

PHILRADS & iHELP MINISTRY REPORT

January to July 2012

1. TYPHOON SENDONG (WASHI) RELIEF OPERATIONS.

Typhoon Sendong hit Mindanao last Dec. 16 and 17, 2011 and brought heavy rains and floods that devastated mostly the cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan and neighboring towns. Numerous flash floods swept away entire communities along rivers, destroying houses and infrastructures and killing more than 1,000 persons. Latest government reports listed about 36,000 families directly affected (11,000 families with totally destroyed houses and 25,000, partially damaged).



Early on, the evangelical community responded well to the needs of typhoon and flood victims. Christian ministries (denominations, local churches, ministerial fellowships, and charitable and development organizations) and individuals carried out various intervention programs to help the people cope up with the damaging effects of the disaster and rise up again and move forward. These interventions included distribution of emergency provision (food, potable water, household items, and school materials for students); conducting medical missions, feeding programs and trauma counseling; and providing cash and shelter assistance (temporary shelter in tent cities, housing repair materials, and eventually new housing units in relocation areas). These complemented the assistance provided by the government (local and national) and international aid agencies. Indeed the prompt and spontaneous action of the Christian groups reflected their intense desire to serve and care for their neighbors in need, in Christ's name.

A. PHILRADS RESPONSE. As of July 2012, the PHILRADS/IHELP response to “Sendong” reached more than **2,000 families** in the Iligan and Cagayan de Oro, with relief provisions such as rice, groceries, hygiene and cleaning materials, water supply and containers, clothing, cups and plates, and pots and pans for cooking. In addition, we provided school supply sets (plastic envelopes, notebooks, pad paper, ballpens, pencils, and other supplies) to **900 elementary students** in three affected areas in Cagayan de Oro (Consolacion, Macanhan and Balulang) notebooks). They also set up a meals program for high school students in Consolacion who were forced to skip classes due to the meager food supply at home, which served **500 students with daily lunches for eight weeks**. As a result of the feeding program, school attendance increased from 50% to more than 90%, enabling most of senior students to graduate.



In addition to the 2,000 families served, another **1,000 families** received used clothing and some plastic wares donated by Metro Manila churches and other groups, with PHILRADS facilitating its shipment (248 sacks). We also provided **12,000 Bibles** (from the Philippine Bible Society) mostly to church members who lost their copies of the Scriptures, along with their household belongings. They were very glad to have Bibles again for their personal and church use. Later, PHILRADS also started its medical outreach program, focusing on tent cities (those families not yet transferred to permanent houses). The initial clinic treated **170 patients** who complained of fever and flu, headache, diarrhea and other heat and water related illnesses. The medical outreach would hopefully resume in the next few weeks, depending on the availability of doctors (a particular challenge). These clinics are needed as people in some areas experienced new illnesses due to lack of hygiene and sanitary facilities. Other communities have simply been neglected and unreached by any health or medical care.

B. MINISTRY PARTNERS. For the “Sendong” response, PHILRADS/IHELP worked with church-based local groups in Cagayan de Oro (Kagay-an Evangelical Disaster Response Network, or KEDRN) and in Iligan (Iligan Evangelical Disaster Coordinating Network, or IEDCON). They were formed to mobilize resources and facilitate the flow of assistance to the grassroots level. Their members and volunteers surveyed devastated areas and brought the emergency aid to the people, as well as represented the evangelical community in government and public planning and policy forums. In Cagayan de Oro, KEDRN was officially recognized by the local government as leader of various committees tasked to implement various phases of the Sendong rehabilitation program, like camp security and maintenance, health and medical care, counselling and value formation, and house repairs. KEDRN also took part in facilitating the transfer of displaced families from tent cities to permanent relocation sites.



The PHILRADS response program received generous support from our donor partners like Samaritan’s Purse, Cedar Fund of Hong Kong, PBS, and various churches and Christian individuals, who share in our mission of showing Christ’s love and compassion to the people.

C. FUTURE “SENDONG” PROJECTS. Aside from follow-up medical outreach, the next project being planned is the housing loft program to add additional living spaces in the permanent housing units. PHILRADS will be working with Habitat for Humanity and the local church partners to build mezzanine lofts (about 10 square meters) which will serve as extra sleeping spaces for the families. The units have only an average of 20 square meters area, clearly a tight space for Filipino families, and the occupants requested for the loft project as a practical way to expand their houses. The target number of lofts is 500, with each costing P15,000. Local churches are also mobilized to conduct outreach activities in the new relocation sites. There are already groups planning to have activities like pre-school learning and nutrition, leadership trainings, mother’s classes, skills and entrepreneurial trainings and job referral projects. The local government is putting up multi-purpose centers in the sites that can be utilized by these projects.

