

# Emergency Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods after Super Typhoon Haiyan



**Carlón Cayadong** of Ormoc City turned the devastation caused by Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) into an opportunity to place himself in a better situation as a worker.

Before Haiyan hit, Carlón worked as a foreman for a private firm where he received PHP400 a day. As a skilled worker, he thought that this was not enough, especially given the long hours that he put in.

Carlón felt guilty about not having enough time to spend with his wife and son. He added that he needed more money to repair their house in Albuera, a municipality near Ormoc City, which was damaged by the typhoon.

Understandably, he was on the lookout for other employment options. He eventually received an offer from a contact at a local chamber of commerce for a foreman post, one that he readily accepted.

Carlón worked in the repair and rehabilitation of Ormoc's City Health Center, a sub-project of the International Labour Organization (ILO) undertaken with the Ormoc-Filipino Chamber of Commerce and Industry as implementing partner.

As a skilled worker-beneficiary, he earned PHP600 a day, also benefitting from three months enrolment in social security, one year accident insurance, and three months enrolment in health insurance — benefits that he did not have access to in his previous job.

"Insurance and social security are very important in my line of work. I appreciate that we are covered under the project," said Carlón.

Having finished repairing the typhoon-damaged Health Center, Carlón is grateful for having gained access to better employment, while also helping his community "build back better".



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