



Citizens' Disaster Response Center (CDRC)

Annual Report 2011

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Relief distribution for the families affected by Typhoon Juan in the Ilocos Region



CDRC's cornerstone strategy of building sustainable communities is further given an additional expression in its overarching theme for the year 2011. Enhancing the capacities of CDRC's intermediary bodies and support agencies is one crucial step toward building resilient communities and narrowing the numbers of the vulnerable sectors.

Although building the competencies of CDRC's local partners has been a task since year 1 of the 5-year Strategic Plan, 2011 is specifically designed as the year where members of the Citizens' Disaster Response Network (CDRN) and their local communities are now able to sustain the depth and extend the breadth of community-based disaster management (CBDM) practice throughout the country. Over the past 3 years, CDRC implemented preparatory activities along this line --- providing technical support, monitoring organizational strengthening, facilitating resource generation, installing information and knowledge exchange systems ---- to ensure the attainment of this specific goal. 2011 is expectedly the period when local partners' competencies are field-tested, validated and in full-swing.

FIELD OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT (FOD)



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION

Education and Training

CDRN Trainings

Disaster Risk Reduction with Changing Climates

A priority training conference, *Disaster Risk Reduction with Changing Climates*, was organized on June 9-12. This gathering was aimed at reviewing the existing training modules with the view of updating modular information on climate change. Forty-one participants from 16 of the 17 regional centers (RCs) comprising CDRN came in full force. Resource persons were specialists from the government agency, PAGASA, and an NGO, AGHAM. Discussions were lively with the infusion of local examples and narratives on how climate change is taking its toll on vulnerable communities. Equally

vibrant were the sharing sessions on how communities are now learning to cope with this phenomenon.

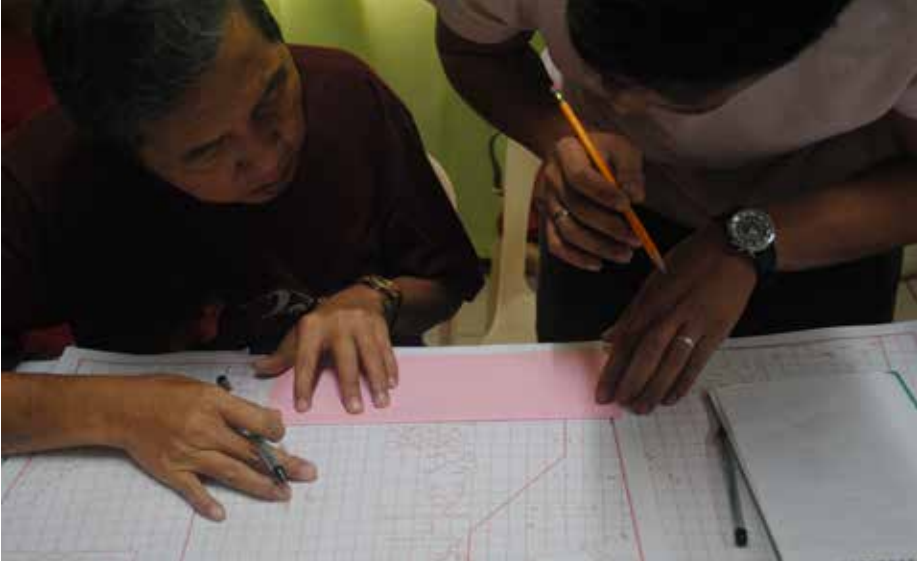
As a result of the training, the RCs gave recommendations and suggestions on how to further improve the training modules, incorporating new ideas/knowledge gathered from community experiences, from resource persons and from shared experiences.

Management of Complex Disasters and Project Proposal Writing

In the second half of the year, CDRC organized a two-fold network-wide training on Dec. 12-15, 2011. Dubbed as “Management of Complex Disasters” and “Project Proposal Writing”, the training was attended by 39 officers and staff coming from 17 regional centers comprising the Citizens’ Disaster Response Network.

