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# CROSSOVER

*Stepping up to A New Challenge of Witnessing the  
Merciful Love of Jesus Christ: CTF Report 2012*

## CAMILLIAN TASK FORCE – Annual Report 2012

By Aris Miranda, MI (CTF CENTRAL Coordinator)

The world is shocked by unimaginable and unexpected force of disasters that hit in countries where some of our missions are located: Philippines, Thailand, Italy, Kenya, etc. According to the recent World Risk Report 2012, environmental degradation is the major cause of all these disasters. The report gives a clear picture of how environmental crimes on a global scale is increasingly becoming a threat to human life and all other life forms. People are more exposed to risk due to high social vulnerability and the frequency of natural hazards such as floods, storms, earthquakes, droughts and others.

The Camillian Task Force in 2012 has engaged in various activities in the field of emergency, formation, and organization in the various provinces and delegations of Kenya, Philippines, Thailand, India, Australia, Italy and the Latin America (Peru, Chile, Brazil, and Mexico). Aside from these specific programs and activities, the CTF was able to mobilize moral and financial support especially among the Camillian provinces, delegations (Austria, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Spain, Brazil, Taiwan, and Australia) and the NGOs (PROSA, SOS DRS). Moreover, it wins majority support and substantial collaborations with the provinces where projects and interventions have been realized.

The CTF has engaged the following activities: intervention, organization, formation. Direct intervention activities in disaster areas have been organized in the countries of Philippines, Thailand, Italy, and Kenya. CTF has engaged itself in the first two phases of disaster: emergency and rehabilitation. It was able to organize a comprehensive health support, relief distribution, sanitation and hygiene, shelter and food security projects.



Participants of the SAS2 Workshop in Latin America

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A beneficiary of the adult nutrition program is brought to the clinic.

A more comprehensive and perhaps one the CTF best practices is the ongoing project in Wajir, N. East Kenya. The key factor to its success is the full collaboration of the delegation.

As far as organizational level is concerned, the CTF has pursued its objective of organizing local offices or an operative structure of the various provinces and delegations. This is in line with the strengthening of capabilities of CTF to respond immediately to emergencies. Asia (Philippines, Thailand, India), Africa (Kenya) and Latin America (Peru, Brazil, Chile, Mexico) have started to lay ground the foundation of establishing a local CTF office in their respective provinces and delegations. CTF Central office has been constituted as a humanitarian mission office of the Order. Its personnel are now under the jurisdiction of the curia (econo mo generale). Its annual budget is duly approved by the Consulta.

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CTF publication (Crossover) has been attached as a supplement to the Order's publication - Camilliani Camillians. Hard and soft copies are distributed worldwide. CTF continues to seek a more stable relationship with funding agencies such as CEI and Caritas Italiana, and explore also possibilities outside Italy.

For the CTF, formation is the backbone to a more relevant and sustainable humanitarian mission. The formation is geared towards building the capacities of our own armies. Two workshops-seminars were conducted in 2012 on Pastoral Care in Emergency (Camillianum) and the Collaborative Engagement in Disaster Interventions - SAS2 (Asia and Latin America). Aside from the formative activities, the CTF has engaged also in research on mental health and disasters. The recent publication of a book "OLTRE L'ARCOBALENO- Bambini e Salute Mentale in Situazioni di Emergenza e Disastri Naturali" ("BEYOND RAINBOW- Children and Mental Health in Situation of Emergency and Natural Disaster") was a landmark to this interest.

The CTF is prepared to intervene in any disaster as long as full collaboration of the provinces and delegations especially in terms of human resources is assured.

It will pursue its goal of establishing and developing offices in the provinces and delegations. Priority is set to places of our missions where disasters are frequent and in a massive scale.

The setting of local offices is a strategy that CTF is pursuing in order to assure smooth and consistent implementation of humanitarian projects. The CTF has allotted a start-up budget for the establishment and operation of these offices as well as human resource and technical support.

This year the CTF will launch its fundraising and promotion strategies in order to assure sustainability of our efforts. It will enhance its networking capacities with grant institutions and like-minded organizations both in Italy and abroad. Continental formation trainings on participatory approach in disaster management will be continued in the different provinces and delegations in Europe, Africa Francophone and Africa Anglophone. The CTF will engage also in research and studies on the impact of disasters on mental health – an aspect which is often overlooked in most of the humanitarian interventions.

With the great support of the Camillian provinces and delegations all over the world, the CTF looks forward the year 2013 with better prospects. Humanitarian mission ministry in disasters is not something new to us as Camillians. Disasters are so frequent nowadays leaving a mass destruction of lives and properties. Allow these events to disturb our minds and consciences, and let us be more open to this new challenge.

