

TYPHOON HAIYAN



PHILIPPINES

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Typhoon Haiyan damaged 1.1 million homes, displacing more than 4.1 million people.

A MERCILESS STORM

With gusts hitting as high as 235 mph, Typhoon Haiyan tore through the central Philippines, turning homes into matchsticks and laying waste to an area 248 miles in diameter. The typhoon's devastating impact included:

- 14.1 million people in 36 provinces are affected.
- More than 4.1 million people have been displaced, and 1.1 million homes were damaged.
- 5,670 people were killed.
- 2,626 schools have been affected by the storm, including 4,485 classrooms that have been destroyed.
- The livelihoods of 2 million people have been destroyed.
- 19 World Vision community development areas were hit by the typhoon, impacting 34,460 sponsored children and their families.

To make matters even worse, Haiyan hit Bohol province, which suffered a 7.2 magnitude earthquake in mid-October. "It's hard to see them struggling in this storm while they still try to recover from the quake," said Aaron Aspi, a World Vision communications specialist in Bohol.

A CHALLENGING SETTING

The geography of the Philippines makes responding to disasters like this extremely difficult. The nation is a vast archipelago of more than 7,100 islands. Located in the typhoon belt of the Pacific Ocean, it averages nearly 20 typhoons a year, and is one of the top five countries most frequently hit by natural disasters, which also include earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, and landslides.

Meteorologists are calling this the strongest typhoon ever to hit land, destroying homes, schools, roads, crops, and services. Families continue to struggle to find the basic necessities they need, which include clean water, food, hygiene items, shelter, and household goods.



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Estrella and Angelo are living in a one-room shed they built amidst the rubble of their two-storey home that was destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan. Despite their losses, they remain thankful as they celebrate their 54th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day.

"The bed sheet, the mat, the rice—we are still using the food World Vision gave us. It is a great help to us and to many families here."

*—Estrella, age 75
Macabug community*

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With Deep Appreciation

On behalf of thousands of children and families, thank you for your financial support and your prayers. Due to donors like you, World Vision has reached 455,940 people in the provinces of Aklan, Bohol, Capiz, Cebu, Iloilo, Leyte (whose capital is Tacloban), and Samar. As of the end of December, we were able to provide the following assistance for families in need:

- Distributed more than 1,871,571 metric tons of food, benefiting 63,024 families
- Provided food vouchers for 7,067 families in places where food is still available for sale.
- Provided 39,965 families with hygiene kits and supplies to obtain drinkable water such as aqua tabs, water pump generators, and water containers.
- Distributed nonfood items such as kitchen kits and blankets to 41,164 families.
- Provided shelter kits to 18,336 families that lost their homes in the typhoon.
- Created 53 Child-Friendly Spaces that serve 17,191 children.
- Established 13 centers for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding and children under 5. These centers provide food for infants, and breastfeeding kits and advice for women and children who are especially vulnerable in times of disaster.



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Edna, a mother of five, dries out her children's notebooks so they can re-use them for school.

Edna's family lost its home and vegetable garden in Typhoon Haiyan, and its well has been contaminated by seawater. With his boat damaged, her husband no longer can work as a fisherman to provide for the family.

Living in a temporary shed lit by oil lamps, Edna says simply, "My biggest hope is to have a safe home for my family."

Child-Friendly Spaces are safe places where children can enjoy structured play, therapy, and educational activities while their parents work to piece their families' lives back together.



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