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Background

- 8 November 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan (locally known as Yolanda) struck the Philippines.
- More than 5,600 people were killed, and more than one million homes were destroyed.

Medair’s Response

- Within 48 hours, Medair’s emergency response team arrived in the Philippines.
- With many relief organisations focusing on Tacloban City – the provincial capital of Leyte Island which was heavily impacted by the typhoon – Medair sought out smaller, rural communities that had also been affected by the typhoon, but which were receiving little or no support.

Dulag

- Dulag municipality, home to more than 45,000 people, is 36km south of Tacloban city.
- Medair found that 9,004 homes – 81% of all the homes in the municipality – had been damaged or totally destroyed by Typhoon Haiyan.
- Medair has begun relief efforts in Dulag in response to the huge needs of the local population.



What Medair has done: EMERGENCY RESPONSE!

- To date, Medair has been responding to the emergency needs of typhoon-affected households in Dulag.
- Medair has distributed:

- **More than 1,700 tarpaulins:** To provide emergency shelter for families in damaged or destroyed homes.
- **37 extra-large tarpaulins** to 37 schools that had sustained damage to their roofs.
- **4,185 hygiene kits:** Including soap, plastic jerry cans (water containers) buckets with lids, water dippers, nail clippers and other materials.
- **225 tool kits:** Kits include shovels, handsaws, hammers, pliers, and rope: These materials were provided to the Tolosa municipality which is directly north of Dulag.
- **10 chainsaws:** These have been used to clear fallen coconut trees, and to salvage the coconut wood before it rots on the ground. The wood can be used for rebuilding damaged or destroyed homes.



Photos from left: A Medair chainsaw in action; family representatives receive a tarpaulin; children with some of the non-food-items.

- In addition, Medair has provided fuel and protective gear for the chainsaws, and chlorine for water treatment.
- In the coming weeks Medair will continue to distribute hygiene kits and tarpaulins to typhoon-affected families. We are waiting on these relief items to arrive in Dulag! **Stay tuned for updated numbers!!!**

What Medair will do: RECOVERY!

- Medair will help **600** of the most vulnerable families – child-headed households, households headed by the elderly, households headed by people with disabilities, etc – to rebuild their homes.
- We will also teach communities how they can **BUILD BACK BETTER!!!**

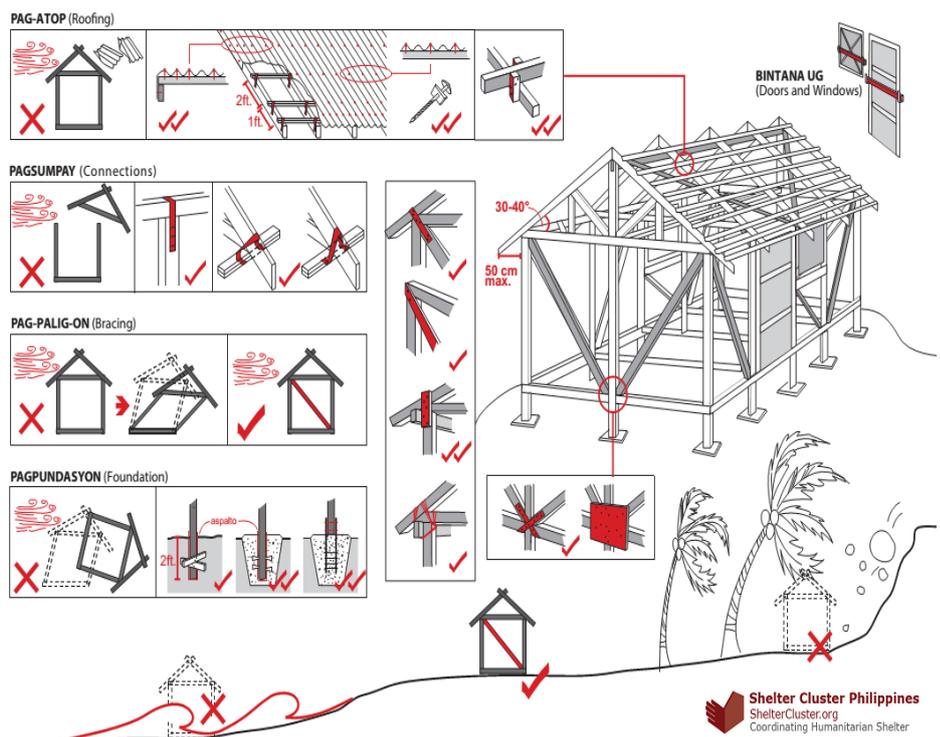
Build Back Better

- The Philippines is the highest ranked country in terms of vulnerability to tropical cyclones, with an average of 20 typhoons entering the country every year¹.
- Medair will teach communities how they can **BUILD BACK BETTER** their homes, by employing improved building techniques to increase the resilience of their homes to future typhoons.

Image: Medair has printed 11,000 hand-outs to distribute in Dulag, with information produced in the local language about simple, practical ways families can rebuild their homes using improved building techniques.

Mga Paagi Pagtindog hin Marig-on nga Balay

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- Medair is working with the municipal government of Dulag and local barangay (village) leaders to select the 600 vulnerable households to assist.
- Construction materials have been ordered. Soon we will start recruiting local carpenters and other Filipino staff.
- We hope to begin reconstruction in early January!

¹ USAID Philippines: Country Development Cooperation Strategy 2012-2016