



# Emergency Response to Typhoon Bopha in the Philippines

## MEETING URGENT NEEDS

- **LWR's response to Typhoon Bopha totaled more than \$2.1 million.** With this funding, LWR was able to respond to immediate, emergency needs while also supporting longer-term recovery efforts in typhoon-affected areas of the Philippines.
- Following the typhoon, LWR addressed household needs through the **distribution of non-food items**—including Quilts, Baby Care Kits, Schools Kits, Personal Care Kits and toothpaste—to **more than 18,000 people** in nearly **60 barangays**.
- In its emergency response work, LWR provided, and continues to promote, leadership in Quality & Accountability (Q&A), including Sphere and Humanitarian Accountability Partnership (HAP) standards. To ensure **accountability** to beneficiaries, LWR held **consultations with typhoon-affected households** to ensure that beneficiaries **clearly understood LWR's projects and participant selection criteria**. These consultations also **promoted beneficiary ownership** and led to the **set-up of project feedback mechanisms**.

## REBUILDING AND RECOVERY

- **Cash-for-work (CFW) projects** were a crucial component of typhoon recovery in the Philippines, **clearing debris** from public spaces and injecting cash into the local economy. LWR's CFW projects **employed 6,000 people** who used the cash for **food, shelter supplies, children's schooling and household needs**.
- LWR supported **coastal livelihood recovery projects** that **reached 2,000 people** through the distribution of boat repair and seaweed planting materials and by reestablishing a mangrove nursery with **50,000 mangrove propagules and seedlings** to build coastal resilience.
- LWR also helped to **rebuild the livelihoods of farmers** living in remote, mountainous areas that were affected by the typhoon through the distribution of **relief supplies**, as well as **root-crop cuttings** for inter-crops, **reaching 4,000 people**.
- In partnership with Habitat for Humanity Philippines, LWR reached more than 4,000 households, composed of **nearly 20,200 people**, with **home repair assistance**, including the provision of iron roofing sheets, hammers, nails and other repair materials.



## QUICK FACTS

- On December 4, 2012, Typhoon Bopha struck the island of Mindanao in the southeastern Philippines with wind speeds of more than 130 miles per hour and heavy rainfall, which triggered flooding and landslides.
- The typhoon affected 6.2 million people, resulted in the death of more than 1,100 people and damaged nearly 233,200 houses.
- Typhoon Bopha resulted in an estimated \$830 million in agricultural and infrastructure damage, according to the U.N.

*LWR began its work in the Philippines in the 1960s and began focusing on the island of Mindanao in the 1980s. Today, LWR works primarily in the agriculture and food security, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction and emergency operations sectors.*

*In partnership with local organizations, LWR builds resilient communities throughout Asia and the Middle East. In Fiscal Year 2012, LWR's programming in the two regions totaled more than \$12.4 million, impacting more than 443,000 people and bridging immediate relief programs with long-term recovery efforts.*