



CARE (Calamity Assistance and Rehabilitation Endeavors) 2013 IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

- Target Areas:** Davao Oriental: Municipalities of Baganga, Mati, Cateel, and Boston.
Compostela Valley: Municipality of New Bataan.
- Other Area Visited:** Davao Tugbok classrooms.
- Date of Trip:** March 21-24, 2013 by Pablito and Tess Alarcon, Program Directors, Infrastructure and CARE, respectively.
- Background:** Davao Oriental has been known as a province rich in natural resources. It has a long coastal line, wide river valleys, majestic mountain ranges, and breathtaking scenic spots. Vegetables abound, especially coconut. Seventeen percent (17%) of copra production in the Philippines comes from Davao Oriental. Both Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley are the fruit basket of the Philippines, exporting thousands of tons of bananas each year. However, overnight all these were wiped out, devastated and the whole areas flattened. Thousands of workers lost their livelihood.

Once a beautiful province, the pride of the Philippines, suddenly, on the morning of December 4, 2012 between 2:00 a.m. and 4:30 a.m., all this magnificence was wiped out, devastated when Typhoon Pablo/Bopha cruelly struck. Winds at 260 km/hr cut a swath of destruction across the Southern Island, likened to the United States' Katrina's destruction.

The loss of lives was in the thousands, 487,364 families were affected. It was the very poor who had been hit hard. Total cost of damages were placed at more than PhP7.1 billion (PhP7,116,388,040.07 to be exact)—26,160 hectares of crops in 18 provinces from 6 regions in Mindanao were affected, 6 million coconut trees uprooted.

To date, Typhoon Pablo/Bopha victims are still in relocation centers with 2 to 3 families living in one tent.

Visited too was the 2-building classroom in Tugbok Elementary School donated by Denis Carpio and family and met with the Tugbok ES Principal Amelyn Countryman and teachers and Denis Carpio's sister, Dra. Judy Ann Carpio-Prantilla.

- Local Partner Participants:** Brotherhood of Christian Businessmen & Professionals (BCBP)
- Jun Tapiador, Overall in charge of Davao Oriental Disaster Rehabilitation and Program & Services and Director, BCBP Davao East Chapter
 - Dr. Hansel Magno, Chapter Head, BCBP Davao East
 - Bayani "Nany" Estanislao, BCBP Board member
 - Rafael Calma, BCBP Board member

International Disaster Response

- James Frank and Laura Allan of Canada

Gawad Kalinga

- Engineer Edito Jualo and representatives and volunteers, commissioned to build houses for the displaced victims

Others

- Sister Myrna, Coordinator and teacher for the Rosary-making Project
- Liviloyd Galon, car rental driver to Baganga, Mati, Cateel, and Boston

Problems to be solved:

- cut and chop 6 million fallen coconut trees
- clear debris from cut and chopped coconut trees to prepare areas ready for planting
- need 5,000 chain saws for cutting coconut trees
- provide livelihood projects
- support when UNICEF and USAID emergency food assistance supplies run out at the end of the three-month period

Description of Activities: (Please click link to Pablito's detailed reports:)

- [TYPHOON PABLO in Davao](#) (March 21, 2013);
- [TYPHOON PABLO Disaster Site Inspection Davao Oriental](#) (March 22, 2013);
- [TYPHOON PABLO Inspection Visit in Cateel, Mati, and Boston](#) (March 23, 2013)

Rehabilitation Projects Implemented by FtH, as grants in partnership with BCBP:

Purchase of two (2) Chainsaws @ PhP63,000 ea.	PhP 126,000.00
Rosary-making in 3 municipalities (Cateel, Baganga, and Boston) for 6,000 families	PhP 130,000.00
Bread-making for feeding school children victims	<u>PhP 170,000.00</u>
Total Grants Spent:	PhP426,000.00_

NOTE: Feeding and eventual livelihood project in partnership with ECARE Compassion (meeting on March 25, 2013 at Commission on Filipinos Overseas premises; Memorandum of Agreement signed)

Ministry: ED Henry and Lisa Manuncia

Corn seedlings donation to benefit

Brgy. Andap in New Bataan, Compostela Valley

PhP 80,000

TOTAL FtH CARE GRANT:

PhP506,000.00

Rationale for the Grant:

Purchase of 2 Chainsaws: 6 million coconut trees uprooted destroyed. Chainsaws were needed to chop, cut fallen coconut trees. Salvage some usable materials, clear and dispose the debris to give way for the facilitation of crop production which shall provide early recovery and food needs of the affected communities.

Rosary-making: Initial establishment of livelihood projects for the economic and livelihood development of the people in the three hard-hit municipalities of Cateel, Baganga, and Boston. 6,000 families (average 5-6 members in a family) benefit.

Purchase of Bread-making Machine, Stove, and Baking Needs: Provided start-up revolving capital. Target recipients were schoolchildren typhoon victims from Cateel.

Corn Seeds Planting: Local government food relief distribution was to stop by the end of March 2013. Planting of corn for food and for commerce became a potential activity to avert the possibility of hunger. The 142 families referred to were indigenous people belonging mainly to the Mandaya and Mansaka Tribes in Andap, New Bataan. Planting corn will provide for food and income for these families in 90 days.

FtH provided funding only for 10 hectares instead of the 30 hectares needed.

NOTE: All FtH implementation activities were covered by FtH Executive Director memoranda.

Further Goals of FtH CARE: For the **rehabilitation projects** for Typhoon Pablo/Bopha victims in Davao Oriental and Compostela Valley, FtH CARE aims to be able to:

- provide additional funding for corn and vegetable seeds for planting. Corn takes only three months to grow; thus the victims can harvest quickly to supply them food. Vegetables can be planted alternately. With these two staple “produce,” the victims can have ample supply of food that can also be a source of earning a living;
- build classrooms in Andap, were they are most needed.

NOTE: Restricted funds for *Typhoon Gener/Habagat* victims received from World Bank/IMF Filipino Staff Association (Ms. Beth King) in the amount of \$3,180 are still awaiting CFO’s findings.

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