

# Anibong Resettlement Project



*Ongoing construction in Anibong Resettlement Project site in Brgy Bagacay, Tacloban City. Photo by Ma. April dela Cruz/CRS.*

## SAFE, SUSTAINABLE, AND DIGNIFIED RECOVERY FOR THE FORGOTTEN SURVIVORS OF TYPHOON HAIYAN IN THE PHILIPPINES

### OVERVIEW

Super Typhoon Haiyan, known locally as Yolanda, wreaked catastrophic devastation across the Philippine islands of Leyte and Samar on November 8, 2013, claiming more than 6,300 lives and leaving infrastructure and neighborhoods in ruins. At least 1.1 million homes were damaged or destroyed.

Among the most devastated areas was the coastal district of Anibong in Tacloban, on Leyte island, where the super typhoon washed away or destroyed the vast majority of houses and local infrastructure. The damage was so severe, and the risk of further destruction in future storms so severe, that the Government of the Philippines declared it a “no-dwell zone” and compelled residents who had lived in the coastal area for generations to relocate elsewhere.

Nearly five years later, the cameras are gone, global attention has moved on, and even within the Philippines, the victims of the Typhoon are largely forgotten. Still, there are thousands of

families left to their own devices in dangerous conditions, exposed to continuing risks from future typhoons, flooding and tropical storms.

Catholic Relief Services (CRS), in keeping with its mission to seek out the poorest and most vulnerable and assist them in the spirit of Catholic social teaching has not forgotten.

The Anibong Resettlement Project (ARP) supports 900 of the most vulnerable families from the Anibong community to restore the lives and livelihoods in a safe, sustainable, and dignified new community. CRS has not only designed a new planned community that provides essential infrastructure (water, sanitation, electricity, drainage, and solid waste management) and services (education, markets, and shared community spaces), but is working closely with the families to design and build disaster resilient homes that the families will be able to own and hold title to- often for the first time in their lives.



*Almost five years after Super Typhoon Haiyan, many residents still live in makeshift houses in Brgy. Anibong even though it was declared a "No-Dwell and No-Build Zone" because of its proximity to the coast. Photo by Laura Elizabeth Pohl/CRS.*

## OUR INNOVATIVE APPROACH

**Community participation:** To ensure the community continues to thrive long after CRS is gone, the families have formalized a Home Owners Association (HOA), with an elected board of directors of their most trusted community members. CRS is training and mentoring the HOA board in the intricacies of community governance, financial management and facilities and infrastructure maintenance.

**Creating a close community:** CRS is using an innovative digital technology to assign each family's plot of land. Each family's weighted preference for their location, plot size, and neighbors is cross-referenced with the preferences of all 900 other families. Plots are then assigned to minimize potential conflict, enhance community cohesion, and facilitate natural growth and modification of housing units over time.

**Land tenure:** CRS has partnered with a national social housing corporation to enroll each family into a home loan program, with low interest rates and minimal monthly payments. CRS is also helping families to navigate the bureaucratic and expensive government land tenure system, ensuring they are able to provide and submit all the required documents involved in obtaining their own land title. Without this support from CRS and our partners, the prospect of ever owning their own home would be inconceivable for almost all of the project's participants.

## LOCATION

The resettlement site is located in Tacloban City, in the barangay (neighborhood) of Bagacay, 4.5 miles from Anibong district and close to key regional facilities and public transportation. CRS worked closely with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Palo to identify and purchase the land, which will provide a safe haven from future typhoons. CRS began the extensive earthworks needed prior to construction in December 2017, and began building houses in April 2018, with completion scheduled for June 2019.

## PARTNERSHIPS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

Making the 900 families' dream come true is dependent on partnerships, contributions, grants and in-kind donations. CRS has already received a generous grant from the American Red Cross to fund the initial construction of the houses for the 900 families.

The Philippine Department of Education has also committed to build an on-site multi-story, 40 classrooms school campus and provide permanent full-time teachers. The 900 families will also contribute to the project by purchasing their own land through a private social-housing corporation that is providing a tailor-made lending vehicle for this project.

The Philippine Department of Public Works and Highways has also committed nearly a million dollars to fund the construction of the paved road network within the Anibong resettlement site.



We have received generous contributions from our partners, but we still need additional help to complete our safer and sustainable community. Below is the remaining budget for the Anibong Resettlement project:

Budget Line Items	Secured funding	Support Needed
Construction of 900 Houses	4,000,000	800,000
CRS Contribution	3,050,000	
Community Contribution- Purchased Land	900,000	
Internal Road Network	834,000	
Community School (grades K-12)	525,000	
Site Development (Land preparation, slope protection)		700,000
Community Multi-Purpose Hall with Basketball Court		140,000
Community Livelihood and Land Titling Support		190,000
Water Delivery System		170,000
<b>Total ARP Budget</b>	<b>\$9,309,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>

CRS is committed to a complete and sustainable tailor-made recovery for 900 families, and we need your help. We invite you to help us in building a resilient, safer and sustainable community.

## how you can help:

 <p><b>\$6000 – 10000/ house</b></p> <p>A - 29.25 sqm (1 story) – \$6,012</p> <p>B - 35.75 sqm (1 story) – \$6,275</p> <p>C - 58.50 sqm (2 story) – \$9,951</p>	 <p><b>\$190/ house</b></p> <p><b>Water delivery system, including household rain catchment systems and water reservoirs</b></p>	 <p><b>\$140,000</b> (multi-purpose hall with basketball court)</p> <p><b>Community spaces to heal, pray and grow: basketball court and multi-purpose hall, open spaces for markets</b></p>	 <p><b>\$778/ plot</b></p> <p><b>Land preparation, earth moving and slope protection</b></p>	 <p><b>\$212/ family</b></p> <p><b>Community organizing and development, support on home owners association and land titling</b></p>
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Beneficiaries and VIP guests examine the housing project diorama of the Anibong Resettlement Project during the Ground Breaking Ceremony. Photo by David Martinez for CRS.