSIMC project are interviewed by UNDP staff as part of the project's monitoring strategy