Various topics were discussed by a mix of resource persons from government agencies (PAGASA and Mines & Geo-Sciences Bureau), and other NGOs (IBON, Center for Environmental Concerns, and New World).

The twin training was part of the continuing effort to harmonize knowledge and skills among regional centers of the CDRN. It was also a specific response to the fast-evolving information influx regarding new concepts in DRR --- without such training, an information divide could have widened. Meanwhile, the proposal writing part was a common clamor among regional centers whose ultimate aim to forge strategic bilateral relations with funding partners gained a headstart as they went home with critiqued and improved workshop results which could form part of their respective project proposals.



Institutionalization of center-based trainings

Three batches of Disaster Management Orientation were conducted for the Friends of CDRC (FCDRC) in October, and for two NGOs in June and November.

Three batches of Disaster Preparedness Trainings were also organized for the community leaders and representatives of Disaster Preparedness Committees in the National Capital Region in June, for the FCDRC in October, and for an environmental NGO in November.

The trainings allowed for greater understanding of disaster management among the participants. They have, in their varied capacities, also started to carry out policy advocacy in favor of DRR.





Disaster mitigation projects

Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation for Typhoon-Prone Philippine Regions – Phase 3

Two disaster mitigation projects were implemented in 2011. First was the continuation of the “Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation for Typhoon-Prone Philippine Regions – Phase 3”. This 3-year project, funded by Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe, has entered into its second year of implementation on August 2011. Thirteen RCs covering 9 regions from Luzon to Mindanao are involved, covering 128 typhoon-prone communities.

The ‘old’ areas (project partners since phases 1 & 2 and which have already reached a certain level of capacity) embarked on more self-sustaining activities, most of which were related to climate change adaptation. The ‘new’ areas, fledgling still in many ways, started off with the basic educational and disaster-awareness activities and which effectively laid down the tone of the project.

Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation for Flood-and Landslide-Prone Communities in the Philippines

The second disaster mitigation project, “Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation for Flood-and Landslide-Prone Communities in the Philippines”, a Mercy Relief-supported project, officially came to a close in January 2011 after a 9-month duration.

The project left meaningful changes in all 24 flood and landslide-prone communities it served in the Visayas and in Mindanao. Project documents concluded that the objective of the project, which is to contribute to the overall disaster risk reduction efforts, has been achieved. The capacities of the communities were strengthened through trainings and the formation of DPCs. The community members are now more confident to face disasters and cope with the situation. The resources of the communities were also developed through tree planting, backyard gardening and sustainable agriculture activities. Even if disasters strike, the communities will have alternative sources of food and income from now on.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE

A total of 431 disaster events hit various parts of the country during this period, affecting more than 3 million families (15.3 million people). Of these, CDRC and its regional partners were able to respond to 3 major emergencies (Heavy floods during the first half of the year, and Nesat and Washi during the second half) and other minor/localized disasters.

Emergency Relief Assistance Fund (ERAF)

All RCs availed of ERAF which then was utilized to jumpstart the relief delivery operations (RDOs) of minor/local disasters in their respective areas of responsibility. Of these disaster responses, 11 were in Luzon, 4 in the Visayas, and 6 in Mindanao.

All RDOs conducted by the respective RCs were done in a timely manner, which was what ERAF was all about. These RDOs served as initial relief activities that averted deterioration of the communities’ situation while these also provided enough time for the RCs to generate more resources.

Goods solicited by the FCDRC were moreover distributed as additional relief for the affected families.

Implementation of Major Emergency Response (MER)

There were four MER projects approved by donors and implemented in 2011.

Major Emergency Response for Tropical Storm Juan (Megi)

Emergency Relief Assistance to Severely Affected Communities by Typhoon Megi (Juan) in Central and Northern Luzon

This Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe-supported project was a response to a major emergency situation brought about by TS Megi (‘Juan’) in late 2010. It started implementation in October 2010 and officially closed in January 2011.