2. **MEDICAL MISSIONS IN QUEZON.** PCEC-PHILRADS spearheaded a series of medical outreaches in Quezon province last May 19-21, 2012. The outreach, which covered Mulanay, Catanauan and Macalelon towns, served a total of **1,575 patients** (889 with medical treatment, 455 optical and 231 dental). Undertaking the project with PHILRADS were the Medical Ambassadors Philippines and Alliance of Bible Christian Communities (ABCCOP) and its local churches. PHILRADS supplied the medicines while the other partners provided the medical personnel (doctors, dentists, optometrist, nurses and midwives) as well as support staff. Rev. Ruel Penalosa of PHILRADS and ABCCOP Staff led by Rev. Chito Ramos coordinated the project while local church partners handled field logistics.

3. **iHELP PROGRESS REPORT.** PCEC-PHILRADS through iHELP (iHELP Tawid Pinoy Program) signed memoranda of agreement (MOAs) with the DSWD on April 2011 to be involved in the implementation, oversight, and expansion of the *Pantawid Pamilya Pilipino Program or 4P*. The said program is a human capital investment program of the national government which ensures the health and education of poor children ages 0-14. iHELP is committed to monitor the implementation of the conditional cash transfer (CCT) program and to encourage the family beneficiaries to be consistent in complying with the aid conditions and be responsible in enhancing their welfare (especially in terms of family health and child education) and help them change their mind set from dole-out to partnership program.

iHELP-NCR initially focused on training iCONNECT (city coordinators) among pastors and other church volunteers to expand and strengthen its partnership with DSWD through the Family Development Sessions (FDS) – the empowerment component of the 4P, wherein topics including responsible parenthood, financial literacy, livelihood skills, and environmental awareness, are discussed among parents of beneficiary households.



The iHELP Tawid Pinoy Program started its operation as FDS facilitators to parent groups in NCR where the most number of poor beneficiaries are: Caloocan, Malabon, Navotas, Valenzuela, Quezon City, and Manila. The once a month FDS paved the way for families to open up their issues and diplomatically discuss resolutions. They participated in FDS activities and requested mediation with prayers from our FDS facilitators/ pastors. The table below shows the iHELP-NCR target and reached households from April 2012- June 2012.

CLUSTER 1	Number of Pantawid Pamilya Beneficiaries	Number of Parent Groups	Actual Number of Parent Groups under iHELP FDS	Variance	Number of Partner Churches Involved	Number of CLC	Number of CLs
Manila	27,464	915	215 = Distr 1	FDS Orientation on August 6, 2012 for the new Partner Churches	17	17	51
Mandaluyong	5,239	174	30	FDS Orientation on August 2, 2012 for the new Partner Churches	9	9	27
Pasig	5,812	193	34	FDS Orientation on August 7, 2012 for the new Partner Churches	3	3	9
TOTAL (Cluster 1)	38,515	1,282	279	0	29	29	87

CLUSTER 2	Number of Pantawid Pamilya Beneficiaries	Number of Parent Groups	Actual Number of Parent Groups under iHELP FDS	Variance	Number of Partner Churches Involved	Number of CLC	Number of CLs
Quezon City	16,527	162	Dist 2A = 68 Parent Group	FDS Orientation on August 12, 2012 for the new 40 Partner Churches	23	23	85
Makati	2,529	84	0	0	0	0	0
Taguig	5,560	185	6		2	2	8
Pasay	4,829	160	0	FDS will Start on August 2012 targetting 60 Parent Groups	10	10	30
Muntinlupa	8329	277	0	0			
Paranaque	3,559	118	0	0			
Las Pinas	4,972	165	0	0			
TOTAL (Cluster 2)	46,305	1,151	74	0	35	35	123

CLUSTER 3	Number of Pantawid Pamilya Beneficiaries	Number of Parent Groups	Actual Number of Parent Groups under iHELP FDS	Variance	Number of Partner Churches Involved	Number of CLC	Number of CLs
Caloocan	14,879	495	189	306	27	27	81
Malabon	8,570	143	143	0	25	25	83
Navotas	5,159	150	150	0	29	29	93
Valenzuela	5,149	96	96	0	30	30	150
San Juan	962	32	0	0	0	0	0
Marikina	4,879	162	0	FDS will Start on August 2012	5	5	15
TOTAL (Cluster 3)	34,719	1,078	578	306	116	116	422
NCR TOTAL	119,539	3,511	931	2,580	180	290	632

