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Friday November 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan – locally known as Yolanda – created widespread destruction across the Philippines, affecting 11.2 million people, leaving lives and homes destroyed.

Despite the many typhoons to hit the Philippines in the past, Haiyan has created more devastation than any other. In its wake, it has left 4.1 million people displaced and after one month, urgent, life-saving emergency services continue to be required in the form of food, clean water, health and emergency shelter.



TYPHOON HAIYAN: ONE MONTH LATER Donor Report



**CANADIAN
RED CROSS**



Red Cross Response By The Numbers



Over \$24 million raised by the Canadian Red Cross



615,305 people have received over **123,000** Red Cross food packages



55,300 people reached with health and hygiene promotion



32,000 Family reunification cases responded to



29,202 hot meals distributed



17,889 people reached with psychosocial support



6,233 Red Cross volunteers mobilized



11,777 people reached with medical support



12 International Emergency Response Units deployed



2 Basic Healthcare Units operational, one of which is the Canadian Red Cross field hospital

The Canadian Red Cross field hospital has performed **44** surgeries and has delivered over **150** babies since opening, including **21** life-saving caesarean sections.



The International Red Cross & Red Crescent Response

Immediately following the disaster, Red Cross volunteers in the Philippines and across affected communities rapidly mobilized to support disaster response operations. Now, one month later, 6,233 volunteers are working with the Philippine Red Cross to deliver crucial assistance to those in need. This includes distributing items such as food packages, hot meals, water, hygiene kits, and medical support. In addition, the Philippine Red Cross continues to work closely with the International Committee of the Red Cross to help people re-establish contact with family members who have been separated by Haiyan.

Working closely with a number of National Societies, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies has deployed 12 Emergency Response Units, one of which is the Canadian Red Cross field hospital.

The Canadian Red Cross Response

Shortly after the devastating typhoon made landfall in the Philippines, the Canadian Red Cross deployed its emergency field hospital along with 28 highly trained personnel. This hospital can be set up quickly and cover the health needs of a population of more than 100,000 people. The field hospital was set up in the city of Ormoc, in front of the local district hospital which was only operating at 20 per cent capacity after it was badly damaged by the typhoon. Within 48-hours of arrival in the city of Ormoc, home to 190,000 people, Red Cross staff began treating patients. Very quickly, the Red Cross field hospital became primarily focused on serving mother and children, with more than 100 babies delivered in the first 10 days. Since opening, the facility has carried out 21 life-saving caesarian sections, and delivered three sets of twins. The hospital is supported by personnel and material from both the Norwegian Red Cross and Hong Kong Red Cross.

As a part of the Red Cross family, the Canadian Red Cross has a long-standing history of providing solidarity and support and we are committed to working with the Philippine Red Cross as they continue to respond and help survivors recover from this disaster.



Typhoon Haiyan: Inside the Canadian Red Cross Field Hospital

Emotions ran high as Mark Joseph Nuez sat on a folding chair under a Red Cross tent, on what used to be the lawn of the Ormoc District Hospital, the only fully public hospital on the island of Leyte, home to 190,000 people. The 21-year-old student was just about to become a new dad, as his wife Phoebe, also 21, was labouring inside the Red Cross field hospital's delivery tent.

As Typhoon Haiyan approached, along with the due date of their first child, they worried that the baby would be delivered in a hospital with no electricity and with no ability to carry out a caesarean section in the event of an emergency. Shortly after hearing the devastating news, Mrs. Nuez went into labour. After rushing for help, the couple were surprised to find a field of tents erected in the district hospital's front yard, where the Red Cross field hospital was delivering babies daily. A relieved Mrs. Nuez was quickly ushered into the labour and delivery tent, while Mr. Nuez spent the night outside.

Midmorning the next day, the happy news arrived. Mr. Nuez was now a dad to baby Mark Nathan, the 21st baby to be delivered in only three days in the Red Cross hospital's tent. Minutes later, all his nerves had washed away. "I'm only happy now," he said, "happy and excited".

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Seeing the Canadian Red Cross emergency response unit field hospital go from truck-loads of boxes to a fully-functioning secondary level hospital in only 48 hours is a real testament to the Red Cross' mission and commitment to humanitarian action.

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