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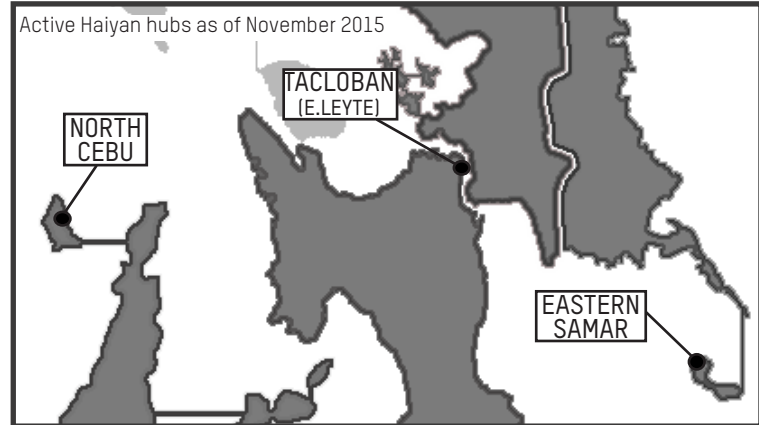


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TWO YEARS AFTER HAIYAN



During the Global Handwashing Day on 15 October, students from Lupok in Guiuan, Eastern Samar learn about the ABC's of proper handwashing. Oxfam has provided schools with handwashing facilities and repaired water pipes which were destroyed after typhoon Haiyan in 2013. (Photo: Rizza Sacra/Oxfam)



The scale of the destruction caused when typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines on 8 November 2013 was staggering. The emergency response provided life-saving support to millions of people in the affected region. But the challenge now is to ensure that recovery efforts leave devastated communities better able to pursue diverse livelihoods, access safe shelter and withstand future shocks.

Two years on, what is critical is a pro-poor recovery agenda premised on the strengthened capacity of local authorities and communities. This is needed to build a better future for Typhoon Haiyan's survivors.

After 2 years, Oxfam in the Philippines' Typhoon Haiyan Response provided life saving assistance, asset recovery support, employment and social opportunities to a total of **180,769 families or 905,193** individuals across its four (4) programme areas in the Visayas (Tacloban and communities throughout eastern Leyte, Ormoc and communities throughout western Leyte, Eastern Samar and Northern Cebu).

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WHERE WE'RE WORKING : EASTERN SAMAR

Water, sanitation and public health promotion work, focused on the rehabilitation of water systems and the promotion of health and sanitation campaigns that facilitated zero open defecation. Sanitation marketing has kicked off on August, targeting 10% of the most under privileged households in five municipalities. More than 1,446 households will benefit from the assistance of constructing their own toilets

Asset recovery through cash for families that regained their productive assets; supported livestock production, established community based nurseries and supported diversification of livelihoods

Community-led, particularly women-led, design and implementation of disaster risk management plans, that reduced the risks to lives and livelihoods of future typhoons. For example, WIRED conducted a series of gender reflections in its 10 covered towns in Salcedo Municipality. Activities were aimed at raising awareness on specific gender issues during disasters

A significant investment into partner organisations, that increased local ownership and promoted long-term development within the area. For example, we have helped launch two Credit Cooperatives by providing cash assistance through our partner Philippine Central Fund for Cooperative Federation (PCF)

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR WORK IN NUMBERS

As of November 2015, we have:

- Provided 4,611 individuals with safe water from improved source
- Helped 44 communities (home to 1,795 families) to live in certified Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) communities
- 54 learning centers involved in WASH in School Campaigns
- 632 microenterprises benefitted from livelihood assistance
- 1200 farming households received livelihood assistance
- 747 individuals reached during 22 gender reflection sessions in 10 municipalities
- 500 farmers received livestock and farm inputs support
- 350 women assisted to become registered fisherfolk

Two years after Haiyan

SEAWEED FARMERS YIELD GOOD HARVEST, FINDS MARKET FOR THEIR PRODUCE

Seaweed farming is the main economic activity in Barangay Ngolos, Guiuan, Eastern Samar. More than a year after typhoon Haiyan ravaged the region, people and communities are barely recovering for the devastation and losses of lives and properties. As part of Oxfam's response, a seaweed farmers' association in Sitio Converse in Guiuan received a grant of 265,000 PHP (15,800 USD) to operate and help its members recover from their losses.

