

SMALL GRANTS FOR RECOVERY OF YOLANDA-AFFECTED COMMUNITIES



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Duration	:	Phase I: January- December 2014 Phase II January 2015- June 2016
Proposed Budget	:	Phase I: USD1,850,000.00 Phase II 2,000,000
Location	:	Central Panay Provinces (Antique, Aklan, Iloilo, Capiz), Leyte and Samar Provinces, Cebu, Palawan and Bohol
Beneficiaries	:	Indigenous Peoples, Farmers and Fishing People's Organizations and NGO's
Project Execution	:	Direct Implementation

Project Context

In the early morning of 8 November 2013, typhoon Yolanda (internationally called Haiyan), made landfall in the eastern Visayas region of the Philippines. With winds up to 250 kph sweeping through the region, accompanied by a storm surge of up to 5 m, the typhoon caused wide spread damage and losses. As of 10 December, 5,924 people were reported killed and 1,779 were missing. Along the north-west trajectory of the typhoon, a total of 14 million people across nine of the country's poorest provinces were affected. More than 1.1 m houses were destroyed. The eastern coasts of Samar, Eastern Samar and Leyte were among the worst affected. The city of Tacloban, the fifth fastest growing urban center in the country, recorded the highest loss of lives and property. The national government, the local government units, national and international NGOs, relief teams from more than 20 countries, and the UN launched a large humanitarian response to the disaster. Although the affected communities have already begun their own recovery efforts with the limited resources available, the magnitude of the disaster is so severe that it will take several years for them to recover fully.

The scale of the typhoon's devastation has over-extended existing relief and recovery mechanisms across the country. Supporting communities – particularly poorer rural and coastal communities – to recover and rebuild in a resilient way will require a broad range of partnerships and delivery approaches. This initiative leverages UNDP's non-government, civil society and indigenous peoples' partnerships to catalyze a wide portfolio of recovery and resilience-building grassroots initiatives focusing on green jobs and environmental rehabilitation.

The initiative will provide small grants amounting to

a maximum of USD50,000 to support community initiatives for environmental and economic rehabilitation in the Typhoon-affected region. Supporting community-owned initiatives can not only speed recovery, but also rebuild community cohesion and social support systems. Priority partners include vulnerable groups such as Indigenous Communities, poorer fishing and farming communities, and women's and youth groups.

Project Objectives

The initiative will have the following objectives:

1. Establish or Re-establish forest and coastal management programs with local communities.
2. Promote sustainable and resilient economic activities in typhoon-affected regions.

Project Activities

1. Environmental Restoration
 - Site assessment and identification of forest and coastal areas suitable for rehabilitation
 - Establishment/reestablishment of forest and coastal marine conservation areas
 - Establishment of mangrove and upland forest tree nurseries
 - Restoration of/replanting in suitable mangrove and upland forest areas
 - Rehabilitation of coral reefs and establishment of artificial reefs in suitable areas for storm surge abatement and fisheries
2. Economic Rehabilitation through green jobs and sustainable enterprises

- Identification of livelihood and enterprise opportunities in 'green' sectors such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, ecotourism, sustainable and organic food production, etc.
- Organizing enterprise-oriented community organizations of women and men
- Provision of capital investments for livelihoods and enterprise development
- Provision of technical assistance for livelihoods and enterprise development
- Creation of market linkages

The total budget proposed will be able to fund at least 70 community-based projects and initiatives.

Project Impact

- Rehabilitate essential ecosystems (e.g.. Mangroves, coastal systems, degraded upland slopes and watersheds)
- Re-energize economic activity in the community with a focus on promoting sustainable and environmentally-friendly economic activities.

Implementation modality

The project will be executed by UNDP directly with financial, technical and programming support. Project implementation will be carried out by Peoples' Organization and local NGOs. Complementation with UNDP projects especially with the on-going GEF-SGP will be ensured.

Monitoring and Evaluation

Regular monitoring visits to the project sites will be conducted to ensure that activities are implemented and that targets will be achieved. At least 2 Monitoring and Evaluation Officers will be engaged to conduct monitoring and evaluation throughout the course of the project.

INDICATIVE BUDGET

Project Activities	(US\$)
Phase I:	
Community Grants	1,600,000
Grant Review & Monitoring	250,000
Phase II:	
Community Grants	1,625,000
Grant Review & Monitoring	375,000
TOTAL	3,850,000

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