The project’s two main goals were achieved. First, it provided relief packs of food and non-food items to 4,820 affected vulnerable families. Second, it conducted awareness activities during the RDOs. Based on reports, interviews and project evaluation,





the expected impacts to alleviate the conditions of the victims and to raise their awareness regarding disaster preparedness were satisfactorily achieved. The conditions of the affected families improved, and they were able to gain basic knowledge on the importance of disaster preparedness.

Emergency Relief Assistance to Severely Affected Communities by Typhoon Megi in Isabela Province

Another Typhoon Megi emergency response project was implemented within the period. This time, the project was jointly supported by Joint Assistance from Filipino-Dutch Associations (JAFFDA), Kalayaan Fiesta Foundation in the Netherlands (KFFN), and Pinay sa Holland.

Two carefully selected indigenous communities (Sitios Bigao and Lagis in San Mariano, Isabela), which were least served by humanitarian agencies during the height

of immediate relief operations, became the recipients of relief goods distributed on March 27. A total of 87 marginal families benefited from the project's RDO as well as from the crash course on Disaster Management Orientation.

Major Emergency Response for Flood-Affected Communities

Heavy rains along the eastern Philippine seaboard affected more than 235,000 families or 1.2 million people during the first quarter of 2011. As a response to this first volley of disasters for the year, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe generously granted another funding support for the affected families. The project was implemented from mid-January to April.

The objective of the project was for CDRC and its local partners to assist the families affected by the floods and landslides, particularly the most vulnerable sectors. The response was aimed at helping the

victims cope up with the situation and prevent the further deterioration of their condition. This goal was successfully achieved by the provision of relief goods to the targeted vulnerable families -- 4,939 hardest hit and least served families from Regions V, VIII, X, XI and CARAGA.

A crash course session of Disaster Management Orientation was also conducted prior to every RDO, a feature that differentiated the project from other humanitarian agencies. After the input, the communities showed interest in learning more about disaster management. Village officials have requested for more disaster awareness-raising discussions from CDRC and the RCs.

Major Emergency Response for Typhoon Nesat (Pedring)

Typhoon Pedring battered Luzon and made its landfall over the boundary of Aurora and Isabela provinces early morning of

September 25, before it moved out of the country on September 28. It left in its wake the following:

- 651,889 families or 3,030,755 persons affected in 3,545 villages / 312 municipalities / 42 cities in 5 provinces
- 83 dead, 91 injured, 20 missing and 135 rescued
- PhP14.9 billion worth of damages to properties, with agriculture bearing the biggest portion at PhP12.7 billion
- 53,343 houses damaged, with 7,213 totally and 46,130 partially

This particular project intended to assist the marginal victims of typhoon Pedring. The response was aimed at helping the identified most vulnerable victims numbering around 3,631 cope up with the situation and prevent further deterioration of their lives.





Funding partner Caritas-Switzerland had the project approved for support months after the appeal was submitted. Despite the gap, this 3-month MER project was finally launched on December 1 via a planning meeting with regional centers (CREST, TABI and ABI) involved in the implementation. December was mainly devoted to preparatory activities like validation and coordination.

Major Emergency Response for Tropical Storm Sendong (Washi)

Tropical Storm Sendong was the 19th tropical cyclone that entered the Philippine area of responsibility in 2011. It entered on December 15 as a tropical depression and intensified further into a tropical storm. It made its first landfall at the vicinity of Hinatuan, Surigao del Sur in the afternoon of December 16 and traversed the provinces of Agusan del Sur, Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental, and the cities of Cagayan de Oro and El Salvador before midnight and caused torrential rains that led to widespread and catastrophic flooding in cities of Cagayan de Oro and Iligan cities.

