

Rebuilding for health: Renovation of the mortuary at the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center



Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) destroyed much of Tacloban City's public infrastructure including the Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center's (EVRMC) facilities. Recognising that health facilities are a community's lifeline, the International Labour Organization (ILO), in partnership with the Latter-Day Saints Charities (LDSC), added their support to the reconstruction effort.

EVRMC's mortuary was severely damaged, with the typhoon destroying its walls, ceilings, windows and doors. The facility also lost its electricity and water supply, leaving it completely non-functional and incapable of rendering service. The mortuary had serviced between two to six deceased patients a day, and now there was no place to process and keep the bodies.

The ILO provided 38 workers (23 women, 15 men) with at least minimum wages, social security benefits, and accident and health insurance. In adherence to occupational safety and health standards, the workers were also supplied with personal protective equipment (PPE).



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Wearing their personal protective equipment (PPE), local labourers, both men and women, work on reconstructing the typhoon-damaged EVRMC mortuary.

Meanwhile, the World Health Organization (WHO) took care of key mortuary equipment and the necessary building materials; the LDSC hired local skilled and unskilled workers and provided basic construction tools; and the EVRMC made available additional building materials and eventually managed the completed facility.

The EVRMC mortuary is expected, within the next five years, to cater to the possible autopsy and embalming services needs of 25,000 households.

The ILO is grateful for the support it has received from the government of Japan for its Haiyan Response and vision to truly Build Back Better.

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Implementing Partner

- Latter-Day Saints Charities (LDSC)

Stakeholder Organizations

- World Health Organization (WHO)
- Eastern Visayas Regional Medical Center (EVRMC)

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- Government of Japan



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