

Typhoon Haiyan left unprecedented destruction in its wake, affecting 16 million people. Three months after Typhoon Haiyan made landfall, the Red Cross continues to respond to meet the needs of those affected and remains committed to working with the Philippine Red Cross as they help survivors recover from this disaster.



TYPHOON HAIYAN: THREE-MONTH REPORT



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Red Cross response by the numbers



Over \$ 42.6 million raised by the Canadian Red Cross



Over 5.5 million litres of water distributed



1,136,385 people have received Red Cross food packages



324,000 households received immediate shelter assistance



104,560 reached with health and hygiene promotion



27,723 people reached with psychosocial support



33,931 family reunification cases responded to



54,194 hot meals distributed



8,500 Red Cross volunteers mobilized



12 International Emergency Response Units deployed

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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, three months later, the focus has shifted from emergency relief to providing longer-term support for recovery.

Shelter remains one of the most urgent needs, with over 100,000 people still living in evacuation centres. To date, the Red Cross has provided over 2.2 million people with emergency shelter materials, including tarpaulins, tents, tools and ropes. The Red Cross' priority is to support self-recovery with shelter tool kits, safer building advice and roofing materials.

Twelve specialized emergency response teams were deployed in the affected areas, including the field hospital run by the Canadian Red Cross.

The Canadian Red Cross response

Shortly after the devastating typhoon made landfall in the Philippines, the Canadian Red Cross, with support from the Government of Canada, deployed a mobile field hospital to provide critical life-saving health services to hard-hit communities.

The Canadian Red Cross led a joint medical team from Canada, Norway, Australia and Hong Kong. The medical team was active in the city of Ormoc during November and December 2013. Over this time period, the hospital admitted 1,226 patients, performed 114 surgeries and supported the delivery of 418 babies.

Typhoon Haiyan had destroyed 80 per cent of the Ormoc district hospital upon impact. It is now operating at pre-disaster capacity thanks to support from the Canadian Red Cross field hospital.

In addition, the Canadian Red Cross field hospital provided psychosocial services to over 3,800 children and adults. Red Cross teams also provided training and workshops to over 230 teachers and volunteers on violence prevention, stress management, and safety and security.

The Canadian Red Cross also contributed to the overall response by deploying 11 Canadian delegates specialized in field assessment and coordination, logistics and information management in the days following the storm.



Young boy makes full recovery at the Red Cross field hospital

When seven-year-old Abloy showed up at the Canadian Red Cross field hospital in the Philippines, medical staff didn't think he was going to make it. Abloy had contracted tetanus by cutting his foot in the debris after Typhoon Haiyan made landfall.

"I felt so sad, and was so afraid and I was praying to God that he would make it and feel better," said Abloy's mother, Amy Bulahan.

The family lives 67 kilometres from where the Red Cross field hospital is set up in front of the district hospital in the city of Ormoc. Not only was their second oldest child of three very sick, but their home was completely destroyed by the typhoon.

Abloy needed around-the-clock care for almost two weeks. He was moved into a quiet room by himself and was given medication for the pain and to sedate him as the spasms wracked through his body.

In addition to medicine, Red Cross aid workers spent some time doing psychosocial activities and play therapy with Abloy, playing music with him, and getting his muscles working again by throwing a ball around.

"I really feel it was the combination of all the care we were able to provide to him that saved him," said Colleen Laginskie, Red Cross head nurse. "We not only cared for his physical body, but we cared for his soul, we loved him."

Abloy went home on December 18, walking all by himself out of the field hospital.

"If it wasn't for the Red Cross, I don't know what would have happened," said Amy.

Everyone involved in Abloy's recovery is convinced if there are miracles, this is certainly one of them.



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