Currently, the Converse Seaweed Farmers' Association (CSFA) has 44 members, where 17 are women. The association buys dried seaweeds from its members which they will sell in bulk to big exporters of seaweed products at a higher price.



Seaweed farmer members of the CSFA during harvest season in Guiuan, Eastern Samar

Daisybel Tabian, President of the CSFA shares, "Even those individual farmers from nearby villages are now selling their harvest to the SCFA instead of going downtown and Tacloban City. More families are encouraged to do seaweed farming because they know now that they have a sure buyer. And that's the association."

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WHERE WE'RE WORKING : TACLOBAN AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES IN EASTERN LEYTE

The Oxfam Programme in Tacloban has shifted its work with a focus on advocating for providing durable resettlement solutions for more than 12,500 families living in 36 Barangays (towns) still displaced or awaiting permanent resettlement from the national government. The project is called Tacloban Resettlement Integrated Programme (TRIP). Aside from resettlement advocacy, TRIP also aims to contribute to reducing and managing the risks of disaster at community and household levels by increasing capacity for disaster preparedness and mitigation among the most vulnerable groups (Gendered DRR).

We have also provided water, sanitation and public health promotion work, water and sanitation requirements for communities that were resettled in the transitional sites;

Supported asset recovery through cash assistance helping families regain their productive assets; supported the fisheries sector; and established community based nurseries and supporting the diversification of livelihoods

Held a transitional shelter work that ensured families built their houses using locally trained carpenters (particularly women) and materials sourced from local suppliers



Young Taclobanons joined the Haiyan 2nd Year Anniversary Commemoration of Oxfam entitled **Resettlement after Haiyan: #SpeakOutStandUp for Resilient and Empowered Communities** held at the Tacloban City Convention Center (Astrodome) participated by more than 2,000 people, mostly by IDPs whom we are currently working with. The highlight of the event was an advocacy concert where select community leaders from the IDPs, local artists and Oxfam Ambassador Ms. Armi Millare shared messages and performances to urge the government to step-up permanent relocation plans and activities. More information can be read here: <http://bit.ly/1NNqNd8>
(Photo: Genevive Estacaan/Oxfam)



THE FACE OF RESETTLEMENT

Two years after Typhoon Haiyan hit Eastern Visayas and nearby islands, many poor families continue to live in uncertainty. Displaced families are now living in transitional shelters and bunkhouse communities where they have little access to livelihood and basic needs such as water and proper sanitation, and relocation sites where some women fear for their safety.

Twenty-six-year-old Florence Mae Garnace is a mother of five kids from Tacloban, Leyte. Her family was displaced when Typhoon Haiyan hit the region in 2013. Two years have passed since Haiyan made landfall and they still live in a bunkhouse community in Barangay Caibaan. Florence shares that access to enough and safe water is difficult for them living in the bunkhouse community. "We cannot drink the water because it is murky. The water pipe is near the canal and the toilet area. We encounter many challenges here at the bunkhouse, but we do everything we can so our family will survive."



Florence and her children outside their temporary home in Tacloban City (Photo: TRIP Team)

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WHERE WE'RE WORKING : BANTAYAN (NORTH CEBU)

A major influencing win for Oxfam in Bantayan Island Programme is the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOU) for the Bantayan Municipality Solid Waste Management (SWM) between Oxfam and the local Government Unit. The MOU enforces the RA9003 or Ecological Solid Waste Management Act.

Launched the Baratong Kasilyas (Low-cost Toilet) Showcase Center-- a 250-sq meter display area for low-cost toilet models available for sale to the residents of the island. This supports the programmes campaign for Zero Open Defecation (ZOD) Communities.