Besides training local churches in their involvement, the iHELP staff themselves have become resource persons and training facilitators of DSWD on Family Development Sessions (FDS) training of trainers from the National level to regional level. iHELP developed three FDS modules (promoting spirituality, stress management, community mobilization) which are found more engaging and with strong impact among the beneficiaries.

iHELP staff Baby Amor, Boyet Ongkiko and Mike Buot with some City Coordinators and their qualified members served as the training team in the National Teacher's Training on Family Development Sessions (FDS) seminar-workshops at the Bayview Hotel in Manila, attended by 269 participants from DSWD partner Civil Society Organizations. The presence of iHELP regional coordinators and FDS partners enabled the staff to meet them for concrete engagement. IHELP also joined the Civil Society organization Consultation and Planning Workshop on Family Development Sessions (FDS) conducted from April 17-20, 2012 at Rembrandt Hotel in Quezon City with more than 100 CSO representatives from throughout the Philippines and regional DSWD focal persons are expected to participate in the activity.



To continue the synergy between the efforts of iHELP-NCR and local church partners in conducting Family Development Sessions (FDS) iHELP conducted orientation/advocacy, mobilization, capacity building and quarterly evaluation/assessment and planning. We intend to reach the current number of parent groups in NCR Set 4 (68,000 households) and prepare to handle the Set 6 Pantawid beneficiaries 131,000 household.

IMPACT STORIES

From City Links

1. Parents from Caloocan South agreed to have a P10 contribution to purchase for their FDS chairs and sound system.
2. The Beneficiaries enjoy the FDS way of facilitation of iHELP CLC and CLs.
3. Akbayan asked the city link to have a slot for FDS but she told them that for now they are happy with iHELP pastors. The the city link observed the changes and lessons of beneficiaries are growing.
4. Even without FDS the parents are texting their facilitators.
5. The parents show respect to the pastors that even the kids address them as such
6. Beneficiaries insist the pastors to visit them in their houses
7. Some beneficiaries already bought rights for their land.

from FDS Facilitator

1. The parents learned how to pray directly to the Lord
2. The parents are happy everytime their prayers get answered.
3. According to Ptr. Richard some of the beneficiaries are now candidate for water baptism.
4. Some parents are now insisting to have Bible study in their houses.

Others

1. Caloocan Social Welfare Agency encouraged and commended the FDS Facilitators for being a big help in facilitation although they were not receiving monetary incentives yet they continuing their dedication.
2. Supervisory Neighborhood Play prioritized the educational assistance for the 3 years old kids.
3. Pastors of TALA Christian Fellowship (basketball covered court) will be tapped for the FDS facilitation.
4. E.R.P.A.T. (Enhancement and Reaffirmation of Paternal Abilities) training will be launch in Caloocan North.

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Program Thrusts	Targets (5 years)	Results as of July 2012	Remarks
<p>1. Advocacy and awareness building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeks to increase the awareness and involvement of the people of God in community transformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100% of PCEC member-churches are made aware of the iHELP Tawid Pinoy program 2012 Participation of at least 20% of PCEC member-churches in NCR, and one key City per region, in at least one advocacy initiative. 	<p>Conducted advocacy sessions in the following regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCR – 10 Cities Region 4b -Batangas, Cavite CAR – Baguio Region 3 – Bulacan, Angeles Region 7 – Cebu, Dumaguete Caraga – Butuan Region 9 – Zamboanga <p>Estimated attendance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pastors/leaders – 1500 Local Churches – 750 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the advocacy initiatives focused on NCR and nearby provinces and were hosted by a local group or church that funded and coordinated everything. Advocacies in Mindanao and Visayas materialized through the initiatives of iHELP National Office staff – creatively managing their time and resource. There were other advocacies in Mindanao however misinformation about “basic iHELP” seems prevalent. The matter was brought to the attention of the Mindanao Coordinator for corrective measures. The iHELP Poster which came out in June is a big boost to the on-going advocacy Outcomes could have been higher if there were funds allocated. As such, advocacy initiative had to be marketed well to convince local groups to host (and spend for) them.
<p>2. Capacity Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focuses on designing and implementing various capacity building initiatives to heighten the efficiency and effectiveness of God’s people in community transformation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conducted trainings for at least 50,000 volunteers nationwide 2012 Conducted trainings for 5,000 iHELP volunteers with 50% from NCR and the rest in key cities of each region 	<p>Training conducted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Most of the training (T2) were conducted in 11 Cities of NCR with about 1,000 participants One T2 conducted in Baliwag with 30 participants Two T2 in Tagaytay with 50 Participants Cavite – 90 participants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The T2 Trainings which is the next step to mobilization of volunteers were mostly hosted by the local groups. iHELP NCR and Luzon coordinators had to be creative and determined to push through with the plans. Pursuing T2 in Visayas and Mindanao was very difficult during this time as most of the groups here are used to major subsidies for programs coming from Manila.