**Step-up and let's move ahead!**



CTF Philippines medical team & volunteers



Muslim beneficiaries pray together with the Christians



Fr. Henri Nitiema, MI, Fr. Paolo Guarise, & MI, Bro. Luca Perletti, MI are conducting needs assessment in Mali with the refugees.





The name **CROSSOVER** was inspired by the gospel of Mark (4:35-41) when Jesus invited his disciples to cross over to the other side of the lake and their boat was battered by heavy storm that it almost sank. Fear had overshadowed them and Jesus rose from sleep and calmed the sea. Just like St. Camillus in his time who crossed over the confines of the hospitals and came to rescue the victims of floods, war and pestilence. The enormous strength and enduring compassion of the Camillians are demonstrated during these times of war and calamities. CROSSOVER attempts to bring to you the news and events of the CTF in the world. It envisions to enrich the memory of our past through the present realities and challenges us to propel the steering wheel onwards and actively engage in the signs of the times.

Everybody is invited to contribute their stories, views, reflections and news in the field of humanitarian and pastoral mission.

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# THE WRATH OF "BOPHA"

## CTF MINDANAO on the ground

By Fr. Domingo S. Barawid, MI

PHILIPPINES

Barely a year after Typhoon Sendong (Washi) battered Mindanao in 2011 leaving 1,257 dead and nearly P1.6 billion in damage in agriculture and property, Typhoon Pablo (Bopha) lashed out maximum sustained winds reaching 185 kph, becoming the strongest typhoon to hit the Philippines in the past decade. Typhoon Pablo made landfall in Davao Oriental in the early morning of 4 December, 2012 and left in its wake a devastation covering four (4) regions and 12 provinces in the Philippines, leaving thousands homeless, 1,046 dead and 844 remained missing (as of Dec. 18, 2012). The typhoon has affected 710,224 families composed of 6,203,826 people.

Since December 7 CTF in Mati Davao Oriental has been coordinating medical missions in the three towns (Boston, Cateel and Baganga) in coordination with the Diocesan Social Action Center of the Diocese of Davao Oriental. The Camillian community in Mati is tasked by the local Ordinary to look after the health care needs (medical, psycho-social, spiritual) of the victims especially women and children. To date the CTF Mati through the St. Camillus Hospital of Mati staff, has served and coordinated seven (7) medical missions involving volunteers from Caritas Manila, Mercy Malaysia, the Daughters of Charity, volunteers from Tarlac through the Missionaries of the Assumption, Lay Camillian Family, Philippine Army, local volunteers, and the team of CTF based in Davao City.

Father Angel Crisostomo, MI said: "[...] We coordinated our services with the local officials. The barangay captain and the army provided our transportation service from the parish to the barangays. The Barangay Health Workers and Kagawad assisted in dispensing the medicine by explaining the dosage to the patients in their dialect (called Mandaya). The Daughters of Charity were also part of our team [...] taking charge of the patients' registration, translation during medical consultations, get vital signs and gather and summarize the data for reporting. Ma'am Milet of Caritas Manila introduced Mercy Malaysia to us. She had been guiding us in the coordination and protocols related to our mission. [...] In Baganga for the protection of residents a curfew is implemented from 9pm to 5am. Potable water is still distributed by the army and the DSWD reported about the shelter, livelihood, and protection program. As regards to the health cluster, they are able to monitor and give prophylaxes to notifiable diseases. [...]"

*"We coordinated our services together with the local officials"*



Lay Camillian Family volunteers during the relief distribution operation in Davao Oriental.

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The CTF Davao City served three-day missions in Baganga, December 28-30. They served three barangays: Binondo about 13 kilometers from the town going up the mountains; Mahan-ub is 5 kilometers from the town proper; and Batiano is 4 kilometers; places where lesser services were given due to the difficult terrain. Binondo and Mahan-ub were served with medical, psycho-social (stress debriefing), relief goods, feeding and the Holy Mass was celebrated at the beginning of the missions, while in Batiano only relief goods were given.

They served 562 patients and distributed 2,150 relief goods; each pack is good for a family food for three days. Basing on the initial assessment the emergency response missions will continue for three months while, the rehabilitation phase is being started. They would like to respond to the long term needs of target beneficiaries through livelihood and health program and, disaster mitigation and preparedness trainings.



