

Danish People's Aid activities in the Philippines in connection with Typhoon Yolanda

In the early morning of November 8, 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan, locally known as Yolanda, made landfall in the Philippines' Eastern Visayas Region. The storm made subsequent landfall in Cebu, Iloilo, Leyte and Palawan provinces.

On 15th November DPAs emergency coordinator, Mr. Søren Hougard arrived in Cebu. Just a few days later, on 18th November DPA together with our partner Associated Labour Union (ALU-TUCP) sailed by ship to the provincial city of Ormoc on Leyte Island where 4.000 food parcels were distributed to needy households.

Ormoc is heavily affected by the typhoon and was lacking in food, water and electricity. Many buildings had been destroyed as well people's homes.

At present Danish People's Aid together with Building and Wood Worker's International (BWI) are in the process of looking at target areas and target groups for a transitional shelter action with a component of cash vouchers for building materials and vocational skills training in either Iloilo City or in Ormac City.

DPA will participate in the BWI World Congress in Bangkok on 4 – 5 December, where the action plan and the collection campaign will be launched. On 11 December there will be conducted at BWI conference in Manila, with participation of high level officials from the government, ILO and UN Habitat. At the conference the action will as well be launched.

Until then, Danish People's Aid as well as BWI has launched appeals for funding on their respective webpages <http://www.bwint.org> and www.folkehjaelp.dk (Danish)