

# Emergency and Recovery Support to Restart Livelihoods, Income Generation, and Food Self-sufficiency



## AT A GLANCE

### → Partners

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Save the Children (SC), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) Region - 8 for Ormoc City, and Kananga, Leyte, Municipality of San Isidro, Leyte Province, Municipality Of Villaba, Leyte Province, Chinese Chamber of Commerce & Industry Inc., 1001 Strategies Product Development Consultancy Basud Farmers Association, Daja Daku Farmers Association, Banat-I Farmers Association, Hacienda Maria Primary Multi-purpose Coop, Sitio Catmonay Vegetable Farmers Association, Lake Danao Farmers Association, Cabintan Livelihood Community Association, Gaas Farmers Association, Biasong Integrated Farmers Association, San Jose Farmers Association, Progressive Farmers Association of Domonar, Busay Farmers Association, Sto. Domingo Farmers Association, Mahawan Upland Farmers Association, San Isidro Luberanan Farmers Association, Kananga-Lita Irrigation's Association, Basud Farmers Association, Daja Daku Integrated Farmers Association, Hacienda Maria Primary Multi-purpose Cooperative, Banat-I Farmers Association, Dolores Livelihood Community Association, Cabungaan Farmer's Association, Bagong Henerasyon Farmers Association, Brgy Cagnucot, Tere des Hommes.

### → Donors

Department for International Development (DFID), UK

### → Duration

March 2014 to February 2015

### → Target beneficiaries

- 6,800 small scale rice and corn farmers
- 3,500 vulnerable and poor able-bodied workers and their families (about 14,000 people through emergency employment and livelihood support)
- 2,250 families or 11,250 individuals (approximately 6,750 of which are children unable to benefit from emergency employment and/or the distribution of farm inputs)
- The project activities will aim to target at least 40 per cent female beneficiaries.

### → Geographical focus

Region VIII: Leyte Province, Municipalities of San Isidro, Villaba, Kananga and Ormoc City, and potentially additional priority municipalities in Leyte



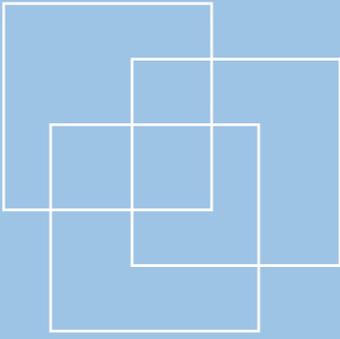
## PROJECT OBJECTIVES

ILO and FAO, as the co-leader of the Food Security and Agriculture Cluster and of the Livelihoods and Early Recovery Cluster respectively, and Save the Children as a member, are committed to support and be aligned with the response plans of government counterparts. As such, the three agencies collectively prioritised support activities that complemented or helped to fill gaps, where the government had identified that further assistance was needed to meet the identified needs of the target populations. They will also ensure at all times that they closely take into account existing government policies and delivery systems. Moreover, the three agencies will work closely with government counterparts to validate the targeting and selection of intended beneficiaries, and to identify, design, implement, supervise, monitor, and report on the project activities, particularly with regards to technical aspects.

Emergency employment activities were at the forefront of ILO disaster response because of the magnitude and urgency to make humanitarian relief goods and services physically accessible, and reduce health risks. It also injected much-needed financial resources directly into the hands of those who were directly affected, allowing the purchase of food, water, shelter materials, and other basic commodities necessary for survival.

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## MAIN ACTIVITIES

- Emergency employment creation through the clearing of debris, including stockpiling, segregation, and, where possible, recycling for use in reconstruction or repair of damaged infrastructure, and preparation of cleared land for rice and corn fields (with technical support from FAO).
- Employment creation for preparation of hill sites for contour farming and alternative crop production (with technical support from FAO).
- Provision of skills training for non-agricultural economic activities for both men and women (with SC).
- Replication and scaling up of ILO natural disaster response approach developed and demonstrated in the Philippines over the last few years, notably in areas affected by Typhoon Washi in December 2011 and Typhoon Bopha in December 2012.
- Provision of emergency employment and livelihood support to immediate beneficiaries.
- Development of capacity at the local level to sustain and/or replicate approaches in future crisis situations.
- Enhancement of vulnerable workers' employability through skills development.
- Foundation laying for such recovery which needs to be continued by other projects and programmes from government and international development partners to help rice and corn farmers to regain sustainable livelihoods.
- Provision of emergency employment, along with tools and materials, for immediate income generation; later provision of additional skills training on alternative non-agriculture livelihood activities to poor and vulnerable rice and corn growing households whose sources of employment and livelihoods were destroyed.

## PROJECT OUTCOMES

- The ILO with its partners was able to meet most of the indicator milestones by reaching out to a total of 4,600 individuals (2,977 male/1,623 female) affected by Typhoon Haiyan during the year of 2014.
- In detail, a total of 3,080 individuals (2,089 male/991 female) engaged in Emergency Employment work to clear 2,535 hectares. A total of US\$268,920.36 was paid for these individuals' wages, in addition to US\$250,035.96 into the local economy.
- For land preparation for contour farming, a total of 32 hectares were prepared by 1,342 workers (799 male/543 female). A total of US\$241,320.41 was spent for their wages.
- With an internal assessment on market needs on skills, the ILO contracted the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA) to provide basic carpentry and food processing training. The training is being implemented in batches and approximately half of the training has been completed.
- As of the end of 2014, a total of 130 trainees (47 male/83 female) had completed their skills development course and been certified through TESDA.
- Thirty-six trainees (35 male/1 female) completed carpentry training, and another 94 trainees (12 male/82 female) completed food processing training.
- On-going training is benefitting a further 220 trainees.

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