

PHILIPPINES TYPHOON HAIYAN RESPONSE

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When Typhoon Haiyan struck the central Philippines one year ago this November, Lolit Ifurong did not have time to worry about her own needs. As the “kapitana” or mayor of the local barangay (village) of Camote, she had a responsibility to care for the people in her community. She helped them organize, build makeshift shelters, and live safely until additional assistance could be found.

Typhoon Haiyan 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 work alongside people like Lolit to respond to the needs of thousands of Haiyan survivors for the past year. Thank you.

Through its long-term partnership with the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, World Renew

Kapitana Lolit Ifurong hosts the World Renew team in her community and helps them coordinate their reconstruction work.

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. In March, they added an office in Samar and in June they added one in Concepcion. In the past year, World Renew has distributed food, generators, hygiene supplies, sleeping mats, mosquito nets, kitchen utensils, wash basins, and other essential items. They

have also provided trauma counseling and repaired or rebuilt damaged homes.

All of this would not have been possible without the faithful support of people like you, and the hard work of local leaders like Lolit. Not only has she helped to identify the people most in need in her community and assisted World Renew in carrying out their programs, she has also allowed World Renew to use part of her property for their local office.



Helping Children Recover from Trauma

The trauma of Typhoon Haiyan is something that survivors continue to struggle with. Children have been especially hard hit with many of them continuing to have nightmares, an on-going fear of the water, worries about being left alone, grief for lost loved ones and anger towards parents who were unable to protect them. To respond to this need, World Renew has trained 117 community members to provide trauma counselling and psycho-social support in their communities. As a result, 2,111 people including 930 children have received valuable emotional support.

The string activity shown in this photo was conducted with groups of traumatized children. The string reminded the children that we are all connected and must rely on each other for support. After going through the exercise, several children shared their Haiyan survival stories for the first time since the storm.

Today, we see many signs of hope in Camote and other parts of the Philippines. People are rebuilding their communities, re-starting their businesses, and finding new hope for the future. Yet, we know that the road ahead will not be easy or quick. World Renew expects to be working alongside local leaders and Haiyan survivors for at least one more year. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

Fast Facts about World Renew's Haiyan Response

Between November 2013 and November 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 cash to 4,155 households in exchange for work on community-identified projects
- Provided training in how to provide psycho-social support to 117 community members to enable them to conduct group therapy in their communities
- Provided psycho-social care and trauma counseling to 2,111 community members including 930 children
- Repaired 11 damaged homes and built 135 new, typhoon-and-earthquake-resistant homes
- Helped 475 fishing families restore their livelihoods through the provision of boats, fishing nets, fish cages, sea-weed seedlings, and other fishing gear
- Helped 97 farming families restore their livelihoods through training and the provision of vegetable seeds
- Provided capital to help restart businesses including concrete block-making, barbershops, motorcycle repair shops, small kiosks, and tailoring
- Trained 1 group of water and sanitation facilitators who will begin educating communities on sanitation and hygiene



From November 2013 until May 2014, the Ginco family lived inside of this collapsed home. Today, the family are the proud owners of a newly built home that can withstand future disasters. With a concrete floor, raised beds, and better windows the family's health has improved greatly.

A Home to Be Proud Of

Merna and Recaredo Ginco had the privilege of being the first family to receive a new home from World Renew following Typhoon Haiyan.

Before the storm hit, life was already difficult for Merna, Recaredo and their two sons. To make ends meet Recaredo and Merna hired themselves out as occasional labourers on other people's farms. The pay was small.

Recaredo's health was poor and he contracted pneumonia. The two boys were also often sick because of the dust and dampness in their bamboo home. This meant that valuable family resources were spent on medicine. The family had no savings to fall back on.

Then, Typhoon Haiyan hit. More than 200 families in their community of Palaguian lost all or part of their homes. The Ginco's house completely collapsed. While some families were able to salvage part of their home or use savings to purchase supplies for repairs, Merna and Recaredo had nothing. They simply continued to live in their collapsed home.

"We had just one room which four of us lived in," said Merna. "As the house was broken, you couldn't live in it normally. You could not even stand up or walk around. We spent most of our time outside and just crawled inside to sleep."

It was also dangerous.

"I was worried about my smallest son because he was so small his feet could slip through the holes in the broken wooden floor slats," said Merna. "When it rained, we were afraid because we thought the house would be completely knocked down."

The Gincos received a typhoon-and-earthquake-resistant house from World Renew in June 2014. It was the first prototype house that World Renew built and was constructed to withstand 200 kph winds. While these are more expensive to build than other shelters, they provide families with safety and security even during storms.

Merna and Recaredo helped out with the construction. Merna fetched water and Recaredo cut bamboo. They also learned from the construction team.

"If I have money in the future to build an extension to the kitchen, I will build it as strong as this house, because I have learned how to build a stronger structure," said Recaredo.

The couple says that their new house is definitely an answer to prayer and a true blessing from God.

"As long as we are living, we will not forget what World Renew has done for us. Thank you World Renew for giving us a house that is strong," said Merna.

World Renew has built 135 additional new homes for families in need and retrofitted 11 damaged homes to make them safe to live in. They expect to retrofit 587 additional homes and reconstruct 769 new homes in the coming year.

Jose Wendell Jadlov received this fishing gear from World Renew and is proud to once again be a fisherman supporting his family. With his earnings, Jose hopes to one day build a new home for his family to replace the one that was destroyed by Haiyan.



Fishing For a Better Future

When Jose Wendell Jadlov moved from his Philippines community of Basey to Barangay 89 in 2000, he was excited about his new future as a fisherman. Little did he know that his new coastal home would put him right in the eye of Typhoon Haiyan. Today, thanks to assistance from World Renew, Jose has begun to rebuild his life and restart his livelihood that was washed away by last year's typhoon.

