

Rebuilding communities: Construction and repair of damaged schools in Camotes Islands

Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) damaged critical public infrastructure including many school buildings in the Camotes Islands, which are located between Cebu and Leyte. The International Labour Organization (ILO) worked with partners to rebuild community assets while providing immediate income and enabling skills transfer to vulnerable workers.

The Camotes group of islands received a surge of relief aid, but the ILO realised that public assets restoration was an area that needed more attention. Thus the ILO worked with the International Mission Board (IMB), the Baptist Global Response (BGR), and Disaster to Development (D2D) to repair and rebuild structures in five public school devastated by the super typhoon. This work ensured better and safer havens of learning for 3,750 students in the municipalities of Pilar, Tudela and Poro in the Camotes Islands.

The construction sub-project involved 158 workers (37 women and 121 men) – 46 of them skilled – who repaired 23 classrooms and a school fence. Minimum wages, social protection and occupational safety and

health were ensured for the workers involved.

Prior to actual construction work, the skilled workers trained their unskilled counterparts in basic structural guidelines. At the same time, they all learned about the latest disaster resilient designs employed by



Workers patch up a classroom's wall prior to its roof being installed.

the Department of Education (DepEd). These preparations set up the workers so that later on they would be more competitive in the job market.

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