Tropical Storm Sendong was the most destructive tropical cyclones for 2011 in terms of dead casualties which reached up to 1,268. According official government data, TS Sendong left in its wake the following impact:

- A total of 131,618 families/698,882 persons were affected in 866 barangays of 60 municipalities and 9 cities in 13 provinces.
- A total of 51,144 houses were damaged.
- The estimated cost of damages to properties amounted to PhP 2,068,365,789.00

The need for assistance to those affected by the disaster was so overwhelming that CDRC and its regional partners Panday Bulig (Northern Mindanao) and Center for People's Resource and Service (Negros) immediately set in motion all standard procedures and emergency appeals in a catastrophe of such magnitude. Emergency relief was a major concern --- food and non-food relief items, temporary shelter, basic services (medical, education, etc) and

livelihood opportunities (food-for-work and cash-for-work) to tide the survivors by.

Five funding partners responded to the call for emergency aid. With different affected communities to respond to, funding support was derived from the following generous donors:

- Mercy Relief - Singapore
- Embassy of Denmark
- Caritas Switzerland
- Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and the German Federal Foreign Office
- Civic Force - Japan

The first wave of RDOs was conducted on December 23. As of December 31, the following numbers of families were served:

- 389 families in Negros Oriental (with funding support from Caritas Switzerland)
- 1,019 families in Misamis Oriental (with funding support from Caritas Switzerland)

- 445 families in Lanao del Norte (with funding support from Caritas Switzerland)
- 350 families in Misamis Oriental (with funding support from Civic Force)
- 300 families in Misamis Oriental (with funding support from Embassy of Denmark)
- 150 families in Lanao del Norte (with funding support from Embassy of Denmark)
- 143 families in Negros Oriental (with funding support from Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe)
- 2,321 families in Misamis Oriental (with funding support from Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and the German Federal Foreign Office)
- 1,264 families in Lanao del Norte (with funding support from Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and the German Federal Foreign Office)
- 1,800 families in Misamis Oriental (with funding support from Mercy Relief)





EARLY RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION

“Enhancing Flood Preparedness and Helping Survivors of Super Typhoon Reming Help Themselves”

This 3-year rehabilitation project funded by Caritas Switzerland for the survivors of Typhoon Reming in the Bicol Region, concluded its last remaining activities in June:

- Flood control measures in at-risk communities have been set up via community nurseries. Each nursery was able to grow about 3,000 seedlings from previous period's propagation work.
- Mt Mayon reforestation target was achieved with around 22,500 mature seedlings planted in the area within the period, which was made possible with the active participation of some 80 DPC and organization members, youth and village officials from the eight project

communities. As of June, 36,990 trees grow at the reforestation site.

- A total of 14,794 assorted hardwood, softwood and fruit trees were moreover planted all over the project communities. The bulk of these planting materials came from the eight community nurseries which produced 10,355 seedlings.
- Meanwhile, community organizations launched a *Kilos Kalikasan* (Move for the Environment) activity which helped broaden disaster risk reduction awareness and at the same time gained support for environmental protection.
- Three batches of Leadership Training Seminars were conducted during this period. The three-module training was designed to increase knowledge on organizational management and to enhance overall leadership skills and bolster sustainability of the project. A total of 62 officers and members of the community organizations attended these trainings.

“Rehabilitation and Preparedness Program for Survivors of Typhoons Ondoy and Pepeng”

The island of Luzon was heavily battered by two weather systems during the last part of 2009. The two storms seriously caused chaos in the country.

In the early part of 2011, Caritas Switzerland approved a rehabilitation project aimed at helping 7,800 small-hold farming communities and small-time fishing families get back on their feet.

The project, implemented in the whole year of 2011, had 52 communities as project sites in the provinces of Ilocos Sur, Benguet, Mt. Province, Ifugao, Kalinga, Isabela, Pangasinan, Laguna, Rizal, Camarines Sur, and Metro Manila.

