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ACTED PHILIPPINES COUNTRY STRATEGY

Founded in 1993, ACTED is an **international non-governmental organisation** headquartered in Paris, France. ACTED is present on four continents and our teams **intervene in 35 countries reaching over 11 million people (2015)**. ACTED's vision is to **establish a link between emergency, rehabilitation and development**. Once basic needs have been covered, ACTED remains on the field to develop needs-based programming to meet the development goals of communities we work with.

ACTED IN THE PHILIPPINES

ACTED launched its operations in the Philippines in 2012, in the immediate aftermath of Typhoon Pablo. ACTED's response was focused on 3 municipalities in Davao Oriental Province, Mindanao where ACTED supported Typhoon-affected households with Cash for Work activities, which involved the rehabilitation of agricultural land allowing for the recovery of livelihood activities.

In **2013**, ACTED supported Typhoon Haiyan affected communities and met their basic needs, by providing food, water, shelter and other essential relief items. In 2014, supporting a rapid transition to early recovery and rehabilitation towards long-term development, ACTED's interventions focused on Food Security, Disaster Risk Management, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH), Sustainable Livelihoods and Shelter.



In **2015**, ACTED kept supporting typhoon affected communities, focusing on the **Philippines Approach to Total Sanitation (PhATS)** through the promotion of good governance, resilience and disaster risk management on Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH). ACTED also concentrated its actions on **Permanent Shelter Construction** in relocation sites through an active collaboration with the National Housing Authority (NHA) and local authorities. Furthermore, ACTED supported the livelihoods of poor typhoon-affected households through the **Making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P)** approach that empowers farmers to restore and improve their livelihoods through increased production, productivity and marketability of agricultural products in order to enhance income generating opportunities and increase resilience to future shocks. ACTED also developed processes to assess and respond quickly, through the repositioning of assessment teams and relief items. These processes were successfully experimented, notably after Typhoon Ruby (Dec. 2014), Typhoon Lando (Oct. 2015), Typhoon Nona (Dec. 2015).



ACTED PROGRAMS IN 2016



Shelter: ACTED, with the support of the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and Alstom Foundation, is constructing 126 permanent houses in Guiuan, in close collaboration with Guiuan Local Government Unit (LGU) and the National Housing Authority (NHA). Vulnerable families currently living in 'no build zones' will be relocated to these houses, which will be located in safe areas. Relocated families will also be supported with access to WASH facilities and income generating opportunities. In addition, ACTED organised the emergency response to Typhoon Nona which partially or completely damaged 100% houses in the municipalities of Mapanas and Palapag, Northern Samar. As such, ACTED, in partnership with ShelterBox, organised the distribution of 900 shelter repair kits targeting affected households.



Livelihood: ACTED, in consortium with Alliance2015 members People in Need (PIN) and Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation, is implementing a livelihoods project in 12 Haiyan-affected municipalities in Eastern Samar. The project adopts a Making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P) approach and is supported by Swiss Solidarity and Agence Française de Développement (AFD). The main objective of the project is to increase the income of poor farmers by addressing the underlying constraints that prevent farmers benefitting from market systems. The Project actively engages the private sector by facilitating linkages between the private sector and local farmers.



WASH: Furthering its response to Typhoon Nona, in early 2016, ACTED distributed 980 Jerry Cans, 980 hygiene kits, 1100 emergency scan water filters and Aquatabs to purify water for 2,990 households. In total, ACTED provided assistance to 11,335 beneficiaries covering 18 barangays across Palapag and Mapanas, Northern Samar, with support from UNICEF. ACTED also delivered Hygiene Promotion Campaigns to communities most affected by a diarrhea outbreak in the summer 2016 in Samar.

Throughout its interventions, ACTED has been mainstreaming a number of **cross-cutting issues** such as: Gender, Disaster Risk Management, Resilience, Conflict sensitivity, Inclusiveness, Environment, Safeguarding the right of children.

ACTED in figures, since November 2013:

Emergency Response	
# of people who received emergency rations	323,366
# of hygiene kits distributed	44,960
# of water kits distributed	86,620
# of shelter repair kits distributed	18,471
# of tonnes of medical waste removed from hospitals	7,000
Recovery and Development	
# of transitional shelter constructed	300
# of small farmers trained and supported who have increased their income	3,277
# of carpenters trained and received formal certification from TESDA	30
# of Barangays supported to reach Zero Open Defecation status	44
# of people using water from an improved source	10,000
# of people using an adequate sanitation facility	24,933
# of people that have hand-washing facilities at home	40,421
# of people living in communities certified free of open defecation	37,931
# of children that have access to WASH facilities in their learning environment	8,196
Number of LGUs/Municipalities supported	26

ACTED IN THE PHILIPPINES STRATEGY (2015-2017)

