

TYPHOON MANGKHUT, PHILIPPINES

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A Brand New House For Jawin

10-year-old Jawin is excited about his new house. “We will have a bigger space again soon,” he exclaimed. His family’s house was among the 200,000 houses in Northern Luzon which were destroyed by Typhoon Mangkhut.

Jawin’s family had already been struggling with poverty even before the typhoon struck. Edwin only earns \$4 a day as a tricycle driver and as a farm tenant. He usually borrows money for his farm inputs at a loan interest rate of 3%. With the typhoon, he fears that he will only get 5 sacks of crop yield instead of the usual 10, and would not be able to pay off his loan. He worried about feeding his 3-month old baby and Jawin, and rebuilding a home for his family.



Jawin and his baby sister in a makeshift shelter

Recently, Jawin’s family received shelter repair materials including eight corrugated iron sheets and six pieces of plywood. They were also provided with a cash voucher worth SGD34 to be used to buy any other needed items. This allows them to rebuild their lives, recover more strongly and avoid having to choose between food and shelter.

“The materials we received are more than two months’ worth of what I get from driving. I am grateful because the house that I was trying to fully repair for two years will be done in just one week,” shares Edwin.

“I am excited to have our house back – this time even better and stronger. I want my children to grow in our own home, where they can feel safe. Without less debt, I also feel more confident that I can provide for my children’s schooling needs,” says Edwin.



Edwin and other volunteers help to rebuild his home

Overview of disaster/crisis

Typhoon Mangkhut, locally known as “Ompong”, with maximum sustained winds of up to 205 km/h and gusts up to 285 km/h, made landfall on 15 September 2018. About 3 million persons or (more than 730,000 families) have been affected in 5,917 barangays. 82 were reported to have lost their lives and 138 were injured.

In Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), the typhoon affected about 171,932 farmers. The total estimated cost of damage to agriculture has been estimated at USD535million¹.

¹ World Vision Situation Report, 28 September 2018.



Current Situation

Families have started gathering scrap materials to cobble together makeshift, flimsy houses, and try to find ways to earn money to feed their families. For many in Cagayan, they are at risk of having to borrow money in order to feed their children. As survival is of highest priority, many must choose to spend their resources on food rather than on rebuilding stronger homes. As farmers had also suffered extensive losses and damage to their crops, there is fear that they will not be able to recover their livelihoods to provide for their families.

World Vision Humanitarian Response

Pre-Disaster Preparedness

World Vision pre-positioned emergency relief items poised to respond even before the disaster struck. These included emergency relief items which could initially cater to 4,000 families while more help was canvassed. These relief items included blankets and hygiene kits.

Relief Distribution and Recovery

As a child-focused organisation, World Vision prioritised families with young children on the beneficiary list, as well as set up two Child-Friendly Spaces in Benguet to provide psychosocial support to affected children. This has helped children to regain a sense of normalcy.

World Vision will support farmers with agricultural inputs to restart their farms, as well as to provide shelter rebuilding materials, some cash assistance and technical training for families to **build back better**. This will ensure that families do not have to choose between food and shelter.

World Vision Humanitarian Response

To date, about **20,455 people have received help** in two hard-hit provinces – Cagayan where the typhoon made landfall and Benguet where the landslides happened.

- About **18,000 people (3,691 families)** received relief assistance, including:
 - Hygiene kits with essentials to reduce the risk of preventable diseases in the aftermath of the typhoon
 - Basic survival items such as blankets, mats and a mosquito net for families who lost their homes



World Vision pre-positioned relief items, 3 days before the typhoon



Child beneficiaries prioritised to receive World Vision aid



World Vision relief distribution in Itogon, Benguet

- **2 Child-Friendly Spaces** were set up in the remote province of Benguet where landslides occurred and children lost loved ones
 - Some 870 children received psychological and psychosocial support from child-friendly facilitators
 - Learning and play opportunities were provided to help children regain a sense of normalcy
 - Child protection was afforded in these Child-Friendly Spaces



World Vision Child-Friendly Space in Itogon, after the landslides

- About **174 families** received shelter repair kits and shelter rebuilding support in early recovery
 - Build Back Better workshops were conducted in barangays to teach locals new foundation and pillaring techniques crucial for stronger houses which can withstand future typhoons
 - Essential items for rebuilding include galvanised iron sheets and marine plywoods for framing and pillaring
 - Cash for Shelter support allowed affected families to purchase essential items like nails or extra iron sheets depending on their specific needs and state of house destruction
 - Cash for Work support also encouraged communities to come together to help with each other's house-building efforts; additional cash assistance would allow them to purchase more essential items like industrial glue and wires.



World Vision Build Back Better Workshop



Beneficiaries receive plywood and iron sheet

- Seeds and early agricultural recovery support were provided to **288 vulnerable farming families**
 - Seeds distributed include rice seeds, corn seeds and vegetable seeds
 - *These are crucial for farmers to start the planting season with as they had lost their entire harvest and had no crop input for the coming year



Moving forward

We thank you for coming alongside us to serve children and families affected by this disaster. World Vision continues to be a frontrunner in the humanitarian response space, and we treasure your partnership which allows us to help those in greatest need.

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