Supported the technical and business training of 15 women and men masons from around Bantayan who can be tapped to independently provide toilet construction services to households in need of toilet repair/rehabilitation

Water and sanitation repairs, public health campaigning and working with schools and communities that advanced their sanitation practices continue

WASH AND PARTNERSHIP WITH THE GOVERNMENT

Oxfam has collaborated with members of the municipal government for a cleaner and greener Bantayan municipality in Northern Cebu. Oxfam's Bantayan Programme Manager Roy Soledad signed the Bantayan Municipality Solid Waste Management (SWM) memorandum of understanding with Mayor Christopher Ian Escario to support RA9003 (Ecological Solid Waste Management Act). The MOU constitutes the following: SWM planning, construction of one Central Material Recovery Facility (CMRF), sound system for two garbage trucks, and a 60-unit heavy duty color-coded garbage box. The MOU signing was followed by a framework and planning workshop attended by members of the SWM technical working group consisting of both municipal government officers and INGO workers. "This project will help us build a better and sustained waste segregation and collection for the municipality, in compliance with the different measures under RA 9003. This is a civic responsibility that our municipality is going to take as a challenge for a clean and green Bantayan," said Mayor Escario.



BARATONG KASILYAS (LOW-COST TOILETS) AND IMPROVING BANTAYAN'S SANITATION

One of the hallmarks of the Oxfam in Bantayan Island Programme is the launch of the low-cost toilets (baratong kasilyas) made available for residents who, for many years even prior to Yolanda, have no household toilets. These low-cost toilets can be sourced locally, and can be paid in installments. There are also women and men masons who can be tapped by clients, to help them install the units. These masons were trained under Oxfam's livelihood initiatives in the island.



During the launch of the Baratong Kasilyas Display Center in the Municipality of Bantayan (Photo: Oxfam)

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HOW WE WORK: CROSS-CUTTING THEMES IN OUR WORK

MEDIA AND ADVOCACY

Conducted community consultations and advocacy with local and national government that ensured that community members have access to adequate and timely assistance and protection. This included the “make the right move” campaign, launched at the one year mark since typhoon Haiyan made landfall, that originated in the Philippines and had engagement across Asia and globally. At the national level, advocacy work successfully influenced the development of government policies related to No Dwelling Zones and ensured greater inclusion of civil society and communities in resettlement planning;

Coordinated and facilitated the production of a documentary by the Nederlandse Publieke Omroep (NOS), a Dutch media organization referred by Oxfam Novib. The documentary film focused on the current status of Haiyan recovery projects, which the Dutch public had supported during the appeal for assistance in 2013-2014;

Pitched a story for the Investigative Documentary show of GMA7 on the status of Haiyan recovery projects. The story was aired in GMA News TV on November 5, 2015 at 8 o'clock in the evening. It will feature an interview with Oxfam Economic Justice Programme Manager Dante Dalabajan;

Tapped local radio stations for 10 free airing spots on Oxfam response efforts and stories of recovery from for 2nd year Haiyan commemoration from 1 September to 30 October 2015



#YolandaAfter2 Yolanda survivors, Oxfam and partner advocacy groups (Philippine Legislators' Committee on Population and Development (PLPCD), NGOs for Fisheries Reform (NFR)) staged a symbolic action to call for the fulfilment of the right to adequate housing of Yolanda survivors and give them access to livelihood and basic services. “Adequate housing is a basic human right. The government should speed up the implementation of housing projects that meet human rights standards before disaster strikes again,” said Romeo Dongeto, PLPCD Executive Director. Advocates also urged Congress to enact laws that will ensure swift rehabilitation for disaster survivors and to step up initiatives on climate change adaptation, such as integrating risk analysis of natural hazards in land use and disaster risk reduction (DRR) plans. (Photo: Rhea Catada/Oxfam)

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR MEDIA HITS (JUNE-NOVEMBER 2015)