<p>3. Mobilization and Monitoring</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deployment of volunteers and overseeing their performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilized at least 50,000 iHELP volunteer reaching a total of 1M families nationwide 2012 Mobilized 5,000 volunteers with 2,500 from NCR and the rest in key cities of each region, reaching a total of 150,000 families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mobilization of up to 75% of those who attended T2 training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 750 volunteers 165 local churches Total outreach: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 931 parent groups or 27,930 families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data involves only 9 Cities in NCR Some iHELP volunteers who finished T2 are still awaiting for DSWD deployment Data was not available for Regions 4a and 4b who already started deploying iHELP volunteers as early as April. The discrepancy of the target and the actual results could be explained by a demand driven approach iHELP employed due to the lack of budget for training The addition of Mike Buot who is focused on documentation and monitoring is a big help.
<p>4. Resource Generation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Creating opportunities for individuals, various groups and local churches to actively engage in community transformation by sharing their resources; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> For iHELP partner churches to sustain and fund their community transformation initiatives 2012 For iHELP partner churches to allocate and/or generate funds to assist their iHELP volunteers and enhance the conduct of Family Development Seminars 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The operation on the ground level – iHELP volunteers attending FDS – is at the expense of the volunteer and the church. Several partner churches have allocated funds for this program which includes transportation of volunteers and food during the FDS. The Philippine Bible Society's printing of 500 posters 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advocating to partner churches to allocate funds for their iHELP volunteers and FDS is an integral part. But this did not happen overnight as most churches are used to spending for budget related to their usual church programs. Surprisingly, in some areas, the family beneficiaries were more empowered and significantly contributed to ensure an engaging FDS, with the facilitation of iHELP The availability of the iHELP poster would now enable iHELP volunteers to make the program more visible to their respective churches. Hopefully this would generate more participation and resources. With only 500 posters, we are prioritizing distribution to currently-engaged and soon-to-be- engaged partner churches.
<p>5. Networking and Partnership Building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Actively seeks creative partnership with various groups to support and enhance the current program. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCEC through iHELP established significant partnerships with strategic groups towards community transformation 2012 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explored possible partnership with various groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Common Ground – a missions mobilization group. They will serve as iConnect for Batangas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Partnership with these organizations is deemed strategic as all of these groups are currently involved in some form of integral mission work in their area. Development of a partnership agreement is currently undertaken

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Explores possibilities for various engagements on the institutional level 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiated partnerships with faith-based organizations; • Enhanced partnership with DSWD 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ NACPIL – a chaplaincy organization. They will serve as iConnect for Western visayas ○ BEMA – a ministerial group in Butuan city. They will serve as coordinator for Butuan ○ CARAGA UBC – The United Body of Christ of Caraga who will serve as coordinator for CARAGA ○ Urban Shapers – an emerging group in Cagayan De Oro City • MOU (for signing) with FEBC in developing a radio broadcast component-support of iHELP • Enhanced partnership with DSWD resulting to various engagements where iHELP was tapped as resource persons – e.g., FDS ToT for CSOs where 240 plus CSOs nationwide were trained by iHELP. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The involvement iHELP in DSWD initiatives is recognition of our contribution in the field. Moreso, when DSWD seeks iHELP to serve as resource persons, this too is evidence of our competency and value. DSWD now affirms our strategic role as a partner in community transformation, asking for our input even beyond the Pantawid Program.
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Glossary of Terms:

- FDS - family development sessions
- iHelp Link - Municipal and/or City coordinators
- CLC- Community Leaders Coordinator (a church designated person)
- CL - Community Leaders - Church confirmed volunteers
- iPartners - church volunteers assisting the CLs
- iConnect - Provincial or District coordinators
- T1 - local church-based training of volunteers led by CLCs
- T2 - Municipal/City based training involving at least 10 local churches represented by 2 volunteers (CLC and CL)
- T3 - Regional based training involving iCONNECT and iHelp Link representing the provinces of the regions
- iSERVE - Luzon, Visayas, Mindanao and NCR coordinators.
Luzon: *Jo Racaza*, Visayas: *Soc Evangelista*, Mindanao: *Dolrich Alega*, and NCR: *Baby Amor*
- CSO - Civil Society Organizations