Our vision for every child, 
life in all it’s fullness.
Our prayer for every heart, 
the will to make it so.
We always thank God for all of you ... We continually remember ... your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance, inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

—1 Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV)
HELP FOR THE LONG HAUL

Taking stock after Haiyan had done its worst, the Intal family was encouraged to find a main source of income had survived the storm: a pregnant sow. But their joy was short-lived, as the pig grew ill and died before she gave birth. “Our only hope was taken from us,” said Julius Intal, a farm laborer who also raised pigs for neighboring farmers who can afford livestock. He would have received a share of the income from the sale of the pigs.

The Intals received shelter materials and a tool kit from World Vision to rebuild their home, which was destroyed in the storm. But the assistance that will have a long-lasting impact on the family came from livelihood recovery efforts. Julius and his wife, Julie, received two healthy piglets of their own, which will grow to be bred and sold to support the family. “We received what we need, and what is left for us is to nurture the piglets. This is the very first time we will care for our own,” and not those belonging to a neighbor, Julius said.

Your support of World Vision’s response to Typhoon Haiyan has provided not just emergency assistance to families in need, but the tools necessary to build a better life for many, like the Intals. Julius and Julie now are better able to provide for their family in the years to come.

During the first year of the response to Typhoon Haiyan, World Vision was one of 65 organizations collaborating to provide for massive and immediate needs, such as food, water, shelter, and healthcare. After two years, World Vision is one of approximately 13 organizations and agencies focusing on longer term rehabilitation, said Dineen Tupa, Haiyan response director. Such work is helping families like the Intals. It also is helping communities build back better and stronger, with storm-resistant houses, new groves of trees that can protect land and crops, and emergency warning mechanisms. Thank you for supporting every phase of this response with your generous gift. Your faithfulness is helping to shine God’s love in a place that was made dark with despair following the storm. May you be richly blessed for helping us be the hands of Jesus to people in need.
SHELTER

Typhoon Haiyan destroyed 500,000 homes and left just as many severely damaged, displacing approximately 4.1 million people. In the areas where we operate, 99.5 percent of homes were damaged, and 61.4 percent were completely destroyed. Most families were able to repair or rebuild their homes with materials and training provided by World Vision. Build Back Better workshops taught them how to construct safer, sturdier structures under the supervision of trained shelter specialists.

Approximately 8 percent of beneficiaries could not fix their own homes; and these included the elderly, child-headed families, and people with disabilities. These household received materials as well as labor provided by neighbors, many of whom were trained by a technical institute as certified carpenters. This provided needed labor for rebuilding and new jobs for some who saw their livelihoods destroyed by the storm.

Here’s how your support helped families meet their housing needs:

- 12,939 people attended Build Back Better workshops.
- 12,368 families received shelter materials and tools.
- 884 families received full housing packages, which included the materials and tools needed to build a house and assistance with labor as well.
- 426 carpenters were trained, certified, and provided with tools.

WATER, SANITATION, AND HYGIENE

Water systems were damaged and wells flooded and contaminated by the storm, putting safe water at a premium. To address this, World Vision provided water deliveries while working to repair and reconstruct pumps, tanks, systems, and public drainage in targeted communities. This benefitted schools and health facilities as well as families.

Staff promoted improved hygiene and sanitation practices, and provided latrine repair kits and septic tanks as well as constructed latrines for the most vulnerable families.

Your support contributed to these achievements:

- 11,099 families received latrine kits and construction materials.
- 1,266 families had a latrine built at their home.
- 10,122 children gained access to hand-washing and sanitation facilities at their schools.
- 17,850 community members gained access to rehabilitated water pumps and water tanks.
- 127 hygiene promotion and training sessions took place, reaching 81,182 people.
EDUCATION

Baseline surveys to gauge family priorities ranked education No. 1 among children. Parents who responded reported that education ranked No. 2 in household expenses, behind only food. This told World Vision that rebuilding and repairing schools should be a top concern.

In the early days after the storm, World Vision provided temporary learning spaces for students and teachers in an attempt to maintain some semblance of normalcy in a time of utter chaos.

Later, World Vision repaired or reconstructed schools, which included building water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities. With your support, World Vision was able to:

- Repair 18 schools, putting 6,059 children back in safe classrooms.
- Distribute 6,546 learner kits to children during the emergency phase.
- Distribute teaching kits to 353 teachers to help them continue teaching during the emergency phase.
- Provided 152 daycare centers with games, learning toys, and other materials that benefited 3,044 young children.

HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES

Though the major hospitals were functioning normally after Haiyan made landfall, many community health centers were damaged or destroyed. This forced people to travel to the major hospitals, where the waits were long, services were rushed, and transportation problems made access to healthcare difficult. To address these issues, World Vision repaired or reconstructed community health centers, which included providing water, sanitation, and hygiene facilities.

