

Help victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines



Help A Child working with other Christian aid organizations

Help A Child is cooperating with four other Dutch Christian aid organizations to offer help to the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. The United Nations has estimated that over 11 million people have been affected by the typhoon which devastated many Philippine coastal communities on November 8th. It's projected that over 600,000 were left homeless and thousands were killed as a result of this historic typhoon. "The situation in the Philippines is disastrous. There is no food or water in many of the affected areas. Countless homes have been destroyed. We have begun distributing aid packets to those in need", says Hector Arana, director of our partner organization AMG Philippines. Within a few days after the typhoon struck, Help A Child along with our partner organizations in the Netherlands already had an emergency relief operation underway. Together we have allocated \$280,000 in immediate aid funds to initiate the emergency response effort. With your help we can do more.

12,000 aid packets

Our partner organizations are formulating an aid strategy that will involve distribution of at least 12,000 aid packets to those in need in the worst affected areas. Aid will also be offered via 16 local churches in the heavily affected



provinces of Samar and Leyte. The aid packets consist of drinking water, flashlight, tarp, sleeping mats, hygiene kits, clothing, slippers, radio with battery, and toys for the children. These packets will be distributed to thousands of families in the coming month. Besides distributing the aid packets, volunteers from the churches will also be offering counseling and pastoral care to those in need. Building supplies are also being supplied to begin reconstruction of some homes. With your help we can provide life sustaining necessities to as many people as possible. Director Fe Foronda: "We started planning our emergency aid strategy immediately after the typhoon. There are many difficulties arising from damage to infrastructure in the affected areas. However, the need is enormous."

Children

In one of the affected areas a relief effort is underway designed specifically for children. A center is being prepared to accommodate 1000 children. Trauma counseling and education will be provided at this center. The children will also be provided with necessary school supplies to replace those washed away in the typhoon.

We need your help to enable us to assist as many children and families as possible.

If you are able, please use the enclosed card to make a donation in any amount to the [Philippine Typhoon Fund](#).

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Motivation: At Help A Child we derive our inspiration from the Bible. In the Gospel of Matthew Jesus says: "Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?' "The King will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me.' (Matthew 25: 37-40)