

**TYPHOON YOLANDA (HAIYAN) REHABILITATION PROGRAM  
CULION REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROJECT  
UPDATE as of February 14, 2013**

**I: Local Situationer**

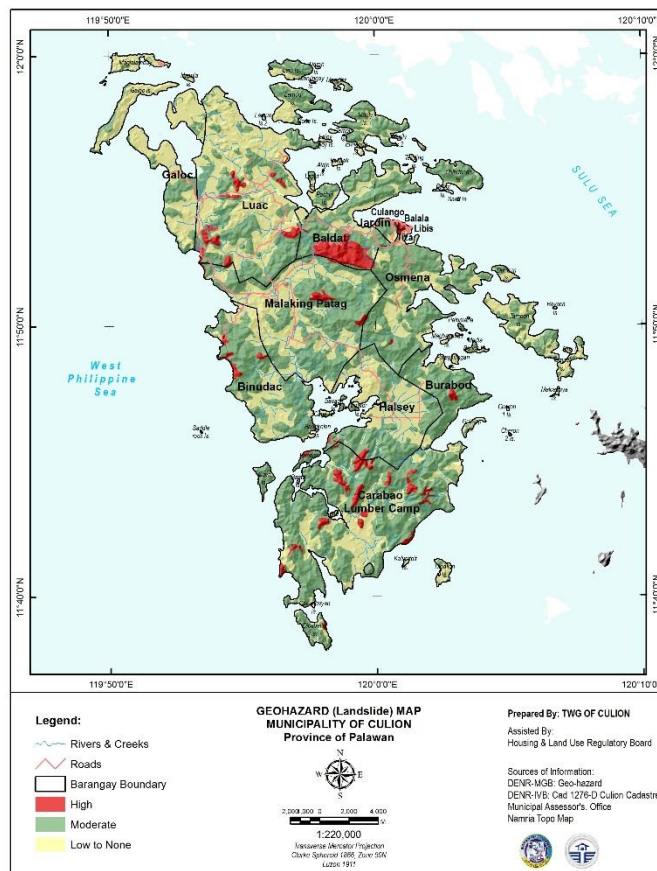
Culion was a former leper colony and a Jesuit mission area since 1906. It is located in the Calamianes group of islands in Northern Palawan. A third class municipality composed of 41 barangays. It was the last landfall of Typhoon Haiyan. According to the Culion Municipal Disaster Report as of December 5, 2014, 5,689 families have been affected with over 3,223 partially damaged and 1,589 totally damaged houses. During the height of the emergency relief operations, SLB was able to send 4,496 relief packs<sup>1</sup>, 2 solar community charging and lighting systems and more than 300 solar rechargeable lamps.

Three months after the Typhoon Haiyan landfall, people of Culion gradually strive to normalize their lives. Houses made of light native materials have been rebuilt on the same disaster vulnerable coastal areas. People have availed loans for boat repairs or share boats in order to go back to fishing, which is their main source of living.

**II: Current Activities**

SLB has ordered fifteen boats for distribution to Tagbanuas - Indigenous People's tribe in remote islands of Culion.

Last February 8-14, 2014 the SLB team composed of the newly hired project officer Ye Nunez and community organizer Elee Bulotano, along with the program manager and partner organizations, Environmental Science of Social Change (ESSC) and Gawad Kalinga (GK) were deployed to have an initial geo-hazard assessment of the proposed housing relocation and multipurpose evacuation centers sites.



<sup>1</sup> Relief packs contains 10 kilos of rice, 10 canned goods, 2 packs of biscuits, bottled water, hygiene kits and a pail. Per pack is good for 5 family members which will last for 3 days.



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To assist in the development of the comprehensive proposal, an officer from Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Regional Office from Thailand accompanied the team.

The SLB team also had a series of coordination meetings with the Jesuit Parish implementing partner and the Local Government Unit (LGU) of Culion to verify priority projects and develop project plans. During one of the meetings a rehabilitation committee composed of the representatives from Jesuit Parish and LGU was formed, and identified the LGU as the project lead.

Based from the recent coordination meetings the priority projects in Culion will be the following aside livelihood and Community-based Disaster Risk Reduction program components of relocation:

- Relocation and construction of houses for 2 communities - Binudac and Galoc
- Construction of dormitory for students or relocation in Osmena
- Construction of Multi-purpose evacuation centers for 2 Indigenous People's community in Chidunan Balete and Alulad

An initial coastal resource assessment was also conducted by the SLB team in the Bugor Island where in they found out that after the Typhoon Haiyan, massive corals are still in place and intact but foliose and branching corals were heavily damaged.



Meeting with Fr. Jody Magtoto, SJ and Fr. Errol Nebrao, SJ



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**Barangay Binudac Area Assessment**



**Aftermath of Yolanda in Barangay Binudac**



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Brgy. Galoc



Family inside their permanent/temporary shelter



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Stakeholders meeting at SB Hall, Culion



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Damaged boats in Barangay Chindunan

### III: Incoming Activities

A survey will be conducted in the target communities for relocation to gather base-line information of the community profiling and gather validated information of the main reasons why the residents are building houses in the coastal areas. This information will be vital in deciding whether to have a relocation site or a dormitory for students especially for Osmena coastal communities.

On January 26-28, 2014, the SLB team together with its Executive Director Fr. Javy Alpasa SJ and ESSC's team headed by its Research Director Fr. Pedro Walpole SJ to do the actual geo-hazard mapping.

A committee meeting will also be held on February 27, 2014 to finally decide on the project engagements and set the project implementation plan.



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