*F Angel Crisostomo (MI) coordinating the intervention program of T. Bopha victims*

## “BEYOND RAINBOW - Children and Mental Health in Situation of Emergency and Natural Disaster”

*In collaboration with Caritas Italiana and Bambino Gesù Pediatric Hospital*

CTF is actively engaged in scientific research. The inaugural volume of this endeavor was recently published by EDB publishing house with the title “OLTRE L'ARCOBALENO- Bambini e Salute Mentale in Situazione di Emergenza e Disastri Naturali” (BEYOND RAINBOW- Children and Mental Health in Situation of Emergency and Natural Disaster).

The book which was edited by Dr. Paolo Feo, Marco Iazzolino and Walter Nanni, presents the results of the study of the effects of L'Aquila (Abruzzo - April 2009) earthquake on the mental health of the children who experienced that traumatic event.

The study has been realized through the collaboration of the pediatricians of Abruzzo region; joining voluntarily the research work which involved about 2.000 children (3-14 y/o). In Italy this is the first scientific research ever done on this matter.

The presentation of the results of the study gives an opportunity to reflect on the mental health condition of the children in an emergency situation from a scientific, pastoral and organizational point of view with particular attention to the different role of the actors (public health personnel, volunteers, families, Church, local community, institute and research center) during an intervention.

Presentazione del libro

### OLTRE L'ARCOBALENO

Bambini e salute mentale in situazioni di emergenza e disastri naturali

L'AQUILA • GIOVEDÌ 15 NOVEMBRE 2012  
Auditorium Carispaq "E. Sericchi" - ore 17.00  
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Il volume presenta i risultati della prima indagine scientifica condotta in Italia sugli effetti provocati dal terremoto nella mente di bambini e ragazzi tra i 3 e i 14 anni, colpiti dal sisma dell'Aquila dell'aprile 2009. L'indagine, promossa dall'Ordine dei Ministri degli Infermi (Camilliani), con il coordinamento scientifico dell'Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù e il sostegno della Caritas Italiana, è stata realizzata con la collaborazione dei pediatri abruzzesi che hanno aderito volontariamente alla ricerca.

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*Dr. Paolo Feo (CTF) speaks during the book launching in Aquila*



KENYA

# HUMANITARIAN MISSION in WAJIR



By Rev. Deacon. Chr  spinos Wasike (MI)

The second phase of the Camillian Task Force (CTF) Humanitarian Mission in the villages of Wajir is in progress. Its current focus is mainly in seven villages, that is: Makoror, Maalim Salat, I-Iodhan, jogoo, Barwaqoo, Alimaow, and Got-Ade. The implementation of this Mission has been categorized into three programs: (I) Community Based Health Program (CBHP), (II) Food Security and Production Program (FSPP), and (III) Public Health and Sanitation program (Pi-ISP).

Under the Community Based Health Program (CBI-1P), CTF Wajir Team aims at developing a community based Health Care agenda with special attention to the Children, Women and the Elderly. In achieving the above mentioned, CTF has embarked on training the Community Health Extension Workers (50 trainees in each village).

There is also a sub-program of Health and Nutrition targeting 434 children aged 4-5years and 466 aged people of 60years and above. In response to the prevalent hunger and malnutrition cases, CTF team distributes food on a monthly basis to the needy people mainly from our target villages.

CTF Wajir is also into delivering the basic healthcare services in the target villages Clinics; Home based care for the physically challenged, bed ridden and old persons, Basic laboratory exams and facilitation of the dispensary and Rehabilitation services such as physiotherapy and counseling.

Food Security and Production Program (FSPP), is mainly in response to Hunger stricken and Malnutrition cases in Wajir County. Through this program CTF looks forward at building the capacity and enable the people from the local level to produce more food, uplift their economic status and light hunger amongst them. So far, in response to this objective CTF has established and is in the process of setting up more Green houses and Kitchen gardens in these Villages.

Public Health and Sanitation Program (PHSP) is for building the people's capacity towards a better hygiene, and reduction of the Morbidity and Mortality rates. With this in mind, the CTF team gets involved in the Public Education and hygiene intervention, in the local communities and Institutions.



Somalian refugees are learning how to use greenhouse farming

A CTF nurse prepares medicines for the mobile clinic



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based programs...

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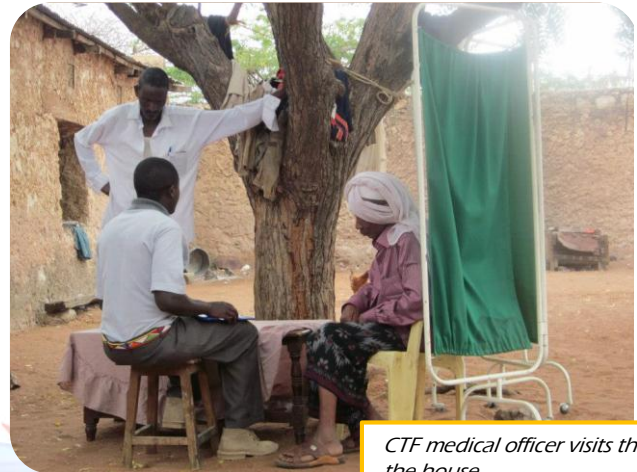


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In this program, since many homes (Manyattas) lack toilets or other structured places for human wastes disposal, we have gone ahead to and are still constructing standardized Ecosan Toilets, at least two in every village.

