

Industrial labour opportunities: Vocational skills training cum production with the Provincial Government of Cebu



The magnitude of Super Typhoon Haiyan's (Yolanda) destruction meant that the amount of reconstruction work required, remained enormous even months after the typhoon struck. The increased demand for skilled workers, including welders, was an opportune situation for the affected labour force to find employment.

In direct response to this situation, the international Labour Organization (ILO) partnered with the Provincial Government of Cebu, the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA), and 14 municipal local government units (MLGUs) in implementing a welding training project called "ILOVE WELDING: Vocational Skills Training cum Production".

The sub-project engaged 500 trainees (translating to 2,500 indirect beneficiaries) who acquired the new skill of welding. They also got involved in actual welding work when they helped in repairing public facilities like livelihood centres, schools, and other crucial community infrastructure in each of the 14 municipalities.



A trainee displays her welding-specific personal protective equipment (PPE) as two others demonstrate their newly-acquired skill.

The ILO provided cash for training/production, enrolment in social security, health insurance, and accident insurance, personal protective equipment (PPE), and orientations on occupational safety and health principles.

trainees' skill via national certification assessments, and the MLGUs together with the Public Employment Service Office (PESO) linked graduates to job opportunities within and outside of Cebu to ensure that trainees would land jobs after the project.

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

To ensure the sustainability of the training's gains, TESDA validated the

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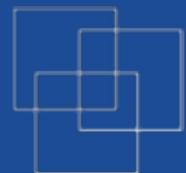
- Provincial Government of Cebu

Stakeholder Organizations

- Technical Education and Skills Development Authority (TESDA)
- 14 municipal local government units (MLGUs)

Funding partner

- Government of Norway



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