



Earthquake Response in Bohol, Philippines

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Overview of the Disaster

On October 15 2013, a 7.2 earthquake hit Bohol, Philippines. It was the strongest earthquake to hit land in the last 20 years, impacting the entire central Philippines (Visayas) with a force equivalent to 32 Hiroshima bombs.

The quake destroyed thousands of homes, leaving 222 people dead, 976 people injured, and more than 71,822 families homeless. A total of 73,000 structures were also damaged, including government infrastructure, roads and bridges; posing challenges to rescue operations and delivery of emergency relief supplies and vital services.

World Vision's Disaster Response

Within hours after the quake hit, World Vision teams in Bohol started to check affected communities for the extent of damages and needs assessment. Though the support of international donors, World Vision was able to provide disaster relief such as:

- 7,105 families (35,075 individuals) were provided with water, food, hygiene kits, bath towels, blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets and other much needed emergency supplies
- 235 emergency tents were distributed to provide shelter for displaced families
- 6 Child-Friendly Spaces were established to ensure the safety and well-being of children affected
- 32 teachers in four schools were trained to provide child-friendly space sessions
- 1,468 children received psychological support through child-friendly spaces in schools and communities
- Hygiene promotion, like proper handwashing, were taught during relief distribution and child-friendly space sessions



Children playing in a Child Friendly Space established in Sagbayan, Bohol, after the earthquake



World Vision distributes and helps to assemble temporary shelters to earthquake-affected victims in Bohol.



Moving forward

Thank you for your generosity and love for children and their families in their time of greatest need. On behalf of beneficiaries from Bohol, Philippines who may never have a chance to thank you personally, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your gift to send hope and help in this emergency.

World Vision continues to engage in disaster recovery in Bohol, Philippines to ensure the recovery of the affected families and communities.

To make a difference to more children struck by or are vulnerable to disasters and crises, please support The Survival Fund by World Vision Singapore, a way to allow us to stand in the gap while both bracing at-risk communities and providing relief to those recovering from disasters. To learn more, visit www.worldvision.org.sg/disaster.