

Skills acquisition: A tool for economic rehabilitation in Negros Occidental



Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) damaged houses and displaced families in the island community of Lakawon in Negros Occidental. But unfazed residents turned this into an opportunity to rebuild their community and improve their situation.

Government agencies and the humanitarian community have pledged to construct houses in a five-hectare lot in Barangay Cadiz Viejo that the local government purchased as a resettlement site. Typhoon-affected residents will be hired to build these houses and earn wages to provide for their families' daily needs.

Three hundred and eighty fisher folk families from Lakawon relocated to the mainland City of Cadiz when storm surges inundated their island. From them, 270 workers were engaged by the International Labour Organization (ILO) in the construction of 100 of these resettlement houses and a multi-purpose community building. In this sub-project, the ILO worked with the Kalipay Negrense Foundation, Incorporated (KNFI), which has been supporting typhoon survivors

(together with Gawad Kalinga and Virlanie Foundation) through their three-year (2013-2015) Integrated Community Development programme.

The sub-project included a skills transfer component where an additional 15 skilled workers were trained as trainers in basic carpentry. They then mentored the



Completed resettlement houses are seen in the background as workers haul gravel to construct more shelters.

unskilled workers during the construction of the houses. The worker-beneficiaries can now use their newly-acquired skills to bolster their chances of employment beyond the sub-project's duration.

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Implementing Partners

- Kalipay Negrense Foundation, Incorporated (KNFI)

Stakeholder Organizations

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- Virlanie Foundation
- City Government of Cadiz

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