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Typhoon Haiyan Early Recovery

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In the immediate aftermath of Typhoon Haiyan, UNDP and its partners launched an early recovery programme, which began with emergency employment cash-for-work in debris and waste removal in the most affected areas.

One month after the storm, many of the main streets are cleared, which allows the relief to reach those who need it, and kick start the recovery and rebuilding process.

UNDP's recovery programme will aim to help build back stronger, more resilient and thriving communities able to withstand future super storms.

Cash-for-Work Debris Removal

UNDP is currently operating cash-for-work projects in Tacloban, Palo and Guiuan. As of 6 December, UNDP is employing 405 workers; a third of them are women. In compliance with government policy, participating workers earn minimum wage (for example, in Tacloban it is 260 pesos a day). They are paid every week, and each person is employed for at least 15 days. The workers are selected in coordination with local authorities and community leaders to ensure that the employment opportunities are available to the groups that need it most.

The objectives of the cash-for-work programme include:

- Clearing debris to allow easier access for aid to reach affected households;
- Enabling people to bring home much needed income;
- Injecting cash into the local economy;
- Developing ownership of the recovery process; and
- Reducing the risk of disease by properly disposing waste.

Debris clearing sites:

- **Five hospitals** (Bethany Hospital, Eastern Visayas Medical and Regional Center, Remedios Trinidad Romualdez Hospital, St. Paul's, Burauen District Hospital, Carigara District Hospital);
- **Four villages** (Barangays 87,88,89,90) in Tacloban; and
- **Two schools** in Tacloban and Palo.

UNDP's target is to provide cash-for-work benefits to 10,000 people across five provinces (i.e., Samar, Leyte, Cebu, Panay and Palawan) by the end of the year.

Medical Waste Removal

The number one priority for UNDP's debris team was the swift removal of medical waste from the hard hit hospitals in and around Tacloban City. With no disposal service for weeks, waste generated in local hospitals continued to grow.

UNDP responded within two weeks of the disaster to restart clearance and disposal of medical waste in five hospitals that were able to restart life-saving services to the vulnerable communities.

Municipal Waste Management

Tacloban City has resumed garbage collection with help from UNDP and other partners. Municipal solid waste is taken to the city dumpsite, and over the next few weeks, solid waste management systems will improve and become more regular.

Funding

The debris removal and waste management are part of a US\$ 46 million early recovery plan. It now has funding of US\$ 12 million from the Government of Japan, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, the Central Emergency Response Fund and UNDP.

To meet the urgent needs of the devastated communities, UNDP is seeking another US\$ 34 million.

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