

World Renew - Typhoon Haiyan Response, Philippines – FAQ

1. How is World Renew responding to Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines?
 - World Renew will initially be providing urgently-needed food, water, essential non-food items and temporary shelter to victims of the Typhoon. Later on we will move from this relief phase to longer-term recovery and rehabilitation.
 - The scale and duration of our response will depend on the level of financial support received.
2. Who are World Renew's partners in the Philippines?
 - Our primary partner is the Christian Reformed Church in the Philippines, which has a well-organized Disaster Response Team that has benefited from training and capacity building by World Renew in the past.
 - Another potential partner is the Philippine Relief and Development Services (PHILRADS), an agency of the Philippine Council of Evangelical Churches.
 - World Renew is coordinating its efforts with the Integral Alliance, a global network of 19 Christian relief & development organizations.
3. Will my donation be matched?
 - Yes, but only in Canada. Donations made by individual Canadians (not businesses) to World Renew and other registered charities in Canada from November 9 up to and including December 9, 2013 will qualify for a 1:1 match from the Canadian Government.
 - All such donations will be matched by the Canadian Government, and the matching amount will be deposited into the **Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund**. This fund will be managed by the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development (DFATD).
See also: <http://www.international.gc.ca/media/dev/news-communiques/2013/11/10a.aspx>
 - World Renew is eligible to apply for funding to the Typhoon Haiyan Relief Fund, and will apply, but it is a competitive process and there is no guarantee that World Renew will receive funding. However, all funds in this DFATD-managed account will be used by Canadian agencies to assist people affected by the Typhoon in the Philippines and other affected countries.
 - Donations made by individual Canadians must be received by World Renew on or before December 9, or be postmarked by December 9, in order to qualify.
 - Church offerings held prior to December 8 should be sent to the Burlington office by December 9.
 - Church offerings taken on Sunday, December 8 must be sent to the Burlington office as soon as possible, along with a copy of the church bulletin for that day to verify that the offering was taken on or before December 9.
4. I live in the US, is my donation eligible for matching?
 - No, unfortunately, the 1:1 match only applies to donations made by Canadian citizens. Churches and individuals in the US should send their donations to our US office. Donations from the US are crucial to our total response and will be used wisely and effectively.
 - A Canadian citizen living in the US who pays Canadian taxes is eligible for the match. Their donation should be sent to our Canadian office along with a note that they are eligible to receive a Canadian tax receipt.
5. Will there be a Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) response?
 - No, we do not anticipate a significant Canadian Foodgrains Bank food assistance response in the Philippines at this time. Due to a very high level of CFGB programming by all CFGB members in the past six months, and particularly due to significant programming in response to the Syrian conflict in the Middle East, CFGB does not have any Canadian government matching funds left for the current CFGB fiscal year which ends on March 31, 2014.