World Vision also provided essential equipment such as items for measuring and weighing people, as well as medicines, vitamins and micronutrient supplies.

Response efforts focused on improving the skills of community health workers, and training session topics such as child growth standards, micronutrients, mental health, and psychological first aid. Educational materials on deworming, hygiene, and healthy lifestyles also were distributed in communities.

Accomplishments made possible by your support included:

- 22 community health centers were repaired and provided with equipment for obstetric and maternal care, benefiting 28,650 people.
- 51 health centers received medical supplies for nutritional assessments, reaching 58,426 people.
- 43 health centers received micronutrients and deworming medications for children, benefiting 59,017 people.
- 965 people attended 33 psychological first aid training sessions.
LIVELIHOODS

Some 5.9 million people had their businesses destroyed or disrupted, farms damaged or completely ruined, and groves of fruit trees laid to waste. Compounding the loss is the time it takes for agricultural recovery. For instance, it takes eight years for a coconut tree to grow from seedling to bearing fruit.

World Vision trained farmers to adopt sustainable crop production and organic farming techniques, intercropping, and seed multiplication practices. Animal husbandry also was taught, and families received small livestock and feed packs. Families that fished for a living also received help getting back on their feet.

World Vision provided demand-driven vocational training to vulnerable households, plus toolkits and capital to support start-up ventures. These activities are making a difference. A baseline survey taken in 2014 showed that only one-fifth of those responding were fully meeting household needs. A 2015 evaluation showed that more that 40 percent were able to provide for their households’ top priorities. Evaluation results say most households attribute these improvements to World Vision projects. Accomplishments included:

- 7,303 people received livestock replacement.
- 2,149 people received agricultural products and tools for farming.
- 446 families had lost or damaged fishing equipment replaced.
- 3,666 people received support to start a business.
- 14,079 people took part in agriculture, fishing, and livelihood training sessions.

CASH-FOR-WORK ACTIVITIES

Short-term employment opportunities were designed to help families earn much-needed income following the storm and to provide repairs and improvements that benefited communities, such as clearing debris and repairing infrastructure. This work not only provided income, but it also gave participants a sense of ownership in community recovery efforts.

- 20,011 people participated in cash-for-work activities.
- About half of the local leaders who were interviewed for an evaluation reported that people in their communities had participated in these work projects, which provided new or improved assets to their communities.

REDUCING DISASTER RISKS

The Philippines is one of the most disaster-prone countries in the world, experiencing typhoons, earthquakes, floods, and volcanic eruptions as well as civil conflict. Investment in reducing the risk of disasters is as important—if not more so—than investing in recovery efforts.

To help communities develop resiliency, World Vision provided support to local governments to develop plans and map out risks. Sessions covered topics such as child-focused community-based disaster risk management, post-disaster access and needs analysis, and early warning systems.
Supplies and materials, such as early warning monitoring systems, were provided to nine local governments that had equipment damaged in the storm.

World Vision will continue to help communities with improvements to mitigate the effects of weather-related disasters, such as mangrove rehabilitation, slope stabilization, and drainage system improvements. A focus on raising community awareness on the importance of reducing disaster risks will continue.

HOPE FOR TACLOBAN’S CHILDREN PROJECT

Tacloban was especially hit hard by Haiyan, and World Vision began this project with a community cleanup in some of the hardest hit urban areas. The goal of this project is to create a safer environment for children to live, play, and learn. Blocked canals were cleaned, unsafe debris removed, and drainage systems were cleared. Work was done using the cash-for-work model to encourage community participation and ownership as well as provide income for families.

Going forward, World Vision will continue to improve community spaces and provide additional training for those in need of improved skills to earn an income.

NEXT STEPS

Tacloban’s hardest-hit areas still have the majority of residents struggling to meet daily needs and living in substandard housing, making them vulnerable to the impact of future storms. This is a danger, as the Philippines experiences more than 20 typhoons each season.

While World Vision’s response spanned much farther than Tacloban City—across affected areas in Leyte, Cebu, and Panay—the majority of people no longer need assistance. This has led to the transition out of response offices in Cebu, Panay, andOrmoc, leaving only the East Leyte office to run the remaining programs in the communities that still need them.

As World Vision looks to the third and final year of this response, the aim is to continue to help those who most need it in Tacloban City through the Hope for Tacloban’s Children project.
THANK YOU

World Vision joins more than 1.6 million children and their family members in thanking you. Your compassionate support has helped families rebuild their lives and reminded them that they are God’s cherished ones.

We appreciate the trust and confidence you placed in World Vision, and are thankful you chose to come alongside the people of the Philippines to provide help, restore hope to the hurting, and share the love of Christ.

“For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me”

—Matthew 25:35-36 (NIV)