

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN RESPONSE

6 Month Update | May 2014



On Friday, November 8, 2013 the people of central Philippines were struck by one of the most horrific storms to hit their country in living memory. In fact, Super Typhoon Haiyan is rumored to have been the most powerful typhoon to ever hit land.

The storm generated waves of up to five meters (16 feet) high that surged inland like a tsunami destroying nearly everything in their path. Power lines were knocked out, roads were destroyed, and entire villages were completely washed away. By the time the storm was over, Typhoon Haiyan had killed 6,109 people and destroyed 1.1 million homes.

You heard about this need and were moved to respond with your prayers and financial gifts. Through your support, World Renew has been blessed to be able to respond to the needs of thousands of Haiyan survivors for the past half-year. Thank you.

Through its long-term partnership with the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, World Renew responded quickly to provide urgently-needed food (rice, mungo beans, sugar, canned meat, coffee, and milk) hygiene items, buckets, slippers, medical supplies and water filtration systems to 3,977 households within 17 days of the storm.

As a next step, World Renew sent staff and volunteer International Relief Managers to meet with mayors, community leaders and other aid organizations to coordinate a long-term response. Based on these meetings, World Renew decided to focus its attention on seven municipalities on three islands that were underserved by other organizations.

By December, World Renew had set up offices on Panay and Leyte islands, hired local staff and started a ministry to meet people's needs. By March, they added a third office in Samar. To date, World Renew's ministry has included the distribution of non-food items such as community generators, cooking stoves, solar lamps, dishes, mosquito nets, sleeping mats, towels, cooking pots and washbasins to 8,276 households. It has also included the provision of trauma-counselling or psycho-social care training for community leaders and cash-for-work.

Six months later, we see many signs of hope as people continue to clear debris, rebuild their communities, and re-start their businesses. Yet, we know that the road ahead will not be easy or quick. We expect to be working alongside Haiyan survivors for the next two years. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Fast Facts about World Renew's Haiyan Response

Between November 2013 and April 2014, World Renew:

- Assisted families in 7 municipalities on three islands (Panay, Samar, and Leyte)
- Provided emergency food and non-food items to 3,977 families within 17 days of the storm
- Provided and installed 25 community generators to restore security and enable communication in communities
- Provided non-food items (candles, matches, flashlights, stoves, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, towels, buckets, wash basins, laundry baskets, cooking pots, dishes, and jerry cans) to 8,276 households (36,249 people)
- Provided psychosocial care and trauma counselling to 193 people
- Provided cash to 4,155 households in exchange for work on community-identified projects. As a result of these cash-for-work efforts:
 - 8.7 km of creeks, 6 km of drainage ditches, 17.5 km of streets, and 4.6 hectares of public spaces were cleared of debris
 - 40 community gardens were established covering 11.5 hectares of land
 - Debris was cleared from local markets and small airport areas including the terminals for jeeps and busses
 - A town water line was extended to provide access to potable water to remote houses
 - Towns were beautified
 - Repairs were made to community buildings such as community halls, a day care center, a school stage, 2 evacuation caves, a youth center and bus stops
 - 15 homes were repaired for the most elderly in the community
 - And 700 meters of roads were repaired

Ministry Highlight: Cash For Work

By Grace Wiebe

The World Renew Cash-for-Work (CFW) project was very successful. Through this program, 4,155 households received cash in exchange for their work on community improvement projects that were identified and selected by the communities, themselves.

The CFW project not only had the immediate benefits of clearing debris, repairing roads, and beautifying towns after the storm, but it also restored and healed groups of friends, neighbors and families.

After the devastation caused by the typhoon, it was therapeutic for people to restore the village they lived in and reclaim what was taken from them. As men and women worked together, their hearts were lifted and they often sang and smiled throughout their days of work.

The CFW project also provided a boost of capital into the local economy and enabled people to meet their immediate needs for things such as food, shelter, and school fees. The uses for the CFW funds were varied, but World Renew staff observed some people buying food such as fresh fish, fruit and milk. Some people purchased medicine, some paid off debts, some started small businesses and some hired laborers to help with construction. By far the number one choice for the use of CFW funds was to purchase building materials to rebuild damaged homes.

One of the CFW projects was to start 40 community gardens. In Bulod, the community garden is already yielding a crop. Community members harvested the vegetables, sold them at the local market and set aside the profits for future seeds. This is being upheld as a model for the rest of the municipality for how to do a community garden well.

