Making connections: Farm-to-market road rehabilitation in San Isidro, Leyte

Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) damaged farm-to-market road in San Isidro, Leyte and severely hampered the farmers' agricultural activities. In response, the International Labour Organization (ILO) supported the Municipal Government of San Isidro in restoring the small-scale farmers' ability to generate income, and in enhancing their food security.



A worker-beneficiary lays down earthen filler material on potholes and ruts to even out the farm-to-market road's (FMR) surface.

As part of this collaboration a total of 23.9 kilometres of farm-to-market road was rehabilitated, covering eight Barangays: Daja Daku, Bunacan, Hacienda Maria, Cabungaan, Busay, Banat-i, and Basud.

With guidance from the Municipal Engineering Office, 722 local workers

were engaged. All of them received minimum wages, social security benefits, accident and health insurance. They were also provided with personal protective equipment (PPE) such as long-sleeved shirts, rubber boots, hats, and gloves to ensure their safety while at work.

The road rehabilitation supported the farming activities of small-scale rice and corn farmers as the sub-project allowed them to more easily access farm inputs and transport farm produce to the market.

The improved road condition also contributed to reducing the cost of transporting both inputs and produce, helping farmers increase their income and ensuring food security.

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