In spite of various challenges such as insecurity in some parts of Wajir, CTF Wajir can still acknowledge the fact that has really achieved most of its goals as stipulated above in various programs. Thanks to the CTF, Wajir Team for its hard work and determination in the service of the people of God.

All these remarkable achievements are not only by the CTF team own making, but also together with other stakeholders and collaborators who perform their role either through donation, logistics, translation, facilitation or even a word of encouragement.



CTF medical officer visits the sick in the house

CTF Wajir has really achieved most of its goal

## Flood Intervention & Emergency Relief Activities

By Fr. Rocco Pairat, MI

CTF THAILAND REPORT



Thailand is facing the worst floods in at least 50 years.

Being a tropical country, various regions are prone to flash-flooding, heavy monsoon rains began at the end of July 2011 and caused widespread damage and flooding in the Northern and Northeast regions and making its way down to Central Thailand. Dams, such as Bhumibol Dam and Sirikit Dam exist but their capacities are insufficient to stop the flood.

Thailand is facing the worst floods in at least 50 years. The damage swept across the country particularly along the basin of Chao Phraya River and Mekong River was the severe damage. The flooding has affected 63 provinces out of 77 provinces in Thailand, killing 384 people, missing 2 people, displacing 3,014,532 households with 9,926,471 people.



Food pax for the flood victims in Thailand

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It has been described as “the worst flooding yet in terms of the amount of water and people affected”. Economic losses from the floods and weakening overseas demand for Thailand’s electronics, textiles and agricultural goods had increased the amount of damage of the country.

Major factories producing auto parts, food and electronics have temporarily closed due to floodwaters resulting country-wide disruption of manufacturing supply chains.

The flood has affected many people both rich and poor of which the damage was too much that the government was not able to cope the citizen. Under the umbrella of Catholic Bishops’ Conference of Thailand (CBCT), the Caritas Thailand and other relevant networks had organized many activities to support the flood victims. St. Camillus Foundation and the Camillian Task Force of Thailand had joint efforts and collaborated with the CBCT in their Emergency Action Plan especially in mobilizing mobile clinics for the medical needs of the victims.

The main objectives of the relief efforts were the following: [1] that flood affected households have timely access to food items to meet their essential needs; and [2] that they have access to health treatment and services. The team has targeted the areas within the Dioceses of Bangkok & Nakorn Sawan covering the affected provinces of Bangkok, Ayuthaya, Pathumthani, Nonthaburi, Nakhon Pathom, Nakorn Sawan, Uthai Thani, Thonburi, and Rayong.

The most affected families had received the standard food package enough to meet their daily needs, survival kits, life-saving devices, and accessed to the basic health treatment and services through the CTF mobile clinic and laboratory. The missions were able to serve more than 7,000 families in 9 out 63 provinces who were affected. The relief efforts of the Camillian Task Force had lasted for about 11 months from October 2011 – August 2012.

This great effort was a product of a well-organized and collaborative spirit of working together as faithful and concerned citizens of Thailand. During this intervention numerous volunteers were mobilized, men and women of different faiths alike. The government through the military played a very important role in this Emergency Action Plan. The role of the local church in particular the collaboration of the parish priest was very crucial to the success of these missions.



CTF Thailand mobile clinic team

***CTF Thailand implemented an Emergency Action Plan to support the flood victims.***



Fr. Rocco, MI listens to a flood victim



# ANNOUNCEMENT



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### HORN OF AFRICA (CTF WAJIR)

PHASE II of the Project, with the aim to 1) develop a community based health care program with special attention to children, women and elderly; 2) deliver basic health care services in the target villages through the mobile clinic, dispensary and physiotherapy rehabilitation services; 3) build the capacities of people to protect themselves from food insecurity and poor hygiene conditions.



### CTF PHILIPPINES- THYPOON EMERGENCY

Last December the super typhoon Bopha washed away homes, vital installations, farmlands and livelihood killing thousands of people. CTF MINDANAO, based in one of the most affected areas, needs our help in their efforts to respond immediately to the needs of the victims especially the most vulnerable populace.



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into our hands"*

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