

September 1, 2017

**HELP & ASSISTANCE FOR ROTARY PHILIPPINE DISTRICTS, INC.
REPORT TO ALL OUR DONORS, BENEFACTORS, SUPPORTERS AND FELLOW ROTARIANS
December 31, 2016**

Gentlemen:

Typhoon Haiyan (local name: Yolanda) struck on November 8, 2013. It was the strongest storm ever to hit land and swept through Central Visayas, Philippines.

According to our Department of Education (DepEd), some 3,375 schools were damaged, equivalent to about 5,898 classrooms completely destroyed and 14,508 partially damaged and needing immediate repairs.

A day or two after typhoon Haiyan, then Rotary International Director-Nominee Guiller Tumangan received calls from RI President-Elect Gary Huang and RI President-Nominee Ravi Ravindran and an email from Past RI President M.A.T. Caparas (the first and the only RI President from the Philippines), encouraging him to put together Rotarians to immediately assist the victims.

Philippine Rotarians received numerous emails from the different Rotary Clubs and RI leaders worldwide inquiring how they can help and where and to whom to remit their contributions. Instead of short-term relief operations and recognizing the urgency of the reconstruction of school buildings, RIDN Tumangan decided to put up a non-stock, non-profit organization to be the vehicle for helping the victims of typhoon Haiyan. He invited several local Rotary leaders and organized and immediately registered Help & Assistance for Rotary Philippine Districts, Inc. (HARPDI) with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

During the meetings held, it was decided that rebuilding schools is the best use of Rotary resources if we are to restore normalcy to the traumatized children, make them safe and well, and help them heal and learn. After discussing the project with the DepEd officials, we agreed to work together under the "Adopt-A-School" (Rebuilding Schools in Yolanda-Affected areas) Program. In January 22, 2014, a Memorandum of Agreement was signed between HARPDI and Department of Education (DepEd) to signal the start of the project.



For transparency and stewardship, we made it a policy that no Rotarian will be holding the money directly. All donations are remitted directly to the bank accounts of HARPDI. The bank accounts are being maintained, managed and controlled by the accounting firm Isla Lipana & Co. (PriceWaterhouseCoopers Philippines). Their senior partners are the ones signing all the checks for disbursements. While Navarro Amper & Co. (Deloitte Philippines) agreed to be our external auditors. The professional services of both firms are on a pro bono basis. Incidentally, the managing partners of both accounting firms are also Rotarians. As of December 31, 2016, the total pro bono services amounted to Php1,425,000.00.

To preserve the good name of Rotary as well as relationships in Rotary, we made it our policy to appoint a Past District Governor as project coordinator on each school that we will work on. We also agreed that no member of HARPDI would be paid for services rendered for the projects.

Two weeks after the Typhoon Yolanda, armed with only Php200,000.00 (US\$4,500.00), initial donation from the club of RIDN Guiller, RC Makati West, D3830, a handful of Past District Governors led by RIDN Guiller, inspected several damaged schools in Ormoc City, Leyte. While we didn't have enough funds then, we decided to start with San Jose Elementary School. Local Rotarians said that to construct twelve (12) new classrooms and rehabilitate twelve (12) damaged classrooms, the cost will be between US\$200,000.00 to US\$300,000.00. We knew help was on the way.



The following week, we were able to secure a commitment of Php3,000,000.00 from United Coconut Planters Life Assurance Corp. (CocoLife), the company President is also a Rotarian. Two weeks after, RI President-Elect Gary Huang handed to Past RI President M.A.T. and RIDN Guiller the replica cheque of US\$33,730.00, the donation coming from the Past District Governors from Taiwan.

Two classmates of RIDN Guiller in the RI Board (RIDN Per Hoyen and RIDE Mike Webb) were very instrumental in bringing the biggest contributions to HARPDI. Early in the morning of

January 15, 2014, during the International Assembly in San Diego, USA, RIDN Per informed RIDN Guiller that the Rotary Danmarks Hjaelfefond and the five Districts in Denmark remitted to HARPDI's bank account that day the amount of US\$182,532.04.

RIDN Guiller went to Denmark to personally thank the Rotarians in the five districts. After making his speech at the Rotary Institute in Billund, Denmark in August 2014, RIDN Guiller was called back to the center stage and the five District Governors presented him with a big replica of a cheque in the amount of US\$17,321.09, intended for the school uniforms and shoes of the affected children.

With the kind assistance of RIDE Mike, we were able to secure another donation of US\$153,759.54 from RI in Great Britain & Ireland Donations Trust.

Many more donations were made in the months that followed. As of December 31, 2016, HARPDI received donations in the amount of Php31,559,938.36.