Before the people of Bulod sold their crop, however, they first sent a few sample vegetables to World Renew staff. This included okra, hantak (the longest bean we have ever seen), karubasa (pumpkin), and ampauaya.

Community members clearing and repairing a road in Tacloban as part of a cash-for-work project.



A Survivor's Story

By Tom Price, Communications Officer, Integral Alliance

I met Josephine Diaz when she was working with her community on a Cash-for-Work project, run by World Renew. Together with her neighbors, Josephine was clearing overgrown and storm-strewn land for a community vegetable garden. After 12 days of work, she was paid cash which she could use to support her family.

At 34 years of age, Josephine has lived in Barangay Bulod all her life. This small rural village is found within the coastal municipality of Dulag. Before Typhoon Haiyan, Josephine lived on a small farm with her husband, Dennis, and their five children. Dennis worked as a farmer, growing rice on a small portion of land they co-own in Bulod and life was happy.

“We had jobs and food and a TV to watch, it was not so hard.”

A few days prior to November 8, Josephine saw the president on TV warning about a super typhoon coming their way. “I didn't know where to go,” she said.

Believing that her mother's more substantial home would be safer, Josephine and Dennis took the children there once the storm started. Unfortunately, that house soon collapsed in the strong winds. Josephine and Dennis kept close watch on which direction the wind was coming from so that they could shelter in the lee of the collapsed house.

Amidst the chaos, tears and confusion, the barangay captain (the municipal chairperson) found the family and sent them to the school to hide from dangerous flying debris. There, they found classrooms packed with families like their own.

When the storm finally stopped, all of these families were in a state of shock.

“Right after the typhoon, we were so fearful; we didn't know where to start. Every house had collapsed.”

They gathered wood that was lying around and some corrugated galvanized iron sheets and constructed a small shelter to hide from the rain. For the first few days, the family received food that the barangay captain had saved from her own stores to feed the community. Later, they received food, blankets and hygiene kits from the government and aid agencies like World Renew.



Josephine and her neighbors clearing and planting community gardens as part of a cash-for-work project.

“Without relief we wouldn't have any food,” she said.

After a few months, Josephine and her family were able to return to their home. They had harvested a crop of rice before the storm, but most of it was stored in the house and got wet. They have managed to salvage some of it to meet their needs until the next crop can be harvested. The money that Josephine will receive from the cash-for-work project will enable them to purchase additional food to supplement their diet.

Before this disaster, Josephine's faith in God was strong but now it is especially important to her. “I am just so happy that we are all together and still alive. Thank God.”

Josephine had this to say to World Renew and its supporters: “Thank you very much for coming here, without the help from the international community we would not be able to move on. It is really a big help. Thank you very much.”

Standing Alongside Community Leaders for the Long-Term

By Kristen deRoo VanderBerg



“We had nothing,” 41 year-old Joey Tapa said as he remembers his first glimpse after Haiyan of his hometown of Camote on the island of Leyte in the Philippines. “None of the houses were standing. All were destroyed. We could not think about how to start. We were in shock and didn’t know what to do.”

Joey is one of seven brothers and sisters in his family and he also serves as a councillor and community leader in Camote. During the storm, he helped people evacuate their homes and move to a school for shelter during the storm. He also led them in prayer as people huddled in the crowded and dark classroom and waited for the storm to pass. When there was a brief break during the eye of the storm, Joey moved people to a different classroom in the school building that was more likely to withstand the storm’s intensity. Soon after, that original classroom was completely blown away.

While he is a natural leader, Joey was at a loss about how to help his community rebuild once the storm was over.

World Renew is committed to walking alongside community leaders, like Joey, for the next two years to help them meet the needs in their villages and rebuild their lives.

Because Haiyan took so many lives and caused such extensive damage, many people were traumatized and continue to live with the after-effects of this experience. World Renew is working with two local organizations that have expertise in psycho-social care to provide community-based trauma counseling. This includes child-focused counseling programs and stress debriefing

Joey Tapa sits with his nephew in his parent’s house in barangay Camote.

seminars as well as training to equip community leaders to provide additional care on an ongoing basis.

A second component of World Renew’s continued ministry will include repairing and rebuilding 1,915 homes. Partially-damaged homes will be inspected to determine whether they are safe to retrofit. Those that are beyond repair will be rebuilt. To ensure the structural integrity of these new houses, World Renew is working with local architects and structural engineers to determine a cyclone-resistant design.