The Philippines is a sovereign island country with an area of 300,000 sq.km, composed of 7,107 islands. The Philippines' **2015 Human Development Index (HDI) was 0.668** - ranked 115 out of 188 countries and territories. The country records a **population growth rate of 2.04%** according to World Bank data records of 2014, **with 26.3% (2016) of the population living below the poverty line**. Located along the typhoon belt in the Pacific, the **Philippines is hit by an average of 20 typhoons every year** that are increasing in severity and frequency; hence the country is **ranked 4th on the Climate Risk Index (2014)**. Moreover, even though the Philippines is one of the most dynamic markets in the Asian region with sound economic fundamentals and a young highly-skilled workforce, income discrepancies are becoming a critical issue. Increasing inequalities emphasize pre-existing societal challenges, such as increased urban migration, and have been identified as a major driver of environmental degradation, with natural resources concentrated in the hands of a few powerful actors who have few incentives to conserve, meanwhile the poorest are struggling to survive with insufficient and inadequate resources. On top of this, the Mindanao region is affected by internal conflicts leading to regular movements of population and exacerbating the poverty level.

Looking at 2016 and beyond, and to ensure timely humanitarian assistance to recurring and increasingly volatile natural and human disasters in the Philippines, ACTED will strengthen its response capacity. The organization will engage in emergency preparedness and response, and will continue to support a sustainable reduction in communities' vulnerability to disasters' impact and an increase in communities' resilience through a comprehensive disaster risk management approach.



Program Pillar 1 – Natural or Man-Made Disaster Risk Management

Under this core area, ACTED works within the Disaster Risk Management (DRM) cycle which includes all activities, programs and measures that can be taken up before, during and after a disaster - whether natural or man-made - with the purpose to avoid it, reduce its impact, or recover from its losses. Rather than considering a linear approach to DRM and disaster resilience, ACTED utilizes a cyclical, continuous and holistic approach, with different interventions combining response, recovery, mitigation and preparedness while Linking Relief, Rehabilitation and Development (LRRD). Better development can reduce the need for emergency relief; better relief can contribute to development; and better rehabilitation can ease the transition between the two.



Activities

<p>Mitigation and Prevention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community based Hazard, Vulnerability and Capacity Assessments (HVCA), • Structural and non-structural mitigation measures, • Protection of livelihood assets. 	<p>Emergency Response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food assistance, • Shelter repair kits and tents distributions, • Non-Food Items (NFIs) distributions, • WASH management, emergency latrine establishment, hygiene kits distributions, • Information management with REACH.
<p>Preparedness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community-based disaster risk management (CBDRM), • Provision and prepositioning of contingency stocks, • Capacity building of local/regional authorities on Disaster Risk Management. 	<p>Rehabilitation & Recovery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction and rehabilitation of shelters, • Improving access to safe drinking water and adequate sanitation facilities and promoting good hygiene practices; • Livelihood rehabilitation and development of market linkages.

Program Pillar 2 - Effective and Responsive Public Institution

ACTED's conceptual approach to this programme pillar is based on effective and responsive public institutions, particularly at the local level and involving an empowered and involved community. ACTED works to support local governments to provide better, more effective, services to their constituents with a focus on DRR and Good Governance. Furthermore, ACTED advocates for the involvement of communities in decision-making processes that impact their lives. ACTED specifically encourages different stakeholders – from citizens' groups to Local Governments Units and government departments – to work effectively together in co-creating ways to act collectively; thus emphasizing the importance of being consistent agents in dynamic development processes.

Activities

- Provision of trainings, technical assistance and/or resources to authorities and service delivery agents;
- Facilitation of inclusive and participatory risk-informed local development planning of local government units;
- Facilitation of multi-stakeholders dialogue through the organization of forums/workshops gathering a wide array of local actors, including local government representatives, community leaders, NGOs, universities, etc.

Program Pillar 3 - Inclusive and Sustainable Growth

ACTED Philippines adopts a Making Markets Work for the Poor (M4P) approach to its livelihood programming. The M4P approach uses systems analysis as a means of diagnosing and addressing the challenges related to natural hazard and Climate Change as well as the constraints that poor and disadvantaged people face in improving their position within markets. The approach conceptualizes systems as inclusive of core markets, supporting functions, and the formal and informal rules that affect how the system works. As such, M4P analyses functions of private market actors, individuals, government organizations and social and cultural norms in order to understand how a system operates. The M4P approach aims to enable the inclusion of those at the 'bottom of the pyramid', recognizing small scale and poor farmers as potential entrepreneurs, innovators and value-conscious consumers able to actively participate in and drive their own social and economic development and build their resilience against climatic disasters. Successfully implemented across six municipalities of Eastern Samar, ACTED intends to replicate this approach in different areas across the Philippines.

Activities

- Promoting scalable climate-resilient agricultural production systems and practices, through extension services (provided by Local Service Providers);
- Supporting poor and small-scale farmers' transformation into market-based small-scale producers;
- Facilitating farmers to develop their organizational capacity for better collective action vis-à-vis service providers and market actors;
- Supporting value chain approaches to help poor farmers: diversify and increase their production, reduce their sensitivity to climate hazards and increase their resilience; capture market opportunities, obtain fair deals, and produce sustainable higher-quality products.

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