

Dignified work: Construction and repair of damaged schools in Sta. Fe, Bantayan Island



Providing livelihood opportunities and reconstructing community assets often go hand in hand. Such was the case in Bantayan Island, Northern Cebu during rebuilding efforts after Super Typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda).

The International Labour Organization (ILO) worked with the Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI), the League of Municipalities in the Philippines (LMP), and the municipal government of Sta. Fe in repairing damaged school buildings in five different institutions in the municipality. This sub-project involved 81 workers (77 unskilled, 4 nurses), who were all provided with minimum wages, social protection, and protective gear so that they worked in safe conditions.

The implementing partners ensured that those chosen to be worker-beneficiaries were not only vulnerable workers affected by Haiyan but specifically parents of students attending the schools where structures were to be repaired. Aside from earning immediate income, they also

directly participated in improving the learning spaces of their own children, acquiring a more personal stake in the rebuilding of their community.



A class is underway in a newly-renovated room thanks to the students' parents who helped in its construction.

basic carpentry and masonry. Partners on the ground also envisioned further support for them in the forms of community contracting, skills training, and enterprise development.

The ILO is grateful for the support it has received from the governments of Japan for its Haiyan Response and its vision to truly Build Back Better.

After-project employment sustainability was taken into account as the unskilled workers gained new skills after RAFI mentored them on

Emergency Employment and Sustainable Livelihoods after Super Typhoon Haiyan

Implementing partner

- Ramon Aboitiz Foundation, Inc. (RAFI)

Stakeholder Organizations

- League of Municipalities in the Philippines (LMP)
- Municipal Government of Sta. Fe

Funding partner

- Government of Japan



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