In its project-end evaluation in December, the project successfully increased the

capacity of the 7,800 family-survivors of *Ondoy and Pepeng* in seven (7) regions by expediting their recovery from the destructions wrought by these typhoons.

Specifically, the project:

- provided assistance to at least 1,600 families in re-constructing a footbridge linking the affected communities to other communities for their economic and socio-cultural activities;
- helped 1,000 under-nourished children who were severely affected by the flooding in Metro Manila brought about by the typhoons to recuperate from nutrition deficiencies;
- beefed up the information dissemination and enhanced issue projection through aggressive advocacy work on disaster preparedness and risk reduction
- built local machineries like disaster preparedness committees and equipped them with necessary skills so they can effectively respond to disaster situation in their respective communities





PERT-assisted Early Recovery Project

A small-scale funding from the Philippines Emergency Response Task Force for the community of Sta Inez, Rizal was clinched. This was actually a spill-over of TS Ketsana response, thus the slight modifications so as to become an early recovery project.

On March 27-28, 180 families benefited from relief goods which consisted of food, dining wares, sleeping materials, used clothes, soap and tents. A select number of families (10 clusters), regarded as the most vulnerable within the community, were also provided with vegetable seeds and sets of farm tools.



"Agricultural Rehabilitation Program for Ketsana and Parma Survivors"

This project aims to contribute in the economic rehabilitation efforts of 2,960 families in 21 communities who were among the heavily-affected poor farmers and fisherfolks by typhoons Ketsana and Parma.

Five regional centers are co-implementing this project with CDRC (funded by Caritas

Switzerland) in 21 communities, namely Center for Relief and Rehabilitation Services-Cagayan Valley (CRRS-CV), Alay Bayan-Luson, Inc. (ABI), Community Response for Enlightenment, Service and Transformation (CREST), Southern Tagalog People's Response Center (STPRC), and Tarabang Para sa Bicol (TABI).

The project has four components: (1) Agricultural Production; (2) Fishing and Animal Raising; (3) Agri-related Trainings; and (4) Alternative Income-generating Projects Trainings that aims to address the three specific objectives of the project.

Research and Public Information Department (RPID)



POPULARIZATION OF DISASTER ISSUES TO THE PUBLIC AND PROMOTION OF CDRC

The following Information, Education and Communication materials were released:

- Seventeen issues of Disaster Alert were released within the period. These provided timely and accurate information of ongoing disaster events to CDRC's partners as well as to the general public.
- The Annual Philippine Disaster Report was circulated in March. Its statistical and concise presentation of annual disasters and their toll has appealed

to a considerable number of NGOs and INGOs.

- The 2010 CDRC Annual Report finally came out of print in November, with 1,000 copies disseminated. In it were the highlights of CDRC operations for the subject year, featuring the best practices of the various ongoing projects.
- CDRC brochure was reprinted and circulated to schools, universities and other entities. The material served



as clients' handy all-in reference on understanding what CDRC is all about.

- Two project videos were uploaded on Youtube. These were documentaries entitled "MICRODIS Priority Policy Needs" and "Disaster Preparedness and Mitigation for Flood and Landslide -prone Communities in the Philippines".

As in the past, media press releases and radio-TV interviews were given importance amid the hectic activities. These greatly helped in disseminating issues surrounding

disasters and development, as well as in galvanizing the public's positions on such issues.

CDRC's 30-minute Radio Segment on Radio Veritas, supported by Caritas Switzerland, also continued to air weekly, attracting more listeners.

The CDRC website, including its social networking sites (Facebook and Twitter) were regularly updated with disaster events, upcoming activities, press releases, project reports and other relevant information.