As a rice farmer in Basey, Jose had struggled to provide for his family of five. Rice farming is hard work and generates an unpredictable harvest. In 2000, Jose decided to move to Barangay 89 to begin a new venture as a fisherman. His niche was blue and yellow crabs, which he could sell for \$2.70 US a kilogram.

“I could catch fish and sell it at the market and make money every day unlike when I was a rice farmer and only reaped the reward after three months,” he said. “I was happy because I had a better job.”

Then Typhoon Haiyan struck. In the hours before the storm, the Philippines government issued an evacuation warning to people living in coastal villages. Jose took his family and ran to an evacuation center. Even there, the storm was traumatic.

“Corrugated iron sheets were flying through the air,” he recalls. “My children were afraid because the rain and wind were very strong. They were shouting and crying.”

When the storm died down, the family returned to their home only to discover that they had lost everything. Their home, their boat, their appliances, their clothes and their keepsakes were all washed away.

Through World Renew, the family received a cooking pot, plates, spoons, glasses, a wash basin and other materials to help them get by. They also participated in a cash-for-work program that World Renew offered, which gave them a source of income to buy food and materials for a makeshift shelter.

This spring, Jose received a new boat from another organization. He also received a propeller, nets, needles and other fishing gear from World Renew's livelihoods program.

“I can now support my family's needs,” Jose said. “I now have hope for a better life for our future. I am content and satisfied and am able to stand on my own two feet. Thank you World Renew for all of the help. God bless you!”

World Renew has already helped 475 fishing families restore their livelihoods through the provision of boats, fishing nets, fish cages, sea-weed seedlings, and other fishing gear. In the coming year, this program will be extended to reach even more families in need.



Free A Family in the Philippines

Samuel Fuentes has known a lot of hardship in his life. Several years ago, his wife left him and he was forced to raise their two young children on his own. Then, in November 2013, Samuel lost his home and his fishing boats — his only source of livelihood — because of Typhoon Haiyan.

Yet, Samuel smiles today. Through support like yours, he has received food and other supplies from World Renew to keep his family alive following the storm. While Samuel currently lives in a make-shift shelter with his children and parents, he and his children are finding peace and stillness in God as they patiently work to rebuild their lives. He has faith that God will continue to meet his needs as he rebuilds his home and life. He is also using his God-given skills to help others in his community.

Will you continue to help people like Samuel? World Renew's Free A Family® program has provided a consistent source of prayer and financial support for World Renew's ministry for more than 20 years. Through this program, people direct their support to a specific region of the world and receive regular updates about how their donation, combined with the support of others, is making a lasting difference to families in that region.

Samuel, Joshua and Samantha Fuentes will be sharing their experiences with supporters like you over the next few years. Learn more at worldrenew.net/freefamily

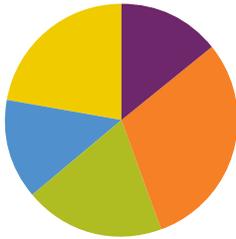
This year, for the first time ever, World Renew is including disaster survivors in its Free A Family® program. Through this special offer, your monthly gift of \$22 will support families and entire communities as they rebuild their homes and restart their livelihoods following Typhoon Haiyan.

In recognition of your gift, Samuel has agreed to share his joys, struggles, pains and successes to help you understand the amazing way that your gifts are being used to further God's Kingdom. You will receive updates from World Renew about Samuel and his family four times a year until our Haiyan Response is complete.

Please prayerfully consider signing up for this special ministry.

Financial Information

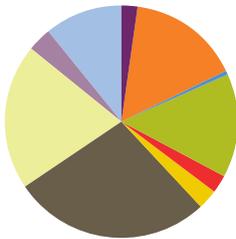
Revenue



■ Private donors in the USA	\$1,010,769
■ Private donors in Canada	\$2,158,196
■ Canadian Government grants (DFATD)	\$1,261,261
■ Organizational Donors in Canada	\$899,505
■ Organizational Donors in Australia, Europe, the USA and other	\$1,423,497
Total Revenues	\$6,753,228

From November 2013 to October 31, 2014 World Renew received \$6.7 million for its response to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. This included \$3.1 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 \$3.6 million.

Expenses



■ Food Assistance	\$45,592
■ Non Food Items	\$301,147
■ Generators	\$9,387
■ Cash-for-Work	\$276,087
■ Trauma Counseling	\$46,959
■ Fishing Livelihoods	\$53,565
■ Shelter	\$531,951
■ Field Program Management	\$389,801
■ Office Start-up	\$63,789
■ Administration	\$206,617
Total Expenses	\$1,924,889

From November 2013 to October 31, 2014, World Renew had spent \$1,924,889 (30%) of the funds it had received for the response. This included \$45,000 for food assistance, \$300,000 for non-food items, \$9,000 for generators, \$276,000 for cash-for-work, \$47,000 for trauma counseling, \$53,000 for livelihood programs, and \$532,000 for home repair and reconstruction. The remaining balance of \$4.3 million will be used over the next two years as we continue to help Haiyan survivors rebuild their lives and homes.

Special Thanks

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:



- + All We Can (Methodist relief and development, UK)
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- + Canadian Reformed World Relief Fund
- + Christian Reformed Churches of Australia
- + ERDO (Emergency Relief & Development Overseas), Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada
- + Integral Alliance
- + Orange County Foundation
- + Bijzondere Noden — Relief Arm of the Reformed Congregations in the Netherlands
- + Reformed Churches in New Zealand
- + Tear Australia

- + Tearfund UK
- + Transform Aid International, Australia
- + World Concern
- + World Relief Canada
- + ZOA

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