

Helping one's self: Repair of LiTeS Training Center in Bogo City, Northern Cebu



Training in Bogo City's Livelihood and Technical Skills (LiTeS) Training Center was hampered when Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) made landfall in Northern Cebu. In addition the welding training building was severely damaged. During a shelter cluster meeting in which ILO was participating, the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Bogo hit upon the idea of collaborating with the ILO to rehabilitate the facility. Thus in this sub-project the enrollees themselves were engaged to repair the damaged training building, allowing them to continue their education whilst at the same time earning some much needed income.

The sub-project followed a training/repair approach where then-current trainees in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) were themselves responsible for repairing their own school as an application of skills they had already acquired. The trainee-workers were mostly unemployed youth who were targeted by the city for inclusion in its livelihood development programme.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) partnered with the City Government of Bogo in repairing the LiTeS Centre. With the training centre reinforced and the roof being repaired, it became stronger and sturdier and ready to withstand future natural calamities.



A trainee demonstrates his newly acquired skill in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW).

LiTeS Centre being a Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)-accredited facility – which helped to enhance their employability. The local Public Employment Service Office (PESO) committed to linking them to job opportunities with well know construction companies within the region and in Cebu City. Some trainees also expressed an interest in working overseas.

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A total of 61 workers (including one nurse) were engaged in the sub-project, all of them receiving minimum wages, social security, health insurance, and accident insurance, as well as being provided with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The graduates were also awarded National Certification after the training – the

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