

**SLB Task Force Bangon Pilipinas
TYPHOON YOLANDA (HAIYAN) REHABILITATION PROGRAM
UPDATED AS OF MARCH 1, 2014**



I: Local Situationer

- A. *Isla Culion, Palawan.* SLB in partnership with a Jesuit-led Parish of La Immaculada Concepcion and the Local Government Unit of Culion have identified 5 priority areas for rehabilitation and development projects. The areas identified are baranggays Binudac, Galoc, Osmena and Indigenous Communities in Sitio Alulad of Barangay Baldat and Sitio Chindunan Balete of Barangay Libis.

Tentative projects for the selected areas are: (1) housing relocation for Binudac and Galoc (2) Students' dormitory for Culion National Highschool in Osmena and (3) a multi-purpose evacuation center with chapel and an alternative classroom in Sitios Chindunan Balete and Alulad.

- B. *Province of Dinagat Islands (PDI).* An estimated of PhP 202 million infrastructural damage and 24,405 people out of the 126,803 residents are reportedly affected by Typhoon Haiyan. The whole province is also prone to landslides and typhoons. And it is the 9th poorest province in the Philippines.
- C. *Capiz.* Known as the Seafood Capital of the Philippines, Capiz is a 1st class province located in the Western Visayas region. Its capital is Roxas City and is located at the northeastern portion of Panay Island, bordering Aklan and Antique to the west, and Iloilo to the south. It is ecclesiastically covered by the Archdiocese of Capiz which has thirty-two (32) Parishes, three (3) Quasi-Parishes and twenty-three (23) Mission Stations. When Typhoon Haiyan hit the land, a damage of approximately Php 5,553,901,134.30 on infrastructure and agriculture and around 719,685 affected persons were reported by the National Disaster Risk Reduction Management Council (NDRRMC) as per December 26, 2013.



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II: Recent Activities

A. *Isla Culion, Palawan – February 26-28, 2014*

Site validation was conducted by the team in Culion along with its Executive Director, Fr. Xavier C. Alpasa, SJ, Environmental Science for Social Change (ESSC) Research Director, Fr. Pedro Walpole, SJ and Ms. Mariel De Jesus.

In three days, there were five communities were visited: Binudac Village and Guitna for Day 1 while Galoc Village and Indigenous Communities of Alulad and Chindunan Balete for Day 2. The residents of the villages of Binudac and Galoc are in need of safe places to relocate their houses. The residents of Galoc, moreover, extended their gratitude for the solar lights donated by Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan last year.

The islands of Alulad and Chindunan Balete are projected where a typhoon – resistant multi-purpose hall could be built. As validated, the areas of Galoc, Alulad and Chindunan Balete need to have definite water source/system. In terms of politics, the Local Government has convened a meeting to consolidate different rehabilitation projects in the whole municipality.

The team also conducted meetings with the Local Government of Culion, Isla Culion Consumer's Cooperative (ICCC), the SPC Sisters and the Parish. Apart from these, surveys have been conducted in the coastal areas to examine the needs of people who are planned to be relocated.



Meeting with the ICCC Board Members



Bangon Pilipinas Team with ESSC and local residents in Galoc



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B. Dinagat Island. February 19-23 2014

On February 19-23, our Project Officer, Mr. Rex Alfafara and a representative from the Jesuit Refugee Services – Thailand, Ms. Maprang visited the Province of Dinagat Islands to conduct a Rapid Post Yolanda assessment and identify possible programs to serve the community. The team was accompanied by its District Representative, Congresswoman Kaka Bag-ao.

Meetings were conducted with the priests and PDRRMC Officers. It raised several suggestions and the need for assistance. Among the identified possible projects are: (1) Evacuation centers, (2) Resettlement of vulnerable communities, (3) CBDRRM training and (4) Agricultural livelihood. To see the actual damage and situation of the community, Barangays Cuarinta and Matingbe of the Municipality of San Jose were assessed. Local residents the continuous downpour of the latest Typhoon Agaton.

The team also visited the Municipality of Cagdianao and had separate meetings with the Mayor, the Parish Priest and the Agriculture officer. They also gather stories and interviews in the area of San Jose

C. Province of Capiz. January 31 – February 4, 2014

Fr. Mark Granflor, Social Action (SAC) Director told the team his concerns - The Capiz Archdiocese Catechetical Institute (CACI) Formation Center and the farm they plan to utilize as the livelihood training center.



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SLB funded 20 solar charging stations. Chapel lightings were installed in the areas recommended by the SAC, 40Watt solar panels to power 4 light bulbs and a battery to be used as a charging station.

- D. **SLB Communications.** Simbahang Lingkod ng Bayan put up a webpage (<http://slb.ph/haiyan/>) to update our partners and donors regularly regarding our rehabilitation and development projects for Typhoon Haiyan survivors.

III: Incoming Activities

- a) *Isla Culion, Palawan.* The results of the profiling survey in Barangay Osmena is expected to be released on second week of March.
- b) *Dinagat Island.* On February 4 – 6, SLB Executive Director Fr. Xavier C. Alpasa, SJ and Program Officer Rex Alfafara will revisit Dinagat Islands to have community consultation, validation and partnership meetings with LGU and parishes.
- c) *Capiz.* An alternative livelihood project proposal is expected to be received from SAC
- d) Internal meetings will be conducted in SLB to finalize the rehabilitation programs priorities and plans in the areas of Culion and Dinagat Island.



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SIMBAHANG LINGKOD NG BAYAN supports and implement programs that are community-driven, for this reason, the organization take into consideration the inputs of the communities involved. Hence, the organization would like to seek your understanding as it is a necessity to consult the stakeholders.

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TASK FORCE BANGON PILIPINAS TIMELINE

December 2013

- Continuation of Relief Operations
- Ocular assessment in Samar and Leyte
- Rapid assessment and community validations
- Hiring of staffs to comprise Task Force Bangon Pilipinas



January 2014

- **20 January:** Bangon Pilipinas Team was formed
- **25 January:** Meeting with other religious congregations or institutions



February 2014

- **4-7 February:** Formalization of partnership with some organizations
- **8-14 February:** Project officers were deployed to do site assessments in Tacloban, and Culion Palawan
- **26 February – 1 March:** Site Validation in Culion, Palawan



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