Schools struggling 2 years after Yolanda Oxfam International, for instance, built toilets to ensure proper hygiene and sanitation among the school children.
[Link: http://bit.ly/1060tsJ](http://bit.ly/1060tsJ)

Yolanda survivors to PNoy: We're living in danger zones
[Link: http://bit.ly/10GUNZu](http://bit.ly/10GUNZu)

Yolanda survivors appeal to Aquino to postpone P7.9B Tacloban infra project [Link: http://bit.ly/1MEh3ky](http://bit.ly/1MEh3ky)

Yolanda Anniversary Two years on, some Yolanda survivors still without permanent shelter
[Link: http://bit.ly/1MZH5A](http://bit.ly/1MZH5A)

Groups fear Yolanda victims will slide back to being exploited [Link: http://bit.ly/1Y7qZXF](http://bit.ly/1Y7qZXF)

Where are the promised homes, Yolanda survivors ask PNoy [Link: http://bit.ly/1HE7t02](http://bit.ly/1HE7t02)

Yolanda survivors ask aquino to suspend Leyte embankment project [Link: http://bit.ly/1MqnKTC](http://bit.ly/1MqnKTC)

Foreign organization introduces low-cost toilets to Bantayan [Link: http://bit.ly/1Q0jfoR](http://bit.ly/1Q0jfoR)

Mason queen of Sta. Fe [Link: http://bit.ly/1PZc7po](http://bit.ly/1PZc7po)

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FEATURED STORY



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THE MASON QUEEN OF SANTA FE

A homemaker in Sta. Fe, Bantayan survived typhoon Yolanda in 2013 and got back on her feet learning new skills as a mason.

Libertine Grace Derder used to eke out a living by making charcoal. The 42-year-old from barangay Balidbid joined 14 other masons in presenting their finished products – toilet bowls, comfort rooms and septic tanks during the launch of the Baratong Kasilyas Showcase (Affordable Toilets) in Bantayan. Derder underwent a skills test and masonry training for three months with the help of Oxfam, an international non-government organization (NGO).

The training is part of Oxfam's post intervention for typhoon Yolanda survivors in Bantayan island focused on health and sanitation. The NGO observed that most households lacked toilets and comfort rooms in homes.

Do women make good masons? "Yes, if you put in hard work and dedication then you can learn," she told Cebu Daily News. She explained how to make a concrete toilet bowl. Form the toilet mold with cement and river sand. Two hours after, put final touches with sandpaper and a grinder. Then you can paint it any color you want, you want, Derder said.

In one day, Derder can make at least five toilet bowls which are priced at P300. She can also do carpentry work to build a toilet shed in five days using local materials like nipa, plywood, earthblocks and woven bamboo panels (amakan). "It depends on the customer what design they want," Derder said. What her husband earns as a laborer isn't enough to feed and support their four children, she said. With her new skills as a mason, Derder said she's in a better position to help her family. (Source: Cebu Daily News, <http://bit.ly/1SM5f0t>)

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OUR WORK IN NUMBERS

TOTAL FAMILIES REACHED: **180,769**

TOTAL PEOPLE REACHED: **905,193**

WORKING IN: FOUR (4) PROGRAMME AREAS IN THE VISAYAS (TACLOBAN AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT EASTERN LEYTE, ORMOC AND COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT WESTERN LEYTE, EASTERN SAMAR AND NORTHERN CEBU).



87,588

hygiene kits distributed



1,130

communal latrines installed



84,783

water kits distributed



4,307

trained Community Health Volunteers



4,877

mother and infant kits (dignity kits) provided



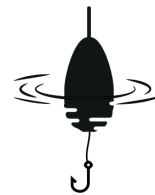
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safe water drinking stations in schools



11,352

school hygiene kits provided



3,058

families who received support for new fishing equipment



537,000

people have received cash assistance in different modalities



4,128

men and women trained in carpentry and masonry for shelter reconstruction



5,752

latrine cleaning kits provided



136

public taps have been installed or repaired

*More data in attached document "Haiyan Response in Numbers" for Nov 2015