Details of the schools constructed as of December 31, 2016 funded by the donors is attached to this report (**Exhibit A – 3 pages**). The attachment will also show the details of the school buildings that have been implemented in partnership with our donors, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Rotary Districts and friends from all over the world. The total project cost is Php30,861,558.33.

Based on the cost estimates of DepEd officials on school building construction, our costs were at least thirty percent (30%) lower. This was made possible because of the prudence and effective management of our Rotarians managing the construction in the areas.

The audited financial reports, the list of donors and their donations allocated to different schools, pictures of the classrooms and other details can be viewed in our website at <http://rotaryhelps-philippines.org/>.

In summary:

1. We have constructed a total of **74 brand new classrooms** and reconstructed another **68 classrooms** for a total of **142 classrooms**.
2. In addition, upon the requests of school officials, teachers and students, we also reconstructed **3 Principals' offices, 1 school kitchen, 1 school gymnasium and 1 Multi-Purpose Hall**.
3. The classrooms we constructed were in **15 schools** and these are located in Ormoc City (5), Tacloban, Leyte (3), Calbayog, Samar (1), Dumalag, Capiz (1), Northern Cebu (1) and in the province of Iloilo (4).
4. The number of students combined in all fifteen schools is **12,551**.

5. DepEd Regional, local government officials, HARPDI officers and local Rotarians witnessed the turnover of the rehabilitated structures during ceremonies.
6. Rotary International officers headed by then **RI President-Elect, K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran** and his spouse Vanathy, and now **RI President-Nominee Ian Riseley, RI Director Guiller** and spouse Letty, HARPDI officers and other Philippine Rotary leaders paid a visit in February 2015 to inspect HARPDI's accomplishments in Ormoc City and interacted with school officials, teachers and students. They also distributed school uniforms and shoes to some of the students.
7. **RI Director Per and spouse PDG Anette** representing the biggest contributor, also visited in March 2015 the schools in Ormoc City. They were accompanied by the officers of HARPDI led by **RI Director Guiller**.
8. To honor the donors, the specially designed marble sculptures done by well-known Filipino sculptor **Sajid Imao** and steel markers, with the names of the donors, were unveiled during the schools' turnover ceremonies.

The completion of the above projects would not have been possible without the **GENEROSITY** of our donors and untiring **VOLUNTARY work** of all Rotarians involved.

It is also worth mentioning that **NO ROTARIAN has been paid** for his/her services, travel, food or lodging in the planning, implementation, inspection and visits to the project sites.

In behalf of HARPDI, our **Honorary Chairman Past RI President M.A.T. Caparas, Chairman Past RI Director Guiller Tumangan** and all the officers and members, I would like to thank the following for their extended support:

1. Our **many generous donors** whom I will no longer mention here, as they are included in the attached report, for their trust and confidence in HARPDI and for heeding immediately the call for **HELP**.
2. Former DepEd **Secretary Armin Luistro** and **Undersecretary Mario Derequito** and the local school authorities for their support and the opportunity of working with their Department to pursue the reconstruction of classrooms.
3. The late **PDG Ed Alvarez** of D3830, the original President of HARPDI, for his dedication and hard work.
4. The **Past District Governors, Club Presidents, Club Past Presidents and the members of the Rotary Clubs** that were involved in the supervision and monitoring of the constructions or rehabilitation of schools in the provinces of Leyte, Iloilo, Samar,

Capiz and Northern Cebu. We again thank them for their coordination; we were able to save much on construction expenses because of their prudence and hard work.

As of today, there are still many schools that were affected by natural calamities. HARPDI will continue to help and rehabilitate these schools for as long as there are generous and kind-hearted donors. Next month, HARPDI will rehabilitate 2 or 3 more classrooms with an estimated cost of Php1.3 million. We are happy that we have received recently donations to support our endeavor in 2017 as follows:

1. Friends of RI Director Guiller Tumangan and Organizing Committee of the 2015 Manila Rotary Institute	Php 500,000.00
2. District 3860, RY 2016-2017	Php 100,000.00
3. PDG Jess S. Nicdao, D3790	Php 50,000.00
4. PRID Guiller E. Tumangan	Php 25,888.00

On behalf of the beneficiaries, please accept our appreciation for helping us rebuild the lives of the victims, especially the children, of this typhoon and for the opportunity to be of Service.

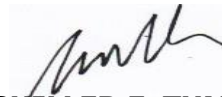
Very truly yours,

Help & Assistance for Rotary Philippine Districts, Inc. (HARPDI)



PDG JESS S. NICDAO
President

Noted by:



GUILLER E. TUMANGAN
Incorporator & Chairman of the Board
Director, RY 2014-16
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