The third component of World Renew’s ministry will focus on restoring livelihoods. Many people lost not only their homes but also the equipment and supplies they needed to run their businesses. World Renew will initially focus on helping 508 families in coastal areas by providing them with locally-appropriate fishing boats, outriggers, anchors, propellers, fishing nets and weights.

Surveys of those that were not fisherfolk will also be conducted to determine how World Renew can best respond to those needs. We expect it will include inputs such as sewing machines, agricultural inputs, livestock, and loans to restart small businesses.

Community leaders, like Joey, will also play a key role in this recovery process. Joey says that he will not return to his other work just yet so that he can dedicate time to helping those in Camote.

“Little by little, we recover,” said Joey. “We do not know how long it will take to recover. We think more than a year. But the Word of God gives us hope. Agencies like World Renew that have come to help us have also given us hope to rebuild our lives.”

A thank you sign put up by the people of Camote community.



World Renew Offices

To support its response to Typhoon Haiyan, World Renew has set up and hired staff for regional offices on three islands in the Philippines. Mona Saroinsong, who managed World Renew's 2004 Indonesian Tsunami response, and Jeff Cosico, who managed World Renew's 2010 Haiti Earthquake response, have been hired to serve as Senior Program Managers. We are grateful for the hard work of all of these staff members.



Panay team



Guiuan & Tacloban team

World Renew Receives Support from Canadian Government

By Vanessa Mathews-Hanna

In April, World Renew received word that it had been selected to receive \$1.4 million (CAD) for its Haiyan response from the International Humanitarian Assistance Directorate of the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD) of the Canadian government.

This funding will provide much-needed long-term shelter, livelihood assistance and psycho-social support to 21,860 people in the Dulag municipality on Leyte island; the Estancia municipality on Panay island; and the Guiuan municipality on Samar island.

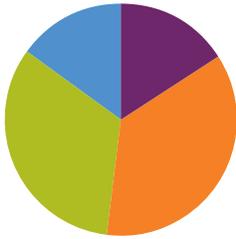
“We are grateful to the Canadian government for this substantial funding which will enable World Renew to continue working with local communities and move into the next phases of recovery and rehabilitation in three crucial areas – livelihoods, shelter, and psycho-social support,” said World Renew’s Director of Disaster Response and Rehabilitation, Wayne de Jong, “We will work closely with local churches and leaders from the community who will be significantly involved as community organizers to help carry out this one-year initiative.”



A boy stands on the pier leading out from his temporary house into the sea. He holds a solar lamp from World Renew which charges during the day and enables the family to feel safe at night in their house.

Financial Information

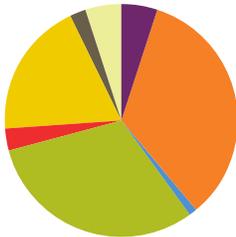
Revenue



Private donors in the USA (16%)	\$1,017,837.16
Private donors in Canada (36%)	\$2,249,636.58
Organizational/Government Donors in Canada (including DFATD) (33%)	\$2,057,261.81
Organizational donors in Australia, Europe, the US and other (15%)	\$979,294.60
Total Income	\$6,304,030.15

From November 2013 to March 31, 2014, World Renew received \$6.3 million for its response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. This included \$3.27 million in donations from individuals and churches. These donations were leveraged through World Renew's membership in the Integral Alliance, its partnerships with the Canadian Government and numerous other organizations to raise an additional \$3.03 million.

Expenses



Food Assistance (5%)	\$45,591.82
Non Food Items (34%)	\$301,146.76
Generators (1%)	\$9,387.31
Cash-for-Work (31%)	\$276,081.09
Trauma Counseling (3%)	\$27,000.00
Program Management (19%)	\$166,995.40
Office Start-up (2%)	\$15,147.74
Administration (5%)	\$49,627.65
Total Expenses	\$890,997.77

From November 2013 to March 31, 2014, World Renew had spent \$891,000 (14%) of the funds it had received for the response. This included \$45,000 for food assistance, \$301,000 for non-food items, \$9,000 for generators, \$276,000 for cash-for-work, and \$27,000 for trauma counseling. The remaining balance of \$5.4 million will be used over the next two years as we continue to help Haiyan survivors rebuild their lives and homes.

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World Renew's response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines has been made possible through the faithful support of many individuals, churches, and organizations. This includes:



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