ANNUAL POSTER-MAKING CONTEST FOR CHILDREN

To mark the United Nations Decade on Biodiversity and the National Decade of Biodiversity in the Philippines (2011-2020), CDRC enhanced its annual 'Apoy, Bagyo, Kalamidad, Dibuhong Pambata' (ABKD) poster-making contest. As an advocacy campaign promoting the importance of preserving biodiversity to help mitigate the impact of disasters, CDRC launched a bigger and wider poster-making contest for children aged 7-12 years old, as well as organized other relevant complementary activities, as the contest staged its 16th year.

A total of 480 children joined the poster contest coming from different schools in Luzon with 425 entries, Visayas with 18 entries, and Mindanao with 37 entries. There were 192 entries for Category A and 288 entries for Category B.

The ABKD awarding with exhibit and mini concert was held last Oct 6, 2011 at the Bantayog ng mga Bayani Auditorium in Quezon City. Winners, parents, teachers, volunteers, partners and artists attended the event.

A disaster preparedness calendar featuring the winning art works was printed and distributed to CDRC's networks, communities, schools, and local and international partners.

A tree planting activity was conducted last Nov. 19, 2011 at Purok Panusugin, Sitio San Joseph, Brgy. San Jose, Antipolo City, which is 29 kilometers east of Metro Manila. This is where 60% of the Marikina Watershed lies in the mountainous area of Antipolo City. The activity was coordinated with the Kalingap Marikina Watershed, a church-initiated project committed to restore the watershed. CDRC invited the participants of the ABKD contest, volunteers, children representatives from the community, and children from Marikina City who often experience flooding to participate. A total of 41 children participated in the tree planting activity. A short education session on biodiversity and its relation to disaster risk reduction and climate change was conducted before the start of the tree planting.

These activities were jointly funded by Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe (DKH) and Foundation for the Philippine Environment (FPE).

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS MONTH

July was Disaster Preparedness Month, and CDRC launched several activities such as exhibits, forums, and workshops in different schools in Metro Manila. One of the highlights of the month was the art workshop in Nangka High School in Marikina City. The community of Nangka was one of the affected areas during

Typhoon Ondoy. As part of the children's healing process, CDRC conducted art workshops on drawing, music, and writing. The activity brought out the artistic talents of the students who, in the end, were able to produce songs, essays and paintings expressing what they went through during the disaster.



MICRODIS RESEARCH PROJECT

The MICRODIS Project or the "Integrated Health, Social and Economic Impacts of Extreme Events: Evidence Methods and Tools", led by the consortium head, Centre for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters, was formally concluded in January 2011. The last two CDRC deliverables were successfully accomplished:

- Priority policy video for the Philippines based on the policy brief produced by research partner Xavier University, came

out in January 2011. The video has so far helped in advocating for appropriate disaster policies in the country.

- 2011 Disaster Preparedness Desk Calendar came out in late 2010 and distributed to partners in January 2011. The calendar was an advocacy and visibility material rolled into one.

The final report of the research results, produced by CRED, also came out in 2011.



Local Partnership Department (LPD)

A core group from among the ranks of the Friends of CDRC (FCDRC) has been rejuvenated to assume the organization's secretariat work. Within the period, the core group conducted quarterly meetings that discussed strategies on contact-building & recruitment in corporations, schools/ universities and religious organizations.

As an initial step at recruitment of new members, the core group was instrumental in launching the Disaster Management Orientation seminars and exhibits throughout the period, and which were attended by 1,443 participants in various schools, universities, companies, religious groups, neighborhood associations and organizations (i.e. University of the

Philippines, Meycauyan Central School, Trinity College, St. Paul College, De La Salle University, TSPI, Rey Marketing, UCCP, etc.).

An annual General Assembly -- the first after several years --- was successfully organized at the Sining Kamalig in December and which brought together 40 members who all reaffirmed the need to revive FCDRC.

