



Project Highlights

PHILIPPINES

“Emergency response to restore the rural livelihoods of farmers affected by Typhoon Haiyan in Regions VI, VII and VIII”

Project code: OSRO/PHI/301/IRE

Donor: Ireland

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Implementation: 05/12/13–04/08/14

Target areas: Regions IV-B, VI, VII and VIII



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Objective: To contribute to increasing food and nutrition security and restoring the agriculture-based livelihoods of typhoon-affected households through the emergency distribution of key agricultural inputs for the cropping season following the typhoon.

Key partners: Department of Agriculture and Local Government Units.

Beneficiaries reached: 14 533 farming households (approximately 72 665 people).

Activities implemented:

- Distributed 3 859 bags of rice seed with fertilizer to 3 583 households (510 households in Region VI and 3 073 households in Region VIII, including 287 beneficiaries that received additional rice seed following Tropical Storm Agaton).
- Distributed 536 bags of corn seed with fertilizer to 751 households (215 households in Region VI and 536 households in Region VIII).
- Provided 3 219 households with only fertilizer to complement input support provided by the Government of the Philippines.
- Distributed 1 396 sets of hand tools to 6 980 households through farmers' groups (2 520 households in Region IV-B, 2 625 households in Region VI, 335 households in Region VII and 1 500 households in Region VIII).
- Procured ten irrigation pumps which are currently being distributed to community-based organizations, each with approximately 50 members (to be completed by March 2015).
- Conducted post-distribution and post-harvest surveys to gather information on satisfaction with distributed inputs and the project's impact on beneficiary households, respectively.

Results:

- Facilitated the production of 6 816 tonnes of milled rice (enough to feed 59 794 people, or 11 959 households, for one year) and 530.64 tonnes of corn grits (enough to feed 337 925 people, or 67 585 households, for one year).
- Enabled each household to obtain an average yield of 1 336 kg of rice per 0.84 ha of land cultivated with the distributed seeds and fertilizer, generating an average income of USD 345 per household from the sale of surplus production.
- Increased overall crop productivity, increasing food security among beneficiaries and leading to the resumption of agriculture-based livelihoods.
- Through income generation from the sale of surplus production, assisted households were able to undertake minor repairs on their typhoon-damaged homes, have the resources to send their children to school and assist other households by sharing propagated seeds.