

Technical Capability Building for Christian Aid Typhoon Ruby Emergency Shelter Assistance in Northern Samar

Post-disaster humanitarian shelter assistance | Capability building / training services

Location : Barangay Manaybanay, Mapanas; Barangay Baybay, Gamay; and Barangay Lapinig del Sur, Lapinig in Northern Samar

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Client : Christian Aid

Project partners

- Coastal Core Incorporated (CCI)
- Sentro ha Pagpauswag ha Panginabuhi (SPPI)

Funding support

- Christian Aid

Contract / agreement value

- PHP 787,300

Project brief

In the immediate aftermath of Typhoon Ruby (Hagupit) which hit Eastern Visayas on December 2014, Christian Aid (CA) prioritized geographically isolated and disadvantaged areas (GIDA) to extend humanitarian assistance to. Among the target GIDA areas were the coastal municipalities of Mapanas, Gamay and Lapinig in Northern Samar which sustained extensive shelter damage due to Ruby. CA employed three modalities of assistance for its emergency response strategy - unconditional cash transfer (UCT); a combination of UCT and emergency shelter kits (ESK); and technical assistance on shelter repair and disaster-resilient housing.

TAO-Pilipinas implemented the technical assistance component of the CA humanitarian response in Mapanas, Gamay and Lapinig (MGL), working with Samar-based NGOs Coastal Core Incorporated (CCI) and Sentro ha Pagpauswag ha Panginabuhi (SPPI). The project targeted local carpenters who were given training on disaster-resilient house construction. The trained local carpenters in turn were tasked to assist the ESK beneficiaries, especially vulnerable households, in repairing their houses or building emergency shelter units. TAO-Pilipinas designed the training module and conducted capability-building activities participated by a total of 40 carpenters from MGL.

The local carpenters underwent three training activities - lecture sessions on concepts of disaster risk reduction and principles of disaster resilience; application of these principles in shelter design and construction through an emergency shelter design workshop; and construction of actual emergency shelter units as a demonstration exercise using the provided ESK materials. They built emergency shelter units for four households, employing disaster-resilient construction methods whenever feasible. After the training, CCI/SPPI organized them into construction support teams and deployed them in the affected barangays to assist in post-Ruby shelter repair works.

In a focus group discussion conducted with project participants two years later, the trained carpenters appreciated the learning from and impact of the training. They gained better understanding of disaster-resilient construction and have since integrated this knowledge in their work as local builders.



Local carpenters from Mapanas build a transitional shelter using the emergency shelter kit

Project outputs

- Trainings on Disaster Resilient House Design and Construction; and Emergency Shelter Construction
- Emergency shelter construction and shelter repair

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