

## **TYPHOON PEPENG RELIEF OPERATIONS PROGRESS REPORT**

In response to the aftermath of Typhoon Pepeng that devastated several municipalities in the province, the undersigned coordinated first with the Provincial Social Welfare and Development Office and the latter identified four (4) towns/municipalities that are highly recommended for immediate relief assistance like basic necessities and daily food provisions.

The staff of the YMCA of Pangasinan did the initial survey on November 3, 2009 (Tuesday) followed by an ocular survey on November 5 (Thursday) with its Board of Trustees and the Extension Committee assigned for this purpose. The photos taken were put in a powerpoint presentation and prepared during the visit of Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs General Secretary, Sir Kohei Yamada to YMCA of Pangasinan on November 6, 2009 (Friday).

On November 16 (Monday), two (2) staff of the YMCA of Pangasinan validated the recipients by personally visiting and took pictures of their homes as attached in CDs. We have also coordinated with the local government and the following barangays were identified as recipients of the said relief: Brgy. Longos Central with **230 families** and another **120 families** in Brgy. Lekep Butao, both in **San Fabian, Pangasinan**. These areas were the first to be submerged in water at 12 feet high above the ground and some areas seem to be part of the Pacific Ocean during the October 9 typhoon. According to them, this was the first, highest and worst flood experienced in their whole life. Most of their personal belongings (important documents, appliances etc.) were gone. There were eight (8) families in Brgy. Longos Central whose houses were totally washed out. During the typhoon, the residents flocked into San Fabian Sports Center where they can find temporary comfort for few days.

The relief goods comprised of 1 family size sleeping mat, 1 family size blanket, 1 rice pot with food provision and 3 pairs of slippers for each recipient or a total of P633.17 per relief. Aside from these, the eight (8) families of Brgy Longos Central, San Fabian were given each 5 pcs of GI sheets (house roof) so they can start to build their homes. The blankets and sleeping mats were brought in Manila and the rest in Dagupan City. The goods from Manila were transported by a trucking company. The blankets were personally printed with Y-M-C-A so that there will be personal attachment with the recipients.

**We have scheduled a two (2) day relief operations on November 18, 2009 (Wednesday) in Brgy. Longos Central and the following day, November 19, 2009 (Thursday) in Brgy. Lekep Butao, San Fabian, PANGASINAN.** During the relief operations proper, we conducted an orientation with all the volunteers before departing at 8:00 a.m. Each recipient has his/her individual profile (a community information sheet) for this purpose and is available upon request. The volunteers consist mainly of the College-Y members, College-Y Scholars, Board of Trustees, YMCA of Central Pangasinan (our YMCA independent component branch), Hi-Y, Red Triangle and Advisers Council.

We arrived in the areas with two (2) jeeps and 1 van. We started at 9:00 a.m. and finished by 2:00 p.m. The relief operations project cost P253,000.00. The Philippine Fellowship of YMCA Retirees (PFYR), a group of YMCA General Retirees in the Philippines also donated P10, 000.00 as part of the total cost reflected in the Financial Report.

We sincerely thank the Asia and Pacific Alliance of YMCAs thru the GS Kohei Yamada, Madam Maria Cristina Dalope, Madam Eloisa D. Borreo & YMCA of the Philippines and those who have helped us in the realization of this relief operations project.

With fervent hopes and prayers, our dream for the long-term rehabilitation may again push through with your untiring support.

MARAMING SALAMAT PO! (Thank you very much)

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