FCDRC has also rolled out its advocacy campaign activities in the period. Among these, the highlight was its collaboration with the UN Volunteers in commemorating the 10th International Year of Volunteers. Various activities were organized which the FCDRC ably joined and actively took part, such as:

- Nov 11 – Forum, medical mission, relief delivery operations and education about DMO were simultaneously held in Calumpit Bulacan – an area severely damaged during TS Pedring. Different volunteer groups joined this activity. FCDRC was in charge in the education related to disaster management.
- Dec 5 – International Volunteer Day
 - National Conference on Volunteerism
 - Photo Exhibit depicting the lives and works of the volunteers in the different organizations.
 - Committee hearing and plenary session in the House

of Representatives adopting the House Resolution # 1774 ("Expressing the Appreciation of the House of the Representatives for the Significant Role of Volunteers in the Nation Building and Enjoying the Public to Organize and Support the Meaningful Celebration of the 10th year of Volunteers).

- Concert organized by FCDRC and supported by UNV. Other volunteers from different organizations were invited to this activity. A number of local artists were also invited to give their support and recognition for the works done by the volunteers.



Management Administration and Finance Department

CDRC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The CDRC Board of Trustees held its first annual meeting on March 12. In this meeting, the 2011 Direction and Budget were presented and approved for execution. The second BOT meeting was held on Dec 16. In this meeting, the 2011 highlights of

CDRC operations were reported, as well as the main challenges foreseen for the coming year. Directions were set for the incoming year. It was decided that the annual plan of action and budget be crafted immediately, incorporating the major activities specified by the BOT as crucial.



CDRN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

CDRC, as the secretariat of CDRN, organized the first meeting of CDRN's Executive Council for the year. This was held at the CDRC office on June 8. Discussed were the common projects and activities of CDRN member-NGOs

for the current year. The meeting was an essential coordinative measure ensuring that activities requiring network's participation as well as reports that are for joint submission are correspondingly prioritized.

