

Recovery via employment: Skills training on food processing and carpentry in the Province of Leyte

Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) devastated farming communities in Leyte province, resulting in massive loss of livelihoods. The International Labour Organization (ILO) and local agencies immediately recognised a need to provide alternative sources of income.

To address this need, and in partnership with the Technical Skills Development Authority (TESDA) Region VIII, the ILO implemented a skills development training programme that supported sustainable local economic recovery. This programme helped restore the livelihood activities of the Haiyan-affected farming communities of Kananga, San Isidro, Villaba, Matag-ob, and Ormoc City.

Two courses were offered, one in carpentry skills (165 participants) and another in food processing (188 participants). All the trainees were also assessed for National Competency II Certification, which greatly

enhanced their opportunity for post-training employment.

Trainees enrolled in the two courses received a daily allowance (based on the then-prevailing minimum wage), social protection coverage, personal protective equipment (PPE), and starter kits.



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The food processing component of the training involved the participation of both women and men.

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