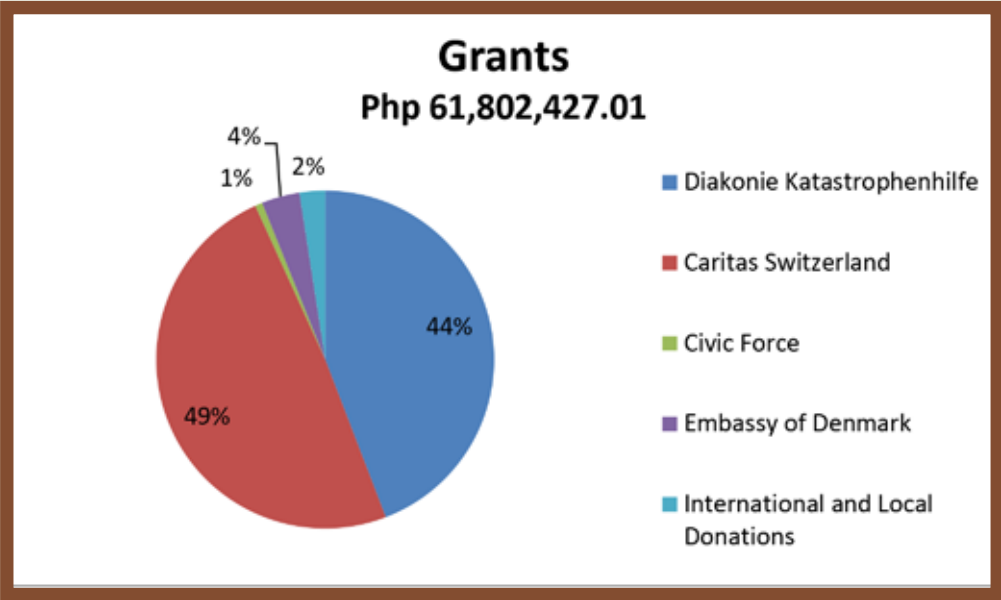


Your Money's Worth

A seaside community in the Ilocos Region affected by Typhoon Juan

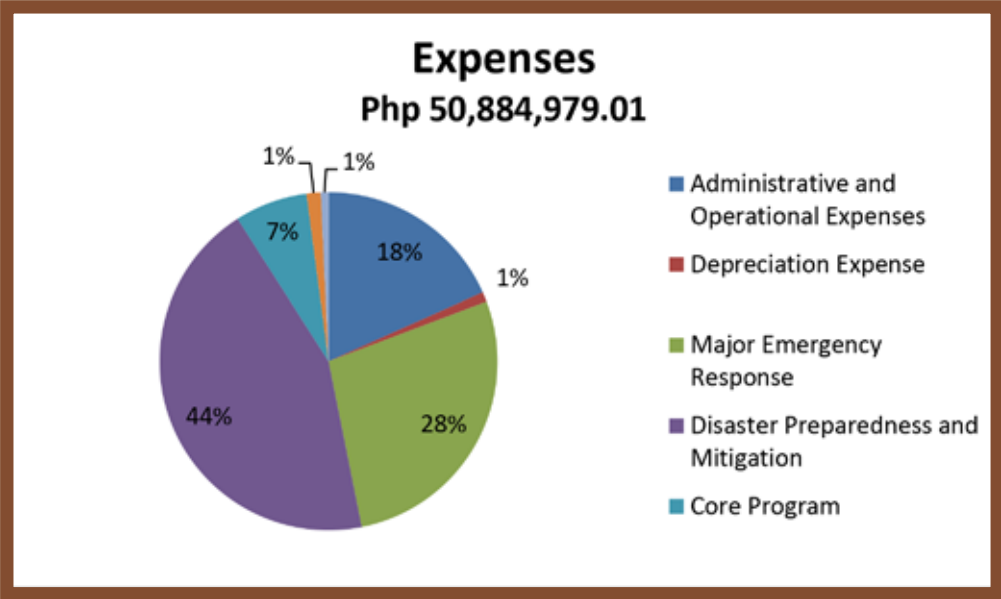
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Caritas Switzerland representative visits the project site in Albay

Major Donors in 2011

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UN Volunteers



Singaporean student volunteers on an exposure trip to the Philippines

About CDRC

The **CITIZENS' DISASTER RESPONSE CENTER (CDRC)** is a non-government organization that pioneered and continues to promote community-based disaster management in the Philippines. CDRC operates nationwide through a network of regional centers affiliated with the Citizens' Disaster Response Network and through people's organizations.

Organized in 1984, CDRC focuses its assistance to the most affected, least served and most vulnerable sectors of the population through preparedness and mitigation, emergency relief, and rehabilitation programs.

CDRC responds to minor disasters and major emergencies. Through the years, since 1984, CDRC has touched the lives of over 3 million Filipinos through its programs. A network of overseas and local supporters

enable CDRC to carry out its programs and help communities increase their disaster management capacities.

CDRC is registered in the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as a non-profit, non-stock social development agency. It is licensed and accredited by the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) to implement relief, rehabilitation, preparedness and mitigation programs.



VISION

CDRC envisions a just, humane and prosperous society where the people are free to chart the course their society takes by harnessing the country’s resources; where people equitably share the nation’s wealth and have access to essential social services, are provided full economic opportunities and in turn, contribute their best for the country’s development; where people are free to exercise their rights, meaningfully participate in decision-making and actively take part in a truly democratic country; whose people are proud of a rich Filipino culture that mirrors the people’s history and cultural heritage, promotes nationalism and scientific thinking; where people are responsible in sustaining a healthy environment and abundant natural resources; and where people possess the utmost capacity to build disaster-resilient communities through a community-based disaster management.

MISSION

CDRC assists the vulnerable sectors to comprehensively respond to disaster situations and addresses the root causes of their vulnerabilities. CDRC offers itself to the most needy, deprived, and poorest segments of Philippine society whose socio-economic conditions make them highly vulnerable to hazards and disasters, giving special attention to children, women, the frail elderly, and the differently-abled sectors.



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